

**7-point weighted checklist for assessment of pigmented skin lesions**

- **MAJOR FEATURES OF LESION:**
  - Change in size
  - Irregular shape
  - Irregular colour.
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- **MINOR FEATURES OF LESION:**
  - Largest diameter 7 mm or more
  - Inflammation
  - Oozing
  - Change in sensation

*Lesions scoring 3 points or more (based on major features scoring 2 points each and minor features scoring 1 point each) in the 7-point checklist above are suspicious.*

**(If you strongly suspect cancer any one feature is adequate to prompt urgent referral.)**

**Refer urgently patients with a suspected squamous cell carcinoma:**

- Non-healing keratinizing or crusted tumours
- Larger than 1 cm in diameter
- Significant induration on palpation
- Commonly found on face, scalp or back of the hand
- Documented expansion over 8 weeks
- *New or growing cutaneous lesions in the immuno-suppressed.*