



**Figure 1:** ABCDE guide to inspection of moles. Particular attention must be paid to sizes, shapes, edges, and color. *Asymmetry:* the two halves do not match. *Border:* Edges are uneven and may be scalloped or notched. *Color:* Multiple colors (eg, brown, tan, black, red, blue) appear in the same mole. *Diameter:* Melanomas are usually larger than a pencil eraser (6 mm), but early lesions may be smaller. *Evolving:* Any change in a mole's size, shape, color, elevation, or other trait, or bleeding, itching or crusting, warrants further investigation. Images courtesy of The Skin Cancer Foundation ([www.skincancer.org](http://www.skincancer.org)).