Which feature is not part of the “ABCD” criteria for describing melanomas?

A) Diameter  
B) Asymmetry  
C) Colour  
D) Border  
E) Depth

Answer

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Explanation:

Depth of a melanoma can only be measured by biopsy of the lesion. Whilst the depth, or Breslow thickness is a significant prognostic factor in predicting metastasis it is not part of the initial ABCDE assessment as would be performed in primary care or the dermatology outpatient clinic.

ABCDE criteria is as follows: Asymmetry, Border irregularity, Colour variation and Diameter (>6mm), Evolving.

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