



DERMOSCOPY AND SKIN IMAGING

## REED NEVUS - A DERMOSCOPIC LUSH FEATURE

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**Background:** Clinically and histologically simulating melanoma, Reed nevus or pigmented spindle cell nevus is a distinctive variant of melanocytic nevus, known also as a heavily pigmented Spitz nevus. In the past decades referred to as “juvenile melanomas”, Reed nevus is enlightened as having specific microscopical features and is believed to be benign. It occurs usually in young adults, median age 25, commonly women, in proximal extremities or trunk.

**Observation:** A thirteen year old girl presented since childhood a heavy pigmented well circumscribed solitary maculopapule on lower leg clinically and histologically resembling melanoma and with a surprisingly dermoscopic picture.

**Key message:** Reed nevus, considered a benign variant of Spitz nevus, resembling malignant melanoma, sometimes has a so intense deep pigmentation producing a lush dermoscopic aspect.

