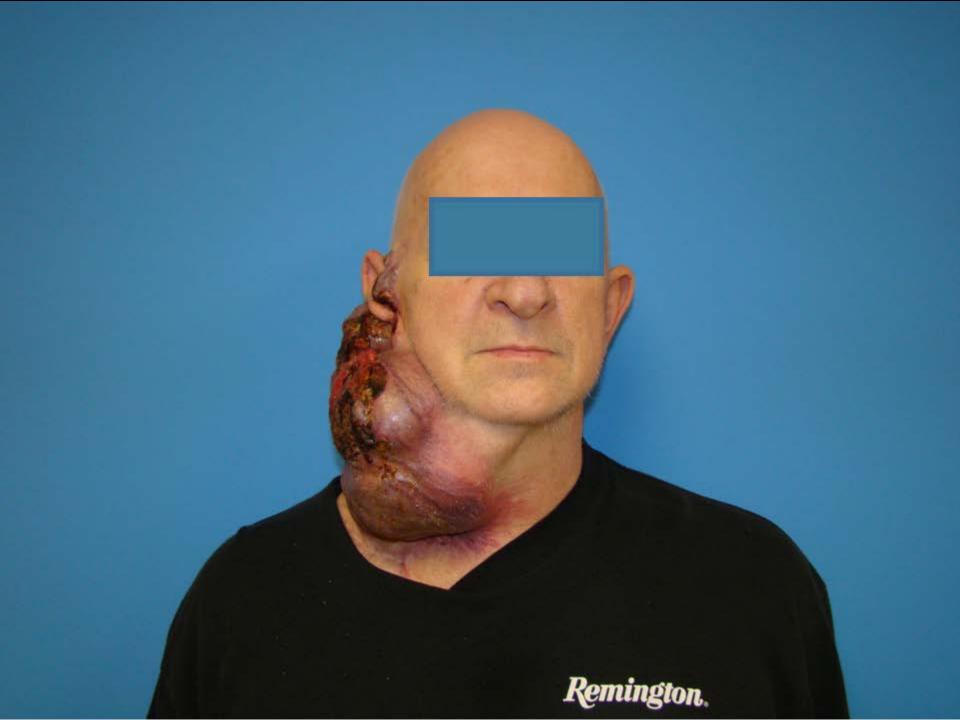
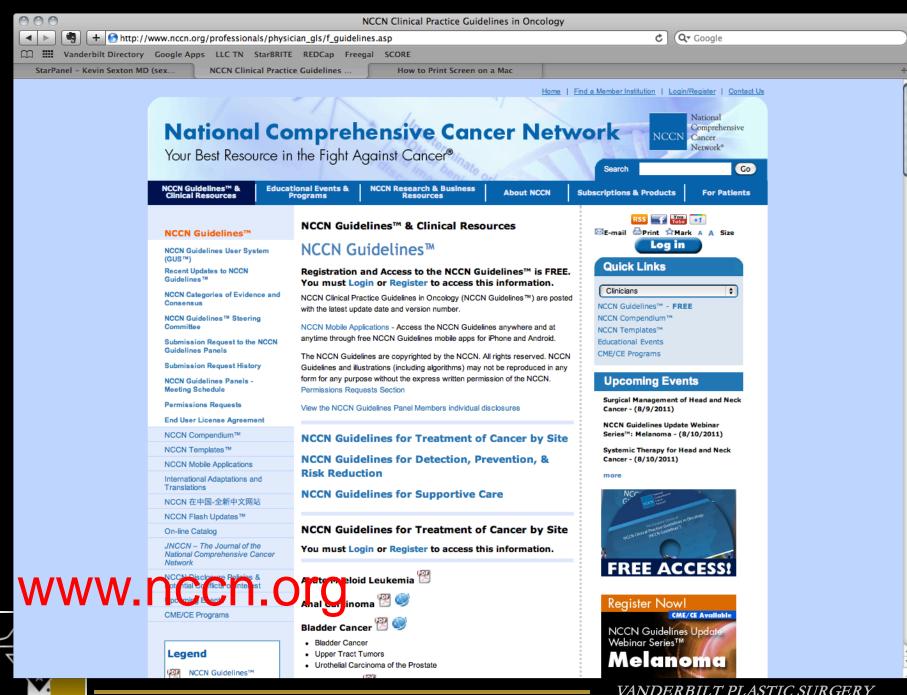
# WHAT IS THAT?

#### Kevin Sexton







# What makes you suspicious a skin lesion is melanoma?

- Asymmetry
- Borders (irregular)
- Color
- **D**iameter >6 mm
- Evolving over time

#### Nodular Melanoma

- Elevated above the skin surface
- Firm to the touch
- Growing.



### How do you diagnose melanoma?

- Shave Biopsy
- Excisional Biopsy
- Punch Biopsy



#### ML

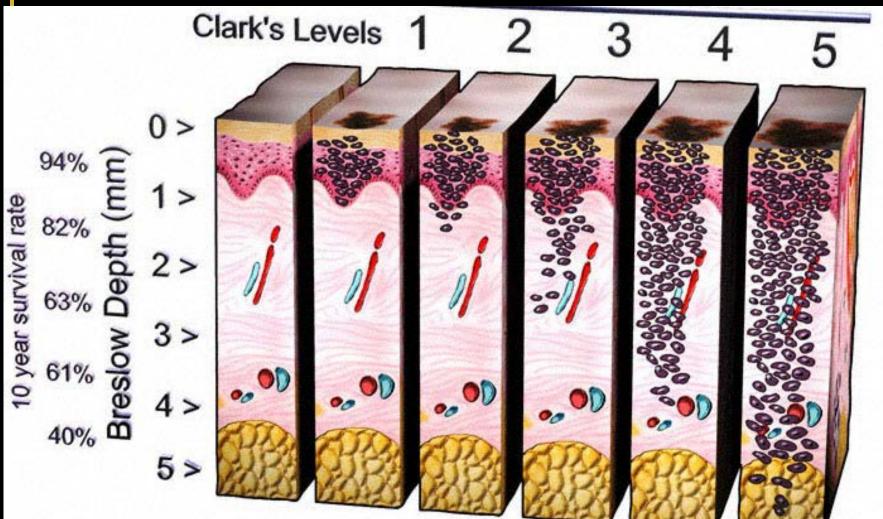
- 56yo male underwent WLE and SLNBx in 09/09 for R scalp melanoma
- Path:
  - > superficial spreading melanoma
  - Clark's Level III/IV
  - Breslow Thickness 1.1 mm
  - > SLN Bx: Benign Nevus Cells in Parotid Tissue



#### Types of Melanoma

- Superficial Spreading
  - » Most common (70%), spreads along epidermis
- Nodular
  - > 15-30%, Grows Deeper faster
- Lentigo Maligna
  - > 5%, arises from sunspot
- Acral Lentiginous
  - > <5% but most common in AA or Asians
  - Palms, soles, nails

#### **Breslow and Clark**





### **Margins Needed**

<b>Tumor Thickness</b>	Resection Margin
In Situ	0.5 cm
$\leq 1.0 \text{ mm}$	1.0 cm
1.1 – 2 mm	1-2 cm
2.01 - 4  mm	2 cm
> 4 mm	2 cm

These are based on clinical margins taken at the time of surgery, not gross or histologic margins as determined by the pathologist.

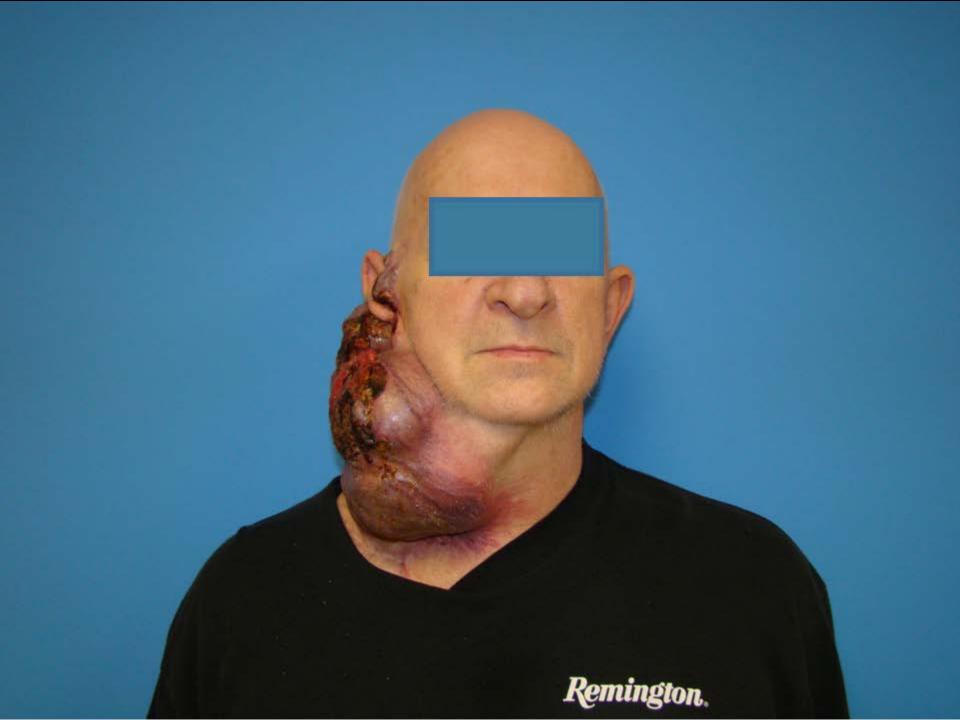


## Benign Pigmented Cells in Parotid

- Can you find melanocytes in the parotid?
- > Superficial parotidectomy & neck dissection
  - Parotid: Melanoma in transit + 3 periglandular LN +
  - Neck nodes (23) all negative
- Adjuvant chemo (temozolamide) + XRT

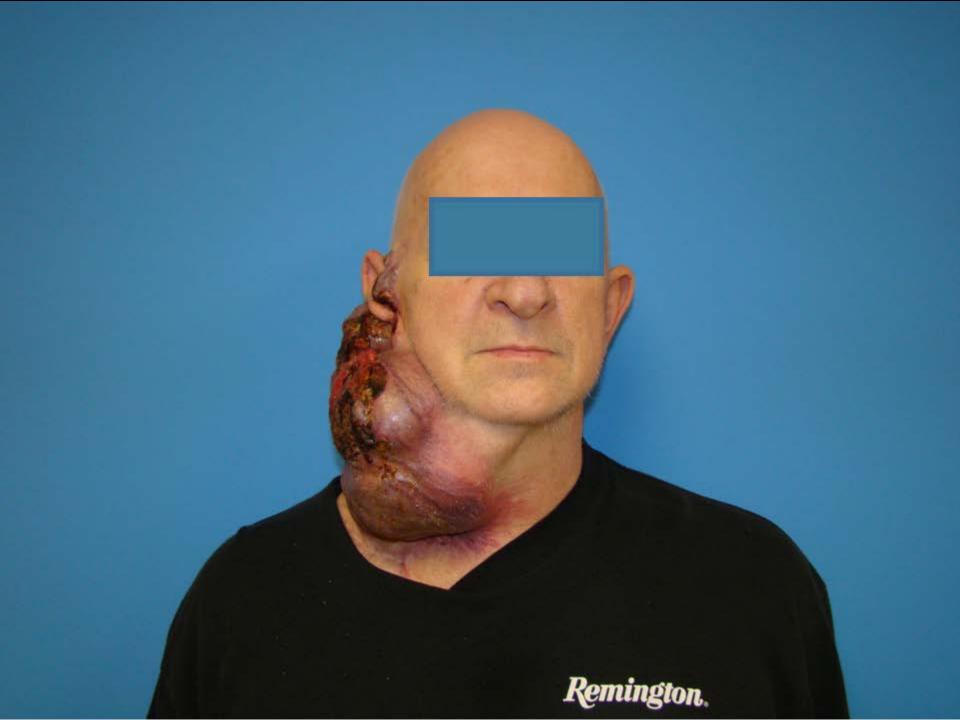
## But then things got worse...





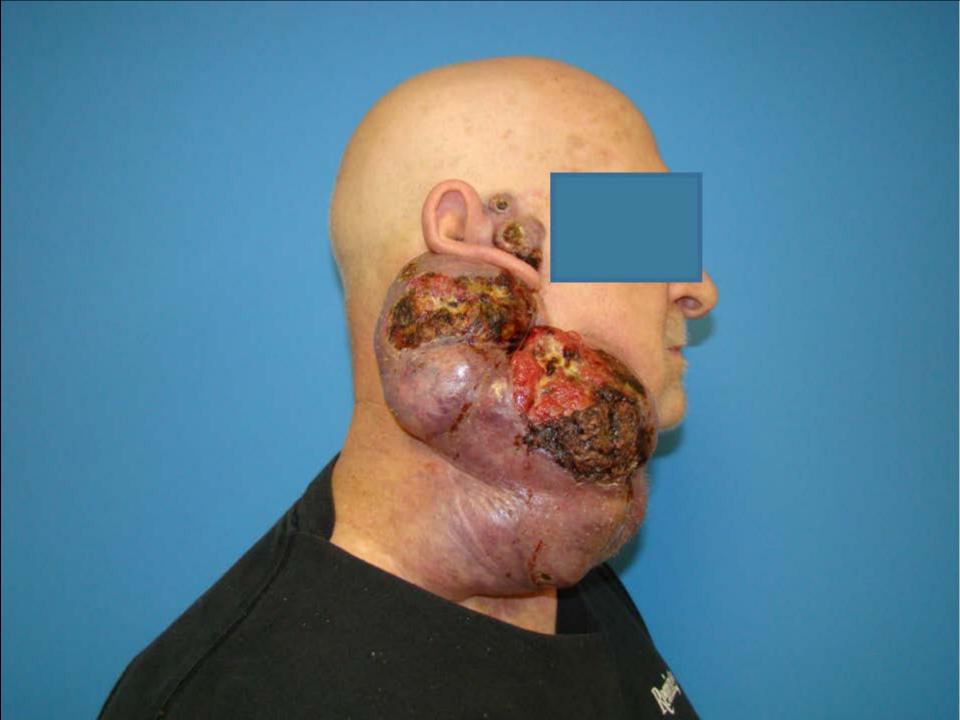
- Presents to med-onc at VUMC 2/2010 for discussions of trials as tumor recurred & deemed unresectable
  - > Staged IVa: median survival of 12 months
    - Alphabet soup chemo trial
      - Tumor not responsive based on in vitro genetic testing
    - High dose IL-2 recommended
      - Instituted 4/2010→ stopped for arrhythmia requiring pressors
- Rad Onc → we can't do anything
- Surgical Palliation
  - > PET (-) except for head and neck, brain MR (-)

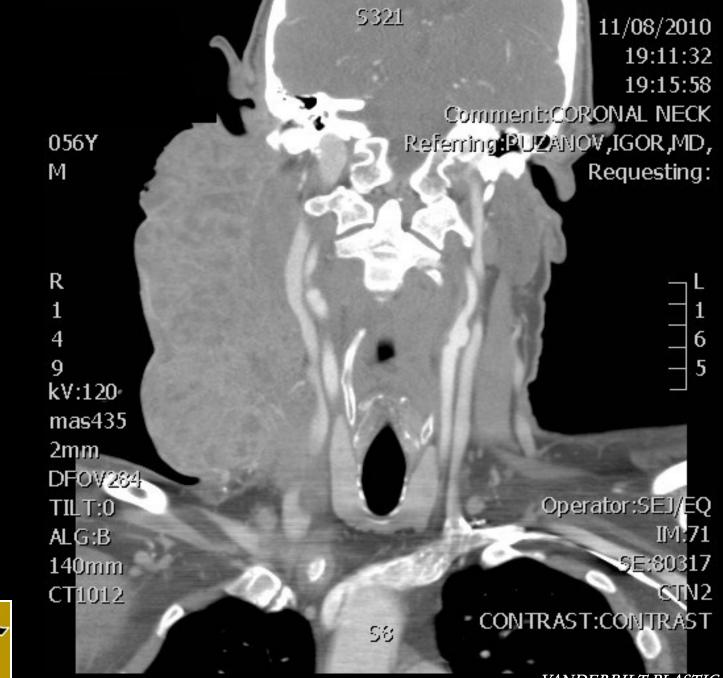






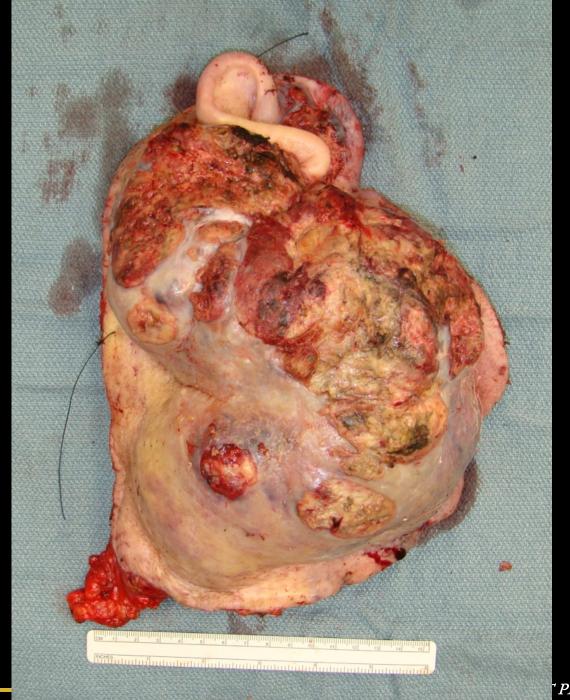






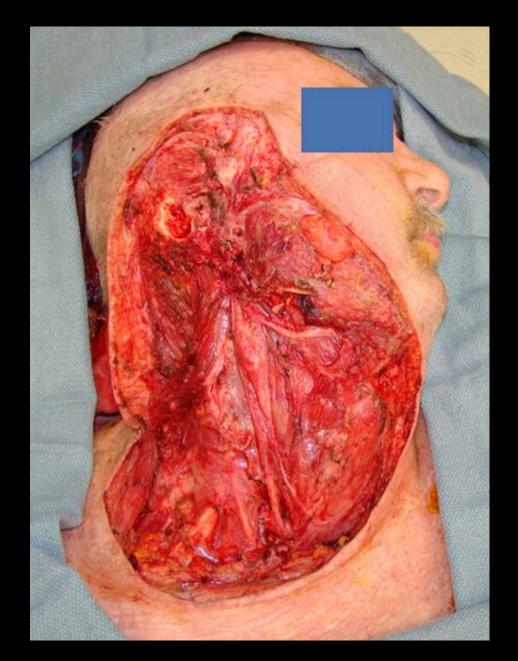


VANDERBILT PLASTIC SURGERY

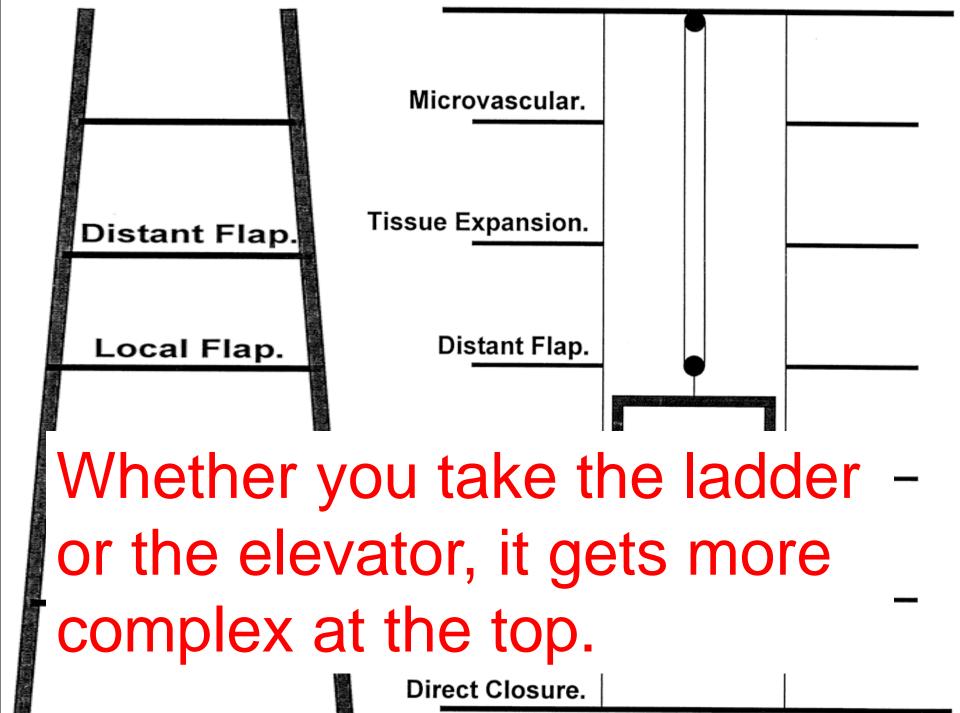




<sup>†</sup>PLASTIC SURGERY







## The Reconstructive Triangle

Flaps / Grafts

Tissue Expansion

Microsurgery



