

## Skin lesions

### Focused Hx:

- Time: How did it start? How long has it been present?
- Changes in:
  - Size?
  - Colour?
  - Shape?
- Pain/itch?
- Bleeding/discharge?
- Has it been biopsied? If so, where, when and by whom? What were the pathology results?
- Has this lesion been treated yet? How?
- PHx: Has this happened before? FamHx of skin cancer dx?
- Which type of cancer?
  - How was it treated?
  - If melanoma, was there a sentinel lymph node biopsy?

### Examination:

- Location? (close to specialized structures?)
- Size:
  - Length x width (cm)
  - Raised or flat?
- Appearance:
  - Colour:
    - Pigmented?
    - Heterogeneous or homogeneous colour?
  - Borders
  - Symmetry
  - Punctum?
  - Keratin as part of lesion?
  - Telangectasias?
  - Satellite lesions?
  - Ulceration?
- Discharge? (note colour and consistency)
- Fixed or mobile?
- If suspecting melanoma, proceed to lymph node exam of nearby basin
- Laxity of surrounding skin (in planning a 1° closure or local flap)