





• Clinical Information: 67/M neck/upper back; neoplasm of uncertain behavior

## DIAGNOSIS:

- SKIN, NECK, SHAVE BIOPSY:
  - INVASIVE DESMOPLASTIC MELANOMA WITH MELANOMA IN SITU, LENTIGO MALIGNA TYPE

## Teaching Points:

- Closely examine a scarring process
- Look for atypical spindle cells and lymphocytic aggregates
- Use <u>SOX-10</u> or S100 (not Melan-A/MART-1 or MITF) to rule out desmoplastic melanoma
- PRAME may highlight junctional component (MIS), but not dermal

## Minimal Diagnostic Criteria:

- Intraepidermal melanocytic proliferation (MIS)
- Amelanotic, scar-like dermal nodule
- Fascicles of atypical spindle cells
- Schwannian, perineurial differentiation
- Neutropism
- Nodular lymphocytic aggregates

## Differential Diagnosis:

- Scar, hypertrophic variant
- Squamous cell carcinoma, spindle cell variant
- Atypical fibroxanthoma
- Desmoplastic Spitz nevus (or blue nevus)
- Dermatofibrosarcoma protuberans
- Pleomorphic sarcoma

Hypercellular scar-like fibrosis fills the dermis



