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## Nevus of ota

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## **Description**

A 17-year-old young woman presented with unilateral periorbital hyperpigmentation, which appeared in early childhood. This hyperpigmentation presented emotional difficulties for the patient due the likeness of her pigmentation to a bruise secondary to child's abuse.

Clinical examination showed a flat blue-gray pigmentation with irregular border located on the skin of the right periorbital (figure 1A) and malar regions (figure 1B). Ophthalmologic examination revealed no anomalies. The brain MRI showed images with normal appearance. The clinical diagnosis was nevus of Ota also known as oculodermal melanocytosis. This is a congenital disorder characterized by the presence of skin dendritic cells containing melanin resulting in hyperpigmentation. This nevus compromises skin innervated by the first and second branches of the trigeminal nerve [1].





The differential diagnoses include Becker melanosis, Leopard syndrome, Riehl'smelanosis, congenital nevus, nevus spilus, ephelides and postinflammatory hyperpigmentation [2]. The gravest complications include glaucoma and malignant melanoma, the latter of which is more frequent in caucasians. The patient had QYAG5 laser therapy with a very effective result (figure 1C).

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