

# Cutaneous Melanoma Diagnostic Algorithmic Tests

- I. Cutaneous melanoma diagnostic algorithmic tests are considered **medically necessary** when:
  - A. The member has a melanocytic neoplasm that is diagnostically uncertain or equivocal after histopathology.
- II. Cutaneous melanoma diagnostic algorithmic tests are considered **investigational** for all other indications, including:
  - A. A melanocytic neoplasm that has pathology definitive for melanoma, desmoplastic melanoma, or sclerosing nevus.

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