

Table 1

Morphological features of different types of basal cell carcinoma

Clinical type	Morphological features
Nodular BCC <i>see figures 1 and 2, below</i>	Pearl-coloured papule or nodule Telangiectasia Tends to glint in reflected light May ulcerate (rodent ulcer)
Superficial BCC <i>see figure 3, below</i>	Erythematous well demarcated plaque with a shiny whipcord margin May easily be mistaken for an isolated patch of eczema or psoriasis, <i>see figure 4, below</i> , or intraepidermal carcinoma
Pigmented BCC <i>see figure 5, opposite</i>	Retains pigment Blue, grey or brownish component May resemble a melanoma
Morphoeic BCC <i>see figure 6, opposite</i>	Waxy, skin-coloured or scar-like plaque Often occurring on mid-facial sites