



## **Choroidal Nevus**

A nevus is a flat or raised, benign, pigmented area that appears inside the eye or on its surface. Nevi commonly appear on the iris, the conjunctiva or most commonly on the choroids, which is the area just behind the retina. Choroidal nevi are similar to freckles; in fact, some eye doctors call them 'eye freckles.' Neva usually don't change or grow, but they do need to be monitored on a regular basis so that changes may be noted.

### **Symptoms**

A choroidal nevus causes no symptoms in your vision, so you may not even be aware that you have one until we examine your retina. The nevus will appear as a flat, brownish, freckle-like spot.

### **Causes**

There is currently no known cause for the choroidal nevus.

### **Treatment**

While a choroidal nevus is usually harmless and causes no problems, it does need to be monitored. We document the size and shape of the nevus and whether it's flat or elevated. Each time your eyes are examined, we check these measurements for changes. If growth occurs, then further evaluation will be necessary to rule out a more significant problem, namely a melanoma.