

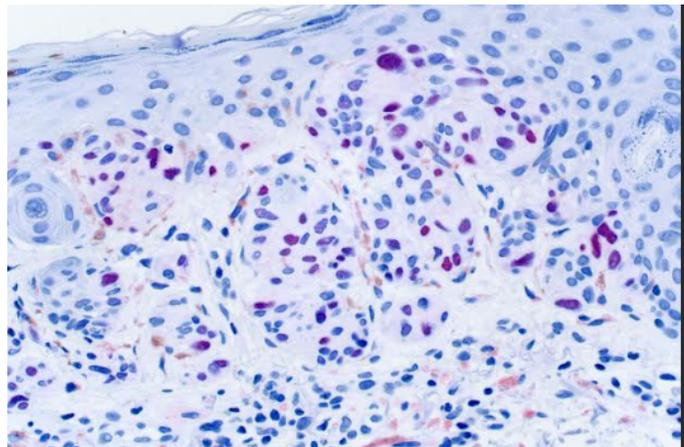


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In our July/August issue, we talked about how CPC pathologists play a crucial role in melanoma diagnoses by examining tissue samples under a microscope using the H&E stain to visualize cells and tissue. We discussed one of the first immunostains involved in the workup, the Sox-10.

In this issue, we continue our series of insights into the workup of suspected melanoma specimens by discussing the next stain that may be ordered by one of the pathologists, the **PRAME** immunostain.



The PRAME name is actually an acronym for “Preferentially Expressed Antigen in Melanoma.” **PRAME** is a newer marker that is generally negative or weakly expressed in benign nevi and diffusely positive in many melanomas. Its expression correlates with malignancy, and it can help support a diagnosis of melanoma, particularly when used in combination with other markers (like the Sox-10) and histologic features.

Look for our October newsletter for part 3 of our stain series, to include details about CPC’s HMB-45 IHC stain.

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