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A 75 y/o farmer presents to her GP with a raised lump on his scapulae, which recently bled after he caught it scratching. On examination you see a round, raised, brown plaque of 1cm in size. It looks 'stuck on'. No bleeding, uniform colour and round shape, with clear distinct borders. What is the likely diagnosis?

- A) Seborrheic keratosis
- B) Malignant melanoma
- C) Basal cell carcinoma
- D) Psoriasis
- E) Squamous cell carcinoma

MCQ / ClinicalKey AnswerCard

Answer: Seborrheic keratosis or senile warts

Is the most common benign tumour in older adults, and often resemble warts with their "stuck on" appearance.

Colour change is common as they evolve from a flat / slightly raised light brown patch to a dark brown / black colour with a thick, rough, fissured warty appearance

Normally no treatment is required, but their location can cause bleeding, and the catching of the wart of clothes necessitating removal



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