Malignant melanoma is an aggressive form of cancer being the fourth most common type of the disease in Australia today. As well as preventative strategies, early recognition and diagnosis remain the key to improving outcomes for patients. Melanoma arising on the plantar surface of the foot and in the nail presents a significant challenge as it is frequently associated with a poorer prognosis and outcomes than cutaneous melanoma elsewhere. The reason for this is multifactorial. This presentation aims to exam the differences in melanoma arising on the foot with melanoma elsewhere on the skin. In addition, the presentation will suggest ways in which earlier detection and diagnosis can be facilitated, helping to improving the prognosis for patients.