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Alopecia parvimaularis

Outbreaks of alopecia areata-like lesions rapidly develop on the scalps of children in this mysterious condition. Numerous patches occur on affected scalps and are characteristically irregularly angular in shape. Epidemics in either schools or asylums occur and up to 60 children in one school were affected simultaneously. The alopecia in most children regrows completely, however around 10% of affected individuals are left with scarring.

Pathology resembling that of alopecia of Brocq has been seen in some cases with a moderate lymphocytic infiltrate surrounding the upper two-thirds of the follicle, but sparing the epidermis. Only some follicles are involved and the degree of scarring depends on the number of contiguous follicles destroyed. Mycotic infections, multiple insect bites, secondary syphilis and alopecia areata all need to be excluded and a biopsy may be necessary.

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