

Cerebriform sebaceous naevus of the scalp

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A term neonate presented with a skin lesion, which was raised from the surface in a cerebriform fashion and was waxy in texture with orange/yellow hues (**Figure 1**). Sebaceous naevus was diagnosed based on the clinical appearance. Ultrasound showed slight thickening of the scalp at the site of the lesion. The parents were trained to monitor the child for any lumps or growths within the lesion, as the risk of developing a benign epidermal adnexal tumour remains.

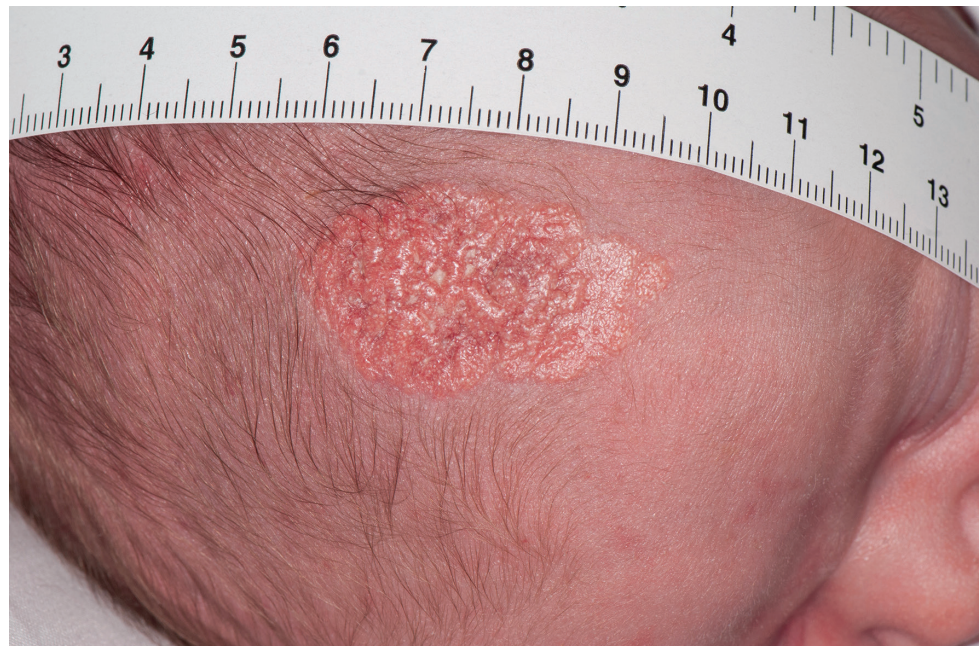


Figure 1. Sebaceous naevus on the left anterior scalp with no hair growth measuring 40mm x 20mm.

Sebaceous naevus typically present at birth, commonly on the head and neck. An American study involving 92 children (mean age 7.24 years) reported poor surgical outcomes in 38% of cases, but no malignancies were reported (Goel et al, 2020). Jiao et al (2020) reported three benign adnexal tumours and one basal cell carcinoma in a series of 413 children. Kamyab-Hesari et al (2016) retrospectively reviewed 168 specimens and noted 5.3% benign adnexal or epithelial tumours and no malignancies. Surgical removal should be considered if changes are noted in sebaceous naevus, and histopathological analysis is indicated.

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