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Folliculitis Keloidalis

It is an unusual form of chronic folliculitis and cicatricial alopecia that affects the nape of the neck.

It is sometimes called acne cheloidalis nuchae or acne keloidalis.

Folliculitis keloidalis is more common in dark-skinned people. It is 20 times more common in males than in females.

An association of folliculitis keloidalis with obesity and metabolic syndrome has been observed in some patients.

Itchy round small bumps appear within or close to the hair-bearing area of the back of the neck (occipital scalp). See figure below.

Unfortunately, folliculitis keloidalis often persists despite a variety of treatments like oral tetracycline, laser-assisted hair removal, oral isotretinoin or radiotherapy



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