

In Dermatology

SEBORRHEIC DERMATITIS.

- Onset—at birth
- Clinical feature: Cradle cap, eczema over flexures and napkin area (Leiner's disease (C5 dysfunction erythroderma failure to thrive, diarrhoea).

Dandruff (Retro auricular erythema, scaling [Otitis externa]). Figure 1 & Figure 2.

Over face, involving medial side of the eyebrows, glabella, nasolabial folds, blepharitis.

Petaloid form on the trunk.

Pityriasiform, Psoriasiform, Erythrodermic forms - manifestation of HIV infection.



Figure 1: Seborrheic dermatitis of the scalp (note the lymphadenopathy).



Figure 2: Retro auricular erythema and scaling in a child having seborrheic dermatitis.

- **Differential diagnosis:** Atopic eczema, zinc deficiency.
- **Treatment:** { Topical therapy: 2–3% salicylic acid in olive oil, hydrocortisone lotion or betamethasone lotion/cream (avoid prolonged use) selenium sulphide, zinc pyrithione, tar, ketoconazole-shampoo, sertaconazole cream.

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