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### **Erosive pustular dermatosis of the scalp**

#### **What is EPDS?**

- Erosive pustular dermatosis of the scalp is a relatively uncommon condition and is more likely to affect older individuals than younger.
- The cause is not known but it is thought that trauma plays an important role in development of the condition.
- Patients with a history of extensive sun damage or history of other trauma to the scalp seen to be more likely to develop this condition.
  
- Individuals with the condition often develop crusted erosions on the scalp some of which have pus. The crusts can sometimes be lifted from the scalp to reveal the erosions.
  
- A biopsy can confirm the suspected diagnosis and help rule out other conditions that can look very similar.

#### **What is the treatment for EPDS?**

- Treatment of erosive pustular dermatosis of the scalp is generally easy.
- Topical steroids and topical calcineurin inhibitor drugs (tacrolimus and pimecrolimus) are generally very helpful.

