

Manifestations of lupus erythematosus on the face and scalp

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Lupus erythematosus is a chronic autoimmune inflammatory disease with various cutaneous and systemic manifestations. The first cutaneous manifestations may quite often appear on the face and scalp. These manifestations can arise from discoid erythematous infiltrated lesions, ranging from erythematous butterfly lesion on the face typical for systemic disease to disfiguring lesions of lupus profundus. The most common manifestations of lupus erythematosus involving the scalp are cicatricial alopecia as a symptom of chronic cutaneous lupus erythematosus and effluvium typical for systemic disease. All these patients require individual therapeutic approach, as therapeutic response varies from patient to patient. Special attention is warranted in patients with lupus erythematosus and other comorbidities where therapy for one disease may worsen the other one.