



“Is this plaque dangerous?”

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A 33-year-old woman presented with a one-month history of an erythematous, scaly plaque on her forehead (Figure 1). The lesion was asymptomatic and the patient felt well. Serologic screen for complete blood count, creatinine, alanine transferase, and antinuclear antibody were all negative.


1. What is the most likely diagnosis?

- a) Squamous cell carcinoma
- b) Tinea corporis
- c) Eczema
- d) Discoid lupus erythematosus
- e) Granuloma annulare

2. What is the main concern with this lesion?

- a) Local scarring
- b) Metastasis
- c) Local spread
- d) Risk for impetigo
- e) Significant risk for systemic problems

3. How could you treat this lesion?

- a) Cryotherapy
- b) Potent topical steroids
- c) Excision
- d) Topical antifungal agent
- e) Prednisone 

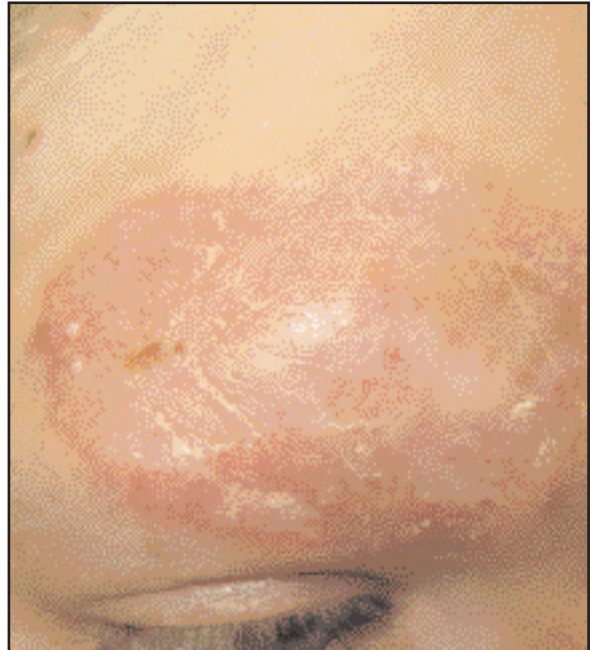


Figure 1. Erythematous, scaly plaque on the forehead.

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Answers: 1-d ; 2-a; 3-b