



# Multiple scabs

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James, aged 9 years, had a scab on his right elbow five days ago. He now presents with multiple similar lesions.

## Question 1

What is the diagnosis?

## Question 2

What is the cause?

## Question 3

What is the management?



## Answer to last month's brain teaser



### Answer 1

Basal cell carcinoma.

### Answer 2

Other causes of an erythematous maculopapular rash would need to be considered, including a squamous cell carcinoma, psoriasis, or Paget's disease of the nipple.

### Answer 3

This lesion needs surgical excision and due to its position on the areola and proximity to the nipple, referral would be appropriate for a reconstructive procedure.

Send your answers to arrive by 5 October. A voucher for medical books or medical equipment to the value of \$100 will be awarded for the first correct entry drawn. The winner will be notified by mail and the answer published in the October 2003 issue.

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