



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.

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