

Infantile seborrhoeic dermatitis

This arises in newborn babies up to the age of six months. It usually presents as cradle cap, but infantile seborrhoeic dermatitis may also affect skin creases such as armpits and groin (when it presents as a type of napkin dermatitis). Non-itchy salmon pink flaky patches may appear on the face, trunk and limbs in severe cases.



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Infantile seborrhoeic dermatitis usually clears up completely before the baby is six or twelve months old and rarely persists after one year. If treatment is required, mild emollients, 1% hydrocortisone ointment and / or topical ketoconazole are useful. Infantile seborrhoeic dermatitis is **not** usually associated with underlying allergies or food intolerances.