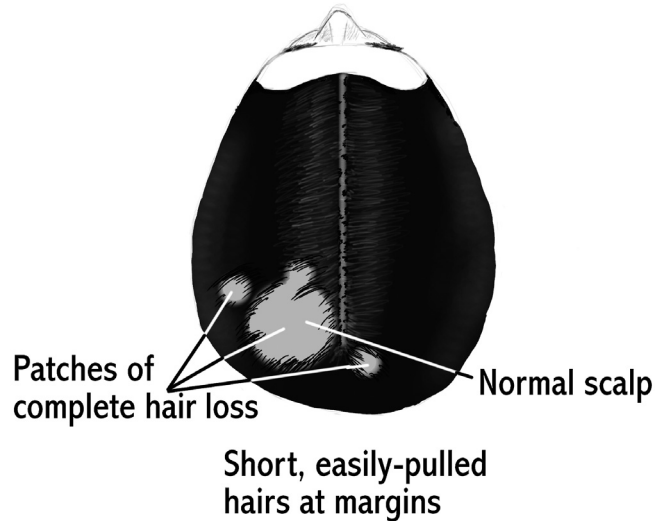


Alopecia Areata

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The hair loss of alopecia is most likely due to an autoimmune disorder



Patches of complete hair loss without erythema, scaling skin or broken hairs. The onset is sudden and often the hair that comes in lacks pigment.

Short easily pulled hairs at the margins is one of the hallmarks of alopecia areata



Tinea capitis is characterized by erythema, scaling skin and broken hairs. As noted above these characteristics are not seen in alopecia areata **Traction alopecia** can be distinguished since the bald patches are limited to areas of physical stress, i.e. braided hair.



Alopecia totalis as the name implies is total hair loss including eyebrows and eyelashes.



It does *not* include the loss of pubic hair and chest hair but let's face this is something unlikely to appear on the exam Let's hope not!

Alopecia Areata Quiz

(Answers pg. 374)

1. In alopecia areata we you will find Patches of _____

2. _____ hairs at the margins is an important finding in alopecia areata.

3. The onset alopecia areata is sudden/ gradual (*circle the right choice*).

4. When the hair comes in it often lacks _____ .

5. **Tinea capitis** is characterized by

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

6. Traction alopecia can be distinguished since the bald patches are limited to areas of

_____ i.e. _____