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Blister on the scalp of a newborn

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HISTORY OF THE CASE

A 1-month-old male baby was brought by his mother with a fluid filled lesion over the scalp since birth. The lesion had increased minimally in size and was not associated with any discharge during the ensuing period. The baby was delivered by lower segment caesarean section at 34 weeks of gestation. History of hydrocephalus and insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus was present in the elder female sibling (two and a half years old).

EXAMINATION AND INVESTIGATIONS

On examination, a tense bulla measuring about 2 cm in diameter was noted along the midline occipital scalp just beyond the vertex (Figure 1). It contained clear fluid. On close inspection, multiple telangiectasias were seen over the wall of the bulla. No erythema or hair abnormalities were detected surrounding the lesion. Examination of the rest of the body was normal.



Figure 1 A tense bulla over the occipital scalp.