

Full-Term Newborn Girl with Extensive Absent Epidermis

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Clinical Image

A full-term newborn girl with spontaneous birth mechanism presented extensive absent epidermis of the right lower extremity extending from the lower leg over the knee up to about 1/2 of the thigh, as well as the lateral part of the ankle of the left extremity, periumbilical extending circular with approximately 1 cm in width and on the dorsal index finger of the left hand. The baby presented content and showed no signs of pain and particularly no blistering. All affected areas had a sharp demarcation to the healthy tissue. Affected areas presented with a dry transparent membrane. The patient was admitted to the neonatology ward

for further diagnostics and observation with the initial suspect of Aplasia Cutis Congenita. However, on Day 3 postpartum the baby developed extensive blistering, as well as in the affected lesions at birth, as in various locations of healthy skin areas. Due to severe discomfort a pain medication with Morphine was initiated. After one week the patient clinically presented the extended image of an Epidermolysis bullosa disease. The patient was introduced to a palliative home care and was discharged at the age of two weeks. The girl deceased at the age of three months in attendance of her family and in her home environment (**Figure 1-5**).



Figure 1: Birth.



Figure 2: Birth 2.



Figure 3: 3 months.



Figure 4: 3 months 2.



Figure 5: 3 months 3.

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