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92 **Abbreviations:**

93 AA: Alopecia areata

94 AT: Alopecia totalis

95 AU: Alopecia universalis

96 ALODEX: Alopecia Density and Extent

97 BL: baseline

98 LAD: Lesional alopecia and density

99 mSALT II: modified SALT II diagram

100 SALT: Severity Alopecia Tool

101 SALT I: SALT I diagram

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117 **Abstract:**

- 118 • **Background:** Although alopecia areata is a common disorder, it has no FDA approved treatment
119 and evidence-based therapeutic data is lacking.
- 120 • **Objective:** To develop guidelines for the diagnosis, evaluation, assessment, response criteria and
121 endpoints for alopecia areata.
- 122 • **Methods:** Literature review and expert opinion of a group of dermatologists specializing in hair
123 disorders.
- 124 • **Results:** Standardized methods of assessing and tracking hair loss and growth including new scoring
125 techniques, response criteria and endpoints in alopecia areata are presented.
- 126 • **Limitations:** The additional time to perform the assessments is the primary limitation to use of the
127 methodology in clinical practice.
- 128 • **Conclusion:** Use of these measures will facilitate collection of standardized outcome data on
129 therapeutic agents used in alopecia areata both in clinical practice and in clinical trials.
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142 **I. Background:**

143 Alopecia areata (AA) is a common condition, affecting 1.7-2.1% of the general US population at
144 some point during their lives.^{1,2} Multiple treatments are available but none are currently approved
145 by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for this indication and there is no consensus agreement
146 on their use in clinical practice. The lack of standardized assessment methods and the necessity of
147 taking into account the effect of extent, pattern, and duration of hair loss on regrowth have been
148 barriers to clinical trials in AA. However, with the advent of electronic medical records and large
149 collaborative databases, we now have an opportunity to collect data on large numbers of patients
150 with AA seen in clinical settings. In addition, there is renewed interest in the FDA approval of new
151 medications for AA.

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153 A necessary component of collecting comparative data on therapeutic outcomes from both clinical
154 databases and clinical trials of AA is the creation and acceptance of standardized diagnostic criteria,
155 assessment measures, response criteria and endpoints. The following are recommendations by a
156 group of dermatologists with expertise in hair disorders who first convened at Duke University on
157 July 10, 2015 to address this issue.

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159 **II. Diagnosis of AA:**

160 **A. Characteristic features**

- 161 1. Follicular ostia are intact and visible by either direct visualization or by dermatoscopic
162 evaluation
- 163 2. Complete loss of all terminal hair in at least one area of hair loss
- 164 3. Increased hair shedding. Documentation by a gentle pull on a group of hairs at the periphery of
165 patches of hair loss repeated in several areas of the scalp. The proximal ends of pulled hairs
166 should be examined microscopically: telogen hairs alone, a combination of telogen and

167 dystrophic anagen hairs, or broken hairs are typical findings.³⁻⁵ Finding multiple hairs on at least
168 5 pulls of the scalp hair is indicative of “*active progressive hair loss*.”

169 4. Lack of perifollicular erythema or scale, pustules or other signs of active follicular inflammation.

170 B. Supportive features:

171 1. Exclamation point hairs. Aldersmith in 1897³ provided an excellent description of these hairs:

172 “*A few small broken hairs are generally to be seen at the edges of the patches; ... club-shaped*
173 *stumps about an eighth of an inch long....like a note of admiration (!) without the dot. These*

174 *stumps are very easily extracted entire on traction instead of breaking off*”. On microscopic

175 exam, the distal ends of these exclamation point hairs show a trichorhexis nodosa-like change.

176 Exclamation point hairs may also be seen in anagen effluvium⁶ and are another sign of *active*
177 *progressive hair loss*.

178 2. Body hair loss in patches or loss of eyelashes or eyebrows

179 3. Fine pitting of nails, trachyonychia (denoting the entire nail plate is rough or thin with or
180 without longitudinal ridging, often likened to “sandpapered” nails) or 20 nail dystrophy

181 4. Dermatoscopic findings of yellow and/or black dots⁷

182 II. Recommendations for initial (and follow-up) evaluation (Supplemental Tables IA and IB):

183 A. History: We have narrowed the data from the initial Alopecia Areata Investigational Guidelines⁸ to
184 those factors that may affect either choice or response to treatment (Table I).⁹⁻²³

185 B. Physical exam:

186 1. Severity of hair loss:

187 The classification of severity of AA, first published by Olsen in 1992²⁴ and 1997²⁵, formalized by

188 the NAAF Guidelines Committee in 1999⁸ and revised in 2004,²⁶ categorizes the scalp (S)

189 terminal hair loss as follows: none (S₀), 1-24% (S₁), 25-49% (S₂), 50-74% (S₃), 75-99% (S₄)

190 [including 75-95% (S_{4a}) and 96-99% (S_{4b})] and 100% scalp hair loss (S₅) (Table II). Severity also

191 includes the extent of body hair loss and is classified as none (B_0), some (B_1) or total loss (B_2).

192 Alopecia totalis (AT) can thus be S_5B_0 or S_5B_1 but alopecia universalis (AU) can only be S_5B_2

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194 2. Pattern of hair loss: There are four main patterns of scalp hair loss in AA: patchy, diffuse
195 (decrease in density diffusely over scalp), ophiasis (decrease in bandlike presentation in parietal
196 and occipital areas), and totalis. The patchy subtype may remit quickly, be persistent with
197 waxing and waning over time, or progress to total hair loss. The ophiasis pattern of hair loss
198 and alopecia totalis (AT)/universalis (AU) have a lower spontaneous remission rate and lower
199 rate of response to therapy.^{9,10,12-17} The diffuse subtype is rare.

200 3. Activity of hair loss. There are two quick methods of determining the overall activity of hair loss
201 in AA.

202 a. The presence of “exclamation point hairs” at the periphery of bald areas. These should be
203 differentiated from new regrowing hairs which have a tapered distal tip.

204 b. Positive AA hair pull. Unlike the “hair pull” done in cases of telogen effluvium where the
205 number of hairs removed on a given hair pull may have implications for diagnosis and
206 response to treatment, a “hair pull” in AA is primarily qualitative.

207 4. Nail involvement.

208 Although the original classification of AA indicated that N_2 should only apply when all 20 nails
209 are affected by trachyonychia,⁸ the current authors have modified this classification (Table II).

210 C. Scalp biopsy: Biopsy may not always show the classic perifollicular or peribulbar lymphocytic
211 infiltrate but may instead show a very high percentage of miniaturized hairs and catagen/telogen
212 hairs.²⁷ A biopsy may be necessary to confirm a diagnosis of diffuse AA.

213 **III. Assessment of AA**

214 A. One or more of the following methods should be chosen for use at the start of any given therapy
215 and during follow-up visits. Table III details how each technique might best be utilized.

216 1. Global assessment for those patients treated with systemic agents or whole scalp skin-directed
217 therapy.

218 a. Percentage scalp hair loss:

219 i. Severity Alopecia Tool (SALT) Score:

220 The SALT I visual aid^{8, 26} first published in 1999 and updated in 2004,
221 significantly helps one to visualize the amount of terminal hair loss in each of 4
222 quadrants of the scalp and then upon summing these, generates the total
223 percentage of scalp hair loss or SALT score (Figure 1). The SALT score captures
224 the total area of the scalp bereft of any terminal hair.

225 ii. Alopecia Density and Extent (ALODEX) score²⁸

226 The SALT II visual aid first published in 2016,²⁹ with subsequent minor
227 modification (Figure 2), is core to calculating the ALODEX score and to tracking
228 specifics of the hair loss over time. The ALODEX score combines both extent
229 and hair density into an overall % scalp hair loss. Although it is possible to
230 calculate by paper scoring, an iPad app makes it possible to score all the 1%
231 areas quickly and to generate electronically the total ALODEX score. . An
232 example of both SALT and ALODEX grading of scalp hair loss for a
233 representative patient with AA is given in Figure 3.

234 b. Extent of scalp hair loss [% scalp surface area (SSA) that has any degree of hair loss]

235 The ALODEX methodology (mSALT II plus iPad app documentation of the density of
236 each 1% area of the scalp) can also independently determine the extent of hair loss, not
237 just the percent of scalp with baldness. This may have added utility for quantifying the
238 amount per cm² of topical medication applied and could potentially be an independent

239 prognostic factor. The ALODEX methodology also allows (1) tracking of density in
240 target bald patches or regions of hair loss as the hair loss progresses or improves over
241 time and (2) confirmation of patterns of hair loss (example ophiasis).

242 c. Alopecia Areata Progressive Index³⁰

243 Introduced in 2016, this method includes determining the percent scalp hair loss per
244 quadrant using the SALT I visual aid, multiplying this number by a hair loss activity score
245 and then summing the products of each quadrant. This activity score is based on (1) hair
246 pull and (2) dermatoscopic findings of exclamation point hairs, broken hairs and black dots
247 in a representative area of each quadrant.

248 2. Half head assessment:

249 This method is often used to assess the response of chemical sensitizers or topical agents in
250 patients who have extensive AA by determining the amount of hair loss on the treated
251 versus untreated sides of the scalp pre-treatment and at follow-up visits.³¹ One could use
252 a modification of the SALT or ALODEX score to assess hair loss on each side of the scalp. If
253 hair growth occurs only on the treated side, it is presumed to be entirely related to the
254 agent applied. However, if there is hair growth on both sides of the scalp, explanations
255 include spontaneous remission, systemic absorption by the topical agents, diffusion of the
256 agent to the untreated side of the scalp, and inadvertent or purposeful application by the
257 patient of agent to both sides of the scalp

258 3. Lesional assessment. This has utility primarily for patches of hair loss that are treated with
259 topical or intralesional agents.

260 a. Lesional size: Designation of 1-3 target areas of hair loss, preferably the largest ones and
261 ones that show active progressive hair loss by hair pull or presence of exclamation point
262 hairs and determination of area covered by each and collectively (Figure 4).

- 263 b. The Lesional Area and Density (LAD) score: This combines a density score (using a 100 point
264 density scale compared to normal) with the area of each target lesion (Figure 4). If multiple
265 target areas are utilized, the sum of all individual LAD scores is the overall LAD score.
- 266 4. Adjuvant measurements
- 267 a. Hair pigmentation. The percentage of natural color (non-dyed) or white hair should be
268 noted at the beginning and end of treatment.
- 269 b. Vellus hair. Given that the SBN classification, SALT score, and the ALODEX score only grade
270 terminal hair, vellus hair would not typically be noted. However, the percentage scalp
271 coverage of vellus hair could be determined by SALT or ALODEX score as a potential
272 prognostic indicator..
- 273 c. Activity of hair loss. As noted above, evaluation for both exclamation point hairs and a
274 gentle hair pull at the periphery of several patches of hair loss will help to determine active
275 progressive hair loss. In active patches, dermoscopy shows black dots, broken hairs of
276 various lengths and exclamation mark hairs.
- 277 B. Patient assessment:
- 278 What patients find meaningful in terms of response will be related to the severity of hair loss at
279 baseline, and if the remaining alopecia is able to be camouflaged. Some options for quantifiable
280 assessment methods by patients include:
- 281 1. Classification of hair loss. We recommend that patients perform self- assessment of their hair
282 loss using the scalp (S) terminal hair loss categorization ie S_0 - S_5 . Performing this exercise with
283 the patient will enable investigators/clinicians to determine how extensive patients feel their
284 hair loss is and facilitate further discussion and education about their AA. A more explicit
285 query would be what % overall hair loss the patient feels he or she has which will be able to be
286 correlated with the SALT or ALODEX scores.

287 2. Quality of life: There are several quality of life instruments available for skin disorders or hair
288 loss that could be modified for use in AA.³⁵⁻³⁹

289 **C. Role of photographs:** Given the dynamic nature of hair loss in AA and the typical time interval
290 between clinic visits, it is important to have photographic documentation of the hair loss at least at
291 the start of treatment. Photographic views of the top, sides, and back of the scalp and face with
292 hair pulled back to expose frontal hair line, eyebrows and eyelashes are best for documentation.
293 However, if patients have multiple patches of hair loss, one may need to part the hair in multiple
294 areas to unmask the different areas of hair loss and take additional photographs of each area of
295 hair loss in a serial manner. Standard photographs to document extent of hair loss cannot be done
296 in patients with attached hair pieces.

297 We also recommend that for patients being followed in clinic, that physicians consider also taking
298 photographs of the hair loss with the patient's cell phone (if this option is available). The latter
299 allows the patient to have a record of his/her own hair loss and allows sharing of subsequent
300 photographs by the patient with the physician without concerns of HIPAA violation.

301 **IV. Recommended response scores:**

302 A. Global: Percent change from baseline in SALT or ALODEX score.

303 B. Lesional (see Figure 4):

304 1. Percent change from baseline of target area size.

305 2. Percent change from baseline in LAD score.

306 C. Patient generated: Using a simple scale for change in hair growth such as +1 to +3 (slightly,

307 moderately, greatly increased), 0= no change, and -1 to -3 (slightly, moderately or greatly

308 decreased³⁴ may help to correlate patient appreciation of changes in hair growth with the physician

309 generated SALT or ALODEX scores.

310 **V. Endpoints:**

311 A. Primary endpoint: Physician assessment of change in hair growth from baseline.

312 Although the goal of treatment is to return the patient's scalp hair to that present before the current
313 AA episode, the hair density and any male or female pattern hair loss present pre-AA episode cannot
314 be documented. Because of this, determination of 100% regrowth by SALT or ALODEX scoring is not
315 feasible and instead, a 50% improvement in SALT or ALODEX score, ideally with diffuse scalp coverage,
316 is a reasonable target for efficacy of a treatment for AA. In addition, spontaneous remission in AA has
317 to be considered in assessing efficacy : this can be relatively high in patchy AA³² and has been
318 documented to be as high as 8% over a 3 month period of time in extensive AA (>50% scalp hair loss).³³

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320 Time for regrowth should be taken into account in determining efficacy. Often topical medications,
321 such as corticosteroids or anthralin, take 3-4 months for obvious hair growth and when it occurs, it will
322 likely not be uniform in all areas treated but steadily regrow with continued use. Patients treated with
323 intralesional steroids can usually expect some hair growth in about 4-6 weeks if effective, although the
324 hair growth may be patchy in the areas of injections secondary to uneven distribution of the injected
325 medication or the variable responsiveness of individual follicles to this treatment modality. Systemic
326 medications such as corticosteroids or other immunomodulators usually show more diffuse hair
327 growth beginning at 4-6 weeks. To determine the efficacy of any new agent for AA, it is recommended
328 that at least a 12 week evaluation period be performed.

329 C. Secondary endpoints. Patient assessment of moderately increased hair growth may be the
330 equivalent of a physician 50% change from BL but further data on this issue is needed. A
331 certain level of change in QoL instrument could also be considered a secondary endpoint if
332 validated.

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334 **VI. Conclusions:**

335 We realize that most practitioners will not be able to collect all the information we recommend at each
336 visit on all patients with AA. However, we do recommend obtaining some very basic information that
337 could assist in determining which treatments work best for certain subtypes of AA and in association
338 with which prognostic factors. The collection of standardized outcomes data by large numbers of
339 dermatologists, along with data generated by clinical trials, should help establish best treatment
340 practices for this challenging condition.

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Figure legends:

Figure 1. SALT I visual aid²⁶ and computation of SALT score.

The percentage terminal hair loss in the top of the scalp is determined and multiplied by 40/100 (A), the % hair loss in the back of the scalp is determined and multiplied by 24/100 (B), the % hair loss on the left side of the scalp is determined and multiplied by 18/100 (C), and the % hair loss on the right side of the scalp is determined and multiplied by 18/100 (D). $A + B + C + D = \text{SALT score}$.

Figure 2. modified SALT II Visual Aid²⁹ and computation of ALODEX score

Density is assigned for each 1% scalp area. The density scale utilized here of 0-10 is related to percent terminal hair loss where 100% hair loss =10, 90% =9, 80% = 8, 70% = 7, 60% =6, 50% =5, 40% =4, 30% = 3, 20% = 2, 10% = 1 and no hair loss = 0. The density assignments in each of the 1% scalp areas in a given quadrant are added together and divided by maximum grade of hair loss (10) to give the % hair loss for that quadrant. The score in each quadrant is then added together to give the ALODEX score.

Figure 3. Determination of ALODEX in a representative patient.

28% (A) + 22% (B) + 18% (C) + 18% (D) hair loss = 86% scalp hair loss or ALODEX score. Please note that the scattered terminal hairs in a given area have been counted as 100% loss since that is the closest estimated percentage density using the current density scale.

The SALT score for the same patient is 28% (A) + 22% (B) + 17% (C) + 17% (D) = 84% total scalp hair loss.

Figure 4. Lesional Area and Density (LAD) score calculation.

If using the LAD score for the determination of response to a given treatment, for example in the assessment of response to intralesional steroids, it is best if the area(s) of alopecia chosen to track is clearly demarcated from the surrounding hair as shown in Figure 4A. If the margins of the areas are

instead less clear, as in A and B of Figure 4B, then one should consider marking the edges of the alopecic patch directly on the scalp and taking a representative photograph so that there is a record of what margins were used at the initial assessment. The area of each patch is determined by multiplying the long axis by its perpendicular axis. If the patch of alopecia is totally circular, πr^2 may be used instead. This method will require determining ways of identifying these areas of alopecia on subsequent visits (landmarks, photographs and/or tattoos).

Target area A= 4 cm diameter circular patch of alopecia with an area of $\pi r^2 = 3.1416 \times (4/2)^2 = 12.57$ cm². The density of this area = 90% hair loss. Area x density = $12.57 \times 90/100 = 11.31$ LAD score.

Target area B= 3 cm x 2.5 cm patch of alopecia with an area of 7.5 cm². The density of this area = 98% hair loss. Area x density = $7.5 \times 98/100 = 7.35$ LAD score.

Overall LAD score= A + B = $11.31 + 7.35 = 18.66$

Table I: Potential negative prognostic factors in alopecia areata

1. Childhood onset (ages <6, <10, ≤14, ≤16 years old or prepuberty variously noted)⁹⁻¹⁹ is a negative prognostic factor
2. Duration of active disease.^{9,14,15,20} An episode of hair loss is defined as the onset of at least one bald patch of hair loss in the scalp or biopsy documented diffuse AA until scalp hair growth returns to baseline. The potential for full regrowth is approximately 50% at one year, 9% at 2 years, 5% at 3 years and 2% at 5 years.⁹
3. Total duration of each treatment for hair loss.¹⁷ Treatments are often not used for a sufficient period of time to assess efficacy.
4. Prior and/or current atopy including atopic dermatitis, asthma, hay fever/allergic rhinitis, and/or allergic conjunctivitis.^{11,18}
5. Family history of AA.^{11,21}
6. Type 1 diabetes and other autoimmune disorders such as celiac disease and rheumatoid arthritis have been shown to have a genetic relationship to AA.²²
7. History and extent of other hair loss conditions such as telogen effluvium and pattern hair loss can confound response to treatment of AA.
8. Nail involvement may be indicative of severity of AA.^{15,19,23}

Table II. SBN Classification of Alopecia Areata

Scalp hair loss (terminal hair only):

- S₀: no hair loss
- S₁: 1-24% hair loss
- S₂: 25-49% hair loss
- S₃: 50-74% hair loss
- S₄: 75-99% % hair loss
 - S_{4A}: 75-90% hair loss
 - S_{4B}: 91-99% hair loss
- S₅: 100% hair loss

Body hair loss:

- B₀: no body hair loss
- B₁: some body hair loss
- B₂: total body hair loss

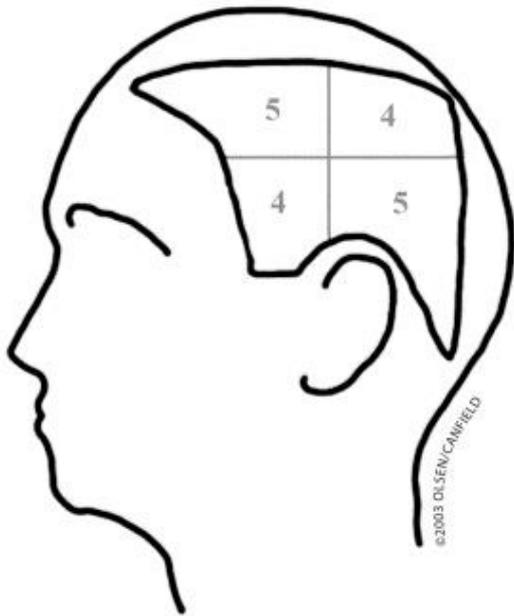
Nail involvement:

- N₀: all 20 nails do not show pitting or trachonychia
- N₁: some of nails show pitting or trachonychia
- N₂: all 20 nails show dense* pitting or trachonychia
 - N_{2A}: All nails show dense pitting
 - N_{2B}: All nails show trachonychia (“20 nail dystrophy”)

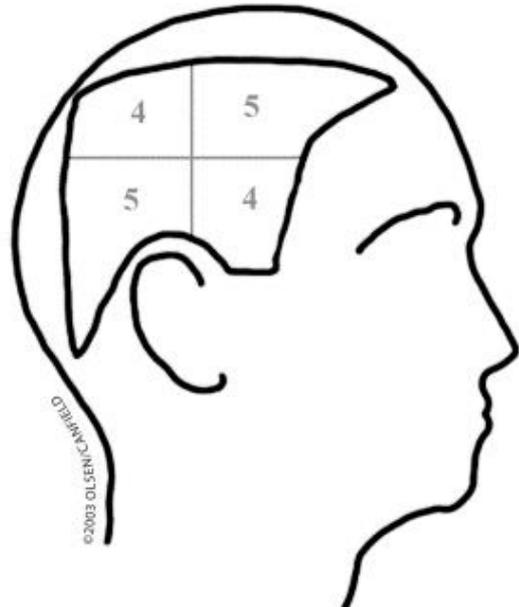
*dense is defined as at least 2 pits per nail

Table III: Methods of assessment for potential use in alopecia areata

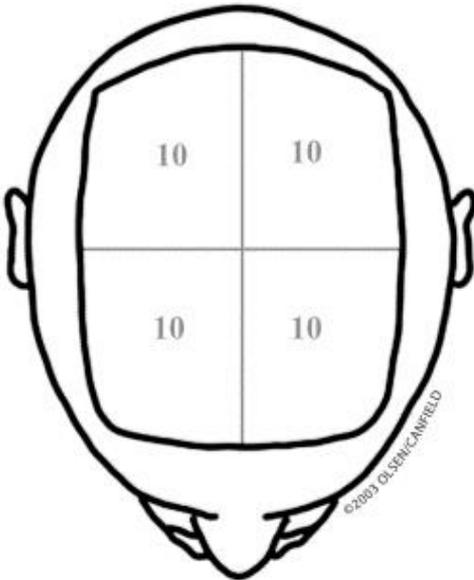
Method	Measures	Study use	Clinic use	Comments
SALT score	% scalp baldness	X	X	By visualization, no way of documenting specific areas of hair loss
ALODEX Score	% scalp baldness	X	X	Requires use of iPad app or too time consuming
ALODEX Tool	% scalp baldness, % scalp with any hair loss, areas of hair loss	X	X	Requires use of iPad app. Documents areas of hair loss and density in each
AA Progressive Index	% severity of hair loss	X		Must also do/record hair pull and dermatoscopic exam findings
Half head assessment	% hair loss treated vs untreated scalp	X		Topical medications only. Best for >50% loss at BL
Lesional size of target areas	Area of several target areas	X		Best for local treatment to selected areas such as IL steroids. May be difficult to select margins of hair loss
LAD score	Combines area and density of several target areas	X		Best for local treatment to selected areas such as IL steroids. May be difficult to select margins of hair loss
Hair pigmentation	Pigmented vs unpigmented	X		Interest only until proven of prognostic significance
Vellus hair	Vellus only vs terminal hair	X		Interest only until proven of prognostic significance
Misc signs of hair loss	Hair pull, exclamation point hairs, dermatoscopic findings typical of AA	X		Interest only although signifies active hair loss if present
Patient assessment of extent of hair loss	Either categorization by % hair loss or S ₀ -S ₅ AA categories	X	X	Useful for understanding patient expectations
Quality of life assessments	Several that can be utilized	X		Determines impact of hair loss on patient's life
Photographic documentation	Standardized photos of scalp hair	X	X	Corroborates response to therapy



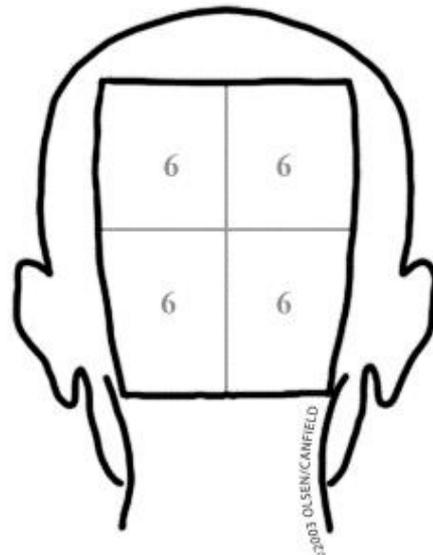
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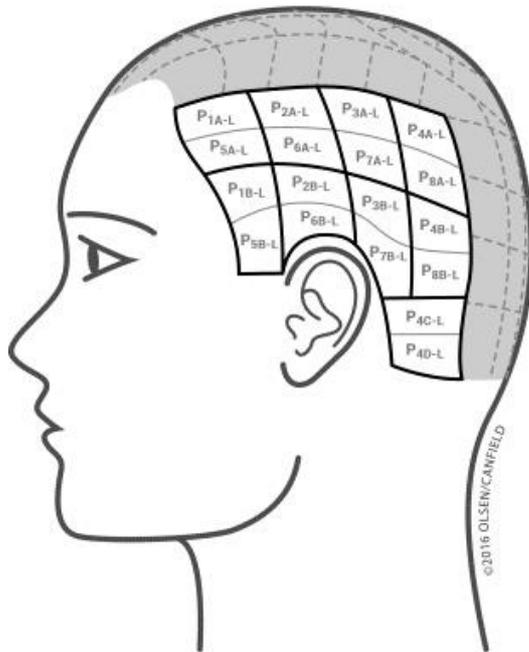


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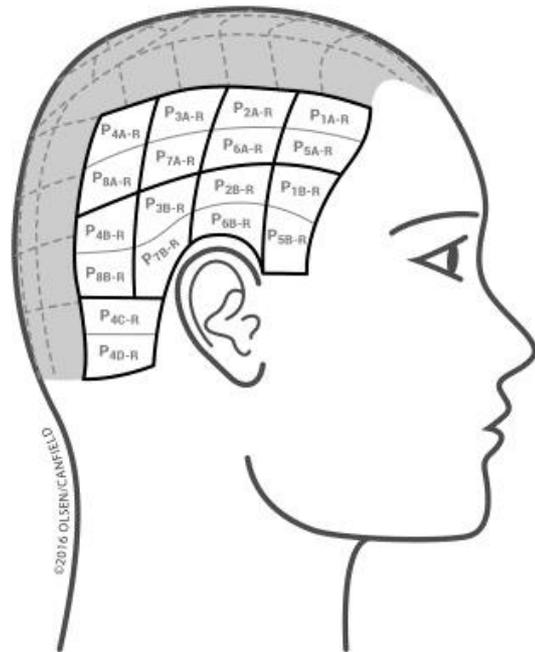


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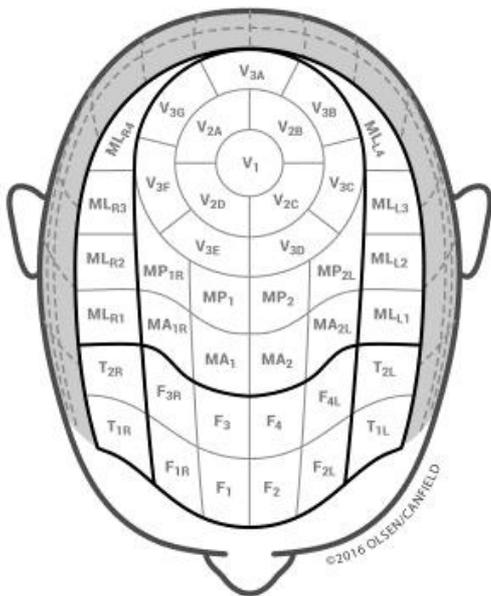
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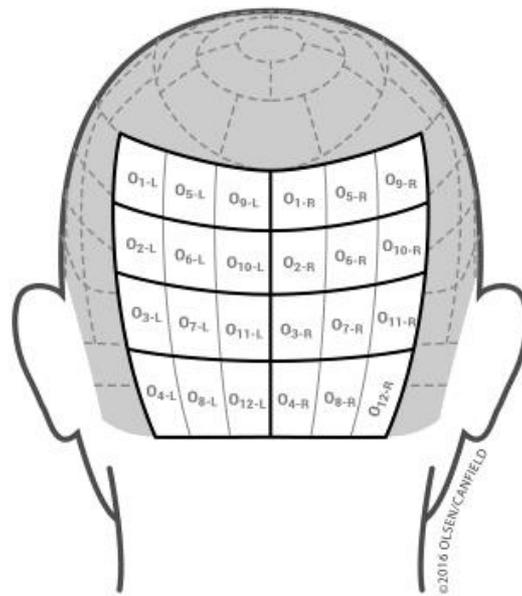
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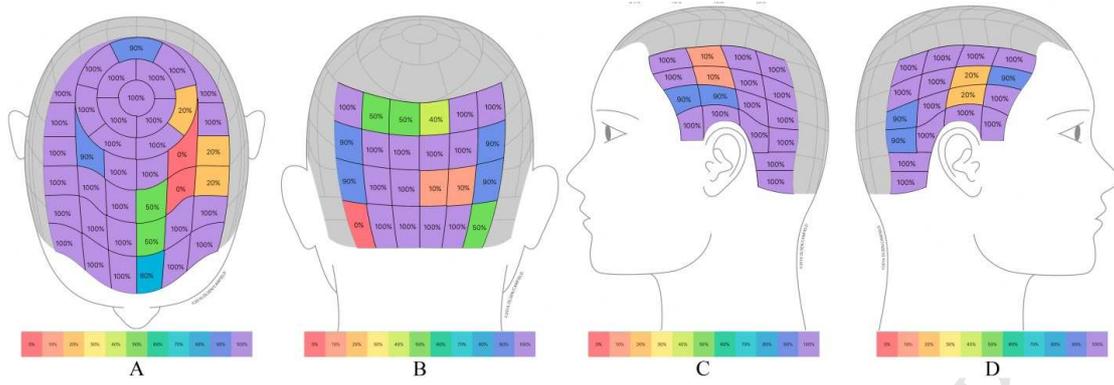
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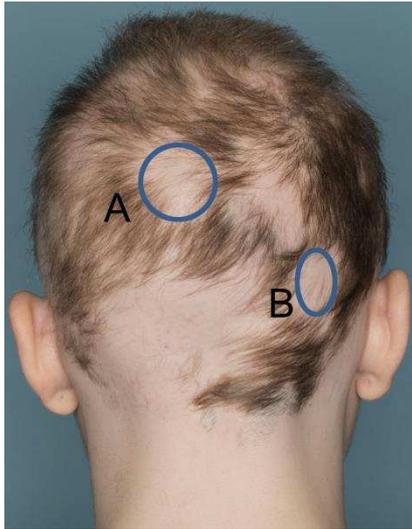
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Supplemental Table IA. Initial visit of patient with alopecia areata

I. History

- A. Name: _____
- B. Date: _____
- C. Date of birth: _____
- D. Race: _____
- E. Sex: _____
- F. Age of first episode of hair loss: _____. Full regrowth? (yes/no)
- G. Subsequent episodes of hair loss? Yes/no. If yes, how many? ____
- H. Approximate age and/or dates of last 3 episodes:
1. Episode 2: _____
 2. Episode 3: _____
 3. Episode 4: _____
- I. What is the longest period of time that you have had an episode with any amount of hair loss?
_____ month or years
- J. Family history of alopecia areata (yes/no). If yes, in what members and how extensive as their hair loss [please put number next to family member (1) AT/AU or (2). patchy]
1. Mother: ____
 2. Father: ____
 3. Brother: ____
 4. Sister: ____
 5. Grandmother (circle Mat or Pat): ____
 6. Grandfather (circle Mat or Pat): ____
 7. Other _____
- K. Concurrent medical problems:
1. Thyroid disease (yes/no). If yes, hyperthyroid (yes/no); hypothyroid (yes/no)
 2. Iron deficiency (yes/no)
 3. Diabetes (yes/ no). If yes, please circle how controlled: diet controlled, oral medication controlled, insulin required.
 4. Celiac disease (yes/no)
 5. Rheumatoid arthritis (yes/no)
 6. Other autoimmune diseases, personal and family _____

- L. History of: asthma (yes/no), hayfever (yes/no), atopic dermatitis or eczema (yes/no), allergic rhinitis (yes/no), family history of these conditions (yes/no)
- M. Prior and current treatments for current episode of hair loss. Response may be patient reported if no physician assessment performed and noted as none, some or complete regrowth.
1. Treatment: _____ Date started _____ Date stopped _____
Dose or frequency of injections _____ Response _____
Any adverse effect _____
 2. Treatment: _____ Date started _____ Date stopped _____
Dose or frequency of injections _____ Response _____
Any adverse effect _____
 3. Treatment: _____ Date started _____ Date stopped _____
Dose or frequency of injections _____ Response _____
Any adverse effect _____

4. Treatment: _____ Date started _____ Date stopped _____
 Dose or frequency of injections _____ Response _____
 Any adverse effect _____

II. Physical Exam:

- A. SALT score (see figure to record each area): _____
 B. SBN categorization: _____
 A. Scalp (S): The hair loss pertains only to terminal hair and excludes vellus hair
 a. (S₀): 0-24%
 b. (S₁): 25-49%
 c. (S₂): 50-74%
 d. (S₃): 75-99%
 e. (S_{4a}): 76-95%
 f. (S_{4b}): 96-99%
 g. (S₅): 100% scalp hair loss
 h. Any vellus hair growth (yes/no). If yes, what % scalp covered _____
 B. Body hair loss (B):
 a. (B₀): none
 b. (B₁): some
 c. (B₂): total
 C. Nails (N)
 a. (N₀): no involvement
 b. (N₁): some involvement
 c. (N₂): a. all 20 nails show dense* pitting
 b. all 20 nails show trachonychia (20 nail dystrophy)
 C. Activity of hair loss:
 a. Exclamation point hairs: yes/no
 b. Hair pull: positive yes/no
 i. Anagen hairs: yes/no
 ii. Telogen hairs: yes/no
 D. Color of hair
 a. Natural color _____
 b. Current hair growth: ___% natural color ___% unpigmented
 E. Lesional assessment for those wanting to assess local therapy in target area(s)
 a. Area of target areas: Long diameter ___ x perpendicular diameter ___ = area ___ cm²
 or for circular areas, $\pi r^2 = \text{area}$ ___ cm²
 b. Hair density in area based on 0-100 numerical number representing hair loss
 c. LAD = area x density = _____

Supplemental Table IB. Return visit of patient with alopecia areata

I. History

- A. Name: _____
 B. Date: _____
 C. Date of birth: _____
 D. Treatment:
 1. Current Treatment: _____ Date started _____ Date stopped _____ Dose or
 frequency of injections _____ Response _____
 Any adverse effect _____

2. Current Treatment: _____ Date started _____ Date stopped _____ Dose or frequency of injections _____ Response _____
Any adverse effect _____
3. Current Treatment: _____ Date started _____ Date stopped _____ Dose or frequency of injections _____ Response _____
Any adverse effect _____

II. Physical exam:

- A. SALT score (see figure to record each area): _____
1. Change in SALT score= BL SALT-SALT today/SALT BL x 100 = _____
- B. Color of regrowing hair: natural color (yes/no), white (yes/no), mixed (yes/no)
- C. Vellus hair growth (yes/no). If yes, % of scalp covered _____
- D. Signs of active loss:
1. Exclamation point hairs: yes/no
2. Hair pull: positive yes/no
a. Anagen hairs: yes/no
b. Telogen hairs: yes/no
- E. Lesional assessment (LAD score) for those wanting to assess local therapy in target area(s)
1. Long diameter ___ x perpendicular diameter ___ = area _____
2. Hair density in area based on 0-100 numerical number representing hair loss
3. LAD = area x density = _____
4. Change in LAD = LAD BL-LAD today/LAD BL x 100= _____

*dense is defined as at least 2 pits per nail