

	Frontal fibrosing alopecia (FFA)	Lichen planopilaris (LPP)	Chronic cutaneous lupus erythematosus (CCLE)	Central centrifugal cicatricial alopecia (CCCA)	Folliculitis decalvans	Dissecting cellulitis
Demographics	Older adults, more women	Adults	Young/middle aged adults, more women	Young adults, more females Afro-Caribbean descent, onset, hair cosmetics history	Young/middle aged adults, more men	young adults, more men African descent
Onset	gradual	gradual	gradual or abrupt	gradually progressive	gradually progressive	gradual onset
Symptoms	rarely associated with itch, burn, pain	+itching (early sign), burn, pain	+itching, burning, pain	+itching, burning, pain	+itching, burning, pain	+pain
Hair shedding	variable	variable	variable	variable	variable	variable
Pull test	pull test + on edges (active phases)	+	+ anagen hairs	+ anagen hairs	+ anagen hairs	+ anagen hairs
Card test	no regrowth	no regrowth	no regrowth	no regrowth	no regrowth	no regrowth
Key features	alopecia of the eyebrows frequently associated, band-like cicatricial alopecia involving frontal hairline	bare patches or diffuse thinning, often starts at vertex, perifollicular erythema and scaling	well-circumscribed round/oval plaques, scaly erythematous plaques, changes within the alopecic patch rather than the periphery, follicular plugging, telangiectasias, atrophy, dyspigmentation	Symmetric, centrifugal scarring without overt inflammation, scalp may be soft on palpation	predominantly vertex and occipital scalp, crusting and pustule formation, tufted folliculitis	most commonly vertex of back of scalp, formation of firm or fluctuant nodules, pustules and crusting, +/- sinuses with purulent drainage
Trichoscopy	loss of follicular ostia, perifollicular hyperkeratosis, perifollicular erythema and inflammation, pili torti	loss of follicular ostia, perifollicular scaling, pigment incontinence (blue-grey dots) in patients with dark skin	peripilar erythema, thick arborizing vessels, keratotic plugs, large yellow dots, follicular red dots	peripilar white/grey halo around emerging hair, white patches of follicular scarring that interrupt regular honeycomb pigmented network, lack of follicular ostia	significant polytrichia, peripilar white-yellow scale, peripilar hyperplasia, white and milky-red areas, lack of follicular ostia	marked erythema, follicular pustules, cutaneous cleft with multiple emerging hairs