THE ALOPECIA AREATA SCALE (AASc) A MULTIDIMENSIONAL TOOL FOR ASSESSING SEVERITY OF AA¹

Primary Criterion - Severity of Scalp Hair Loss¹

Mild AA

20% or less scalp hair loss



Moderate AA 21 - 49% scalp hair loss



Severe AA 50 -100%

scalp hair loss



Secondary Criteria

If **any** secondary criteria are present, **increase** severity rating by **one level**.

- Noticeable involvement of eyebrows or eyelashes
- Inadequate response after at least 6 months of treatment
- Negative impact on psychosocial functioning resulting from AA
- Diffuse (multifocal) positive hair pull test consistent with rapidly progressive AA

About the AASc

The AASc is an assessment tool designed to characterize the clinical spectrum of severity of AA. Developed and endorsed by a consensus of disease experts, the AASc incorporates a patient's history and observed hair loss into a descriptive severity rating relevant to clinical practice. A patient's rating on the scale is primarily based on the amount of scalp hair loss, where the rating increases if any of the secondary criteria are present.

Patient photos are examples of severity of scalp hair loss²

AA – alopecia areata; AASc – Alopecia Areata Severity Scale.

The Alopecia Areata Scale is used in clinical settings by dermatologists but has not been used in phase 3 registration trials for AA.

References:

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