Evaluating Alopecia Areata (AA) Severity

Severity of Alopecia Tool (SALT): Clinical Trials

SALT assesses the extent of scalp hair loss and is used in AA clinical trials 1-3,a,b





Right





PERCENTAGES ARE QUADRANT SURFACE AREA

The **SALT** score is calculated by 1:

Multiplying the percentage of hair loss in each of the 4 quadrants of the scalp by the quadrant surface area

Adding the 4 values together for a composite score

maximum **SALT**score



Back

minimum **SALT** score









95% x 0.18 = **17.1%**





 $50\% \times 0.40 = 20\%$

Back 65% x 0.24 = **15.6%**

SALT SCORE 17.1% + 17.1% + 20% + 15.6% = 69.8%

Alopecia Areata Scale: Clinical Practice

The AA Scale was recently developed by an advisory panel of AA experts and is designed for use in clinical practice⁵

AA SCALE			
SEVERITY	Mild AA	Moderate AA	Severe AA
EXTENT OF SCALP HAIR LOSS	20% or less	21%-49%	50%-100%





Negative impact on psychosocial functioning resulting from AA



Noticeable involvement of eyebrows or eyelashes



Inadequate response after at least 6 months of treatment



Diffuse (multifocal) positive hair pull test consistent with rapidly progressive AA

The AA Scale was developed as the result of an academic-industry collaborative effort.⁵

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