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# Caput Succedaneum

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## Source

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A diffuse swelling of the scalp in a newborn, usually caused by the trauma of the scalp pushing through a narrowed cervix during birth. The swelling may extend across the midline of the scalp and may exhibit discoloration or bruising.