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The distinct calcified form of this disease is rare 1).

The spontaneous resorption of calcified cephalhematoma has been reported ²⁾.

Calcified cephalhematoma has been treated by excision of the lesion and the use of an onlay autograft. The authors report their use of a less complicated alternative, simple excision and periosteal reattachment, in a 3-month-old male infant. They excised the calcified cap of cephalhematoma and reattached the periosteum to the exposed bone surface instead of using an onlay autograft technique. A follow-up CT scan demonstrated a smooth skull contour and good cosmetic appearance. The authors note that this is the first report of the successful use of simple excision and periosteal reattachment for the treatment of a case of calcified cephalhematoma in which there was a depressed area after the calcified cap was removed. They conclude that in cases of calcified cephalhematoma it may be unnecessary to perform a complicated cranioplasty with bone harvested from the top of the calcification ³⁾.

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