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Dermatologic signs in women with PCOS

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Women with untreated Polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) are prone to develop dermatologic abnormalities such as acneiform eruptions, hirsutism and female pattern hair loss (FPHL). The latter can also be termed androgenetic alopecia (AGA). The common pathogenic principle is hyperandrogenism, which may be caused by excessive androgen levels in the blood, and/or increased sensitivity of androgen receptors in sebaceous glands or hair follicle cells. The different dermatologic treatment modalities for these unwanted effects of hyperandrogenism on skin and hair will be presented.

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