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Final Diagnosis: Porokeratosis of Mibelli

Porokeratosis of Mibelli is a dominantly inherited autosomal disorder which usually appears in childhood. It is characterised by roundish lesions which generally enlarge to form circinate gyrate or linear pattern. It has a scaly keratotic wall topped by a gutter as the periphery and central atrophic area. Linear porokeratosis is one of several morphological variants of this disorder.