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Dermal Sinus Tracts

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A father (right) and his son (left) both with dermal sinus tracts just below the glabella. This is a common location for dermal openings in the face. They can occur between this point and just beyond the tip of the nose. This lesion carries the same risk for central nervous system involvement as those located over the spine, i.e., meningitis, abscess, and dermoid tumors. Most of these tracts terminate in the falx, at the crista galli, or before.

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