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Abstract: The skin and psyche are intimately related with various skin diseases caused by or resulting in psychiatric disturbances. Pruritus is a commonly reported symptom in psychiatric patients and likewise psychiatric co-morbidities including anxiety and depression are frequently seen in chronic pruritus patients. Primary psychodermatologic conditions such as somatic symptom disorder, dermatitis artefacta, obsessive compulsive and related disorders (excoriation disorder and prurigo nodularis), delusional infestation, and substance use disorder can all induce