

P-850 - THE MEANING OF THE DERMATITIS ARTEFACTA THROUGH BELIEFS AND CULTURE

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Dermatitis artefacta or factitious dermatitis is a quite rare kind of psychiatric disorder which has been always a challenge for psychiatrists and dermatologists.

The patient impulsively or as a result of primary or secondary gain makes deliberate scars with his hand or needle, pin, razor and ... on his body. Based on kind of spread, shape, margin, and recognition of basic conflict, these scars can be differentiated from other dermatological ones. What makes this disorder a challenge is not its diagnosis but its treatment, and what is important in treatment understands its meaning by its patient.

The researchers in this study introduce a married 45 years old woman, with Dermatic artefacta, whose scars are limited to her feet. In order to understand the meaning of this disorder, the following question is asked: Why the scars are just seen in her feet?

We try to answer this question with the focus on childhood history, Iranian culture, worldwide common beliefs, literature, and idioms.