

O36. TATTOOS, PSORIASIS AND OTHER CHRONIC SKIN DISEASES

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Psoriasis is a chronic skin disease affecting 2-3% of the population. Koebnerisation is a well known phenomenon in psoriatic patients and a point of concern for patients considering to get a tattoo. Factors which could play a role are the activity of the disease and a history of previous Koebner effect after skin trauma. Other skin diseases such as lichen ruber and systemic diseases such as sarcoidosis can have a similar tendency.

Conclusion: Tattooing must be a well informed decision, in particular in a person with a concomitant skin disease or a systemic disease with cutaneous manifestations. The risks of infection can be increased by an impaired skin barrier and by the administration of immunosuppressive drugs. Koebnerisation can occur. Tattooists should be aware of these risks and inform their clients to seek medical advice, before starting the procedure