**Factitious disorders in children: clinical and therapeutic**

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| **Annotation** | There is considerable lack of awareness about child and adolescent population  intentionallyproducing dermatological symptoms and this unique group has remained  under reported.  The objective: This review focuses on educating dermatologists about the pathogenesis,  symptomatology and management options of factitious disorders.  Materials and methods: Medline search was conducted for last two decades and articles  containing words factitious disorders and dermatitis artefacta were identified.  Results: Children with factitious disorders suffer from other psychiatric disorders,  particularly depression and borderline personality traits. The prevalence ranges from  0.5–2%. Majority of children and adolescents who engage in self-injurious behaviors do  not intend to commit suicide, instead they use their self-injurious behavior as an appeal  for help or a non-verbal form of communication.  Conclusions: Patients should not be confronted to explore the underlying psychological  conflicts, rather gentle, non-judgmental and empathic approach be utilized for a  good therapeutic rappor. High index of suspicion on provider’s part is a key to diagnosis.  Along with dermatological care, psychopharmacological interventions and  psychotherapeutic techniques have proven helpful in this population.of multivariate  dimension reduction. |
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