

Atopic dermatitis associated with schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder

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Atopic dermatitis (AD) is a chronic, inflammatory skin disorder that has

well-established associations with depression and anxiety. A new Yale School of Medicine study, published in *Archives of Dermatological Research*, finds AD is also associated with increased risk for schizophrenia and schizoaffective disorder.

Schizophrenia is a psychotic disorder characterized by delusions, hallucinations and/or disorganized behavior with decline in functional status, while schizoaffective disorder is defined by symptoms of schizophrenia in addition to manic or depressive mood symptoms.

Researchers calculated odds ratios using [electronic health records](#) from 240,635 patients and found participants with AD were more likely to have schizophrenia (2.0% vs. 1.1%, P

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