

PSORIASIS : IS IT VIRAL-INDUCED ?

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ABSTRACT

The etiology of psoriasis as a disease is still not clear. In many other chronic diseases of previously unknown etiology a genetic and/or viral background has been proved or seems likely to be proved [1,2,3,4,5]. It seems reasonable to consider psoriasis in the same way. This paper gives a review of articles that support a viral etiology of psoriasis based on genetic susceptibility [6,7,8].