

Psoriasis linked to increased risk for inflammatory bowel disease

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symptoms," conclude the authors.

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(HealthDay)—Psoriasis appears to be significantly associated with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), according to a review published online Oct. 24 in *JAMA Dermatology*.

Yun Fu, M.D., from Chang Gung Memorial Hospital in Taiwan, and colleagues assessed case-control, cross-sectional, or cohort studies that examined either the odds or risk for IBD in patients with psoriasis.

Based on five case-control or cross-sectional studies and four cohort studies that involved a total of 7,794,087 participants, the researchers found significant associations between psoriasis and Crohn's disease (odds ratio, 1.7) and between psoriasis and [ulcerative colitis](#) (OR, 1.75). In addition, patients with psoriasis had an increased risk for Crohn's disease (risk ratio, 2.53) and ulcerative colitis (risk ratio, 1.71).

"Gastroenterology consultation may be indicated when patients with [psoriasis](#) present with bowel

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