



# Patient and Healthcare Provider Perspective on the Disease Burden of Seborrheic Dermatitis in the United States: Results from a National Survey

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# Introduction and Methods

- Seborrheic dermatitis (SD) is a common chronic inflammatory skin disease with a worldwide prevalence of up to 5%<sup>1</sup>
- While SD is common, the physical and emotion burden of SD have not been well characterized
- The authors developed an online survey, conducted by The Harris Poll, to gain deeper insight into experiences and attitudes towards the disease among patients with SD and dermatology healthcare providers (HCPs)
  - The patient survey was conducted online from December 2021 through January 2022 among US adults diagnosed with SD by an HCP
  - The HCP survey was conducted online from December 2021 through January 2022 among HCPs specializing in dermatology (including dermatologists, nurse practitioners [NPs], and physician assistants [PAs]) who see  $\geq 1$  patient per week and  $\geq 1$  patient with SD per year
- This poster reports patient and HCP perspectives on the physical and emotion burden of SD

<sup>1</sup>Dessinioti C, Katsambas A. Clin Dermatol 2013;31:343–351.

# Results

## PATIENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Mean age: 40 years old



Men 55%  
Women: 45%



White: 52%  
Hispanic: 31%  
Black/African American: 12%  
Asian: 3%

## HCP DEMOGRAPHICS

- 67% physicians, 24% PAs, and 10% NPs
  - The mean number of years in practice: 3.1

Mean number of patients  
seen in a typical WEEK

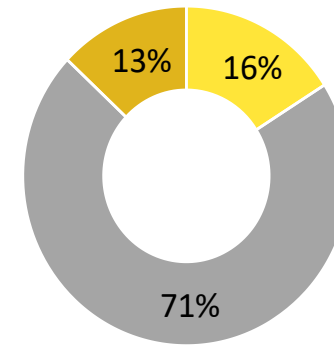


Mean number of patients  
with SD seen per YEAR



## Patient-and HCP-reported SD Symptom Severity

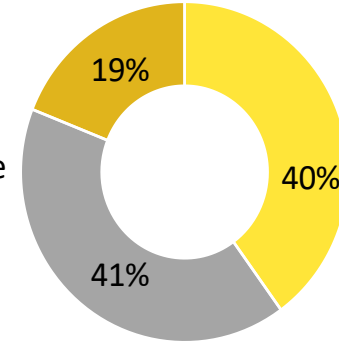
Patient-Reported Severity



HCP-Reported Severity



■ Mild  
■ Moderate  
■ Severe



## Mental Health Impact of SD

### Anxiety

*"My seborrheic dermatitis symptoms cause me anxiety"*

**77%** of Patients  
79% of HCPs agree

### Depression

*"My seborrheic dermatitis symptoms make me feel depressed"*

**72%** of Patients  
70% of HCPs agree

### Anxiousness

*"My seborrheic dermatitis symptoms make me anxious about interacting with other people"*

**69%** of Patients  
**84%** of HCPs agree

## Self-Esteem Negative Impact

90% of patients say living with SD negatively impacts their self-esteem

54% reporting 'a lot/a great deal' of negative impact

Almost half of patients reported that SD negatively impacts their emotional (49%) and physical (42%) well-being 'a lot/a great deal'

# Results

## Social Life and Personal Relationships

### Hygiene Perceptions

*"My seborrheic dermatitis symptoms make people think that I have poor hygiene"*

**77%** of Patients  
**88%** of HCPs agree

### Embarrassment

*"I feel embarrassed when people comment on my seborrheic dermatitis symptoms"*

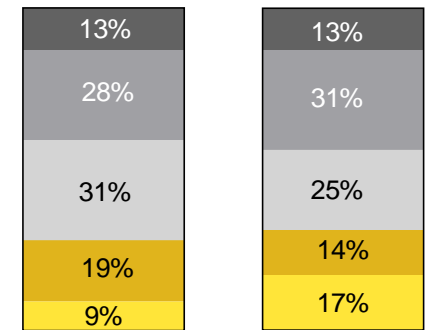
**82%** of Patients  
**97%** of HCPs agree

### Isolating

**73%** of patients said SD can be isolating and **76%** reported that other **people around them did not understand** the negative impact their SD symptoms have on daily life

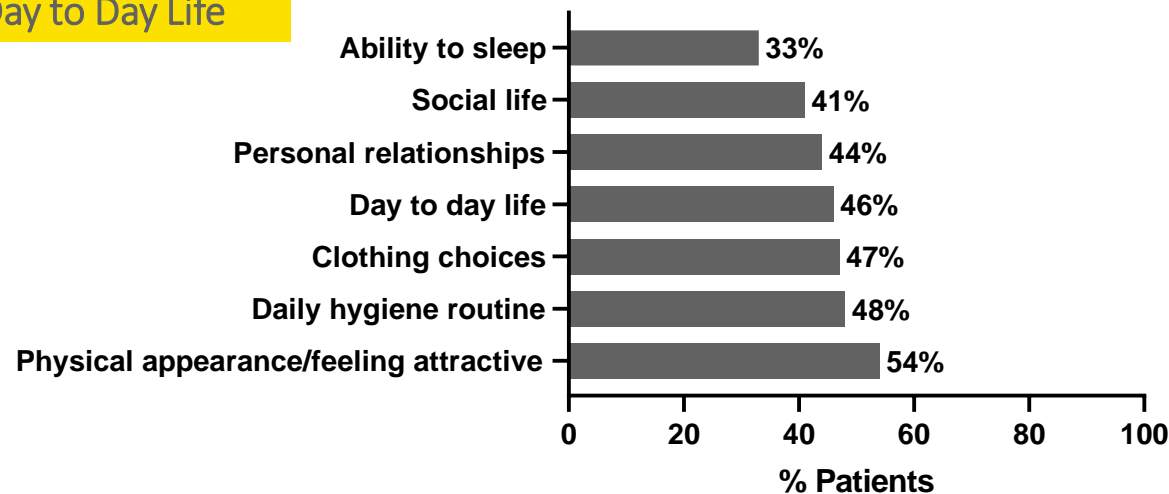
### Negative Impact of SD on

#### Social life      Personal relationships



A great deal  
  A lot  
  Some  
 A little  
  None

## Negative Impact on Day to Day Life



Patients reported that SD has 'a lot/a great deal' of negative impact on several aspects of their day-to-day life

# Results and Conclusions

## Patient-Reported SD Impact on Work

*"The symptoms of my seborrheic dermatitis make me less likely to want to interact with people at work."*

**58%** agree

*"The symptoms of my seborrheic dermatitis have made me less confident at work"*

**59%** agree

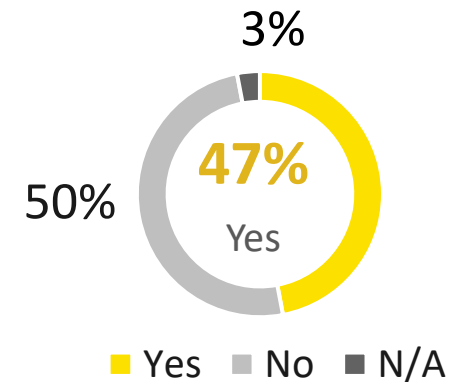
*"I feel I would be further along in my career if I didn't have seborrheic dermatitis."*

**61%** agree

*"The symptoms of my seborrheic dermatitis made me choose a different career path than I originally planned."*

**47%** agree

## Ever Missed Work Because of SD Symptoms



## Conclusions

- While most patients described their SD as moderate to severe and having a significant impact on their quality of life, HCPs underestimated the patient-reported severity and level of impact on patients' quality of life
- Patients reported SD caused a considerable impact on their day-to-day life, self-esteem and multiple aspects of their mental health, causing anxiety and depression
- The majority of patients reported SD negatively impacted their ability to do their job, with almost half of patients having ever missed work due to SD symptoms
- These insights highlight the immense patient burden associated with SD, impacting patients' emotional, social, and work lives