This course will explore the relationship between skin problems and their impact on mental health and well being and analyse a range of therapeutic approaches currently used to support individual’s affected by a broad range of skin diseases. The course will critically analyse the association between biological, psychological and social factors affecting people with a broad range of skin diseases to develop an understanding of the relationship between mental health and well being and a range of skin conditions. It is taught by clinicians with experience of managing patients with psychocutaneous disorders and focuses on managing the delivery of appropriate care in primary and secondary settings.

It may be studied on an individual basis. You may also choose to study it as part of a longer academic award such as; MSc Dermatology Skills and Treatment, Postgraduate Diploma or Postgraduate Certificate.

Content
Content will include:
- An introduction to neuroscience
- Relationship of skin disease to mental health & wellbeing
- Psychological factors: body image, self esteem
- Social factors: psychological well being and quality of life
- Patient assessment & advanced communication skills
- Therapeutics & management approaches: pharmacological, psychotherapeutic complementary interventions
- Impact of interpersonal skills/engagement on therapeutic interventions
- Research & practice development related to skin disease & mental health
- Service user needs & carer’s role, health promotion and self help
- Multidisciplinary team working & specialist referral criteria.

Who Should Attend?
This module will be of interest to a wide range of health professionals involved with psychological support of people with skin conditions and health professionals interested in psycho-dermatology.

Dates
March 12th, 13th, 14th, April 23rd, 24th, 25th 2012.

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