Questions on Chapter 14: Skin disease and the mind

1. A pre-pubescent girl presents with blood blisters around the genitalia. Can you think of one primary skin disease that might account for the physical signs?

2. A mother of a six year boy, says he is always bruising himself easily. You notice he has lots of cigarette paper like scars, and his joints seem very mobile. Your colleague wonders if he is being abused. What dermatological diagnose might you consider in your differential?

3. Parasites spread by social media! Explain.

4. A patient presents to you, asking for you to remove 10 of her moles. What questions would you ask, and what would you say to her?

5. Your colleague tells you about a patient of theirs, who brought a pill container to the consultation saying, “here are the creatures that have been crawling under my skin”. Your colleague asks if you know a friendly entomologist who can help. What would you think?

6. A young woman has patchy hair loss on her scalp. Her mother says she is always playing with her hair, but the patient says she just pulls out the abnormal hairs. What do you think? What is a possible diagnosis?