

Narratives of Atopic Dermatitis Patients

Life and Illness Meaning

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Abstract

The purpose of this study is the patients' understanding of the symptoms of atopic dermatitis. I interview three patients using *katari-aihou*—two way dialogue—to talk to each other. Data is analyzed using the category analysis (Nochi, 2011) and discourse analysis (Nochi, 2011). The results shows patients understand for personal meaning based on each experience but personal meaning begins to waver from the cause of the symptoms being unclear. It is argued that this is a chance for patients to think about symptoms when a period of remission. This results suggest that it is need for patients to keep a distance from symptoms.