





## Lichen Simplex Chronicus

The vast majority of patients with eczema who chronically scratch the skin may develop lichen simplex chronicus.

*Histopathology* .

Lichen simplex chronicus is the prototype for chronic dermatitis . There is hyperkeratosis interspersed w

necrotic superficial papillary dermis, fibrin, and neutrophils, are often present; however, they are often pr

exocytosis. In the papillary dermis, there are an increased number of fibroblasts and vertically oriented collagen bundles. As rubbing increases in intensity and chronicity, epidermal hyperplasia becomes more florid and the fibrosis more marked. Searching for features of dermatitis associated with chronic rubbing and scratching may give a hint as to the initial underlying dermatitis.

