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How do we broach the topic of desire with our visibly different, sometimes Untouchable, patients? Whose job should that be?

Our patient became increasingly mentally unwell as intimations of mortality loomed: severe RDEB typically produces aggressive squamous cell carcinomas and death in early midlife.

While off the scale in my experience of psychiatric comorbidity in EB, her contested diagnosis proved insufficient to invoke continuing community mental health input, leading to revolving door emergency presentations and hospital hopping. This did not provide what the patient sought, and tended to alienate professionals. I will suggest that we could learn from Rosenhan’s work on perceptions of madness and sanity.

Insistent themes of sex and death tested the many teams involved and prompted some fruitful soul-searching on the topic of desire and disability, a lifelong issue for many people with visible differences.
Severe generalised RDEB
http://www.outsiders.org.uk/
Accessed 5.9.14
‘[The delusion].. is found like a patch over the place where originally a rent had appeared in the ego’s relation to the external world.’


‘...the delusional formation which we take to be the pathological product, is in reality an attempt at recovery, a process of reconstruction’

Freud, S. (1911) Psycho-Analytic Notes on an Autobiographic Account of a Case of Paranoia (Dementia Paranoïdes), SE 19. p.70
Medea about to Kill her Children by Eugene Delacroix, 1862
Oil on canvas 122 x 84 cm       Musee du Louvre, Paris.
David L. Rosenhan, Professor of Law and Psychology, Emeritus, Stanford University (1929 – 2012)
The flesh is bruckle
The Fiend is slee
Timor mortis
Conturbat me

William Dunbar
WHY ?
‘[We understand]..that.. in England and Wales making a direct referral to a sexual surrogate is very unlikely to constitute a criminal act.

However, an offence may be committed where a [person] causes or encourages someone.. not already working as a sexual surrogate to become one.’

3.3.10 Code of Ethics, College of Sexual and Relationship Therapists
Accessed 3. 9.15
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