

**Wrone, David**

---

**From:** David A. Wrone [DAWRONE@facstaff.wisc.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 18, 1997 9:28 PM  
**To:** Wrone, David  
**Subject:** itching

*over 1/1/95*

Dad,

I have reviewed Mr. Weisberg's medicines. No medicine interacts with doxepin. However, he probably has Benign Prostatic Hypertrophy, this is why he is taking Proscar. Doxepin can give urinary retention in this group of patients (unable to urinate requiring a trip to the emergency room to be catheterized).

UV B (ultraviolet B) therapy seems like the safer alternative. Its major drawback is the time needed to drive to the doctors office to receive the three times weekly therapy. I don't know his level of motivation; some patients become suicidal because of itch and will do anything to stop it. If he cannot find a dermatologist to give him phototherapy, I can prescribe a Jordan Lamp for use in the home. I can walk him through how to use it. It is a few hundred dollars.

A final note. His Lac Hydrin is excellent for dry skin and it helps a bit with itch. At UW we typically also precribe Triamcinolone Cream 0.1% mixed 50/50 in petrolatum for itch. It helps, but I Would not expect it alone to relieve the itch.

daw