

PICKING Dermatillomania &

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, meetings on Zoom have become common. Whether it's meeting with co-workers, attending a class or just chatting with a



friend, most of us have been on Zoom at one point.

For those with Skin Picking Disorder, these meetings can bring a whole new list of triggers. Having to look at yourself on a screen or prepping for a virtual interaction is an experience many Dermatillomania strugglers dread. Check out our tips on how to manage the Dermatillomania and Zoom experience!

~ Turn off <u>'self view'</u>

~ Use 'speaker view' so you can focus on one person at a time

~ Turn on 'touch up my appearance' in the video settings if you'd like to alter the appearance of your skin



~ If you're not comfortable being seen, <u>turn</u> off your video or ask the Zoom coordinator if you are able to just do audio



Please don't put me on the spot about not having my camera on in Zoom meetings. I suffer from dermatillomania and especially at times of extreme stress (aka every waking hour of 2020) it's chronic. Feeling like I need to show my face makes it a gazillion times worse

~ Wear hydrocolloid patches, to heal & gain better awareness of where your fingers are

~ <u>Use jingle bracelets</u> & spray unfamiliar <u>perfume/scents</u> on your wrists to help other senses alert you to roaming fingers

~ Wear tight clothing as blockers, like leggings, turtlenecks, and long sleeves with thumb holes, over trigger areas to prevent wandering fingers

~ Have a zoom fidget, try rubbing one of our Awearness bracelets from pickingme.org/shop



~ Shake up your make up routine, try a new look or go make up free

~ Print out a Skin Picking Log from pickingme.org/skinpickinglog & place to by your laptop. When you catch your fingers scanning, mark the "Pre-Pick" box

~ Use bright light for the actual meeting, & dim the lights afterwards

~ Remember that people are meeting with YOU on Zoom, not who you believe you present as on camera