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suff.

Skin; skin disease: *scleroderma*.

[New Latin, from Greek *derma*, skin; see **der-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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derma- or **derm-** or **dermo-**

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pref.

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