**Psorinum** is a powerful and deep-acting homeopathic remedy known as a "nosode." A nosode is a remedy prepared from diseased products or tissues, and Psorinum is derived from the scabs or vesicles of a person with scabies.1 Following the homeopathic principle of "like cures like," it is used to address a wide range of chronic conditions that are believed to have a "psoric" miasmatic background, a concept in homeopathy related to deep-seated, inherited predispositions to certain diseases.

The key features of Psorinum revolve around three core concepts: **offensiveness, itching, and obstinate conditions.**

### **Key Homeopathic Properties of Psorinum:**

**1. Mental and Emotional Symptoms:**

* **Hopelessness and Despair:** A central emotional keynote of Psorinum is a profound sense of hopelessness and despair, particularly a "despair of recovery."2 The person feels that they will never get well, regardless of the treatment. This can be a deep-seated state of depression.
* **Anxiety:** They may experience extreme anxiety, especially about their health or the future. This anxiety can be so severe that they have a feeling of impending doom or fear that something terrible will happen.
* **Mental and Physical Sluggishness:** The individual may feel mentally and physically "stuck" or lethargic. There is often a lack of vital reaction, where the body does not respond to a well-chosen remedy. This is a classic indication for Psorinum.
* **Sensitivity to Cold:** They are extremely sensitive to the cold, which aggravates all their complaints. They may crave warmth, even in hot weather.

**2. Physical Symptoms:**

* **Offensive Odors:** This is a very characteristic symptom. All secretions and excretions of the body are offensively foul-smelling. This can include perspiration, stools, discharges from the ears or skin, and even the body odor itself. The person may wash frequently, but the odor persists.
* **Skin Conditions:** Psorinum is a major remedy for skin ailments, particularly those with intense itching.3
  + **Itching:** The itching is often unbearable and may be worse from the warmth of the bed. Scratching provides temporary relief but can lead to bleeding and secondary infections.
  + **Eruptions:** The eruptions may be moist or dry. The skin can be rough, coarse, and have a greasy appearance. It is a well-indicated remedy for chronic eczema, psoriasis, and other skin diseases that have been suppressed by topical treatments.
* **Respiratory Conditions:** It is used for chronic respiratory issues, such as asthma, that are often accompanied by a sense of suffocation and rattling in the chest.
* **Weakness and Debility:** The individual is often weak, anemic, and lacks vitality. Despite a good appetite, they may lose weight. This weakness is often a result of chronic illness.
* **Digestive System:** Symptoms include indigestion, a craving for stimulants like coffee, and a ravenous appetite, especially at night. They may wake up feeling hungry.
* **Glandular Affections:** Psorinum can be used for glandular conditions, particularly when the glands are swollen and sore, and the person has a general lack of vitality.4

### **Generalities and Modalities:**

* **Aggravations:** Symptoms are universally worse from cold, drafts, and the warmth of the bed. They also tend to worsen before a storm or during a thunderstorm.
* **Ameliorations:** The patient may feel better from warmth, especially being bundled up.

In homeopathic practice, Psorinum is often used when a patient's case seems to be "stuck" or when a seemingly well-indicated remedy has only a temporary effect. It is a constitutional remedy that can help to clear the underlying miasmatic layer, allowing other remedies to work more effectively. Due to its powerful and deep-acting nature, it is typically prescribed by a qualified homeopath who takes a detailed and comprehensive case history.