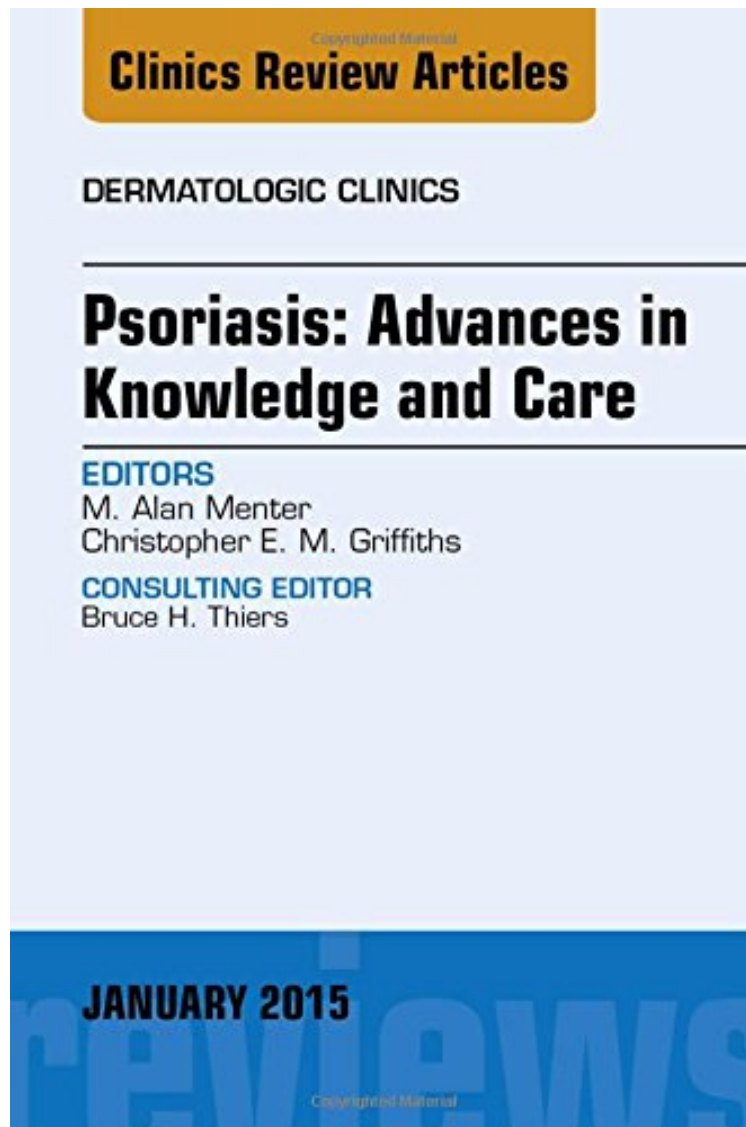


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Psoriasis is the most prevalent autoimmune disease in the U.S. ~125 million people worldwide have psoriasis. Commonly misunderstood and interpreted as a cosmetic problem, psoriasis is a complex and potentially debilitating disease; nearly 60% of people with psoriasis reported their disease to be a large problem in their everyday life. This issue of *Dermatologic Clinics* devoted exclusively to psoriasis is edited by two leaders of the International Psoriasis Council, Dr Alan Menter and Dr Chris Griffiths. Topics include: Genetics of psoriasis; Immunopathogenesis of psoriasis; Phenotypical expressions of psoriasis; Psoriasis as a systemic disease with multiple comorbidities; Outcomes measures in the assessment of psoriasis in clinical practice and trials; Update on topical therapies for mild to moderate psoriasis; Phototherapy and photochemotherapy (PUVA) for psoriasis; Current and future oral systemic therapies for psoriasis; Current biological therapies for psoriasis; Future biological therapies for psoriasis; Psoriatic arthritis for the dermatologist; Pharmacogenomics and the future of psoriasis therapies. This information that goes to the heart of clinical practice is equally appropriate, beyond dermatologists, for internal medicine clinicians, primary care physicians, bone joint specialists; hematologists/oncologists, and researchers in genetic targeted therapy development.

This is a very good introductory book for diagnosing and managing patients with psoriasis. The concepts are explained well. The immune dysregulation that exists in psoriasis is easy to understand. Readers are not overwhelmed with the intricacies of every cytokine and receptor interaction involved. Nice color diagrams outline the proposed initiation of the psoriatic cycle in the skin. The genetic role is simply outlined without being pedantic. This is an up-to-date reference that provides beginning dermatologists with a good foundation for understanding psoriasis. (3 stars) Patricia Wong, MD, Stanford University Medical Center, Doody's Service
From the Back Cover This is a concise yet thorough review of the diagnosis and treatment of many forms of psoriasis and covers current concepts in the ever-expanding field of psoriasis pathophysiology. Emerging concerns, such as systemic disease associations, quality of life, and psoriatic arthritis, are discussed, plus recent advances in basic science and clinical trial data. The book will appeal to physicians with an interest in inflammatory skin diseases with systemic associations, including dermatologists in training and practice, candidates for post-registration qualifications, primary care physicians, emergency physicians, and senior medical students.