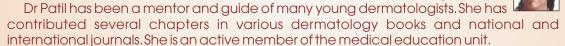
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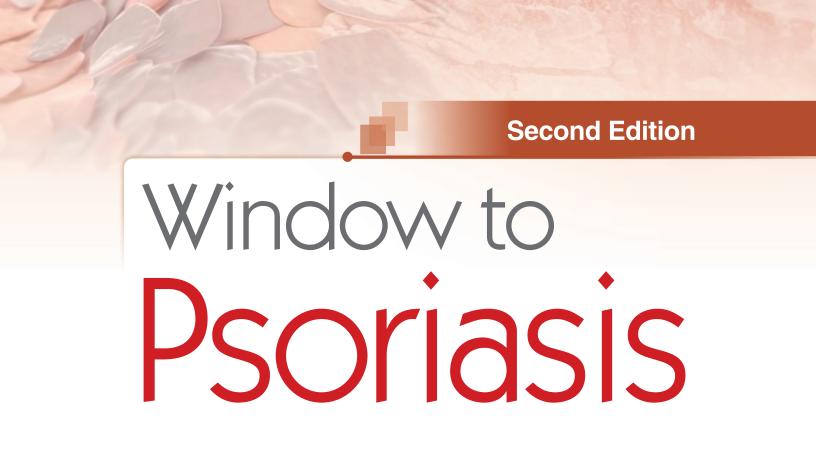


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Foreword

Psoriasis is chronic, inflammatory condition that is commonly encountered in our daily practice. In the last decade, there have been significant revelations in the understanding of the pathogenesis of psoriasis, its recognition as a systemic disease and changing paradigms of treatment. There was always a need to assemble this volume of information into something that was easily comprehensible yet exhaustive. And the book *Window to Psoriasis* by my dear friend and respected colleague Professor Dr Sharmila Patil does just that.



In its second edition, this book is an excellent outcome of sincere efforts to maximise understanding of the topic specifically for the practising dermatologists and postgraduate students. The style of writing is lucid making the complicated concepts such as pathogenesis and treatment easy to understand. Use of bulleted points, boxes, tables, mnemonics is the USP of this book—making it comprehensive and allows easy reproducibility in examinations for the postgraduate students.

Professor Dr Sharmila has meticulously chosen authors for the individual chapters considering their expertise in the subject. The selection of clinical photographs is immaculate and the quality is excellent. The text is substantiated with up-to-date references.

It is my proud privilege for writing the foreword for this book, and I extend my hearty congratulations to Professor Dr Sharmila and her team for this great venture. I would strongly recommend this book to anyone who would want a thorough and up-to-date information on various aspects of psoriasis.

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Preface to the Second Edition

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The morphological presentation also varies. This book is meant primarily for dermatologists, but also for general practitioners with an interest in dermatology, physicians, rheumatologists and internists. Hence this book aims to assist the consultants in their busy practice to diagnose, investigate and treat the patients optimally using newer drugs. The authors of each chapter have been chosen on the basis of their expertise in the field to provide the best guidance to our readers.

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