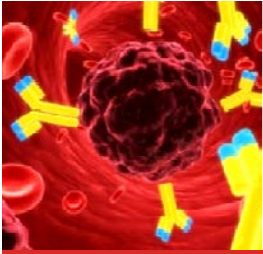




# The Natural History of Psoriasis and Treatment Goals



# Psoriasis Epidemiology

## ◆ Prevalence

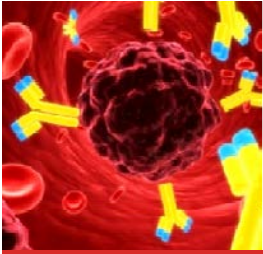
- Affects 2-3% of adult population (>7 million in US)
- Caucasians: 2.5%
- African Americans: 1.3% (more likely to have moderate-to-severe disease)

## ◆ Disease severity

- 15% have moderate disease (3-10% BSA)
- 5% have severe disease (>10% BSA)

BSA – body surface area

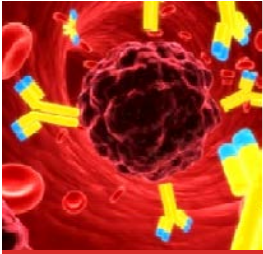
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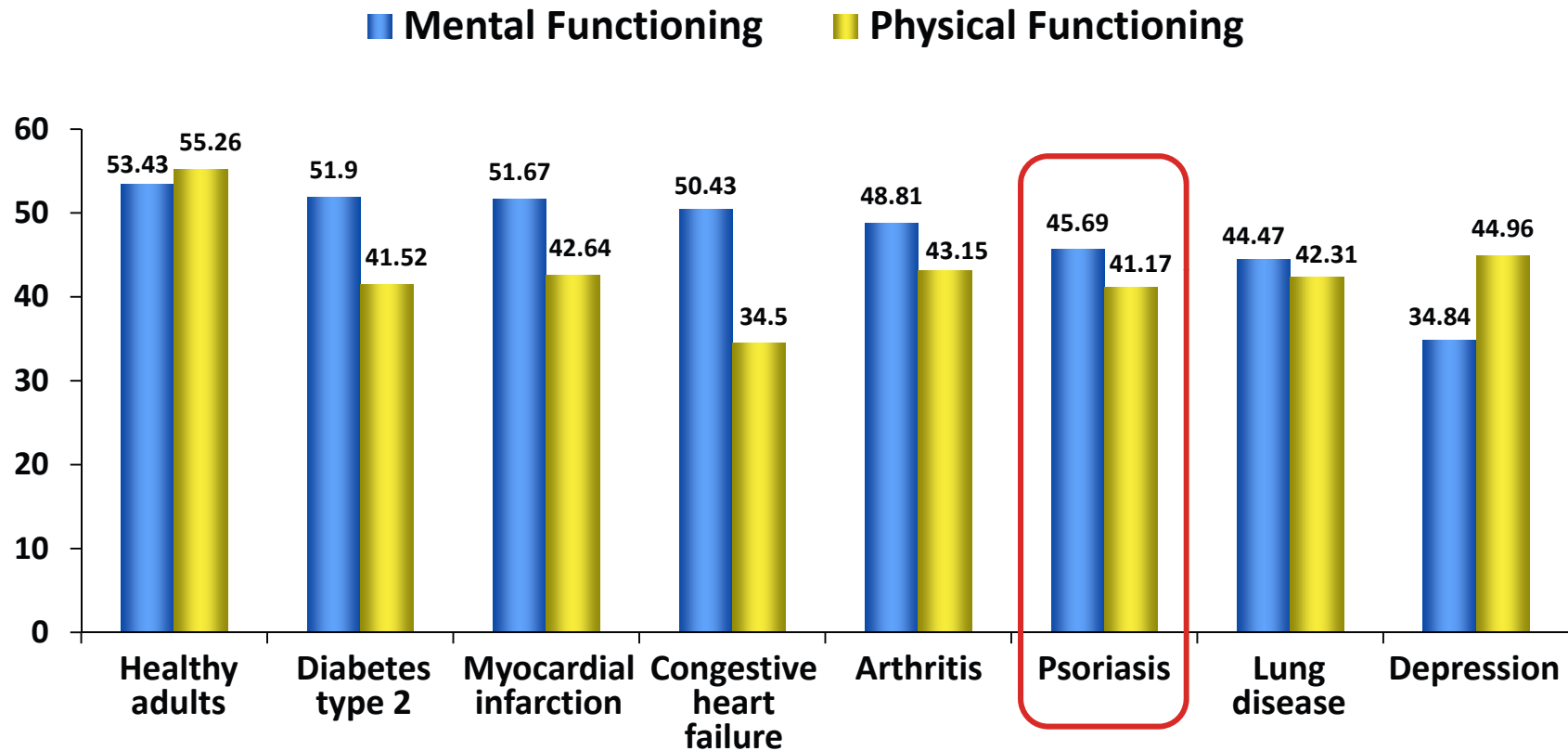
# Psoriasis Natural History

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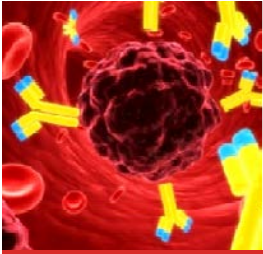
- ◆ Chronic disease with typical onset in 20s to 30s
- ◆ Genetic susceptibility
  - 40% have + family history
  - *HLA-Cw6* most commonly implicated
  - >40 genes implicated
- ◆ Any part of skin can be affected, including face, scalp, nails, genitals
- ◆ Majority of patients with more severe psoriasis remain poorly controlled for decades



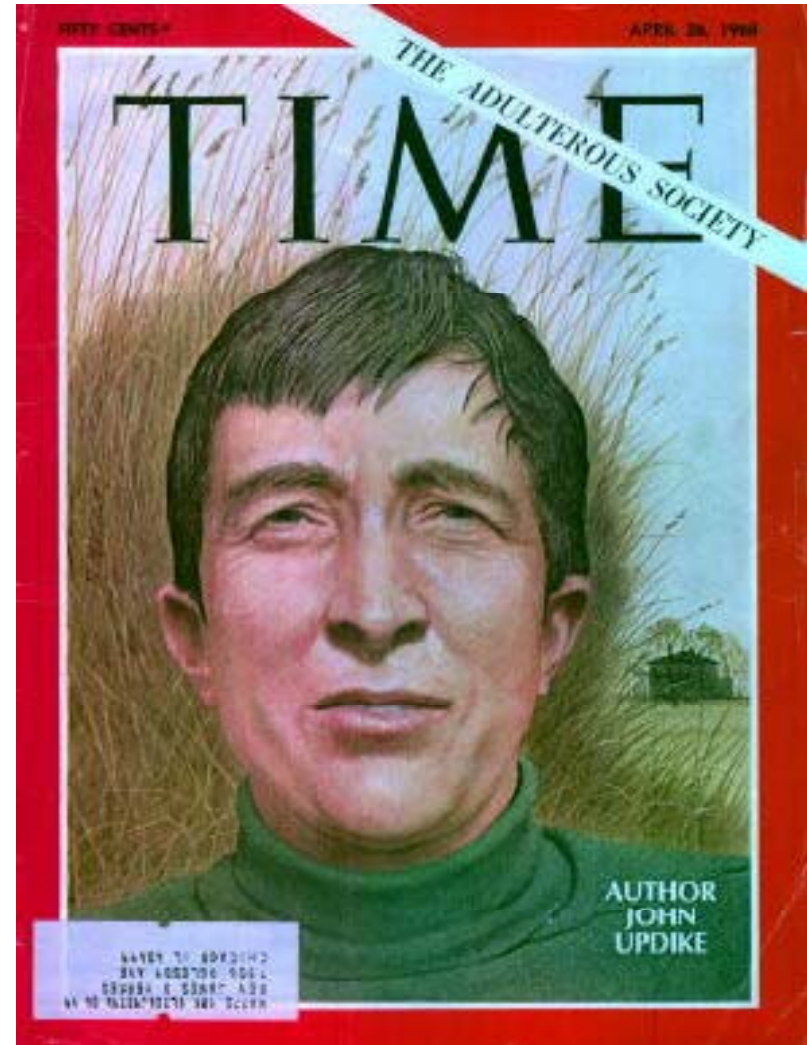
# Psoriasis Impact on Quality of Life (QoL) Compared to Other Major Morbidities



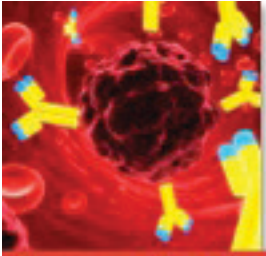
QoL outcome was SF-36 physical and mental health domains



“Only psoriasis could have taken a very average boy...and made him into a prolific, adaptable, ruthless-enough writer”

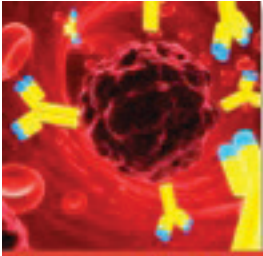


*“At war with my skin”* in *Self-Consciousness* by John Updike



# Psoriasis Vulgaris – Clinical Features

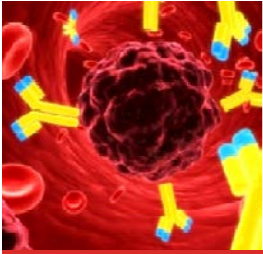




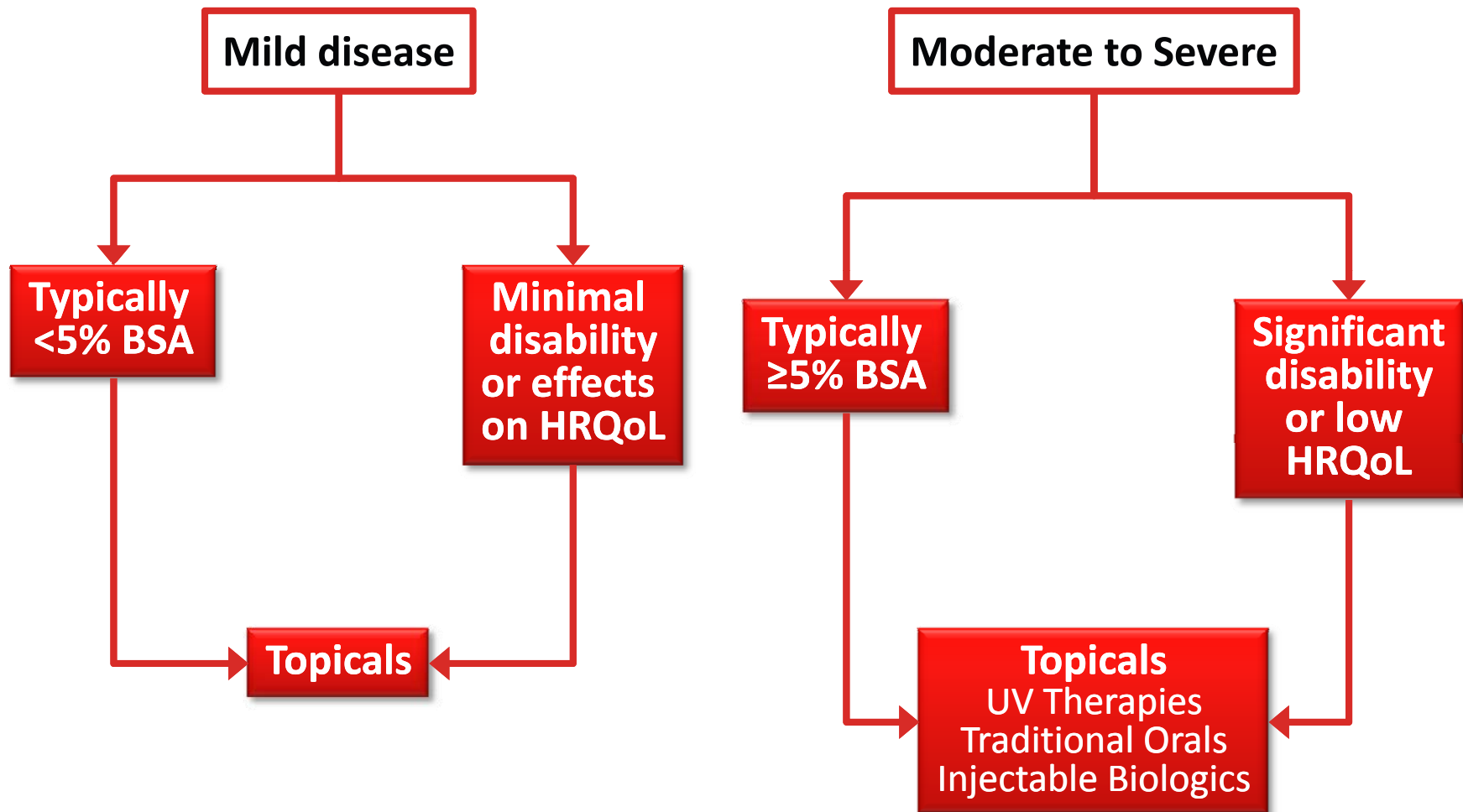
# Differential Diagnosis of Psoriasis

- ◆ Autoimmune diseases
  - Subacute cutaneous lupus, dermatomyositis
- ◆ Cancer
  - Mycosis fungoides, squamous cell, basal cell carcinoma
- ◆ Infection
  - Tinea, scabies, syphilis
- ◆ Other skin diseases
  - Eczema, pityriasis rubra pilaris, lichen planus
- ◆ Drug reaction





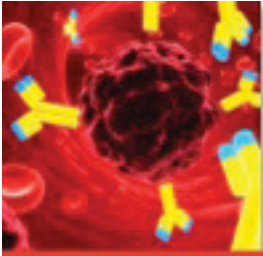
# Psoriasis Treatment Paradigm



BSA – Body Surface Area, HRQoL – Health-Related Quality of Life, UV – Ultraviolet

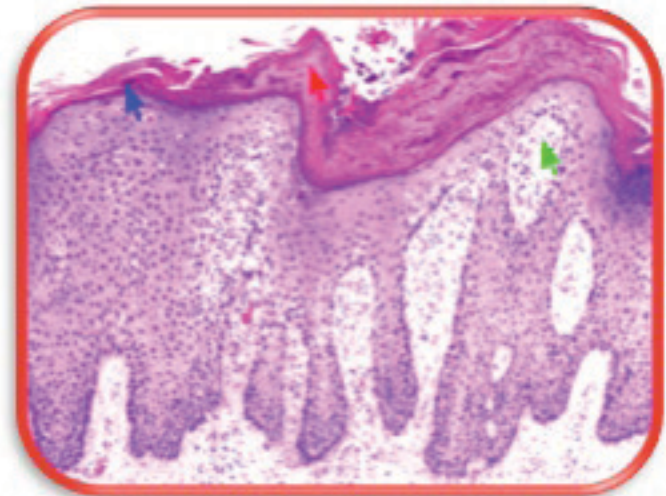
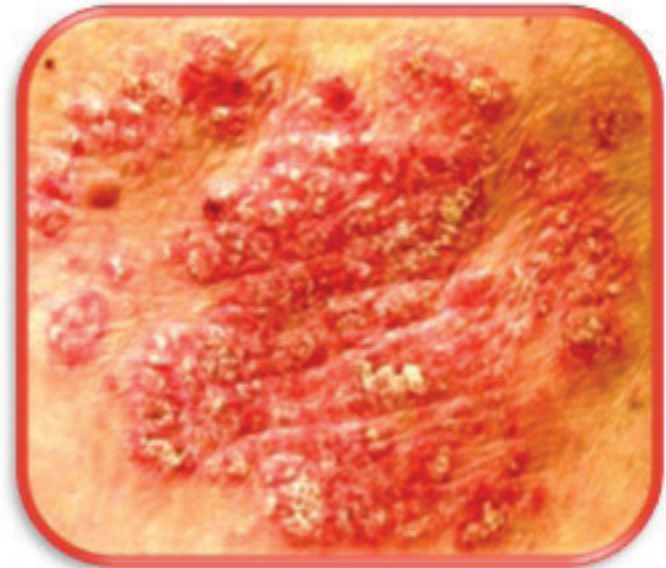
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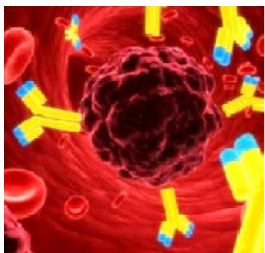




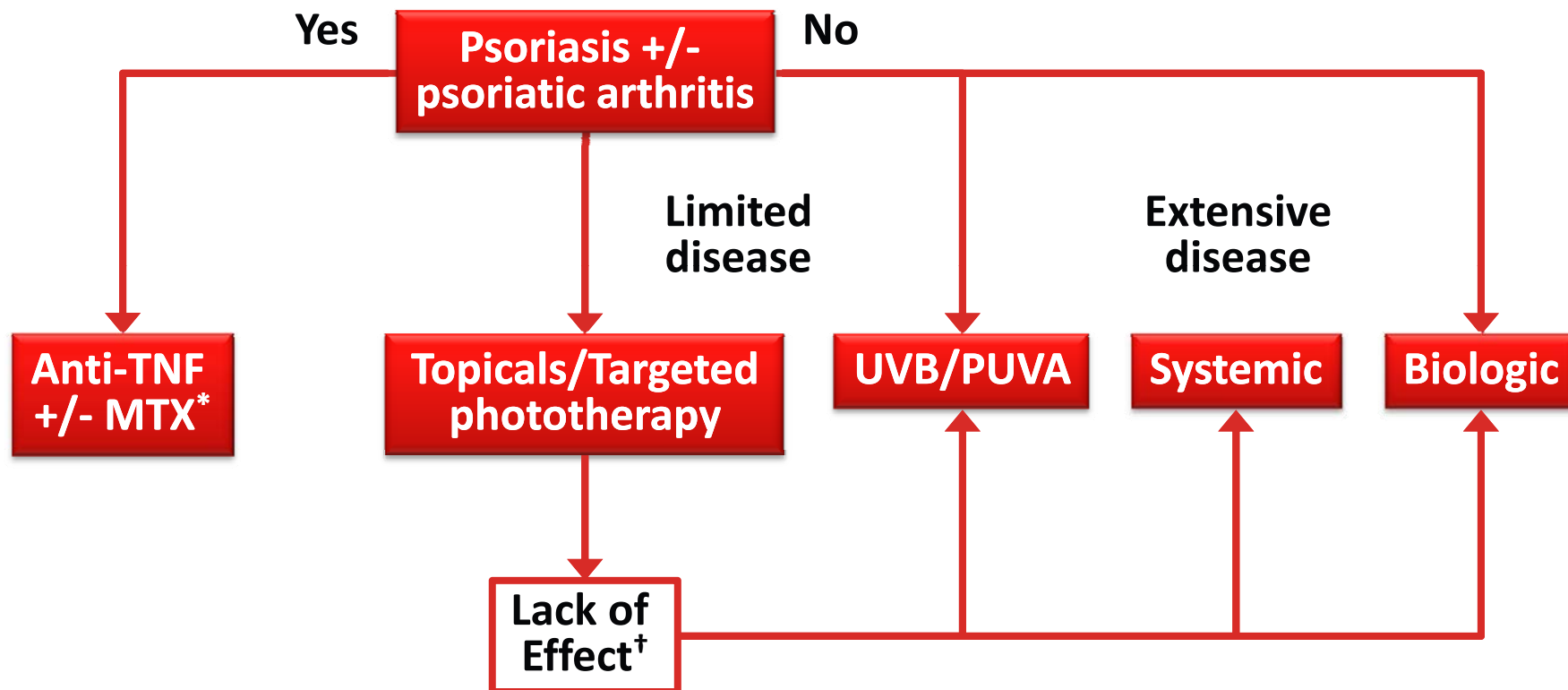
# Psoriasis Pathophysiology

- ◆ Localized and systemic inflammation
  - Defects in T regs
  - Upregulation of Th1 and Th17 cells, APCs, and cytokines
  - Associated with increased CRP and other markers of inflammation
- ◆ Epidermal Hyperproliferation
  - Clinically appreciated as scaling, cracking
  - Associated with elevated uric acid and oxidative stress
- ◆ Angiogenesis
  - Clinically appreciated as “Auspitz” sign
  - Associated with increased circulating VEG-F
- ◆ Genes
  - >40 susceptibility loci





# Presence of Psoriatic Arthritis Alters Treatment Recommendations (AAD Guidelines)

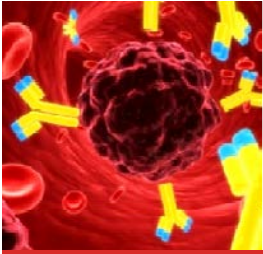


• Patients with nondeforming PsA without any radiographic changes, loss of range of motion, or interference with tasks of daily living should not automatically be treated with TNF inhibitors.

† Patients with limited skin disease should not automatically be treated with systemic treatment if they do not improve; such treatment may carry more risk than the disease itself.

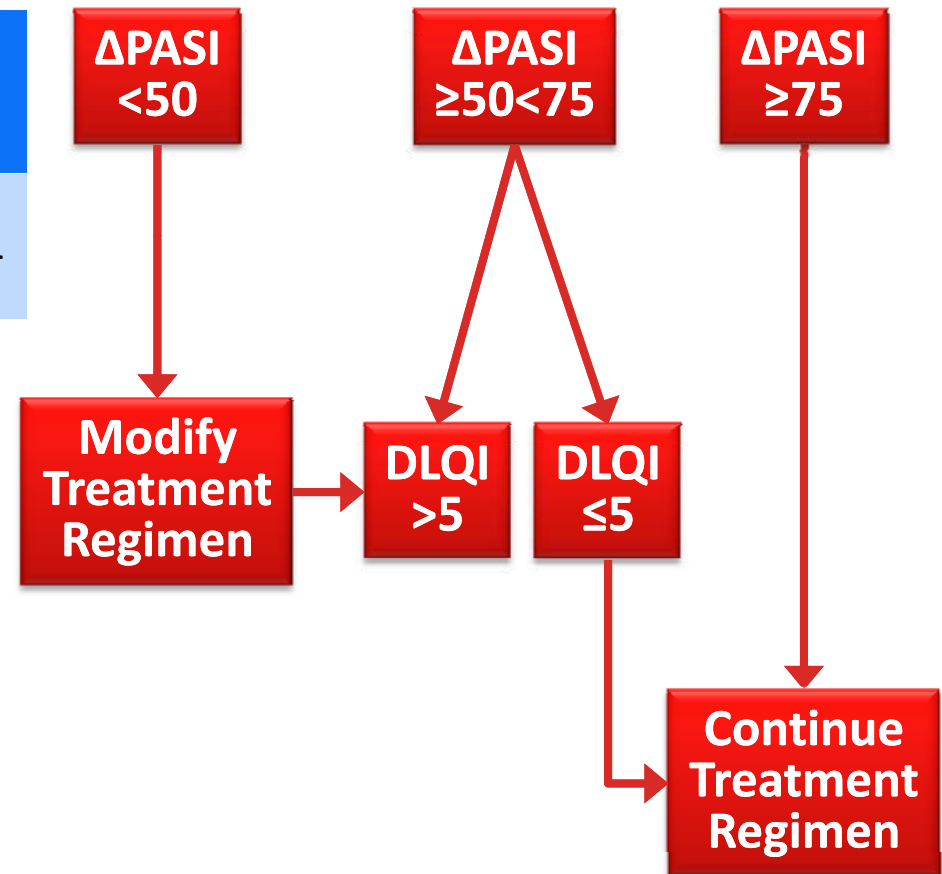
MTX, Methotrexate; PUVA; psoralen plus ultraviolet (UV)-A.

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# 20% of Almost Clear Patients Meet DLQI Criteria for Treatment Change

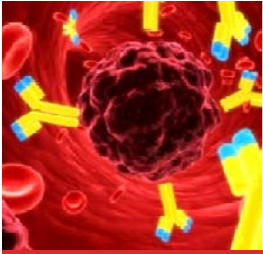
DLQI	Clear	Almost Clear	<i>P</i> value
≥Moderate effect, N (%)	2 (2)	85 (20)	<0.001



DLQI – dermatology life quality index

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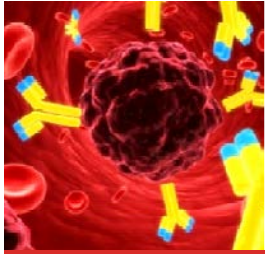


# Moderate-to-Severe Psoriasis Outcomes: Clinical Trials

- ◆ Clinical-trials primary endpoints focus on PASI 75 and Physician's Global Assessment (PGA) of clear/almost clear
- ◆ Increasingly PASI 90 and 100 reported

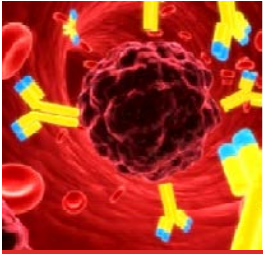
PASI – psoriasis area severity index

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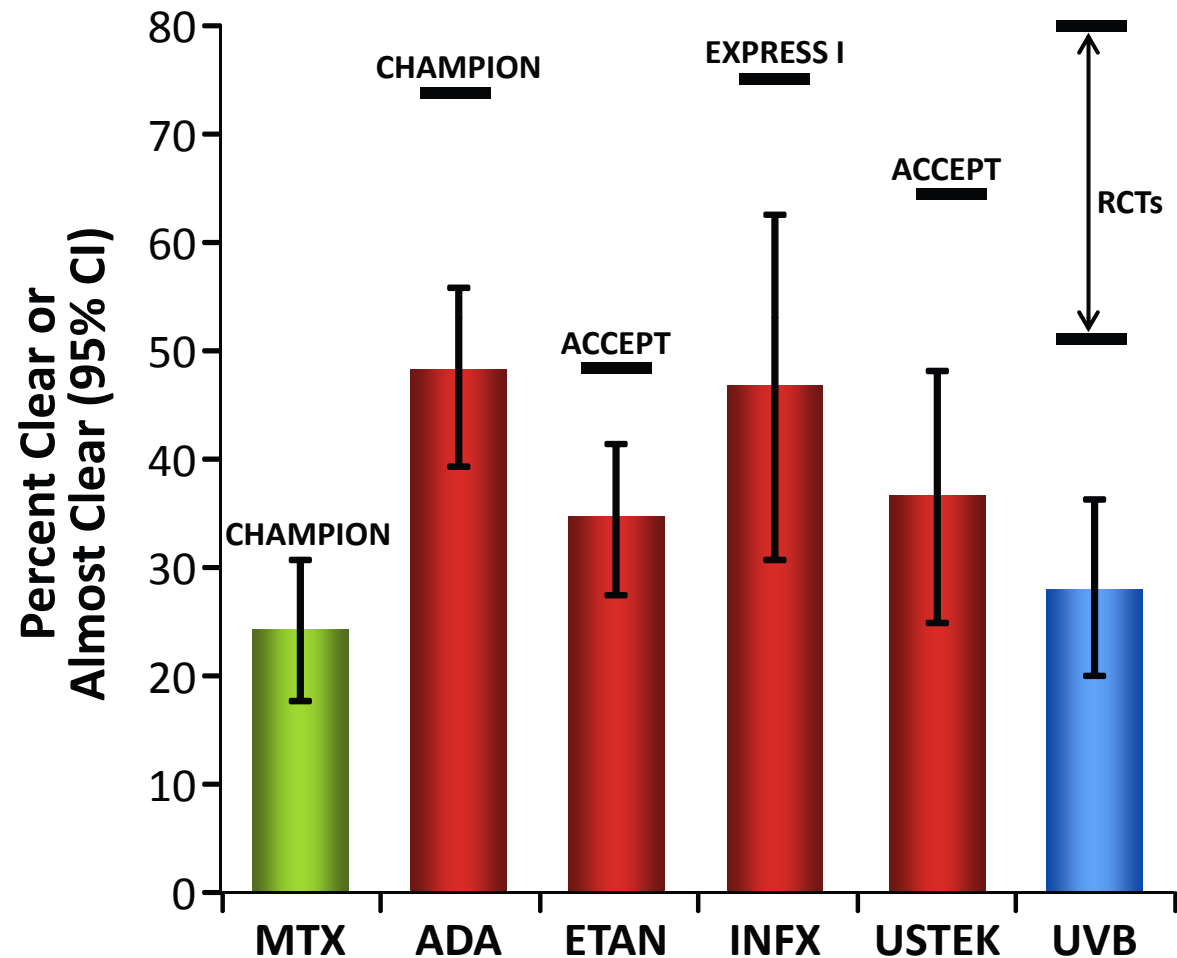
# PGA: Physician's Global Assessment (Averaged Over All Lesions)

	Induration (I) or Pustulation	Erythema (E)	Scaling (S)	Physician's Static Global Assessment based upon total average (I+E+S)/3
<b>0</b>	no plaque elevation	no erythema or hyper-pigmentation is present	no evidence of scaling	clear; except for residual discoloration
<b>1</b>	minimal elevation, 0.25mm	faint erythema	minimal; fine scale on <5% of lesion	minimal; majority of lesions have individual scores for (I+E+S)/3 that average 1
<b>2</b>	mild elevation, 0.5mm	light red coloration	mild; fine scale predominates	mild; majority of lesions have individual scores for (I+E+S)/3 that average 2
<b>3</b>	moderate elevation, 0.75mm	moderate red coloration	moderate; coarse scale predominates	moderate; majority of lesions have individual scores for (I+E+S)/3 that average 3
<b>4</b>	marked elevation, 1mm	bright red coloration	marked; thick, nontenacious scale predominates	marked; majority of lesions have individual scores for (I+E+S)/3 that average 4
<b>5</b>	severe elevation, >1.25mm	dusky to deep red coloration	severe; very thick tenacious scale predominates	severe; majority of lesions have individual scores for (I+E+S)/3 that average 5



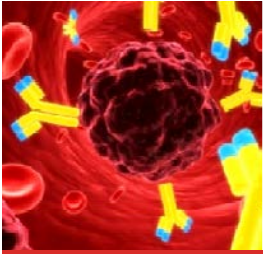
# PGA Clearance: Real World vs. RCT

- ◆ Most patients fail to achieve long-term disease control
- ◆ Durable response rates are much lower in clinical practice compared to short-term RCTs



$P < 0.001$

MTX, Methotrexate; ADA, Adalimumab; Etan, Etanercept; INFX, Infliximab; USTEK, Ustekinumab; UVB, ultraviolet B. Adapted from Gelfand JM, et al. *Arch Dermatol.* 2012;148:487. Takeshita J, et al. *J Invest Dermatol.* 2013;133:S92.



# Moderate-to-Severe Psoriasis Outcomes: Clinical Practice

- ◆ Treatment goals in clinical practice remain largely undefined
- ◆ Guideline goals:
  - European: PASI 75 and DLQI  $\leq 1$  (no effect)
  - Australasian: PASI 75 and DLQI  $\leq 5$  (small effect)
- ◆ In context of PsA, minimal disease activity defined as PASI  $\leq 1$  or BSA  $\leq 3\%$
- ◆ Psoriasis nontreatment, undertreatment, and treatment dissatisfaction remain significant problems in the US

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