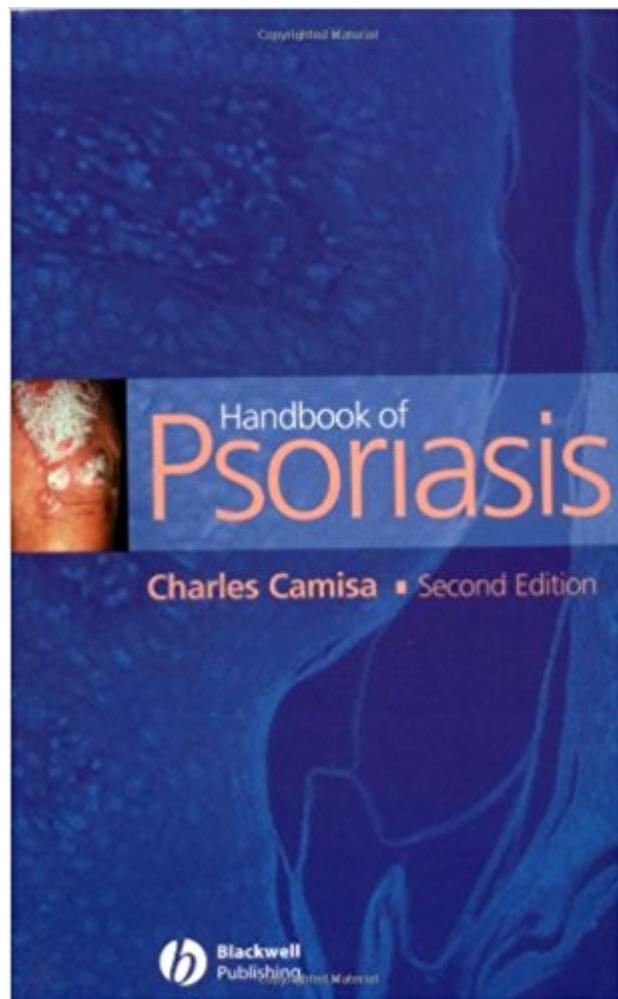


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Camisa eloquently clarifies the most essential factors regarding the use of these drugs(critical information that will be valuable not only for psoriasis but other dermatological disease entities as well). A definite "keeper" of a book which I highly recommend.

As a full time Phototherapist in a busy Dermatology practice, I find "The Handbook of Psoriasis; Second Edition", indispensable. After reading Dr. Camisa's book I find myself able to provide better patient care, through an increased insight into the disease that the majority of my patients suffer from. I also highly recommend this book to my patients as a tool through which they can better understand and control their condition, as it is written in such a manner that both the professional and patient can gather valuable, useful information.

As a resident in dermatology, I can strongly recommend this book. It provides concise thorough chapters on many aspects psoriasis, including its different clinical manifestations. Perhaps of most use are the chapters on treatment which summarise very well how to use the oral immunosuppressive medications, retinoids, tar, light and more. Highly recommended for 1st and 2nd years.

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