

Psoriasis -I

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PSORIASIS

- A chronic disorder with polygenic predisposition
- Characterized by erythematous scaly papules and plaques;
- Sites: scalp, elbows, knees, hands, feet, trunk, and nails.
- Triggering environmental factors: trauma, infection (streptococcal sore throat), or medication.
- Severe forms like pustular psoriasis and erythrodermic psoriasis can occur
- Psoriatic arthritis : 10%–25% of patients

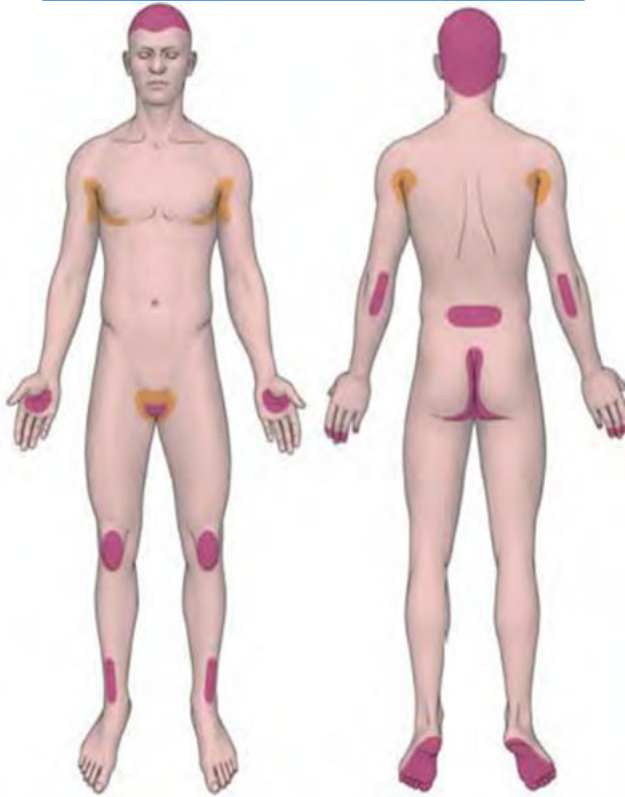


Case 1: 21 year old

History & Cutaneous examination

History
Duration
Seasonal variation
Joint pain
Sore throat
Stress
Alcohol
Smoking
HIV
Systemic illness
Prior treatment

Site



Type of lesions

- Primary
 - Papules
 - Plaques
- Secondary lesion
 - Scales

Palms
Soles
Scalp
Mucosa

Morphology

Colour

- Erythematous
- Hyperpigmented

Size

Margin

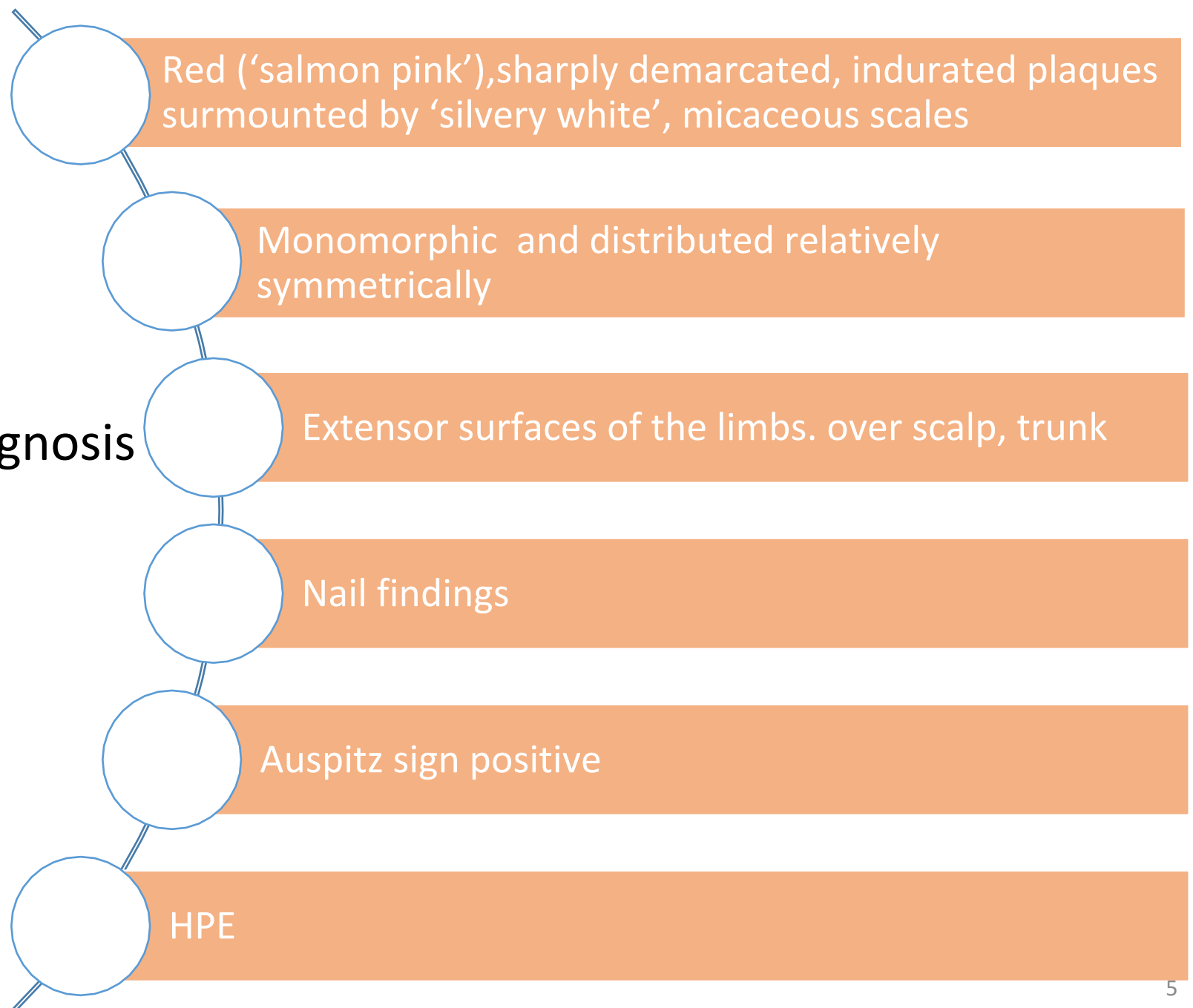
- Well defined

Consistency

- Indurated

CHRONIC PLAQUE- TYPE PSORIASIS

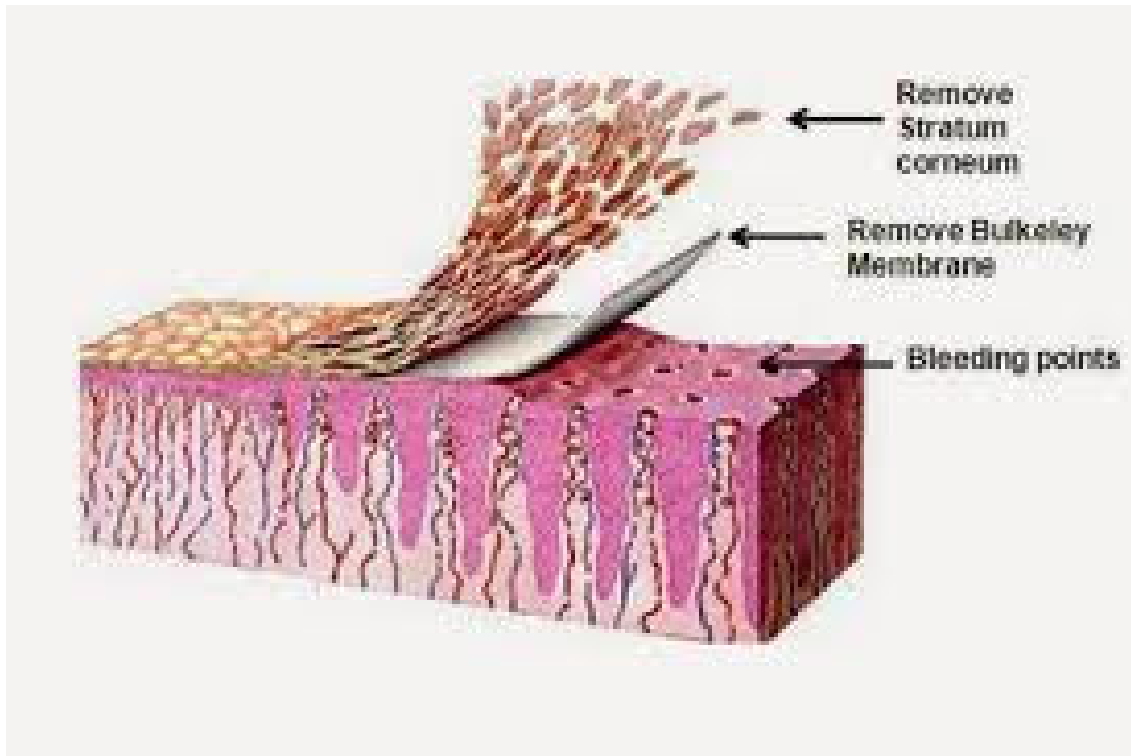
➤ Clues to diagnosis



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Grattage test & Auspitz sign

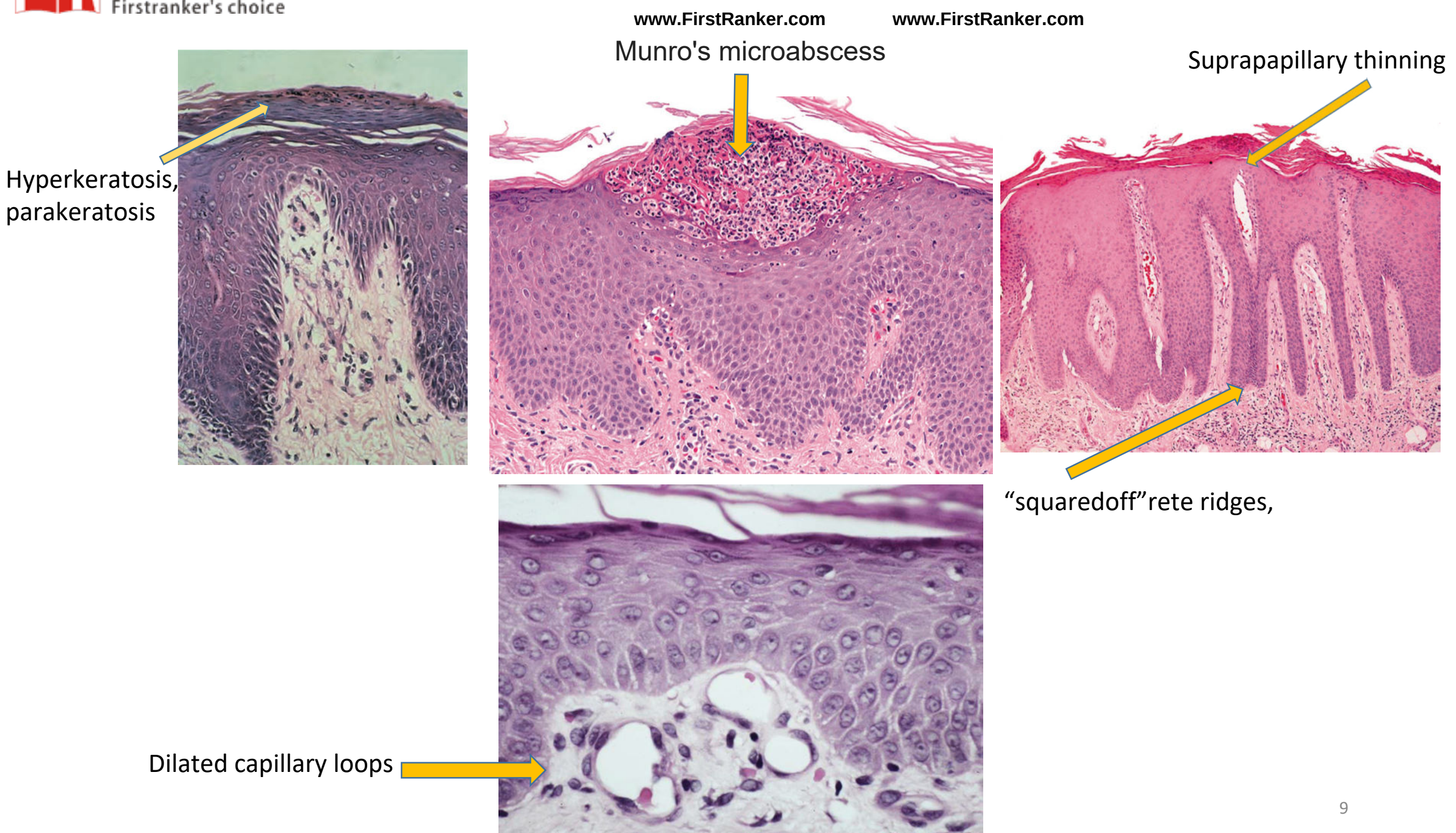
- **Auspitz sign:** Heinrich Auspitz (1835-86)
 - **Grattage test** - Scales in a psoriatic plaque can be accentuated by grating with a glass slide
1. Gently scraping lesion with a glass slide accentuates the silvery scales (Grattage test positive). Scrape off all the scales
 2. Continue to scrape the lesion – glistening white adherent membrane (Burkley's membrane) appears
 3. On removing the membrane, punctate bleeding points become visible



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HPE chronic plaque psoriasis

- Hyperkeratosis and confluent parakeratosis
- **Neutrophilic microabscesses in corneal layer/upper epidermis**
- Hypogranulosis
- Regular acanthosis
- Regular elongation of rete ridges called “**squared off**” rete ridges,
- **Suprapapillary thinning**
- Dilated capillary loops in papillary dermis



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Koebner phenomenon (isomorphic response)

- traumatic induction of psoriasis on nonlesional skin
- during flares of disease
- all-or-none phenomenon (i.e., if psoriasis occurs at one site of injury it will occur at all sites of injury)
- occurs 7–14 days after injury
- Seen in upto 25% of patients



Classification

Morphology / natural history based

Chronic Plaque psoriasis
Acute guttate psoriasis
'Unstable' psoriasis
Erythrodermic psoriasis
Pustular psoriasis
Atypical psoriasis

Verrucous
Elephantine
Rupoid
Ostraceous

Site based

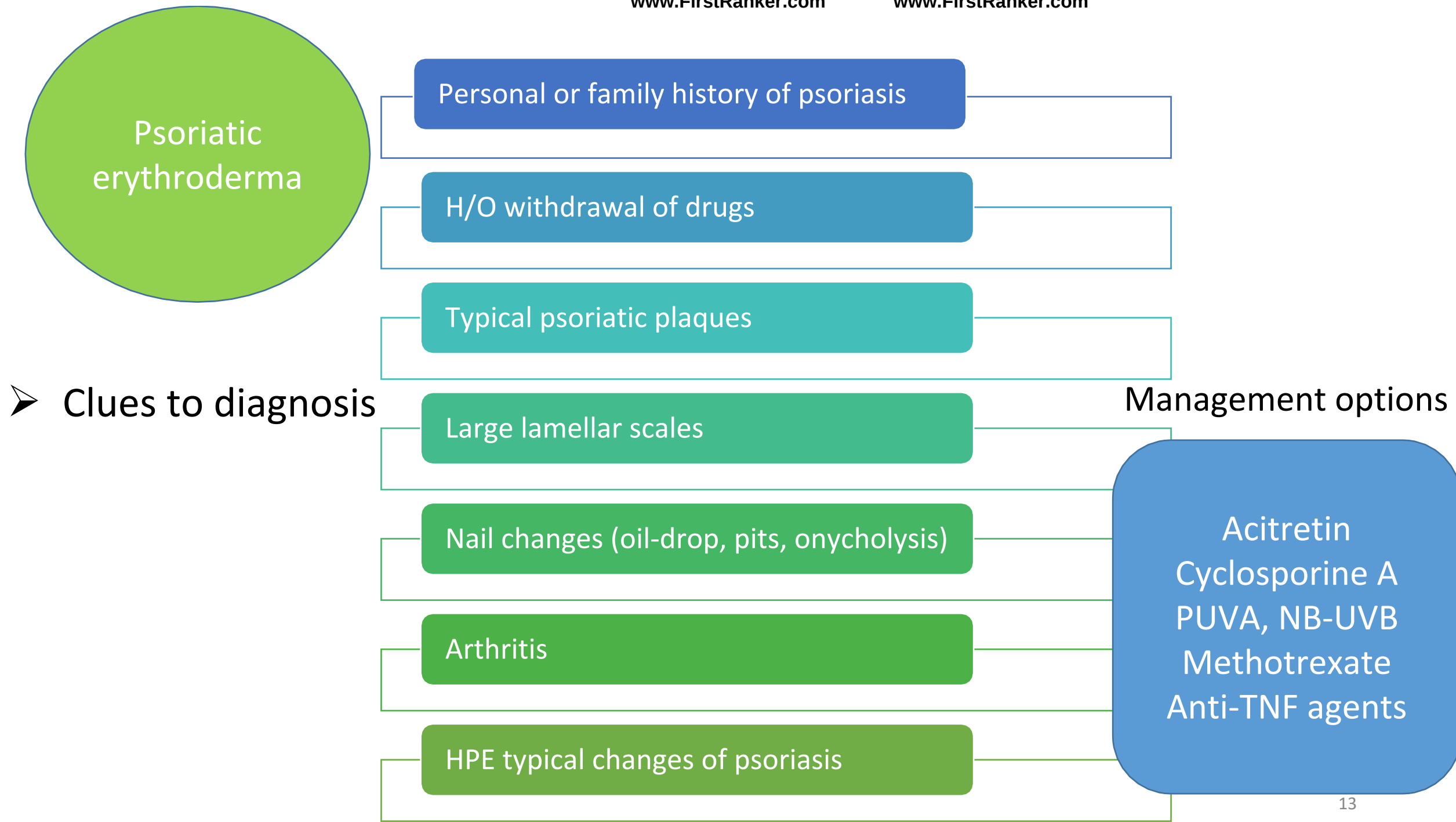
Scalp psoriasis
Follicular psoriasis
Sebopsoriasis
Flexural/inverse psoriasis
Genital psoriasis
Non-pustular palmoplantar
Nail psoriasis
Mucosal lesions
Ocular lesions

Other specified forms

Linear and segmental
psoriasis
Psoriasis in childhood, old
age
Photoaggravated psoriasis
Drug-induced/exacerbated
HIV-induced / exacerbated



Case 2: 54 year old man



Pustular psoriasis classification

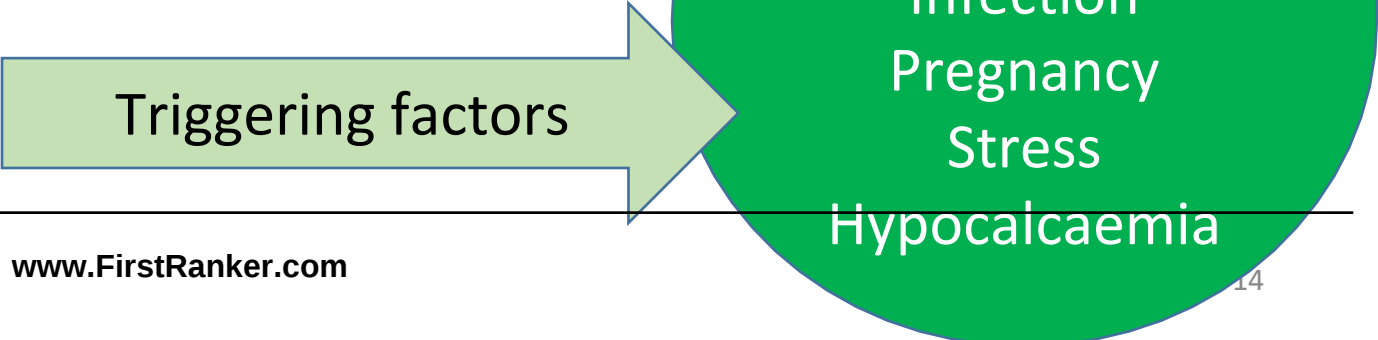
Generalized

1. **Acute generalized (von Zumbusch).**
2. Subacute annular and circinate

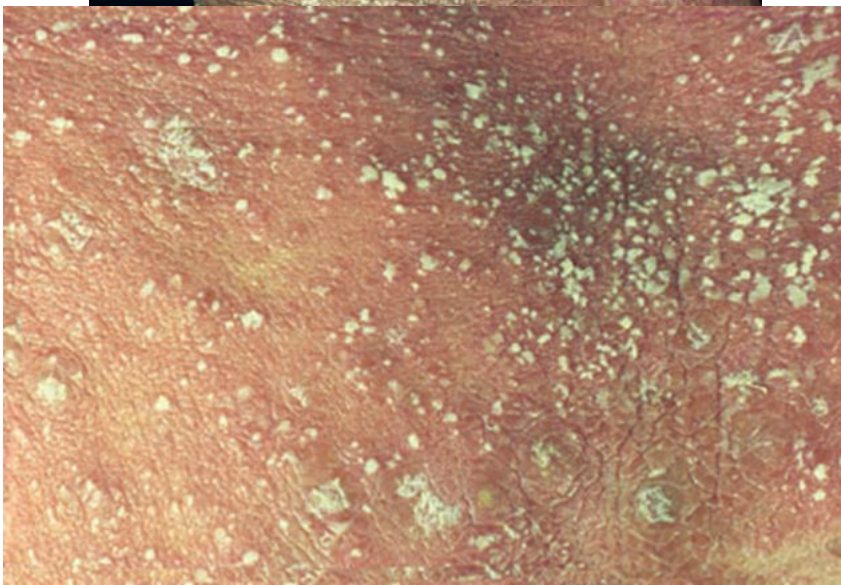
- **Acute generalized pustular psoriasis of pregnancy (GPPP or impetigo herpetiformis).**
- Infantile and juvenile generalized pustular psoriasis.

Localized

1. Palmoplantar pustulosis.
2. Acrodermatitis continua of Hallopeau



Case 3: 54 year old man



Case 4: 54 year old man



Acute generalized (von Zumbusch).

Abrupt onset, high fever, malaise, burning in skin

Fiery-red erythema topped by pinpoint sterile yellow pustules

Waves of fever and pustulation
Coalescing lesions > "lakes" of pus

Deleterious
germline
mutations
in IL36RN

Leukocytosis, elevated ESR or CRP, plasma albumin, calcium low.

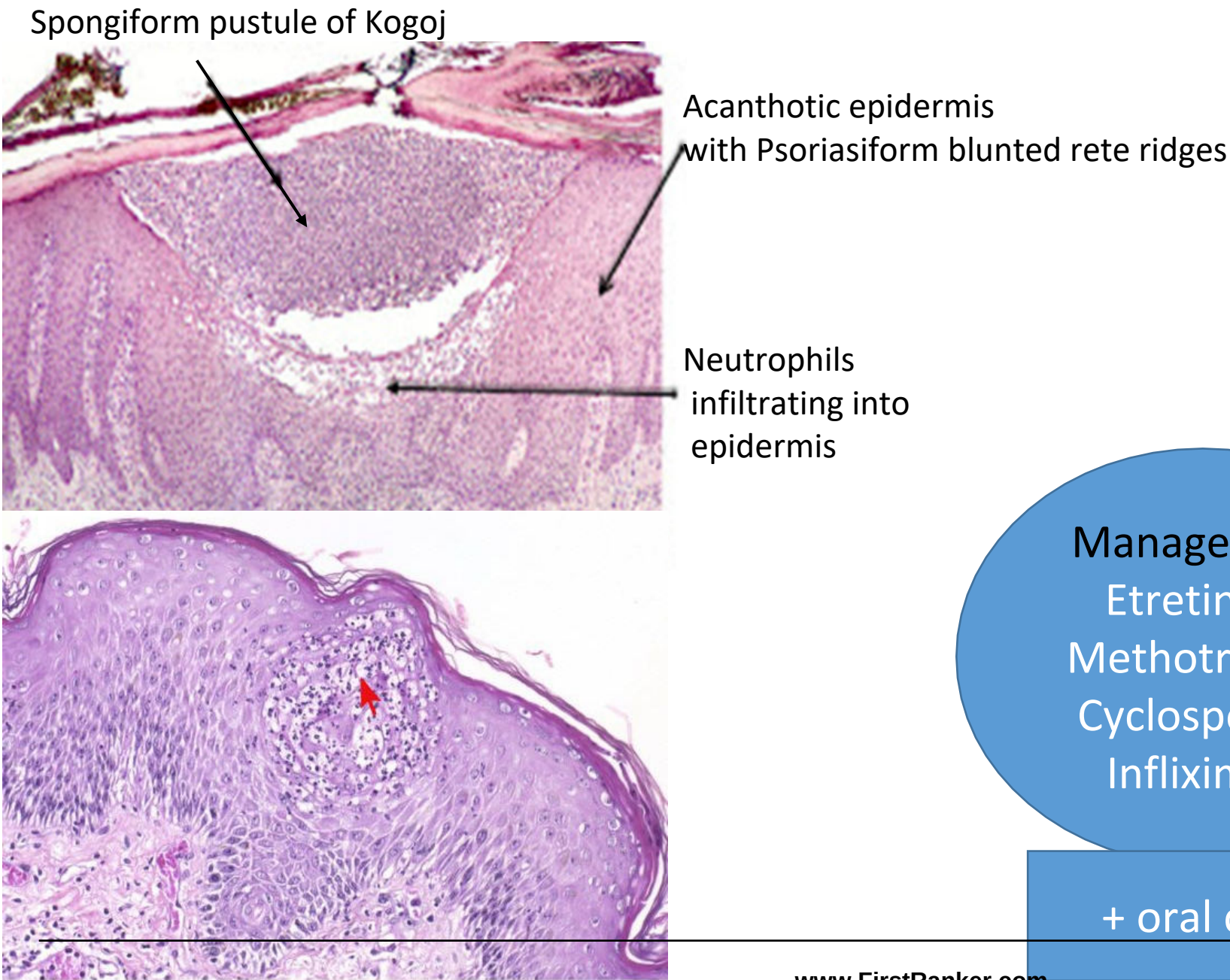
Kogoj's spongiform pustules on HPE

GPPP

- last trimester of pregnancy
- persist upto childbirth maybe beyond
- recurs in subsequent pregnancies
- usually starts in the inguino-genital region
- High fever with severe constitutional symptoms
- death due to cardiac or renal failure
- stillbirth, neonatal death or fetal abnormalities



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- Complications**
- Hypocalcemia
 - Bacterial superinfection
 - Sepsis
 - Dehydration
 - ARDS

- Management**
- Etretinate
 - Methotrexate
 - Cyclosporine
 - Infliximab

+ oral corticosteroids in GPPP

Palmoplantar Pustulosis

- Chronic relapsing eruption limited to palms and soles.
- Numerous sterile, yellow, deep-seated pustules that evolve into dusky-red crusts.



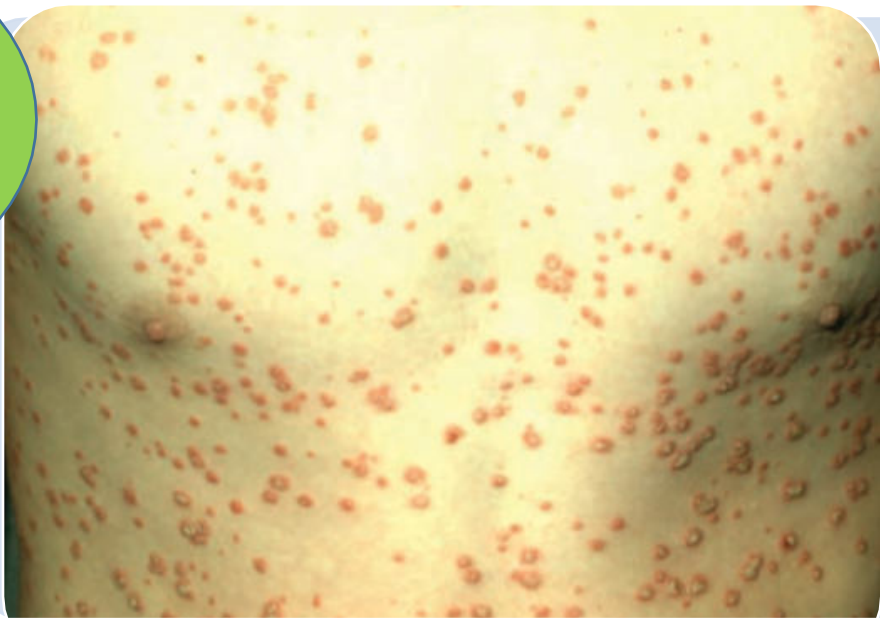
Acrodermatitis continua of Hallopeau

- acral pustule formation,
- subungual lakes of pus
- destruction of nail plates.
- permanent loss of nails and scarring.



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Guttate
psoriasis



Rule out
Eruptive LP
P rosea
PLC
Secondary syphilis

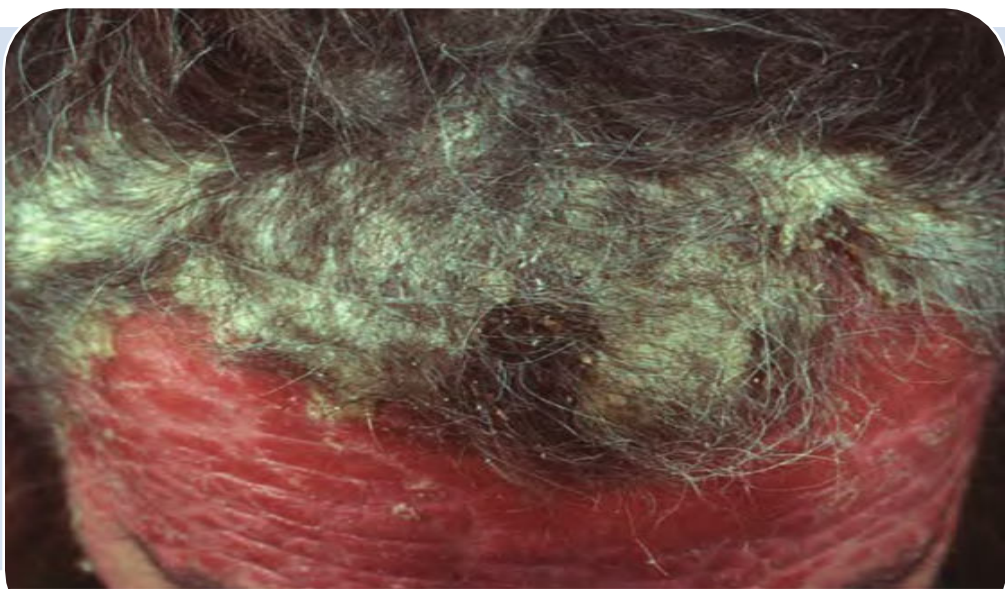
Unstable
psoriasis



H/o
withdrawal of systemic or
potent topical steroids,
tar or dithranol,
Acute infection
hypocalcaemia
severe emotional upset

Scalp psoriasis

Flexural psoriasis



d/d Seborrheic dermatitis

Greasy yellowish scales

Does not extend beyond hairline

Ill defined areas of involvement

d/d

Tinea, candidiasis, intertrigo

Seborrheic dermatitis

Langerhans cell histiocytosis

Hailey-Hailey disease

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Non-pustular palmoplantar psoriasis



A sharply defined edge at the wrist, forearm or palm

absence of vesiculation in history

knuckles frequently show a dull-red thickening

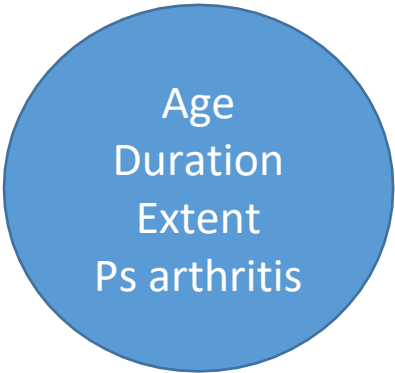
Nail changes

Dd hyperkeratotic eczema

Topical PUVA
Coal tar + Steroid
Acitretin Methotrexate
Recalcitrant PPP – etanercept

Nail psoriasis

Nail involvement increases with



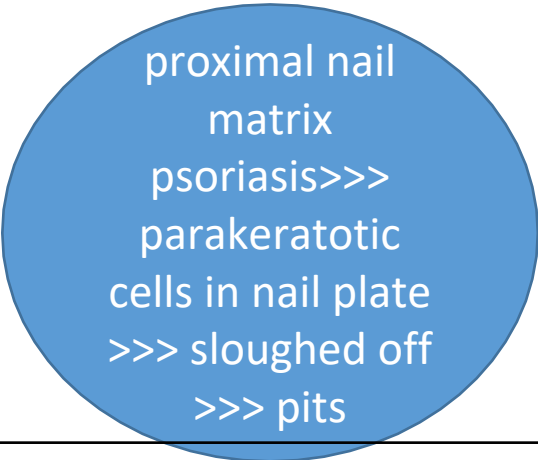
Proximal matrix	Pitting, onychorrhexis, Beau lines
Intermediate matrix	Leukonychia
Distal matrix	Focal onycholysis, thinned nail plate, erythema of the lunula
Nail bed	"Oil drop" sign or "salmon patch," subungual hyperkeratosis, onycholysis, splinter hemorrhages
Hyponychium	Subungual hyperkeratosis, onycholysis
Nail plate	Crumbling and destruction plus other changes secondary to the specific site
Proximal and lateral nail folds	Cutaneous psoriasis

Diagnostic techniques

Dermoscopy
Videodermoscopy
Capillaroscopy
Ultrasound
Optical coherence tomography
Confocal laser scanning microscopy (CLSM)

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PITS



➤ **psoriatic suspected**

- > 20 fingernail pits per person
- >60 total pits per person

➤ **Length of pit –**

length of time, matrix was affected

➤ **Depth of pit**

involvement of intermediate + ventral matrix + dorsal matrix

Oil spot or Salmon patch

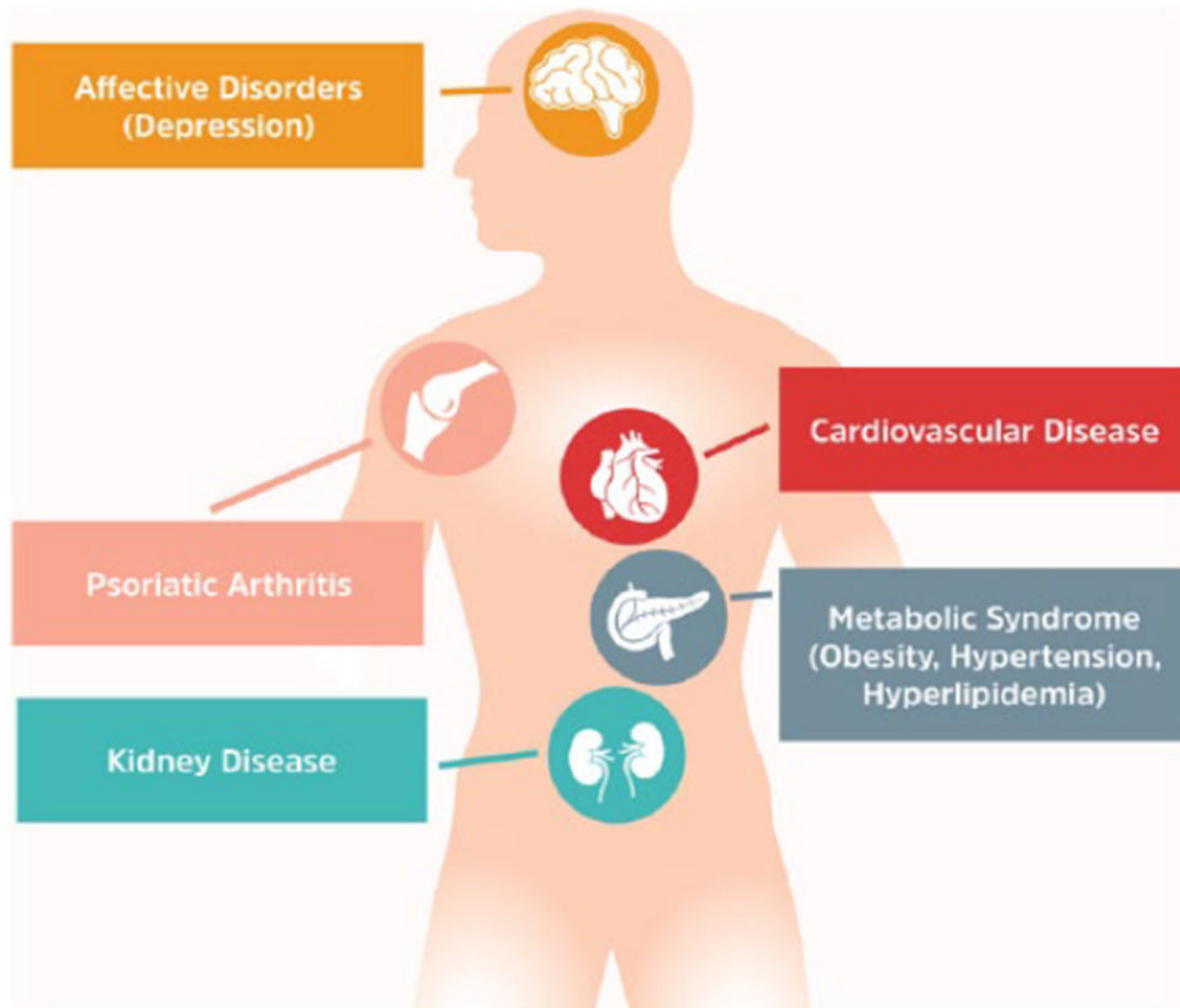


focal nail bed
parakeratosis >>
focal onycholysis >>
serum and cellular
debris accumulate and
become entrapped

Dogra A, Arora AK. Nail psoriasis: the journey so far. Indian J Dermatol. 2014;59(4):319-33

More commonly affects finger There are usually several digits affected Pits are very frequently seen Loss of nail transparency is less frequent Proximal erythematous brownish halo at the proximal edge of nail plate Associated with lesions of psoriasis on the skin or psoriatic arthritis Nail plate on histopathology shows no fungal hyphae or spores, nail bed hyperplasia and hypergranulosis seen Potassium hydroxide (KOH) mount negative PAS staining negative	More commonly affects toe (7-10 times more commonly) Only one or a few digits affected Pits are rarely seen No proximal erythematous brownish halo No such halo can be appreciated The clinical picture is associated with tinea pedis, repeated trauma, or work predisposing to fungal infection Nail plate and hyponychium show presence of fungal hyphae or spores No hypergranulosis seen KOH mount positive and shows fungal elements PAS staining positive due to presence of fungal elements
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Co-morbidities in psoriasis



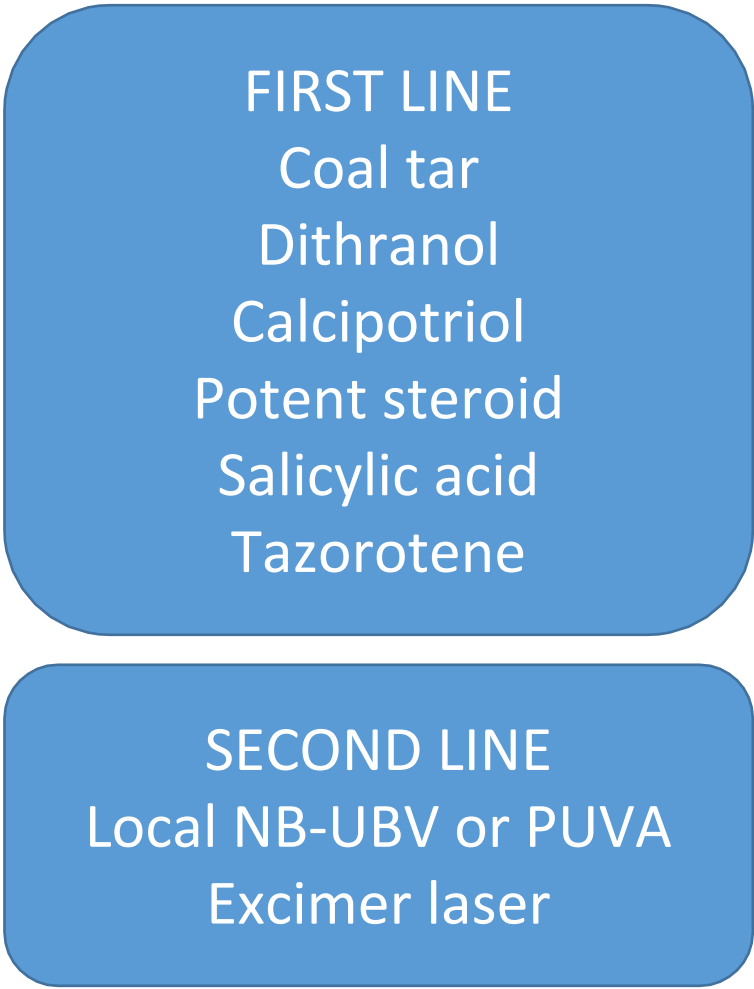
- Malignancy
- Autoimmune diseases
- **Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease**
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
- Obstructive sleep apnea
- Bone disease
- Parkinsonism
- **Psychosocial effect**
- Psychiatric disorders
- Alcohol abuse
- Smoking
- Migraine

Higher disease severity and younger at diagnosis have a higher risk

Will it work?????



Mild plaque psoriasis <10% BSA without psoriatic arthritis

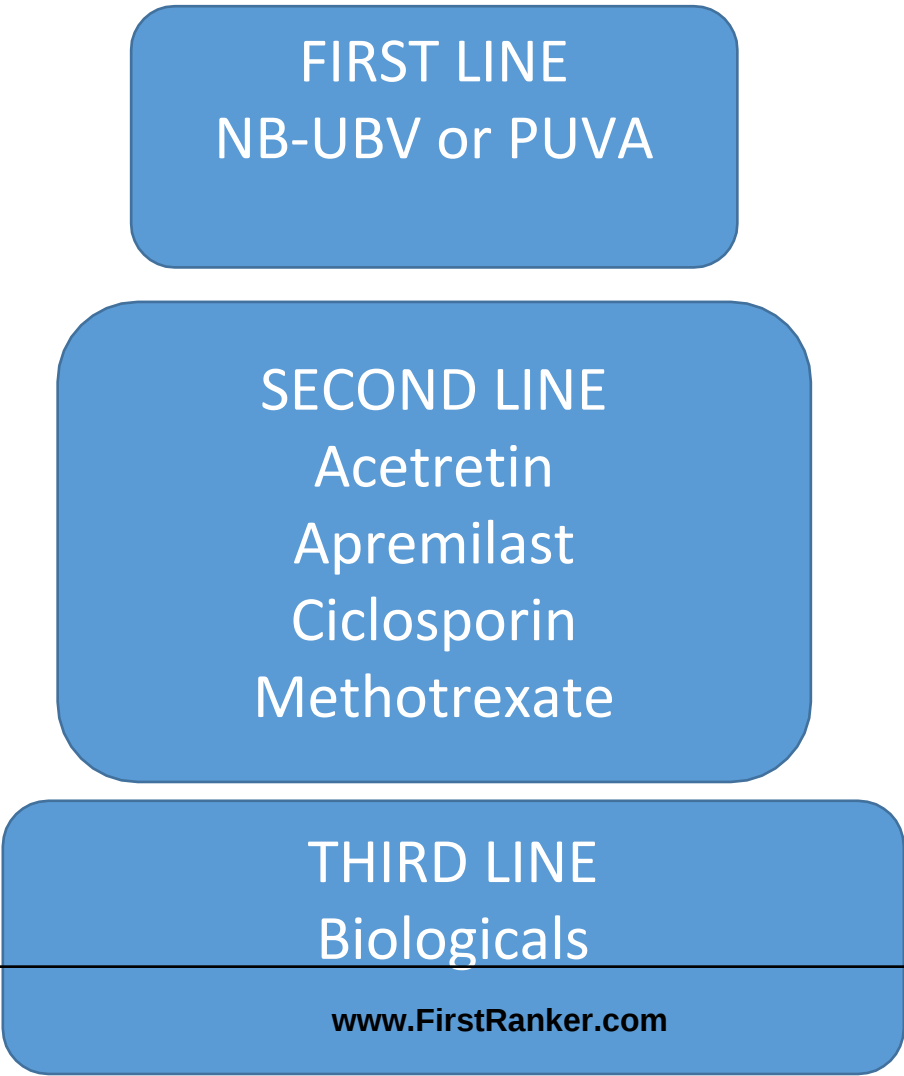


CONTRAINDICATIONS FOR COAL TAR

- Unstable plaque psoriasis in a phase of progression
- Pustular psoriasis
- Erythrodermic psoriasis

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Moderate to severe plaque psoriasis **without** **psoriatic arthritis**



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Moderate to severe plaque psoriasis **with** **psoriatic arthritis**

FIRST LINE
Apremilast
Methotrexate

SECOND LINE
Biologicals

THIRD LINE
Combination therapy

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Thank you