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# Psoriasis Area and Severity Index Clinical Classification

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## Source

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A standardized survey developed by Fredriksson and Pettersson in 1978 to calculate the intensity and extent of psoriatic plaques before, during, and after retinoid treatment in chronic plaque-type psoriasis. The instrument utilizes a 5-point rating scale to measure intensity and assigns a numerical score for the percentage of anatomical involvement.