

## Reasons for discontinuation vary by psoriasis treatment

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Howa Yeung, from the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine in Philadelphia, and colleagues conducted interviews of 1,095 patients with moderate-to-severe plaque psoriasis to assess 11 reasons for treatment discontinuation for all past treatments (2,231 total).

The authors found that the median treatment duration ranged from 6.0 to 20.5 months (P



"A broad range of clinically relevant, patient-oriented reasons may explain why patients discontinue treatments," the authors write. "These results may inform the development of <u>public policy</u> and evidence-based strategies to improve treatment satisfaction and to maintain successful long-term <u>psoriasis</u> control."

Several authors disclosed financial ties to the pharmaceutical industry.

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