therapeutic intervention and may allow prevention of protracted illness and serious complications. Fumaric acid esters were reported as successful in inducing remission of disease. Isotretinoin has been reported to be of value, although a comprehensive review suggests that acitretin may be more effective in clearing lesions. Accordingly, most patients are treated first with acitretin today. Therapy with methotrexate, using the guidelines established for psoriasis vulgaris, is helpful or has even worsened pityriasis rubra pilaris. Ultraviolet A1 phototherapy may be a valuable mode of adjuvant therapy in pityriasis rubra pilaris. For symptomatic relief, patients can be treated with topical aminonicotinamide 1 percent, although it is not commonly used. Success has been reported with topical aminonicotinamide 1 percent, although it is not commonly used. Recurrences are recognized in up to 20 percent of patients, however, sometimes after long periods of apparent remission. Clinical manifestations in the HIV infection-associated type VI are severe and persistent. There is little or no tendency for type V to resolve spontaneously; improvement with extracorporeal photopheresis may be observed. Isotretinoin has been reported to be of value, although a comprehensive review suggests that acitretin may be more effective in clearing lesions. Accordingly, most patients are treated first with acitretin today.