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Prof. Morita graduated from Nagoya City University and received his MD in 1989. He later received his PhD in basic immunology from Aichi Cancer Center in Nagoya. As a Humboldt Foundation Fellow, he studied photobiology and photoimmunology at Düsseldorf University in Düsseldorf, Germany. Prof. Morita underwent further training at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, Texas, United States. Since then, he has introduced numerous standard phototherapies to Japan. He was appointed Professor and Chairman of the Department of Geriatric and Environmental Dermatology at Nagoya City University Graduate School of Medical Sciences in 2003. He currently holds the position of Vice Director of Nagoya City University Hospital. Prof. Morita's main research interests are photobiology, phototherapy, cutaneous immunology, skin aging, and psoriasis.

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