## LYMPHOMA

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#### WHO Classification of Hematological Neoplasms

Myeloid

Lymphoid

Histiocytic

Mast Cell

B cell neoplasms \* T cell neoplasms Hodgkin's lymphoma

\* Includes plasma cell myeloma

#### **B-Cell neoplasms**

#### Precursor B-cell neoplasm

Precursor B-lymphoblastic leukemia/Iymphoma (precursor B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia)

#### Mature (peripheral) B-cell neoplasm\*

B-cell chronic lymphocytic leukemia/small lymphocytic lymphoma

**B-cell prolymphocytic leukemia** 

Lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma

#### Splenic marginal zone B-cell lymphoma (+/— villous lymphocytes)

#### Hairy cell leukemia

Plasma cell myeloma/plasmacytoma

Extranodal marginal zone B-cell lymphama of MALT type

#### Nodal marginal zone B-cell lymphoma (+1-monocytoid B cells)

Follicular lymphoma

Mantle-cell lymphoma

Diffuse large B-cell lymphama

#### Mediastinal large B-cell lymphoma

**Primary effusion lymphoma** 

Burkitt's lymphoma/Burlcitt cell leukemia

#### T-cell and NK-cell neoplasms Precursor T-cell neoplasm Precursor T-lymphoblastic lymphoma/leukemia (precursor T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia) Mature (peripheral) T-cell neoplasms T-cell prolymphocytic leukemia T-cell granular lymphocytic leukemia **Aggressive NK-cell leukemia** Adult T-cell lymphoma/leukemia (HTLV1 +) Extranodal NK/T-cell lymphoma, nasal type **Enteropathy-type T-cell lymphoma** Hepotosplenic gamma-delta T-cell lymphoma Subcutaneous panniculitis-like T-cell lymphoma Mycosis fungoides/Sezary syndrome Anaplastic large-cell lymphoma, T/null cell, primary cutaneous type Peripheral T-cell lymphoma, not otherwise characterized Angioimmunoblastic T-celllymphoma Amaplastic large-cell lymphoma, T/null cell, primary systemic type Hodgkin's lymphoma (Hodgkin's disease) Nodular lymphocyte-predominant Hodgkin's )ymphoma **Classical Hodgkin's lymphoma** Nodular sclerosis Hodgkin's Tymphoma (grades 1 and 2) Lymphocyte-rich classical Hodgkin's lymphoma Mixed cellularity Hodgkin's lymphoma Lymphocyte depletion Hodgkin's lymphoma

NOTE: Only major categories are included. Subtypes and variants will be discussed in the WHO book<sup>2</sup> and are listed in Tables *7 through* 16. Common entities are shown in **boldface type**.

Abbreviations: HTLV1 +, human T-cell leukemia virus; MALT, mucosa-associated lymphoid tissue; NK, natural killer. \*B-and T-/NK-cell neoplasms are grouped according to major clinical presentations (predominantly disseminated/leukemic, primary extranodal, predominantly nodal).

- 1. Indolent
- 2. Aggressive
- 3. Highly aggressive

Formerly

- 1. Low Grade
- 2. Intermediate Grade
- 3. High Grade

. Indolent (≡ "low grade")	Approximate International Incidence	
<ul> <li>Follicular lymphoma Grade 1</li> </ul>	1,2 22%	
<ul> <li>Marginal zone lymphoma</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Nodal</li> </ul>	1%	
<ul> <li>Extranodal (MALT)</li> </ul>	5%	
<ul> <li>Small lymphocytic lymphoma</li> </ul>	a 6%	
<ul> <li>Lymphoplasmacytic*</li> </ul>	1%	

\*association with Waldenstrom's macroglobulinemia

- 2. Aggressive
   (≡ "intermediate grade")
   Approximate International Incidence

   Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma
   21%
  - Primary mediastinal large B cell lymphoma 2%
  - Anaplastic large T / null cell lymphoma 2%
  - Peripheral T cell lymphoma 6%
  - Extranodal NK / T cell lymphoma, nasal type
  - Follicular lymphoma Gd 3
  - Mantle cell lymphoma

6%

#### 3. <u>Highly Aggressive</u> ( $\equiv$ "High grade")

Approximate International Incidence

 Lymphoblastic lymphoma	2%
 Burkitts lymphoma	1%
 Burkitt-like lymphoma	2%

(further simplified for radiation oncology exam purposes)

- INDOLENT
  - Follicular lymphoma Gd 1, 2
  - MALT (marginal zone lymphoma, extranodal (MALT type))
- AGGRESSIVE
  - Diffuse large cell

Lymphoma – Staging System (Cotswold's Meeting modification of Ann Arbour Classification

- I Single lymph node region (or lymphoid structure) \*
- II 2 or more lymph node regions
- III Lymph node regions on both sides of diaphragm
- IV Extensive extranodal disease (more extensive then "E")

#### Lymphoma – Staging System Subscripts

- A Asymptomatic
- B FeverNight sweatsWeight loss

> 38°, recurrent
drenching, recurrent
> 10% body wt in 6 mos

X Bulky disease ≥ 10 cm or > 1/3 internal transverse diameter @ T5/6 on PA CXR

**E** <u>Limited</u> extranodal extension from adjacent nodal site

### Lymphoma – Essential Staging Investigations

- Biopsy pathology review
- History B symptoms, PS
- Physical Exam nodes, liver, spleen, oropharynx
- CBC
- creatinine, liver function tests, LDH, calcium
- Bone marrow aspiration & biopsy
- CT neck, thorax, abdomen, pelvis

### **Additional Staging Investigations**

- PET or <sup>67</sup>Ga scan
- CT / MRI of head & neck
- Cytology of effusions, ascites
- Endoscopy
- Endoscopic U/S

for gastric lymphoma

- MRI CNS, bone, head & neck presentation
- HIV
- CSF cytology testis, paranasal sinus, periorbital, paravertebral, CNS, epidural, stage IV with bone marrow involvement

### **International Prognostic Index for NHL**

Age	> 60	
Stage	3, 4	
PS	ECOG ≥ 2	
LDH	> normal	
Extranodal	> 1 site	
	Number of Risk Factors	<u>5 yr OS*</u>
Low Risk	0-1	75%
Low-Intermediate	2	51%
High-Intermediate	3	43%
High Risk	4-5	26%

\*Diffuse large cell lymphoma

### **Indolent Lymphoma**

e.g. Follicular Gd 1/2, small lymphocytic, marginal zone

#### **Limited Disease**

(Stage 1A, 2A if 3 or less adjacent node regions)

- IFRT\* 30-35 Gy
- Expect ~ 40% long term FFR
- Alternate:
  - CMT
  - Observation. Treat when symptomatic.

\* Involved Field Radiotherapy. Use 35 Gy for follicular. 30 Gy for SLL, marginal

### **Indolent Lymphoma**

e.g. Follicular Gd 1/2, small lymphocytic, marginal zone

Advanced Stage ( some Stage 2, Stage 3, 4 )

- Palliative RT\* for localized symptomatic disease
- Palliative chemotherapy\*\* for disseminated symptomatic disease
- Observation only if low bulk, asymptomatic
  - Treat when symptomatic
- \* IFRT 15 20 Gy / 5
- \*\* CVP, chlorambucil

Aggressive Lymphoma (e.g. Diffuse large B cell)

#### Stage I, some Stage II

CHOP\* x 3 + IFRT (35-45 Gy)\*\*
 Expect ~ 75% long term FFR

## Stage III, IV, B symptoms, or bulky disease CHOP\* x 6-8 IFRT (35-45 Gy) to - sites of initial bulk

- residual disease (i.e. PR)
- \*or CHOP-R (see next slide)
- \*\* higher radiation dose if residual disease

### CHOP q 21 days

- Cyclophosphamide
- doxorubicin (formerly Hydroxydaunorubicin)
- vincristine ("Oncovin")
- Prednisone (p.o. x 5 days)

#### CHOP-R x 8 $\rightarrow$ ~40 % $\uparrow$ 3 yr EFS, OS (vs. CHOP x 8)

## Extranodal Lymphoma

Same treatment as nodal lymphoma

### Notable Exceptions:

- Gastric MALT
- Testis
- CNS
- Skin

### MALT = "mucosa associated lymphoid tissue"

### **MALT Lymphoma**

≡ Marginal zone B-cell lymphoma of extranodal (MALT) type

- Stomach. assoc. with Helicobacter pylori infection\*
- Salivary Gland. assoc with Sjogren's syndrome\*
- Thyroid. assoc with Hashimoto's thyroiditis\*
- Orbital (lacrimal, conjunctiva)
- Other: Waldeyer's ring, breast, bladder, lung, skin
  - $* \rightarrow$  chronic antigen stimulation

## **Gastric MALT Lymphoma**

- Stage IE , H. pylori +
  - $\rightarrow$  PPI, 2 antibiotics (e.g. clarithromycin, amoxicillin) F/U gastroscopy + Bx q6mo for 2 yrs, then q1yr
- Stage IE, H. pylori or antibiotic failure
   → IFRT 30 Gy (95% local control)
- Stage 2 or higher
   → Treat as indolent lymphoma + H. pylori eradication



WHO Classification of Lymphoid Neoplasms Hodgkin's Lymphoma (≡ Hodgkin's disease)

1. Nodular lymphocyte-predominant HL\*

2. Classical HL

- Nodular sclerosis HL
- Lymphocyte-rich classical HL\*
- Mixed cellularity HL
- Lymphocyte depletion HL

\* formerly, both of these were classified as <u>lymphocyte predominance Hodgkin's</u> <u>Disease</u>

### Hodgkin's Disease - Staging Investigations

- Biopsy pathology review
- History B symptoms, pruritis, alcohol pain, PS
- Physical Exam nodes, liver, spleen, oropharynx
- CBC, ESR
- creatinine, liver function tests, LDH, calcium, albumin
- Bone marrow aspiration & biopsy
   if abnormal CBC, Stage 2B or higher
- CT thorax, abdomen, pelvis

### Hodgkin's Disease - Other Investigations

- PET scan
- <sup>67</sup>Ga scan
- Lymphangiogram if expertise available, no PET
- Pregnancy test
- oophoropexy / semen cryopreservation
   if chemotherapy or pelvic RT
- Dental assessment if oropharyngeal RT

### Hodgkin's Lymphoma



Advanced III, IV Bulky Disease B Symptoms



\*NCIC HD6 Study Criteria reflecting prognosis when treated with radiation only

Early Stage Hodgkin's Lymphoma Favourable Prognosis

ABVD X 3 - 4
IFRT 30 Gy / 20

• Fewer cycles ABVD may be adequate. GHSG HD10 study, in progress, compares ABVD x 2 vs. ABVD x 4

• Lower radiation dose may be adequate. GHSG HD10 study and EORTC H9 study, in progress, compare IFRT 20 Gy with 30 Gy (HD10) and 36 Gy (H9)

Caution: late toxicity data awaited

Favourable Prognosis – Early Stage Hodgkin's Lymphoma Some Other Treatment Options

### STNI

Mantle + Para-aortic nodes,spleen 35 Gy/20

- historical gold standard
- survival = CMT
- use if CTx containdicated
- <u>but</u>: high risk late toxicity
- ABVD x 2 + IFRT
- as per BCCA guidelines
- awaiting clinical trial results (GHSG HD10)

• ABVD x 6

awaiting NCIC HD.6 results

Early Stage Hodgkin's Lymphoma Unfavourable Prognosis

ABVD X 4 - 6
IFRT 30 Gy / 20

• NB: Overlap with favourable prognosis ESHL

Advanced Stage Hodgkin's Lymphoma Stage 3, 4, B symptoms, bulky disease

- ABVD X 6-8\*
- IFRT
  - sites of bulky disease
  - sites of residual disease (35 Gy / 20)

\* ABVD until 2 cycles past maximum response

## ABVD

- doxorubicin (Adriamycin)
- Bleomycin
- Vinblastine
- Dacarbazine

IV Days 1, 15

Very Favourable Prognosis Hodgkin's Lymphoma

- Stage 1A NLPHL\*
- Stage 1A high neck NS, LRCHL

## $\rightarrow$ IFRT 35 Gy / 20

\*Nodular Lymphocyte Predominant HL –usually localized, peripheral nodal sites –good prognosis, but some late relapses (>10yr)

### Hodgkin's Lymphoma Rough Approximation of Prognosis

	DFS	OS
Early	80 - 90%	85 – 95%
Advanced	40 – 80%*	

#### If RT only (STNI): Deaths from 2<sup>nd</sup> malignancy > deaths from Hodgkin's disease by 15 – 20 yrs

\* Depending on Hasenclever Prognostic Index: based on Age>45, male, Stage 4, albumin < 4, Hb < 10.5, WBC<600 or >15000

# Side Effects of Radiotherapy for Hodgkin's Lymphoma

### 1. Depend on

- Dose/fractionation
- Site
- Irradiated volume
- Chemotherapy
- 2. Acute
  - Subacute
  - Late

### **Toxicity of STNI for Hodgkin's Lymphoma**

## <u>ACUTE</u>

- Skin erythema
- Local alopecia
- Xerostomia
- Dysphagia
- Fatigue
- $\downarrow$  WBC, platelets
- Para-aortic RT nausea, vomiting
  - diarrhea

#### **Toxicity of EFRT for Hodgkin's Lymphoma**

### <u>SUBACUTE</u>

- Fatigue
- Xerostomia
- Pneumonitis < 5%, dependent on lung volume treated</li>
- Herpes Zoster
- Lhermitte's Syndrome

#### **Toxicity of STNI for Hodgkin's Lymphoma**



- Hypothyroidism
- Cardiac
  - (CAD, valvular disease, pericarditis)
  - 5% risk cardiac death in 20 yrs (2-3 x expected)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> malignancy (↑ risk of most solid tumors)
  - esp. breast ca if < 25 yrs at time of RT
  - Lung ca in smokers
  - Solid tumour risk rises after 10 years from RT
  - Absolute Excess Risk ~1% per year

#### 52 y.o. male with dysphagia

Exam: posterior oropharyngeal mass involving L tonsil, L base of tongue, crossing over midline to involve R base of tongue.

Biopsy: "large cell lymphoma of T-cell derivation with differential diagnosis between <u>nasal type</u> <u>extranodal T-cell lymphoma</u>, and <u>peripheral T-cell</u> <u>lymphoma of unspecified type</u>."



General Principles of Answering Lymphoma Questions - 2

- "First of all, I would take a complete history and perform a full physical examination..."
- "The pathology should be reviewed by an experienced lymphoma pathologist..."
- "This patient's management should be discussed in a multidisciplinary setting\*..."

\*At least by haematologist / medical oncologist and radiation oncologist

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## "Aggressive" lymphoma

- CT head, neck, thorax, abdo, pelvis
- MRI head & neck
- CBC, creatinine, LDH, liver enzymes
- Bone marrow aspiration & biopsy
- HIV testing
- Dental consult

CT: "nodular defect arising from posterior aspect of pharynx extending into tonsillar region...3.5 x 1.5 cm...also a prominent nodular structure extending through base of tongue 3.5 x 2.5 cm.... Non-specific cervical lymph nodes, the largest 11 mm..."

No evidence of disease at other sites, normal lab work.







CHOP x 3 Why not CHOP-R?

### Planning CT

Supine, in immobilization shell

**GTV** contoured







PTV: Waldeyer's Ring. Lateral POP, 6 MV photons, compensators for dose homogeneity, 40 Gy / 20 / 4 wks

31 y.o. female with recent onset fatigue, night sweats, and mass in right neck Seen in ER: R supraclavicular node ~2 cm CXR: Huge ant mediastinal mass Biopsy: Nodular sclerosis type Hodgkin's disease CT Chest: "Large, lobulated mass in anterior mediastinum extending from suprasternal notch to cardiophrenic angle...also an enlarged subcarinal node..."

### **Referral to Radiation Oncology**

- History & Physical
- Pathology Review
- Discuss with Haematologist / Medical Oncologist
- CBC, ESR, creatinine, liver enzymes
- CT abdo-pelvis
- <sup>67</sup>Ga scan
- Bone marrow aspiration & biopsy

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## Hodgkin's Lymphoma, Nodular Sclerosis type Stage I**XB**

#### ABVD x 8 cycles. Residual 4 x 6 cm ant. Mediastinal mass





CT simulation. GTV contoured. CTV = entire mediastinum with 2 cm lateral margin. Move breasts out of field. 6 MV photons. AP POP. 35 Gy / 20 / 4 weeks. Shielding after 25 Gy to protect heart.

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26 y.o. female with one year history of intermittent chest pain.

CXR: Anterior mediastinal mass

CT: 6 x 7.5 cm anterior mediastinal mass. No other lymphadenopathy seen.

Biopsy: Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, large cell type. Probably mediastinal sclerosing type.



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- CBC, LDH, creatinine, liver enzymes
- CT abdo-pelvis
- <sup>67</sup>Ga scan
- Bone marrow aspiration & biopsy What Stage is this patient?







### Bulky disease on CXR. Stage IXA



#### CHOP x 6 cycles. 2 x 0.9 cm residual mass



#### RT to mediastinum: 40 Gy / 20



