Pediatric Hodgkin Lymphoma

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Presentation Outline

- Overview of pediatric Hodgkin lymphoma (HL)
- 2. Favorable-risk disease
- 3. Intermediate-risk disease
- 4. High-risk disease
- 5. Radiation therapy
- 6. Nodular lymphocyte predominant HL
- 7. Refractory and relapsed disease

Epidemiology

- Two distinct forms of HL among childhood and adolescents/young adults
- Childhood
 - 10-14 years of age
 - Male predominance
 - Associated with increasing family size, lower socioeconomic status (SES), and recent primary EBV infection
- Adolescent/young adult
 - 15-35 years old
 - Approximately equal incidence between males and female
 - Associated with higher SES, early birth order, fewer siblings, and delayed EBV exposure

Clinical Presentation

- Most common presenting sign is painless lymphadenopathy
- Mediastinal disease at presentation
 - More common in AYA than in young children
- B symptoms



- fever >38°C, drenching night sweats, and/or unexplained weight loss of >10% of body weight within 6 months
- Present in approximately 1/3 of patients
- More common in AYA than in young pediatric patients

Pathologic Classification

- Diagnosis ideally made by pathologic exam of entire lymph node obtained by excisional biopsy
- Effacement of involved LN with destruction of its normal architecture, an inflammatory cellular infiltrate, and presence of the malignant Reed-Sternberg (RS) cells





Histologic Subtypes

- Classical Hodgkin Lymphoma (cHL): 85-90%
 - (CD15+, CD20-, CD30+, CD45-)
 - Lymphocyte-rich
 - Mixed-cellularity
 - Nodular sclerosis
 - Lymphocyte-depleted
- Nodular lymphocyte-predominant HL (nLPHL): 10-15% (CD15-, CD20+, CD30-, CD45+)



Nodular sclerosing HL



Mixed-cellularity HL

Diagnostic Workup

- History and physical examination
- Labs
 - CBC, LFTs, ESR, CRP
- Imaging
 - CT neck, thorax, abdomen, pelvis with IV and oral contrast is standard
 - FDG-PET
 - To assist in clinical staging
 - To evaluate response during and after treatment
- Bone marrow biopsy if B symptoms or stage III/IV

Ann Arbor Staging

- I: 1 lymph node region or single extra-lymphatic organ or site
- II: Multiple regions or sites on 1 side of diaphragm
- III: Multiple regions or sites on 2 sides of diaphragm
- IV: Marrow, liver, lung, bone not by direct extension
- "E": direct extension from node to adjacent extranodal tissue
- Bulk: Mass/thoracic diameter>0.33
 - Nodal area >6cm
- "B": Drenching night sweats, fever. 10% weight loss.



Bulky disease

- Definitions of bulky disease are variable
- Historical definition
 - Mediastinal bulk: transverse mediastinal diameter >1/3 of maximum intrathoracic diameter on upright PA chest radiograph
- Cotswolds modification of Ann Arbor Classification
 - lymph nodes ≥ 10cm in greatest dimension on CT



- COG trials
 - Peripheral bulk: contiguous nodal aggregate that measures >6cm in longest transverse diameter
 - Mediastinal bulk: mediastinal mass in which tumour diameter> 1/3 thoracic diameter on upright PA chest x-ray

Childhood Hodgkin International Prognostic Score (CHIPS)

- Predictive model for EFS developed using data from COG AHOD 0031 (ABVE-PC and RT)
- Independent predictors
 - Stage 4 disease
 - Large mediastinal mass
 - Albumin (<3.5)
 - Fever



Schwartz et al. Pediatr Blood Cancer. 2017 Apr;64(4). Epub 2016 Oct 27.

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Trial	Low Risk	Intermediate Risk	High Risk
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AHOD2131 (low and intermediate risk)	I/II with no unfavorable features*	I/II with ≥1 unfavorable features	
		(Unfavorable features: LMA, > 3 nodal sites, B symptoms with ESR \ge 30, ESR \ge 50 without B symptoms, age >50 yr)	
S1826 (high risk)			III, IV
AHOD1331 (high risk)(18)			IIB bulk, IIIB, IVA/B
AHOD0431 (low risk); AHOD0031 (intermediate risk); AHOD0831 (high risk)	IA, IIA with no bulk	IA bulk or E; IB; IIA bulk or E; IIB; IIIA, IVA	IIIB, IVB
C5942	IA, IB, IIA with no bulk, no hilar nodes and <4 sites	IA, IB, IIA with bulk, hilar nodes or ≥4 sites; III	IV
C59704 (high risk)			IIB/IIIB with bulk, IV
P9425/P9426	IA, IIA with no bulk	IB, IIA, IIIA ₁ with bulk; IIIA ₂	IIB, IIIB, IV
German Multicenter/EuroNet			
GPOH-HD 95; GPOH-HD 2002; EuroNet-PHL-C1; EuroNet-PHL-C2ª	1A/B, IIA	I _E A/B;II _E A; IIB; IIIA (Risk Factors: ESR ≥30 mm/hr or bulk ≥ 200 ml)	II _E B; III _E A/B; IIIB; IV
Pediatric Hodgkin Consortium			
cHOD17 ^b ; HOD08 ^c (low risk); HOD05 ^d (intermediate risk); HLHR13 ^e ; HOD99 ^f (high risk)	IA, IIA with no bulk, E and <3 sites	IB, IIIA, IA/IIA with E, ≥3 sites or bulk	IIB, IIIB, IV

Adapted from Kelly KM, Management of children with high-risk Hodgkin lymphoma. Br J Haematol 157 (1): 3-13, 2012

Low-risk disease

Combined-modality therapy

- Pediatric Oncology Group (single-arm study)
 - Stage IA, IIA, and IIIA HL
 - DBVE x 4 cycles, followed by IFRT to 25.5Gy



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Tebbi CK et al. Pediatr Blood Cancer. 2006;46(2):198-202.

Response-based reduction of chemotherapy

P9426 Low Risk: IA, IIA, and IIIA



- RER = CR after 2 cycles of DBVE
- SER = less than CR after 2 cycles of DBVE
- 5-year OS: 98%
- 5-year EFS: 88%
- Supports
 reduction of
 chemotherapy in
 early responders

Response-based reduction of RT

• CCG trial C5924

- COPP/ABV alone vs. risk-adapted combined-modality therapy with low-dose IFRT
- If CR to chemotherapy (≥70% decrease in tumour volume by CT and resolution of gallium avidity) → randomized to low-dose IFRT vs. no further therapy
- Trial terminated early due to significantly greater relapse rate in chemotherapy alone group
 - 3-year EFS: 92% after combined-modality therapy vs. 87% after chemotherapy alone (P=0.057)
 - Remained significant in the "as treated" analysis
 - Estimates of OS not different between groups
- However, chemotherapy was less intensive than most contemporary trials

POG 8625 study

- Stage I, IIA, or IIIA HL → MOPP/ABVD x 4 → if CR or PR, randomized to MOPP x 2 vs. IFRT to 25.5Gy
- At median FU of 8.25 years
 - 8-year EFS: 83% after chemo alone vs. 91% chemo + RT
 - 8-year OS: 94% after chemo alone vs. 97% after chemo + RT
 - Differences not statistically different (but powered to detect a 15% difference in 3-year EFS rates with 80% power)

Stanford, Dana-Farber and St. Jude consortium study

- Clinical I/II, nonbulky HL (N=110), treated with VAMP (vinblastine, doxorubicin, methotrexate, and prednisone) x 4 cycles
- Response-based IFRT after 2 cycles with 15 Gy after anatomic CR and 25.5 Gy after anatomic PR
- 5-year EFS = 93%
- 10-year EFS = 89%
 - 95% for patients achieving CR after VAMP x 2 vs.
 84.5% for those achieving PR after VAMP x 2 (P=0.02)
- Suggests that risk-adapted dose reduction of RT is effective



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Donaldsen et al. J Clin Oncol 2007 Jan 20;25(3):332-7

Subsequent Stanford, Dana-Farber and St. Jude consortium study

- More stringent definition of low-risk disease
 - Stage I-IIA, non-bulky, no ENE, <3 nodal regions
- VAMP x 4, then IFRT to 25.5Gy if no CR after 2 cycles
 - CR = negative gallium scan or PET scan and either ≥75% reduction of the sum of the products of the perpendicular diameters of the lesions of all measurable or evaluable disease or return of nodes to normal size
- 2-year EFS was 89.4% after CR and no RT vs. 92.5% after no CR plus RT (P=0.61)
- Suggests that RT can be omitted after CR with high rate of 2-year EFS
- Of note, patients with nLP HL were included and represented 36% of patients overall and 55% of patients with a CR

GPOH HD-95

- Investigated whether RT could be omitted in patients achieving an anatomic complete response (CR) to chemotherapy
- CR
 - Volume reduction of
 ≥95% and ≤2 mL of
 the initial volume
- Unconfirmed CR
 - volume reduction
 ≥75% or <2 mL
 - <30% of favorablerisk patients fell into this category



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Dorfell et al. J Clin Oncol. 2013 Apr 20;31(12):1562-8

GPOH HD-95

No difference in outcome between earlystage patients treated with chemotherapy alone vs. chemotherapy plus RT



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COG AHOD0431



- Stage IA/IIA, no bulk
- CR = 80% decrease in axial plane & PET or Gallium negative
- If PR, IFRT to 21Gy
- CR after 3 cycles: 63%
- 4-year EFS: 79.8%
 - 2-year EFS: 80% after
 CR vs. 88% after PR +
 IFRT (P=0.11)
- 4-year OS: 99.6%

Castellino et al. 2011. Pediatric Blood & Cancer 56;883. Keller et al.. 2014. Klin Padiatr 226;105. Keller et al.2010. Blood 116:767.

Of the evaluable patients with FDG-PET after 1 cycle of chemotherapy



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EFS: CR vs. PR patients



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EFS by PET3+ vs. PET3-



- PET3 Positive: 4-year EFS 72%
- PET3 Negative: 4-year EFS 80%

Amendment for PET1 Positive/CR Subjects

- December 2008 Recommendation:
 - All PET1 positive/CR subjects within one year of completing therapy receive 21 Gy IFRT
 - 13 subjects received IFRT based on this recommendation, with 1 relapse within this group

COG AHOD 0431 Conclusions

- EFS was not as good as expected for this patient cohort when treated with 3 cycles of AVPC alone, and was not accepted as the "standard of care".
- PET1 is more effective than PET3 in identifying subjects with more favorable prognosis.

Euronet-PHL-C1



RT dose: 19.8Gy + additional 10Gy boost if poor response

 poor response = residual volume >25% of initial volume and residual volume >5cm³ OR residual volume>100cm³

EFS for patients in per-protocol group for patients with adequate vs. inadequate response to RT



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Mauz-Korholz C et al. Lancet Oncology 2022

EFS for patients in per-protocol group for patients treated with COPDAC vs. COPP



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Ongoing trial: AHOD2131



Treatment of favorable-risk HL

Preferred treatment

- OEPA x 2 +/- RT

• Other

- ABVD x 2-4 +/- RT

AVPC x 3 for mixed cellularity

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Intermediate-risk disease

Procarbazine-free chemotherapy regimen in boys to decrease gonadotoxicity

- In GPOH-HD-95, 5-year DFS was significantly worse in boys vs. girls (86% vs. 93%; P=0.005), partially attributed to procarbazine replacement by etoposide in OEPA for boys
- Thus, in GPOH-HD-2002, procarbazine-free regimen was also used, but with escalated etoposide dose and IV dacarbazine

GPOH-HD-2002



Fig 1. Study design of the German Society of Pediatric Oncology and Hematology– Hodgkin's Disease (GPOH-HD) 2002 study for male patients. Girls were similarly treated with standard two cycles of vincristine, procarbazine, prednisone, and doxorubicin instead of vincristine, etoposide, prednisone, and doxorubicin (OE*PA) and cyclophosphamide, vincristine, procarbazine, and prednisone instead of cyclophosphamide, vincristine, prednisone, and dacarbazine (COPDAC) in treatment group (TG) 2+3. CR, complete remission; RT, radiotherapy.

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GPOH-HD-2002

• In TG-2+3, EFS did not significantly different between boys and girls (90.2% vs. 84.7%, P=0.12)



 (In TG-1, 5-year EFS was similar without RT (93.2%) vs. with RT (91.7%), confirming results of GPOH-HD-95)

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Response-based therapy



Intermediate Risk: IB, IIA-LMA High Risk: IIB, IIIB, IVA, IVB



Large mediastinal adenopathy (LMA) = ratio of the mediastinal mass diameter divided by the trans-thoracic diameter at the dome of the diaphragm was >0.33 on posterior-anterior chest radiograph

- For whole cohort (both intermediate- and high-risk patients)
 - 5-year EFS: 86% for RER patients vs. 83% for SER patients (P=0.85)
 - 5-year OS: 95%
 - For those with LMA vs. without LMA, 5-year EFS was 80% vs. 91% (P=0.015)

P9425 study



Years from Enrollment

For intermediate-risk patients, 5-year EFS was 85%

Response-based reduction of RT

GPOH HD-95

 Significant difference in outcome between intermediate-risk patients treated with chemotherapy alone vs. chemotherapy plus RT: 10-year PFS 69% vs. 91% (P<0.0001)



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Stages IB, IAE, IIB, IIAE, IIIA, IVA, and IA or IIA with bulk

RER = ≥60% reduction in the product of perpendicular diameters (PPD) for all target lesions or return to normal size (regardless of PET response)

SER = rapid early response not achieved

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CR = ≥80% reduction in PPD or a return to normal size for all target lesions; no residual extramediastinal nodal mass >2cm; no residual in nonmeasurable sites, and a negative galium or FDG-PET scan

IFRT to 21Gy

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- 4-year EFS: 86.9% for RERs and 77.4% for SERs (P<0.001)
- 4-year OS: 98.5% for RERs and 95.3% for SERs (P<0.001)
- For IFRT random assignment, 4 year EFS:
 - 87.9% after IFRT vs. 84.3% after no IFRT (P=0.11)
 - 86.7% after IFRT vs. 87.3% after no IFRT (P=0.87)

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- For SER patients,
 - 4-year EFS: 79.3% after
 DECA vs. 75.2% after no
 DECA (P=0.11)
- For SERs with PETpositive results at response assessment
 - 4-year EFS: 70.7% after
 DECA vs. 54.6% after no
 DECA (P=0.05)



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Patients with Anemia and Large Mediastinal Mass (LMA)



Time to disease progression (years)

RT significantly improved EFS in patients with anemia and LMA, even if achieving RER/CR (26% of RER/CR patients)

- Confirms prognostic significance of early response to chemotherapy
- Chemotherapy augmentation improves EFS for SERs with PET-2-positive results (borderline significance)
- Suggests that RT can be omitted in patients with **both** rapid early response **and** complete response
 - PET used to confirm/supplement anatomic RER and CR status, not replace
- However, patients with LMA + anemia should have RT regardless of RER/CR status

Treatment of Intermediate-risk HL

- Preferred:
 - ABVE-PC $x \pm RT$
 - OEPA x 2, plus COPDAC x 2 \pm RT

- Other
 - ABVE-PC x $4 \pm RT$ - ABVD x 2-4 $\pm RT$

High-Risk Disease

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GPOH HD-95

- TG3 = IIB_E , $IIIA_E$, IIIB, $IIIB_E$, IV,
- Unfavorable-risk patients treated with chemotherapy alone vs.
 chemotherapy plus RT: 10-year PFS 83% vs. 89% (P=0.26)

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POG9425

P9425 Intermediate Risk: IB, IIA-LMA High Risk: IIB, IIIB, IVA, IVB



- High risk = IIB, IIIB, IV
 - 5-year EFS for high-risk HL = 85%
- 37 Stage IIIB patients and 51 Stage IVB patients
 - Estimated 5-year EFS: 92% for Stage IIIB and 74% for Stage IVB

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- Stage IIIB/IVB
- Slightly more intensified version of the DBVE-PE chemotherapy of POG9425
- RT to 21 Gy in 14 fractions

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Sites of RT for RER patients:

 Initial bulky disease (large mediastinal mass (LMM), nodal aggregate (NA)>6cm and macroscopic splenic nodules)

Sites of RT for SER patients:

- Initial bulky disease (LMM, NA>6cm and macroscopic splenic nodules)
- **Slow responding non-bulky disease** (FDG-PET residual activity after first 2 cycles of chemotherapy)
- **Residual disease > 2.5 cm** at end of chemotherapy

- Median FU 42 months
- Primary endpoint = "Second-Event" (e.g. second relapse or malignant neoplasm) free survival
 - Reasonable estimate of long term OS
- 4-year 2nd EFS: 89.9%
 - RER patients: 91.9%
 - SER patients: 87.8%
 - Stave IVB: 89.6%
- 4-year OS: 95.9%
- 12 SER patients had persistent PET+ lesions at end of chemotherapy
 - 8/12 had clinical evidence of active disease
- Similar outcomes to POG 9425 despite reduction in RT volumes
- Persistent PET+ at end of chemo → especially high risk for relapse/early progression

HLHR13



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Metzger et al. J Clin Oncol. 2021 July 10;39(20):2276-2283

HLHR13





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Castellino et al. J Clin Oncol. 2022 Nov 3;387(18):1649-1660

AHOD1331

- Stage IIB bulk; IIIB, IVA/B
- AVE-PC-Bv: 3-y EFS 92.1%, 3-y OS 99.3%
- ABVE-PC: 3-y EFS 82.5% , 3-y OS 98.5%

Event-free survival in AHOD1331



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S1826

- Age >=12 years old, stage III or IV cHL
- Phase 3 randomized trial, BV+AVD vs.
 Nivolumab + AVD

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 Prespecified patients could receive RT directed to residual metabolically active lesions



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Treatment of high-risk disease

- Preferred
 - Nivo-AVD x $6 \pm RT$
 - Bv-AVE-PC x 5 \pm RT
 - OEPA x 2, plus COPDAC x 4 \pm RT
- Other
 - AEPA x 2, plus CAPDAC x 4 \pm RT
 - BEACOPP

Radiation therapy

Radiation therapy volumes

- Radiation volumes must be cautiously designed to maximize disease control while minimizing toxicities
- Increased efficacy of combination chemotherapy, as well as advances in imaging, treatment planning, and RT delivery have allowed further decrease of RT fields



Adolescent female with stage IIA nonbulky Hodgkin lymphoma. Left: Involved-site RT. Right: Involved-field RT. (Green=PTV)

Hodgson et al. Pract Radiat Oncol. 2015 Mar-Apr;5(2):85-92

- ISRT is generally the favored approach in the current era
- <u>Pre-chemotherapy GTV</u>
 - Imaging abnormalities indicating lymphomatous involvement before any intervention that might have affected lymphoma volume



Fig. 3. Involved site radiation therapy with intensity modulated technique, dose distribution.

- <u>No chemotherapy or postchemotherapy GTV</u>
 - Imaging abnormalities of lymphomatous involvement, untreated or after chemotherapy

• <u>CTV</u>

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- Encompasses pre-chemotherapy GTV, modified for normal tissue boundaries and expanded to accommodate uncertainties in determining the prechemotherapy volume
- The following points need to be considered:
 - Quality and accuracy of imaging
 - Concerns of changes in volume since imaging
 - Spread patterns of the disease
 - Potential subclinical involvement
 - Adjacent organ constraints

• <u>ITV</u>

- CTV plus a margin taking into account uncertainties in size, shape, and position of CTV within the patient
- Most relevant when the target is moving (e.g. chest and upper abdomen with respiratory movements), while not needed if CTV unlikely to change shape or position during or between treatments (e.g. neck)
- In the chest or upper abdomen, margins of 1.5-2cm in the sup-inf direction may be necessary
 - 4D imaging or deep-inspiration breath-hold technique is encouraged

• <u>PTV</u>

 Includes CTV (or ITV, when relevant) and accounts for setup uncertainties in patient positioning and alignment of beams during treatment planning and throughout treatment



Fig. 5. Treatment plans for a patient with extensive mediastinal disease in free breathing (left) and inspiration breath-hold (right). Mean lung dose in free breathing was 15.7 Gy; in inspiration breath-hold it was 11.2 Gy.

Specht et al. Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys. 2014 Jul 15;89(4):854-62

PET-directed residual-site RT (pRSRT)

- Reduced volume compared to ISRT
- Used in S1826
- Used as a boost volume to areas of partial response on AHOD2131
- Includes the post-systemic therapy CT-anatomical residual mass that contains the PET-avid lesion on the interim or end-of-systemic therapy PET scan, or both
- Does not include all the initial extent of involved lymph nodes or extranodal sites as seen with ISRT



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Radiation techniques

- Intensity-modulated radiation therapy (IMRT) provides improved PTV coverage (D_{mean}, V₉₅, conformity index) compared with 3D-CRT
- In selected patients with mediastinal involvement (particularly, large and involving the anterior mediastinum), IMRT reduces pulmonary and cardiac toxicity
- However, greater attention needed regarding target definition and treatment delivery verification given tightly conformal doses and steep gradient
- IMRT may result in a larger volume receiving a low dose compared to conventional techniques → ?potential for increased late effects
 - Keep dosimetric parameters such as V5 to breast and lung tissue as low as reasonably achievable

Radiation dosimetry

- Heart
 - Mean cardiac dose associated with 25-year incidence of clinically significant coronary artery disease, congestive heart failure, valvular disease, or pericarditis
 - Mean <15Gy: <3% of each complication above
 - Mean >25Gy: 6-10%
- Lung
 - 5% pneumonitis with V24 = 30%
 - Increased risk if received bleomycin

Radiation dosimetry

- Thyroid
 - >15Gy to thyroid: ~30% risk of abnormal thyroid function
 - >26Gy: 65-75% risk of abnormal thyroid function
 - 20-29Gy: thyroid cancer risk peaks, but appears to declines with higher doses
- Breast
 - 5-10Gy may lead to breast hypoplasia
 - Risk of breast cancer thought to increase linearly with dose

Radiation dosimetry

- Skeletal system
 - Growth impacted from >8Gy, potentially in dosedependent fashion
- Soft tissues
 - >25-30Gy (<25Gy if age <10): impairment of growth of muscles and subcutaneous fat
 - <20Gy if age >10: only slight soft tissue growth effects expected
- Ovaries
 - If prepubertal, <4-6Gy tolerable, but tolerance may be lower in those receiving alkylating agent
Nodular Lymphocyte Predominant Hodgkin Lymphoma

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Nodular lymphocyte-predominant HL

- Nodular lymphocyte-predominant HL (nLPHL) is rare, CD-20+ subtype
- Indolent disease with a good prognosis
- Usually stage IA disease with peripheral LN involvement
- Male predominance



European retrospective study

- Stage IA/IIA/IIIA
 - 50/58 patients had Stage IA disease
- Median FU of 43 months
- OS 100%, PFS 57%
- 51/58 patients achieved complete remission (CR) after surgery
 - In CR group, overall PFS was 67%



 7/58 patients who had residual disease after initial surgery all developed recurrences

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Mauz-Korholz et al. Cancer. 2007 Jul 1;110(1):170-85

COG AHOD03P1

- 183 patients enrolled; 178 evaluable
- 52 patients had complete resection of a single node
- 126 patients were treated with AV-PC at diagnosis; 9 patients treated with AV-PC at relapse after surgery alone
- 11 patients had less than CR and received IFRT
- For entire cohort, 5-year EFS was 85.5% and OS was 100%



10;34(20):2372-9



Treatment of nLPHL

- Stage I single node completely resected: observation
- Stage I LPHL with more than one lymph node or stage II:
 - 3 cycles of AV-PC chemotherapy
 - Response assessed by CT and PET:
 - CR on both: no RT
 - Less than CR: 21Gy IFRT
- Relapse after complete resection: AV-PC +/-RT as per stage II
- More advanced disease is usually treated according to an appropriate Hodgkin protocol

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Refractory and Relapsed Disease

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Refractory and relapsed disease

- Prognostic factors for relapsed disease
 - Site of relapse (nodal better than extranodal)
 - Stage at relapse
 - Histology
 - Response to first-line salvage chemotherapy
- Factors to consider in deciding on salvage regimen
 - Whether a complete resection was achieved
 - Durability of remission
 - Extent of disease at relapse
 - Initial treatment

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- Age<30, primary refractory disease or relapse
 <1 year from treatment completion, no
 previous brentuximab vedotin (BV) exposure
- Treated with gemcitabine + BV
- 24 (57%) of 42 patients had a CR, and 4 (31%) had a PR
- Established safety of gemcitabine + BV combination

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- Age 5-30 relapsed/refractory cHL
- Evaluated a risk-stratified response-adapted approach with nivolumab plus brentuximab vedotin (BV)
- Followed by BV + bendamustine for patients with suboptimal response

Low-risk cohort (R1)	Standard-risk cohort (R2)
- Stage IA/IIA at initial diagnosis - Relapse within 3-12 months or at 12 months or later or stage IB/IIB/IIIB disease at initial diagnosis with >12 months to relapse - No B symptoms at relapse	At least one of the following: - High stage at initial diagnosis - Short time to relapse presence of B symptoms or extranodal disease at relapse extensive disease (where RT
No extranodal disease at relapse - No extensive disease where RT was contraindicated at relapse	was contraindicated at relapse) - Relapse in a prior radiation field.



TA= Tumor Assessments

CMR= Complete Metabolic Response PMR= Partial Metabolic Response

*Note: R2 patients who attain a CMR anytime after Cycle 4, N+BV will proceed with HDCT/ASCT.

NMR= No Metabolic Response PMD= Progressive Metabolic Disease

Low-risk (R1) cohort

- Of 28 patients in R1 cohort, 93% had CMR any time before ISRT
- 82% had CMR after 4 cycles of nivo + BV
- 3-year EFS 87%; 3-year PFS 95%
- Showed efficacy of a transplant-free, riskadapted response-based approach with nivo + BV and ISRT



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Daw et al. JAMA Oncol 2025 Jan 2 doi: 10.1001/jamaoncol.2024.5627

EuroNet-PHL-R1

Age <18, R/R cHL



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Figure 2. Kaplan-Meier Plot for Progression-Free Survival (PFS) and Overall Survival (OS) of the EuroNet-PHL-R1 Cohort



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Refractory and relapsed disease

- Re-induction therapy +/- high-dose chemotherapy and stem cell transplant (HDC/SCT) +/- ISRT
 - Consider HDC/SCT-free approach with ISRT in low-risk
- Re-induction therapy options:
 - BV + bendamustine
 - BV + gemcitabine
 - BV + nivo
 - Dexamethasone, cytarabine, cisplatin
 - Gemcitabine, vinorelbine
 - Ifosfamide, gemcitabine, vinorelbine
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- Preferred
 - Checkpoint-inhibitor (CPI)-based second line systemic therapy (if no prior CPI exposure) +/- high-dose chemotherapy and stem cell transplant (HDC/SCT) +/-ISRT
 - Consider HDC/SCT-free approach with ISRT in low-risk Other options
- Other options
 - BV-containing regimen +/- HDC/SCT +/- ISRT
 - Salvage chemotherapy +/- HDC/SCT +/- ISRT
 - Palliative treatment