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Diagnosis and Treatment of Patients with early and advanced Breast Cancer

Supportive Care and Management of Side Effects

Screened data bases

Pubmed 2007 - 2023, ASCO 2010 – 2023, SABCS 2010 – 2023, Cochrane Data Base (2023)

Screened guidelines

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Guidelines – Evidence

Specific national and international guidelines deal with various aspects of evidence-based supportive therapy of cancer patients.

Without claiming completeness, such guidelines will be quoted, with an emphasis on German guidelines.

Aspects concerning breast cancer patients will especially be highlighted.

The „Arbeitsgemeinschaft Supportive Maßnahmen in der Onkologie, Rehabilitation und Sozialmedizin der DKG“ should especially be highlighted (<http://www.onkosupport.de>).

Multidisciplinary S 3 guidelines of the AWMF (Reg.-Nr. 032-054OL):

- **S3-Leitlinie: Supportive Therapie bei onkologischen Patientinnen**
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Toxicity Assessment

Acute Toxicity (according to WHO¹ or NCI-CTC²)

Acute toxicities should be asked for and documented after every treatment course

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Grade		Information required
0	none	organs involved
1	mild	type of toxicity
2	moderate	time interval after treatment
3	severe	effect on general health status
4	life threatening	treatment required
5	death	recovery achieved

Long term toxicity (= secondary diseases after tumour therapy)

Long term surveillance and documentation in regular intervals
(acc. ICPC³ following symptoms or acc. ICD-10-GM⁴ following diagnoses)

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Akute Toxizität

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Acute Toxicity (NCI CTCAE v 5.0, 2017)

- **Grade 1**
Mild; asymptomatic or mild symptoms; clinical or diagnostic observations only; intervention not indicated.
- **Grade 2**
Moderate; minimal, local or noninvasive intervention indicated; limiting age-appropriate instrumental ADL*.
- **Grade 3**
Severe or medically significant but not immediately life-threatening; hospitalization or prolongation of hospitalization indicated; disabling; limiting self care ADL**.
- **Grade 4**
Life-threatening consequences; urgent intervention indicated.
- **Grade 5**
Death related to AE.

ADL = Activities of Daily Living

* Instrumental ADL refer to preparing meals, shopping for groceries or clothes, using the telephone, managing money, etc.

** Self care ADL refer to bathing, dressing and undressing, feeding self, using the toilet, taking medications, and not bedridden.

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Use of eHealth (DiGA)

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Use of DiGA to improve quality of life during and after breast cancer therapy	2b	B	+/-
Use of PROs for improved collection of therapy-associated side effects and quality of life	2b	B	+/-

* See current DiGA status / reimbursement

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Chemotherapy – Acute Toxicities I

DRUGS	SYSTEM ORGAN CLASS												
	INFECTIONS AND INFESTATIONS	NEOPLASMS BENIGN, ALIMENTANT AND UNSPECIFIED (INC. CYSTS & BLOOD CLIPS)	IMPH. SYST. & BLOOD	IMMUNE SYSTEM DISORDERS (ALLERGIES)	ENDOCRINE DISORDERS	METABOLISM AND NUTRITION DISORDERS	PSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS	NERVOUS SYSTEM DISORDERS	EYE DISORDERS,	EAR AND LABYRINTH DISORDERS	CARDIAC DISORDERS	VASCULAR DISOR. INCL HOT FLUSHES	
Alkylating antineoplastic agent													
Cyclophosphamide	4	2	5	5	1	-	1	3	2	3	3	3	3
Anti-Metabolites													
Methotrexate	1	-	4	3	3	-	3	4	2	-	1	2	
5-Fluorouracil*	5	-	5	2	2	5	-	3	3	3	5	3	
Capecitabine	4	3 (Lipoma)	4	3	-	5	4	4	4	3	3	4	
Gemcitabine	4	-	5	1	-	4	-	4	-	-	2	2	
Platinum-complexes													
Cisplatin	4	2	5	3	2	5	-	4	2	5	4	4	
Carboplatin	4	-	5	4	-	-	-	4	4	4	4	-	
Anthracyclines / Anthrachinones													
Epi-Doxorubicin	5	3	5	1-2	-	1-5	-	-	4	-	4	5	
Liposom. Doxorubicin	5	-	5	-	-	5	3	4	(4)	-	4	4	
PEG-lipos. Doxorubicin	4	-	4	-	-	5	-	4	4	-	4	-	
Mitoxantrone	5	3	5	3	-	4	-	4	3	3	4	3	
Taxanes													
Paclitaxel	5	1	5	5	-	1	1	5	1	1	4	5	
nab-Paclitaxel	4	-	5	3	-	5	4	5	4	4	4	4	
Docetaxel	5	-	5	5	-	5	-	5	-	-	4	4	
Further tubulin-targeting drugs													
Vinorelbine IV (PO)	5(5)	-	(5)	2(1)	-	-	(5)	(5)	(4)	-	2(3)	3(4)	
Eribulin	4	-	4	-	-	5	4	5	4	4	4	4	

Listing and grading of side effects was performed according the MedDRA-classification with the following categories of frequency: 1. Very rarely (<1/10,000); 2. rarely (≥ 1/1,000 to < 1/10,000); 3. occasionally (≥ 1/1,000 to < 1/100); 4. frequently (≥ 1/100 to < 1/10); 5. very frequently (≥ 1/10). - unknown (based on available data incidence not assessable)

Side effect categories - MedDRA (Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities)

- MedDRA: <https://www.meddra.org/> bzw.
https://www.meddra.org/sites/default/files/guidance/file/intguide_20_1_english_0.pdf

Sources for product information (Download 19.01.2018)

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- Methotrexat: https://www.gelbe-liste.de/produkte/MTX-HEXAL-10-mg-Tabletten_117469/fachinformation
- 5-Fluorouracil: https://www.gelbe-liste.de/produkte/Fluorouracil-HEXAL-50-mg-ml-Injektionsloesung-100-ml_546519/fachinformation
- Capecitabin: <https://www.zentiva.de/Produkte/Capecitabin-Zentiva/Downloads?id=a63946ee-51ce-46ac-8184-a468b705ed9b>
- Gemcitabin: <http://www.success-studie.de/b/downloads/Fachinfo/GemzarFI07Jan.pdf>
- Cisplatin: https://www.gelbe-liste.de/produkte/Cisplatin-Teva-1-mg-ml-Konzentrat-zur-Herstellung-einer-Infusionsloesung-100-ml_543960/fachinformation
- Carboplatin: <http://www.teva.de/index.php?eID=dumpFile&t=f&f=37532&g=-1&r=11068%2C11068&token=eefbf22e78f1cc8d9935d59c087e80630146f49e>

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9. Doxorubicin:
10. Liposomales Doxorubicin: https://www.gelbe-liste.de/produkte/Myocet-50-mg-Pulver-Dispersion-u-Loesungsmittel-fuer-ein-Konzentrat-zur-Herstellung-einer-Infusionsdispersion_359323/fachinformation
11. PEG-lipo. Doxorubicin: https://www.gelbe-liste.de/produkte/Caelyx-2-mg-ml-Konzentrat-zur-Herstellung-einer-Infusionsloesung-10-ml_121890/fachinformation
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14. Nab-Paclitaxel: https://www.gelbe-liste.de/produkte/Abraxane-5-mg-ml-Pulver-zur-Herstellung-einer-Infusionssuspension_514889/fachinformation
15. Docetaxel: <https://mein.sanofi.de/produkte/Taxotere/Downloads?id=89447754-dfb2-450b-b35a-36950de8a74d>
16. Vinorelbine: <http://www.detect-studien.de/dokumente/d3/fachinfo/Navelbine.pdf>
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Chemotherapy – Acute Toxicities II

DRUG	SYSTEM ORGAN CLASS												SPECIAL FEATURES
	RESPIRAT., HORAC. & MEDIA- STINAL DIS.	GASTROIN. DISO- RD (NAUSEA, EMESIS)	HEPATOBILIARY DISORDERS	SKIN & SUBCUT. TIS. DISORD. LIPOMATOSKELE-	TAL & CONNECTIVE TISSUE DISORDERS	RENAL & URINARY DISORDERS	PREGN., PUERPER. & PERNATAL CONDIT.	REPRODUCT. SYS. & BREAST DISORDERS	GENERAL, DISORD. & ADMINI- STRATION SITE CONDIT.	CONGEN. & FAMILIAL GENET. DISORDERS			
Alkylating antineoplastic agent	2	4	4	5	-	5	-	4	5	-	Hyponatraemia		
Cyclophosphamide											Mucositis, risk of "third space"-toxicity		
Anti-Metabolites											Risk DPD-deficiency: light 5%, severe 0.1%; diarrhea, heart		
Methotrexate	4	5	5	4	3	3	-	3	1	-	Hand-foot-syndrome (HFS), risk of DPD-deficiency; heart		
5-Fluorouracil	5	5	3	5	-	-	-	-	5	-	Flu-like symptoms, edema, heart		
Capecitabine	4	5	4	5	4	3	-	3	5	-			
Gemcitabine	5	5	5	5	4	5	-	-	5	-			
Platinum-complexes											Nephrotoxicity, ototoxicity, CIPN		
Cisplatin	4	5	4	4	-	5	-	3	5	-	Colitis (nephrotoxicity)		
Carboplatin	4	5	-	4	4	4	-	-	4	-	Cardiotoxicity (CHF), sec. malign. diseases, extravasation		
Anthracyclines / Anthrachinones											Palmar and plantar erythema (PPE)		
Epi-/Doxorubicin	2	5	-	5	1	4	-	1	5	-	Sec. AML, cardiomyopathy		
Lipo. Doxorubicin	4	5	4	5	4	3	-	(4)	5	-			
PEG-lipo. Doxo	4	5	-	5	4	-	-	4	5	-	Peripheral neuropathy (CIPN); hypersensitivity, myalgia		
Mitoxantrone	4	5	3	5	-	3	-	3	4	-	Peripheral neuropathy (CIPN)		
Taxanes											Fluid retention, paronychia, colitis, myalgie		
Paclitaxel	2	5	1	5	5	-	-	-	5	-			
nab-Paclitaxel	4	5	3	5	5	3	-	3	5	-			
Docetaxel	5	5	-	5	5	-	-	-	5	-			
Further tubulin-targeting drugs													
Vinorelbine IV (PO)	3(4)	2 (5)	8(9)	2(5)	-(4)	2(4)	-	-	-	-	Phlebitis, GI-Tox (PO), CIPN		
Eribulin	5	5	4	5	5	4	-	-	5	-	Constipation, CIPN		

- unknown (based on available data incidence not assessable)

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2. rarely ($\geq 1/1,000$ to $< 1/10,000$); 3. occasionally ($\geq 1/1,000$ to $< 1/100$); 4. frequently ($\geq 1/100$ to $< 1/10$); 5. very frequently ($\geq 1/10$).

Abbreviations

AML = Acute myeloid Leucemia; DPD = Dihydropyrimidin-Dehydrogenase); CHF = congestive heart failure; CIPN = Chemotherapy-induced peripheral neuropathy; HFS = Hand-Foot-Syndrom; PPE = Palmar and plantar Erythema

Side effect categories - MedDRA (Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities)

- MedDRA: <https://www.meddra.org/> bzw. https://www.meddra.org/sites/default/files/guidance/file/intguide_20_1_english_0.pdf

Sources for product information (Download 19.01.2018)

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- Capecitabin: <https://www.zentiva.de/Produkte/Capecitabin-Zentiva/Downloads?id=a63946ee-51ce-46ac-8184-a468b705ed9b>
- Gemcitabin: <http://www.success-studie.de/b/downloads/Fachinfo/GemzarFI07Jan.pdf>

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7. Carboplatin: <http://www.teva.de/index.php?eID=dumpFile&t=f&f=37532&g=-1&r=11068%2C11068&token=eebf22e78f1cc8d9935d59c087e80630146f49e>
8. Epirubicin:
9. Doxorubicin:
10. Liposomales Doxorubicin: https://www.gelbe-liste.de/produkte/Myocet-50-mg-Pulver-Dispersion-u-Loesungsmittel-fuer-ein-Konzentrat-zur-Herstellung-einer-Infusionsdispersion_359323/fachinformation
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16. Vinorelbine: <http://www.detect-studien.de/dokumente/d3/fachinfo/Navelbine.pdf>
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Diagnostics* before Start of 5-FU (i.v.) / Capecitabine-Therapy

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DPD (Dihydropyrimidin-Dehydrogenase) - Deficiency Testing (DPYD-Genotype or Phenotype)

Phenotype determination (e.g. uracil in plasma / urine, determination of DPD-activity) are less standardized assays

Systematic review (cancer patients under 5-FU therapy)**:

- DPYD-variants (heterozygous or homozygous) 4.1%
- Therapy-associated mortality 2.3% (vs. 0.1% w/o DPYD-variants) – risk for therapy-associated death 25.6-fold increase

* Recommendation according to Medical Alert (Rote-Hand-Brief) 4.6.2020

** Sharma et al, Oncologist 2021

DPD Deficiency:

1. Rote-Hand-Brief vom 04.06.2020: <https://www.bfarm.de/SharedDocs/Risikoinformationen/Pharmakovigilanz/DE/RHB/2020/rhb-fluorouracil.html> (Zugriff am 17.01.2022)
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Endocrine Therapy – Toxicities

	Tamoxifen	Anastrozole	Exemestane	Letrozole	Fulvestrant	Elacestrant
Infections / Infestations	-	-	-	3	4	-
Neoplasms (benign, malignant, unspecified)	3	-	-	-	-	-
Blood and lymphatic system disorders	4	-	4	3	3	-
Immune system disorders (allergies)	-	-	-	-	4	-
Endocrine disorders	3	-	-	-	-	5
Metabolism and nutrition disorders	5	4	4	5	4	5
Psychiatric disorders	-	5	5	4	-	5
Nervous system disorders	4	5	4	4	4	-
Eye disorders	4	4	-	3	-	-
Ear and labyrinth disorders	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cardiac disorders	-	4	-	3	-	-
Vascular disorders (including hot flashes)	4	5	5	5	4	5

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Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders	3	-	-	3	-	-
Gastrointestinal disorders (nausea, emesis)	5	5	5	4	5	5
Hepatobiliary disorders	4	4	-	3	5	4
Skin and subcutis disorders (incl alopecia)	5	5	5	5	4	-
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue	4	5	5	5	4	5
Renal and urinary disorders	-	-	-	3	4	-
Pregnancy, puerperal and perinatal disorders	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reproductive tract and breast disorders	5	5	-	4	3	-
General disorders / administration site conditions	5	5	5	5	5	-
Congenital, familial and genetic disorders	1	-	-	-	-	-
Special features	*	**	**	**	***	

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3. Exemestan: http://www.success-studie.de/c/downloads/Fachinfo/FI_ExemestanAromasin.pdf
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Key-Toxicities – Antibodies

Oxford

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Trastuzumab

- Cardiotoxicity in the adjuvant setting (1.0–2.0%)
- Troponin I may identify patients at risk for cardiotoxicity

1b A
2b B

Pertuzumab

- Skin rash, diarrhea, mucositis

1b A

Bevacizumab

- Hypertension, proteinuria, bleeding, left ventricular dysfunction

1a A

Cardiotoxicity

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Toxicities of New Compounds: anti-HER2-TKI – Neratinib, Lapatinib –

Lapatinib

AE, %	All grades	Grade >/=3
Diarrhea	61%	6%
Nausea	18%	4%
Rash	60%	6%
Fatigue	16%	4%
Cardiac	3%	< 1% SAE
Hepatobiliary	8%	
All AE %	92%	SAE 6%

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Primary prophylaxis with
Ioperamide 2b B ++

Neratinib

AE, %	Alle Grade	Grad >/=3
Diarrhea	90	40,1
Nausea	43	2
Abdominal pain	36	2
Fatigue	27	2
Emesis	26	3
Exanthema	18	0,6
Stomatitis	14	0,6
Appetite loss	12	0,2
Dyspepsia	10	0,4
ALAT elevated	9	1,2
ASAT elevated	7	0,7
Nail disorders	8	0,3
Dry skin	6	0

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Common Toxicities with anti-HER2-TKI: Tucatinib + Trastuzumab + Capecitabine

Event	Capecitabine + Tucatinib + Trastuzumab	
	Any grade (%)	≥ 3 grade (%)
Any adverse event	99.3	55.2
Diarrhea	80.9	12.9
PPE syndrome	63.4	13.1
Nausea	58.4	3.7
Fatigue	45.0	4.7
Vomiting	35.9	3.0
Stomatitis	25.5	2.5
Reduced appetite	24.8	0.5
Headache	21.5	0.5

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Key-Toxicities – Antibody-Drug-Conjugates

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Sacituzumab Govitecan			
▪ (Febrile) neutropenia, leukopenia, anemia, diarrhea, nausea, alopecia, fatigue	1b	A	
Trastuzumab-Emtansin (T-DM1)			
Thrombozytopenia, elevation liver enzymes, pyrexia, headache pneumonitis, neuropathy, fatigue	1b	A	
Trastuzumab-Deruxtecan			
Interstitial lung disease, neutropenia, nausea, alopecia, fatigue	1b	A	

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Toxicities of CDK 4/6 Inhibitors (Palbociclib / Ribociclib / Abemaciclib)

UE, %	All Grades	Grade 3	Grade 4
Neutropenia	79,5/ 74,3 /41,3	56,1/ 49,7 /19,6	10,4/ 9,6 /1,5
Leukopenia	39,0/ 32,9 /20,8	24,1/ 19,8 /7,3	0,7/ 1,2 /0,3
Anemia	24,1/ 18,6 /28,4	5,2/ 0,9 /5,8	0,2/ 0,3 /0
Thrombocytopenia	15,5/ 5,7 /10,0	1,4/ 0,6 /2,0	0,2/ 0 / < 1,0
Fatigue	37,4/ 36,5 /40,1	1,8/ 2,1 /1,8	0/ 0,3 /0
Nausea	35,1/ 51,5 /38,5	0,2/ 2,4 /0,9	0/ 0 /0
Vomiting	15,5/ 29,3 /28,4	0,5/ 3,6 /1,2	0/ 0 /0
Diarrhea	26,1/ 35,0 /81,3	1,4/ 1,2 /9,5	0/ 0 /0
Alopecia	32,9/ 33,2 /26,6	-	-
Exantheme	17,8/ 17,1 /14,0	0,9/ 0,6 / < 1,0	0/ 0 /0
ALT elevated	9,9/ 15,6 /15,6	1,7/ 7,5 /5,8	0,1/ 1,8 /0,3
AST elevated	9,7/ 15,0 /15,0	2,5/ 4,8 /3,0	0/ 0,9 /0
Infections	60/ 50,3 /39,1	6,0/ 3,6 /4,0	1/ 0,6 /0,9
QT-prolongation	N.A./ 7,5 /N.A.	N.A./ 3,0 /N.A.	N.A./ 0 /N.A.
Palbociclib/Ribociclib/Abemaciclib			

Palbociclib

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Interstitial Lung Disease (ILD) and CDK 4/6 Inhibitors

Pulmonary toxicity of cyclin-dependent kinase (CDK) 4/6 inhibitors from the publicly available FDA Adverse Event Reporting System (FAERS):

- 2.1% of all reports for abemaciclib; 0.3% of all reports palbociclib / ribociclib
- Increased reporting found for
 - CDK4/6 inhibitors vs. other drugs (ROR = 1.50; 95% CI = 1.28–1.74)
 - Abemaciclib vs other anticancer agents (4.70; 3.62–5.98).

Overall incidence:

Systematic review of published data:

CDK 4/6i: Any grade 1.64% (0.68% control). Pooled RR 2.26, 95% CI: 1.60-3.19, p < 0.00001

CDK 4/6i: Grade 3/4 0.28% (0.06% control). Pooled RR 2.35, 95% CI: 0.37-15.08, p = 0.37

Monarch-E:

Abemaciclib any grade 2.9% (\geq G3 0.4% - 1 G5 event); control 1.2% (\geq G3 n = 1; 0%)

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Venous Thromboembolic Events: Adjuvant Abemaciclib (Monarch-E trial)

Abemaciclib : All grade 2.3% (grade 3/4 1.2%)

Control arm: All grade 0.5% (grade 3/4 0.1%)

Characterization of VTE (DVT or PE)*

- VTE by first ET = AI
 - Abemaciclib: any grade 1.7% (G3/4 0.9%)
 - Control arm: any grade 0.5% (G3/4 0.2%)
- VTE by first ET = tamoxifen
 - Abemaciclib: any grade 4.1% (G3/4 2.2%)
 - Control arm: any grade 0.7% (G3/4 0.4%)

* *DVT* is a composite term for several forms of venous thrombosis; *PE* is a composite term including embolism and pulmonary embolism

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QT-Interval-Prolongation: Ribociclib vs. Placebo

Post-baseline prolongation QT-interval > 480 msec 6,9% vs. 1,2%

Post-baseline prolongation QT-interval > 500 msec 1,5% vs. 0,3%

Discontinuation due to QT-interval prolongation 0,3% vs. 0,6%

**Prolongation of QT-interval is not associated with clinical symptoms, but
with an increased risk of the life-threatening arrhythmia torsades de
pointes (TdP)**

Use of QT check tools might be helpful (www.arzneimitteltherapie.de)

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Toxicities of mTOR-Inhibitor (Everolimus)

UE, %	All grades (%)	grade >=3 (%)
Stomatitis	11,6	1,6
Exanthema	7,4	0,02
Anemia	3,3	1,3
Fatigue	6,8	0,8
Nausea	5,6	0
Emesis / Vomiting	2,9	0
Diarrhea	6,2	0,02
Loss of appetite	6,0	0,02
Headache	3,9	0
Weight loss	3,9	0
Dyspnea	3,8	0,08
Arthralgia	3,3	0
Epistaxis	3,1	0
Edema	2,9	0
Constipation	2,6	
Pyrexia	2,9	0
Cough	4,5	0
ALT Elevated	2,6	0
Pneumonitis	0,2	0
Asthenia	2,4	0,04
Dysgeusia	4,3	0

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Toxicities of PI3K Inhibitor Alpelisib in Combination with Endocrine Therapy

Alpelisib + Fulvestrant

UE, %	All Grade	Grad >/=3
Hyperglycemia	63,7%	32,7%
Diarrhea	57,7%	6,7%
Nausea	44,7%	2,5%
Decreased appetite	35,6%	< 1% SAE
Rush	35,5%	9,9%
Vomiting	27,1%	< 1% SAE
Weight loss	26,8%	3,9%
Stomatitis	24,6%	2,5%
Fatigue	24,3%	3,5
Asthenia	20,4%	1,8
Alopecia	19,7%	0
Mucositis	18,3%	2,1

Regard recommendations for
management of side effects (Diabetes
mellitus, hyperglycemia, Insulin resistance
und metabolic syndrom)

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Toxicities of PARP-Inhibitors – Olaparib, Talazoparib

Olaparib

AE. %	all grades (%)	grade >/=3 (%)
AE, overall	97,1	36,6
Neutropenia	27,3	9,3
Anemia	40,0	16,1
Fatigue	28,8	2,9
Nausea	58,0	0
Emesis	29,8	0
Diarrhea	20,5	0,5
Appetite loss	16,1	0
Headache	20,0	1
Pyrexia	14,1	0
Cough	17,1	0
ALT elevated	11,2	1,5
AST elevated	9,3	2,4
PPE	0,5	
Treatm. discontinuation	4,9	

Talazoparib

AE. %	all grades (%)	grade >/=3 (%)
AE, overall	98,6	31,8
neutropenia	34,6	20,9
Anemia	52,8	39,2
Fatigue	50,3	1,7
Nausea	48,6	0,3
Emesis	24,8	2,4
Diarrhea	22,0	0,7
Appetite loss	21,3	0,3
Headache	32,5	1,7
Back pain	21,0	2,4
Dyspnea	17,5	2,4
Pleural effusion	2,1	1,7
PPE	1,4	0,3

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Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors

▪ Therapeutic approaches (antibodies)

▪ PD-1 / PD-L1

PD-1

- Nivolumab
- Pembrolizumab

PD-L1

- Atezolizumab
- Durvalumab
- Avelumab

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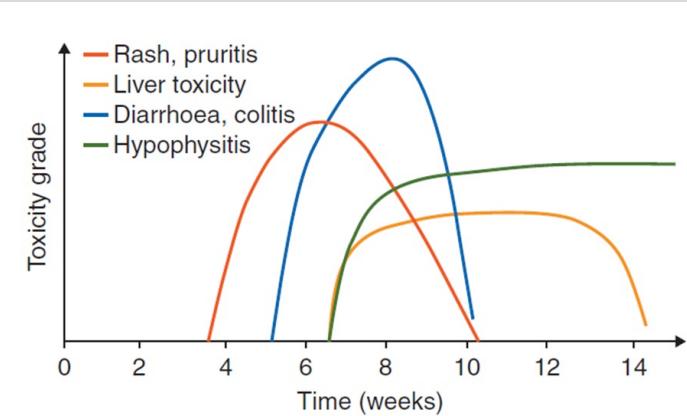


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Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors Time Course of Adverse Events, e.g. Ipilimumab



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Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors – Side Effects –

▪ Adverse events ≥ grade 3

- diarrhea
- fatigue
- skin lesions (maculopapular exanthema, vitiligo, epidermolysis)
- pneumonitis
- colitis
- hypophysitis
- hepatitis
- nephritis
- thyreoiditis (hyper- / hypothyroidism)
- Guillain-Barré syndrome
- cardiomyopathy
- myopathy – myalgia – rhabdomyolysis
- uveitis

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Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors Toxicities (Total in %)

	atezolizumab	nivolumab	pembrolizumab
diarrhea	18.6%	13%	18%
colitis	1.1%	2%	1%
exanthema	18.6%	15%	< 1%
hepatotoxicity	0.3%	1%	0.5%
hypophysitis	< 0.1%	< 1%	0.5%
pneumonitis	3.1%	3%	2.9%
thyroid dysfunction	hyper- 1.7% hypo- 4.7%	hyper -1% hypo- 4%	hyper- 1.2% hypo- 8.3%
nephritis	< 1%	1%	0.7%
neuropathy	0.2%	< 1%	< 1%

Atezolizumab technical product information 2018; Nivolumab, safety management BMS 2014; Pembrolizumab PI 2014

1. Atezolizumab: <https://www.fachinfo.de/suche/fi/021700>
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Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors

Principles of Adverse Event Management

CTC AE-Grade	Management
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ supportive therapy▪ close examination▪ exclusion of infective complications▪ patient information
2	<p>Like grade 1 but</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ intermission of therapy until recovery of all irAE to grades 0-1▪ consider corticosteroids
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ supportive therapy▪ IV steroids (e.g. 1-2 mg/kg prednisolone) <p>In case of no improvement within 48 h:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ consider additional immunosuppressive therapy (infliximab, MMF)▪ consider further organ specific diagnostics (eg. colonoscopy)▪ consider specialists consultations▪ exclusion or treatment of infection▪ stop of treatment, re-initiation after recovery to CTC AE grades 0, 1▪ slow reduction of steroids (3-6 weeks)
4	Like grade 3 but persistent withdrawal of therapy

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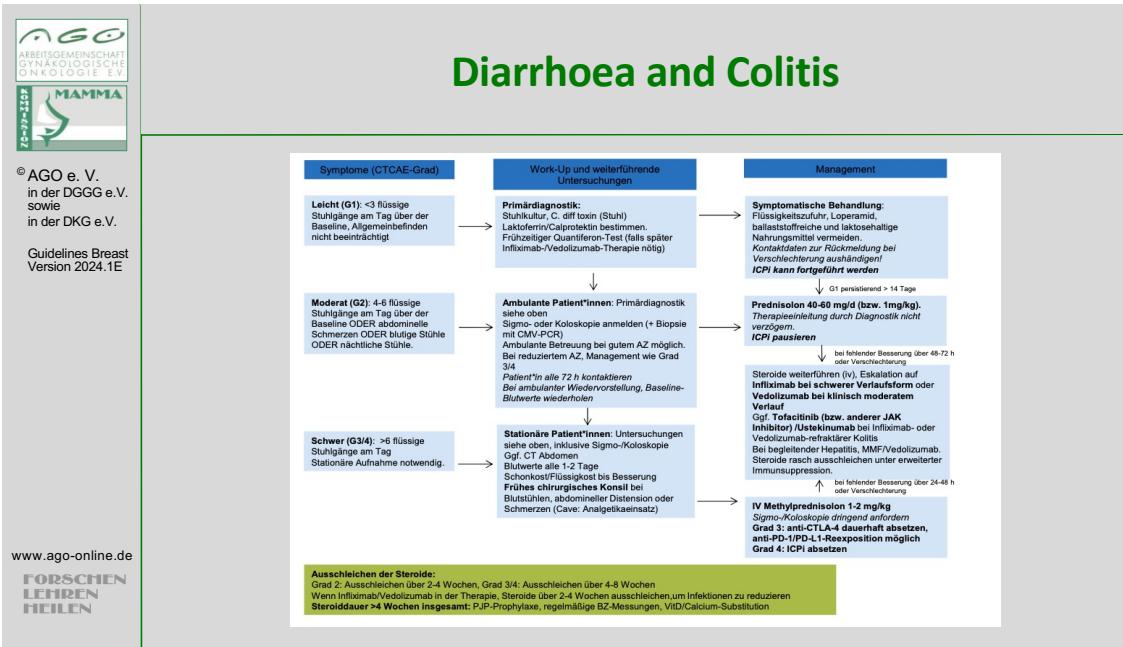


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Diarrhoea and Colitis



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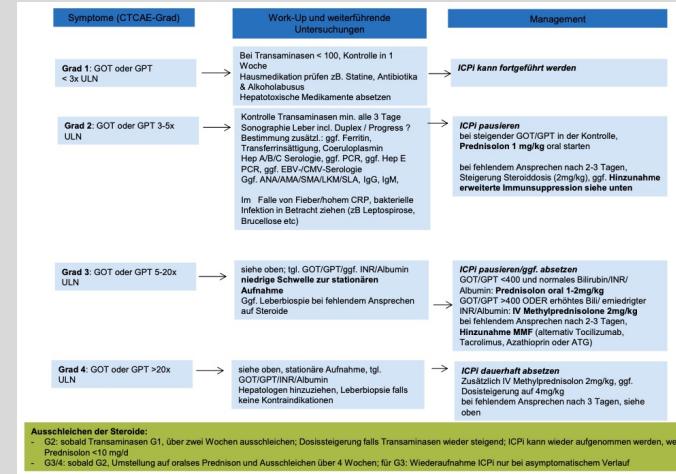


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Hepatitis



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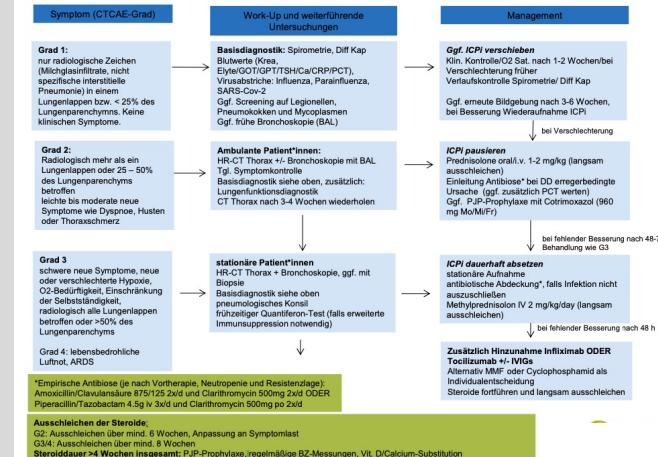


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Pneumonitis



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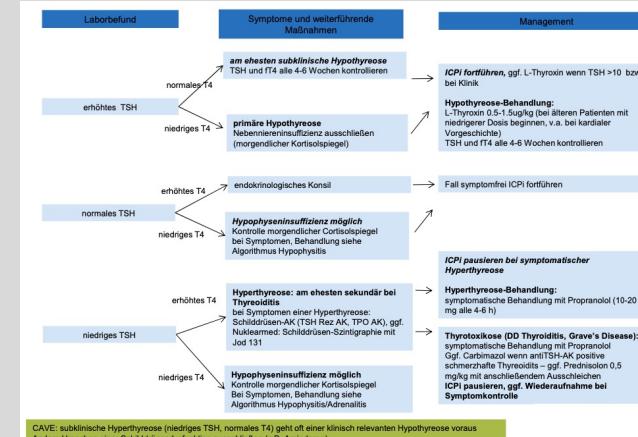
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Thyreoiditis



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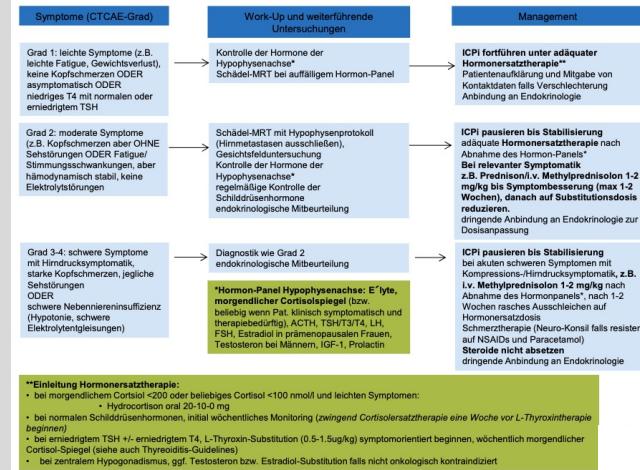


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Hypophysitis



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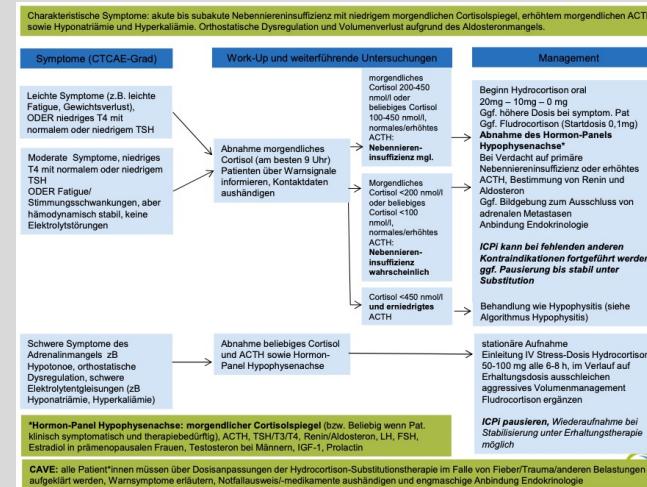


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Adrenalitis



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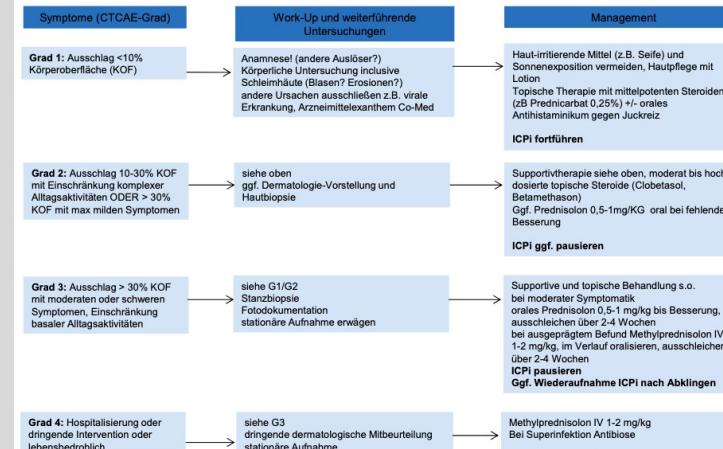


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Cutaneous Toxicity



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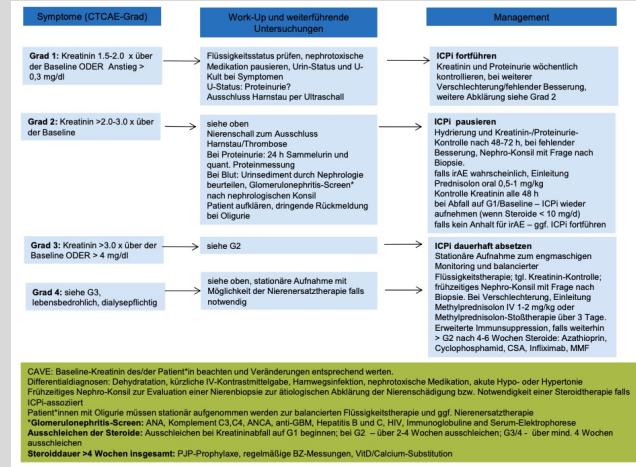
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Nephrotoxicity



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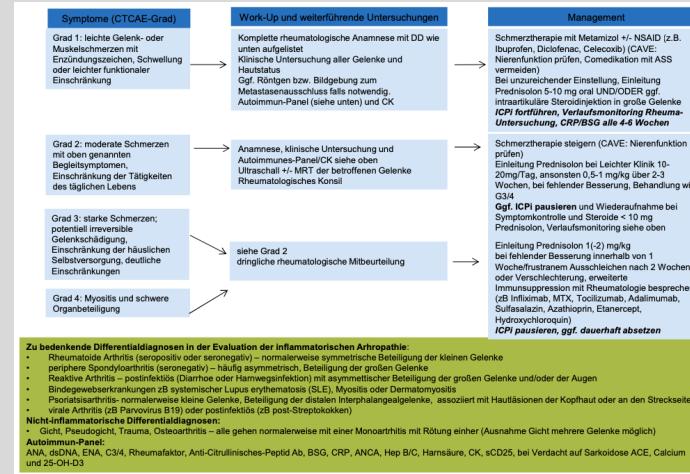


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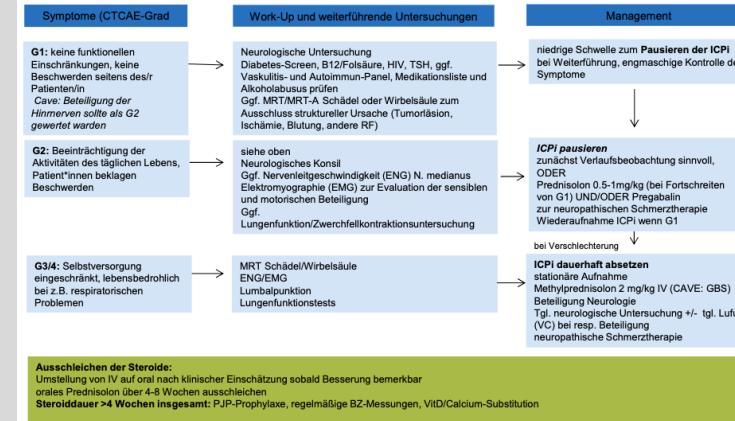


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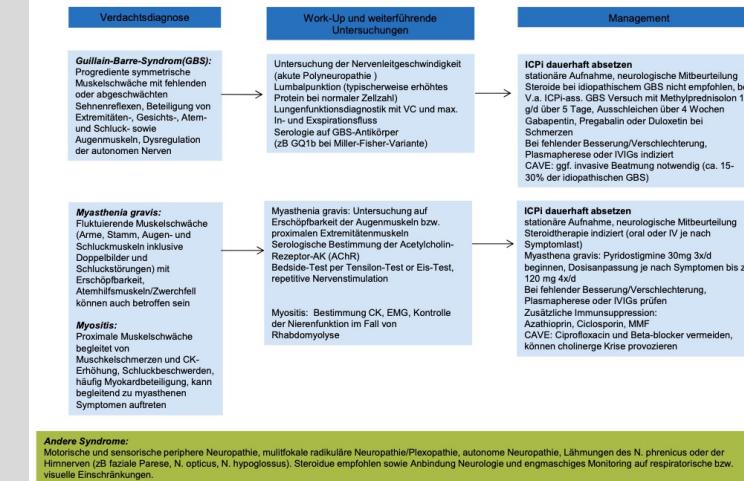
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Peripheral Neurotoxicity (II)



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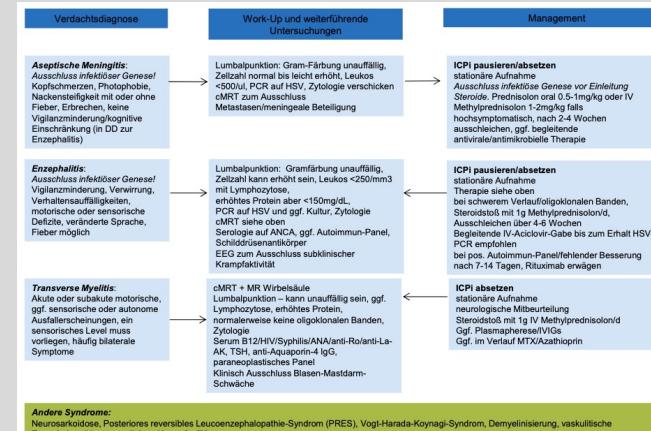
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Central Neurotoxicity



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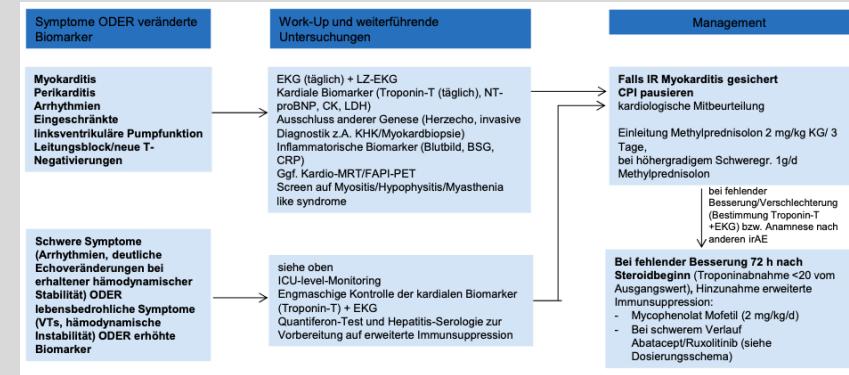


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Cardiovascular Toxicity



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Side Effects According Organ Systems

Incidence, Prevention, Therapy

1. Infections

- General prophylaxis for infections
- Hepatitis B virus screening
- Covid-19 (see joint guidelines with DGHO)

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Prophylaxis of Infections rarely Applicable to Patients with Solid Tumors (e.g. BC) ASCO Practice Guideline „Antimicrobial Prophylaxis...“ 2018

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
▪ Avoidance of highly infection-risking behavior or situations	5	D	+
Review and potential update of vaccination status prior to initiation of therapy (according to recommendations by RKI, STIKO, DGHO)	5	D	+
▪ Prophylactic treatment in low-risk patients	1a	B	-
▪ Prophylactic treatment in high-risk* patients (e.g. according to NCCN Guidelines) with			
▪ Antibiotics	1a	A	++
▪ Anti-fungal agents (triazole)	1a	B	+/-
▪ Virostatics in solid tumors	5	D	-
▪ Granulocyte colony-stimulating factors	1a	A	++

* High risk: estimated duration of neutropenia < 100/ μ l > 7d

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Hepatitis B Virus Screening before Chemotherapy

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
▪ Hepatitis B virus screening before adjuvant chemotherapy (HBsAG, anti-HBC, anti-HBs)	2c	B	+
<u>In case of positive serology or reactivation:</u>			
▪ Prophylactic therapy with virustatic drugs if HBV-DNA detected (according AGIHO / DGHO – recommendations)	1b	A	++
▪ Hepatitis C virus screening before chemotherapy	5	D	+/-

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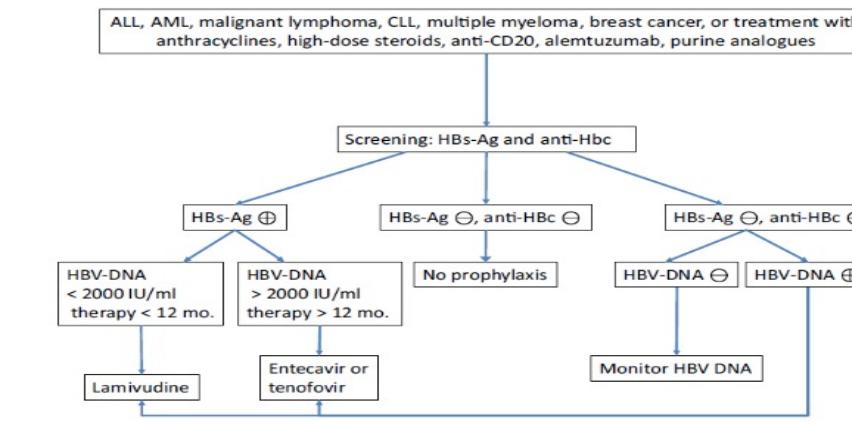


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AGIHO / DGHO – Recommendations on Hepatitis B Virus Screening in Oncology



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Side Effects According Organ Systems

Incidence, Prevention, Therapy

2. Neoplasms benign, malignant and unspecified (incl. cysts and polyps)



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Secondary Malignancies I

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	LoE	GR
▪ With regard to solid tumors, chemotherapy induced secondary malignancies are rare events	2a	
▪ Alkylating agents increase the risk of leukemia dose- dependently to a total of 0.2–0.4% within 10–15 years	2a	
▪ Anthracycline-containing regimens increase the risk of MDS and leukemia to 0.2–1.7% within 8 to 10 years	2a	
▪ PARP-inhibitors are associated with an increased risk of AML and MDS to 0.5–1%	2b	
▪ Radiotherapy increases the risk of leukemia by 0.2–0.4% in patients treated with anthracycline-containing chemotherapy	2b	
▪ Tamoxifen approximately doubles the risk for developing endometrial cancer (in pts. older than 55 yrs. at start of therapy)	2b	

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Secondary Malignancies II (After Radiotherapy)

Oxford

LoE

1a

2b

2c

- Radiotherapy (PMRT, BET) may moderately enhance the risk of ipsilateral lung cancer and angiosarcoma (10-15/10.000) 5-10 years after treatment
 - Enhanced risk especially among ever smokers
 - No difference of secondary malignancy between PBI und WBI

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Side Effects According Organ Systems

Incidence, Prevention, Therapy

3. Blood and Lymphatic System Disorders

- Anemia
- Neutropenia
- Febrile Neutropenia (FN)



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Anemia – Indications for Therapy with Erythropoiesis-stimulating Agents (ESAs)

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
▪ Indicated in asymptomatic anemia	1a	B	-
▪ Therapy and secondary prophylaxis in CTx-induced anemia	1a	A	+
▪ Adjuvant setting	1b	A	+
▪ Neoadjuvant / metastatic setting	1a	A	+/-
▪ In dose-dense / dose-escalated CTx (iddETC)	1b	A	+
▪ Treatment start at Hb-levels < 10 g/dL	1a	A	+
▪ Target Hb 11–12 g/dL	1a	A	+
▪ Improvement of outcome (DFS, OS)	1a	B	--
▪ Risk of thromboembolic events is increased by use of ESAs	1a	A	

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Practical Use of ESAs

- **Epoetin α and Darbepoetin are equieffective**
- **Dosage:**
 - Epoetin α: 150 IU/kg 3 x weekly s.c. or
40.000 IU 1 x /week s.c. or
80.000 IU q2w s.c. or
120.000 IU q3w s.c.
 - Epoetin β: 30.000 IE weekly s.c.
 - Darbepoetin: 2,25 µg/kg s.c. weekly or 500 µg s.c. q3w
- **Weekly hematologic blood controls**
 - Dose reduction if Hb-increase > 1g/dl within 2 weeks
 - Dose increase if Hb-increase < 1g/dl within 4-6 weeks
- **In case of FID (“functional iron deficiency”) iron supplementation, preferably i.v.**
- **Stop ESA-treatment if there is no Hb increase after 9 weeks**

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Granulocyte Colony-Stimulating Factors

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
▪ Primary prophylaxis for expected febrile neutropenia (FN)			
▪ If expected risk for FN 10–20%	1b	B	+/-
▪ In case of individual risk factors	3b	C	+
▪ If expected risk for FN > 20% (e.g. DAC, dose-dense CT)	1a	A	++
▪ Secondary prophylaxis during chemotherapy (previous FN or neutropenia grade IV > 7 days)	1b	A	++
▪ Therapeutic use for FN	1a	A	+/-
▪ Start related to chemotherapy and duration			
▪ Pegfilgrastim day 2	1b	A	++
▪ Lipegfilgrastim day 2	1b	A	++
▪ Filgrastim / Lenograstim from day 2–3 until ANC > 2–3 × 10 ⁹	1b	A	++

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Management of Febrile Neutropenia

c.f. Recommendations by Arbeitsgemeinschaft Infektionen in der Hämatologie und Onkologie (AGIHO) der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Hämatologie und Onkologie e.V. (DGHO) www.dgho-infektionen.de

Definition (oral temperature of > 38.5°C or two consecutive readings of > 38°C for 2 h in a patient with an ANC of < 500 cells/mm³ or expected to fall to <500 cells/mm³)

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
▪ Clinical examination	5	D	++
▪ Daily evaluation	5	D	++
▪ Hospitalization of high-risk patients	1b	A	++
▪ Homecare in low-risk patients	1b	A	+
▪ Differential blood count	5	D	++
▪ Blood cultures	5	D	++
▪ Imaging of lungs	3	C	++
▪ Immediate initially empiric antibiotic therapy	1a	A	++
▪ Empiric antifungal therapy 4–7 d in case of failure of antibiotic therapy	1b	A	++
▪ G-CSF for treatment (not prophylactic)	2b	B	+/-

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EORTC and ASCO G-CSF Guideline-Based FN Risk Assessment

Step 1: Assess frequency of FN associated with the planned chemotherapy regimen

FN risk ≥ 20% FN risk 10-20% FN risk < 10%

Step 2: Assess factors that may increase the risk of FN:

- | | |
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| High risk: | Age > 65 years |
| Increased risk:
(level I and II evidence) | Advanced disease
History of prior FN
No antibiotic prophylaxis
Poor performance (ECOG > 1)
Female gender
Haemoglobin < 12 g/dL
Liver, renal or cardiovascular disease
Nutritional status |
| Other Factors:
(level III and IV evidence) | |

Reassess at each cycle

Step 3: Define the patient's overall FN risk for planned chemotherapy regimen

Overall FN risk ≥ 20% Overall FN risk < 20%

Prophylactic G-CSF recommended

G-CSF prophylaxis not indicated

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4. Toxicities / Ovaries

Therapy-associated amenorrhea (CRA, CIA, TIA)	Oxford LoE
▪ CRA may be permanent or temporary (depending on age of the patient and type of chemotherapy)	2b
▪ The risk of CRA increases with patient's age and duration of the chemotherapy	2b
▪ CRA is an imperfect surrogate for menopause and fertility	5
▪ Adjuvant endocrine therapy with GnRHa induces reversible amenorrhea, but delays conception to a less fertile period	5
▪ Ovarian reserve of women who remain premenopausal after CTX is reduced	2b
▪ CRA is associated with improved outcome (DFS / OS)	1b

Synonym: Chemotherapy related or induced / Treatment induced Amenorrhea (CRA, CIA, TIA)

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Side Effects According Organ Systems

Incidence, Prevention, Therapy

5. Psychiatric Disorders

- Depression
- Fatigue
- Cognitive impairment
- Sleep disturbances



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(Therapy-associated) Depression

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| ▪ Depression is an often reported adverse event in breast cancer patients (20–30%) | 2a | B |
| ▪ Psychological interventions are effective to improve mood, but not survival in distressed and depressed patients | 1b | A |
| ▪ Antidepressants have shown to improve depression in breast cancer patients | 1b | A |
| ▪ Regular exercise participation can prevent depression in breast cancer survivors | 2b | B |

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(Therapy-related) Fatigue

	Oxford		
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▪ Fatigue frequent in breast cancer patients (30–60%)	2a	B	
▪ Exclusion of somatic reasons (anemia, tumor burden, co-morbidity, medication) for fatigue	1a	A	++
▪ Psycho-social interventions specifically addressing fatigue efficient in reducing fatigue	1a	A	++
▪ Physical exercise can improve fatigue	1b	D	+
▪ Yoga can improve fatigue	2b	B	+
▪ Methylphenidate or corticosteroids (short-term) can improve fatigue	1a	D	+

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(Therapy-associated) Cognitive Impairment

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2a	B	Therapy-related cognitive deficits (“chemobrain”) frequently described (16–75%)
2b	B	Cognitive-behavioral therapy beneficial for cognitive function
3a	C	Methylphenidate may improve cognitive function in cancer patients
1a	B	Under therapy with aromatase inhibitors, deterioration of cognitive performance was observed (espec. verbal memory)

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(Therapy-associated) Sleep Disturbances

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| ▪ Sleep disturbances are a common problem in breast cancer patients during and after therapy (20–70%) | 2a | B | |
| ▪ Behavioral therapies demonstrated efficacy in treatment of insomnia and improved quality of life | 1b | A | ++ |

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Side Effects According Organ Systems

Incidence, Prevention, Therapy

6. Nervous system disorders

- **Chemotherapy-Induced Peripheral Neuropathy (CIPN)**



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Chemotherapy-Induced Peripheral Neuropathy (CIPN)

- **Incidence with taxanes:**
 - Grade 1–2: 20–50%
 - Grade 3–4: 6–20%
- **Risk factors: type and dose of chemotherapy, BMI, reduced physical activity**
- **Individual risk factors**
 - Diabetes mellitus
 - Nutritive-toxic compounds part. alcohol
 - Renal failure
 - Hypothyreosis
 - Collagenoses / vasculitis
 - Vitamine deficiency
 - HIV-Infection
 - CMT-Gen mutations
- **Unclear:**
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Chemotherapy-induced Peripheral Neuropathy

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Non drug-based prevention

- Functional training (physical fitness, sensomotoric stimulation training etc.)
- Compression treatment (tight surgical gloves, compression stockings)
- Cooling gloves and stockings
- Elektro-acupuncture

5 D +
2b B +
2b^a B +
1b B -

Drug-based prevention

There is no drug-based prophylaxis available

- Venlafaxine
- Palmitoylethanolamine (PEA) topically or PO
- A-lipoic-acid (thioctic acid), amifostine, amitriptyline, acetyl-L-car-nitine, carbamazepine, electrolyte solutions, glutathione, Goshajinkigan (GJG), oxcarbazepine, vitamine B, vitamine E, or other compounds¹

2a C +/-
5 D +/-
1b A -

¹ For list of not recommended drugs, see Hershman et al. 2014

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– Therapy –

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Non drug-based therapy			
▪ Functional training (physical fitness, sensomotoric stimulation training etc.)	2a	C	+
▪ Physiotherapy / physical treatment	5	D	+
▪ acupuncture	2b	B	+
Drug-based therapy			
▪ Menthol locally (1%), capsaicin / lidocaine locally	5	D	+
▪ Baclofen / amitriptyline / ketamine-gel	2b	B	+
▪ Duloxetine for therapy of CIPN-induced pain	1b	B	+
▪ Opioids for therapy of CIPN-induced pain	5	D	+
▪ Palmitoylethanolamine (PEA) topically or PO.	5	D	+/-
▪ Venlafaxine	5	D	+/-
▪ Gabapentin, pregabalin	1b	B	+/-
▪ Amitriptyline / nortriptyline, imipramine / desipramine	1b	B	+/-
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▪ Equivalent cardiotoxicity of doxorubicin and epirubicin at recommended dose levels (450–500 and 900–1000 mg/m ² cum. dose, resp.)	2b	B	
▪ Liposome encapsulated anthracyclines (doxorubicin) induce less cardiotoxicity	1b	B	
▪ Anthracycline- or trastuzumab-associated cardiotoxicity may occur earlier/more frequently:	2b	B	
▪ Elderly patients, obesity, hypertension, hypercholesterolemia, pre-existing cardiac disease (incl. borderline LVEF), diabetes mellitus			
▪ Monitoring of cardiac function:			
▪ Standardized echocardiography (LVEF or SF in %)	3b	C	+
▪ ECG (QT-interval)	1a	A	+
▪ Troponin I as marker of cardiac toxicity	2b	B	+/-
▪ Beta-blocker-prophylaxis during anthracycline therapy	2a	B	+/-

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Adjuvant Trastuzumab Cardiac Monitoring for CHF

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Before start of trastuzumab

- History, physical examination (edema, hepatomegaly)
- Echocardiography (alternative to MUGA)

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Assessment
of LVEF

During trastuzumab

Regular assessment of

- Heart rate increase > 15% above individual base level
- Body weight increase ≥ 2 kg/week
- Cardiac signs and symptoms

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3 monthly assessment of LVEF

Statement: Cardiac Monitoring (5 D ++)

Vote result of the AGO recommendation: 100%

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Feasibility of Treatment Combinations Considering Toxicities

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Regarding cardiac toxicity

	2b	B	+
▪ Trastuzumab simultaneous to radiotherapy	2b	B	+
▪ Trastuzumab simultaneous to epirubicin	2b	B	+/-
▪ Trastuzumab simultaneous to doxorubicin	2b	B	-
▪ Anthracycline simultaneous to radiotherapy	2c	C	-

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▪ Tamoxifen simultaneous to radiotherapy	3	C	+/-
▪ Chemotherapy simultaneous to radiotherapy	1b	B	-

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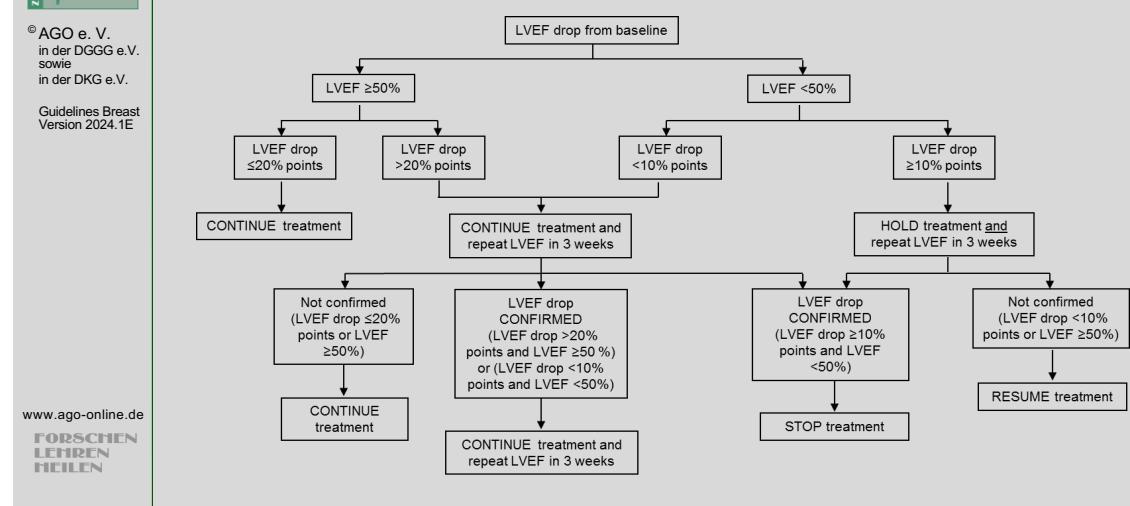


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Side Effects According Organ Systems

Incidence, Prevention, Therapy

8. Gastrointestinal Disorders

- **Nausea, Emesis**
- **Mucositis**
 - Stomatitis (Everolimus)
- **Diarrhea**
- **Constipation**



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▪ After assessment of emetic potential of therapy protocol (p.o., i.v., s.c., i.m.)	5	D	++
▪ Neurokinin-1-receptor-antagonists	1b	A	++
▪ Dexamethasone (also in chemotherapy combinations with ICPI)	1a	A	++
▪ 5-HT ₃ -antagonists	1b	A	++
▪ Fixed antiemetic combination therapy	1b	A	++
▪ Rescue Medication			
▪ Olanzapine	1b	A	+
▪ Levomepromazine, benzodiazepines	3b	C	+
▪ Cannabinoids, ginger	3b	C	+/-

ICPi = Immune Checkpoint inhibitor

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ACUTE Nausea and Vomiting: SUMMARY

EMETIC RISK GROUP	ANTIEMETICS			
High Non-AC	5-HT ₃	+	DEX	+
High AC	5-HT ₃	+	DEX	+
Carboplatin	5-HT ₃	+	DEX	+
Moderate (other than carboplatin)	5-HT ₃	+	DEX	
Low	5-HT ₃	or	DEX	or
Minimal	No routine prophylaxis			

5-HT₃ = serotonin₃ receptor antagonist

DEX = DEXAMETHASONE

NK₁ = neurokinin₁ receptor antagonist such as APREPITANT or FOSAPREPITANT or ROLOPITANT or NEPA (combination of netupitant and palonosetron)

OLZ = OLANZAPINE

DOP = dopamine receptor antagonist

NOTE: If the NK₁ receptor antagonist is not available for AC chemotherapy, palonosetron is the preferred 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist.

* OLZ: Olanzapine may be added particularly if nausea is a concern.

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DELAYED Nausea and Vomiting: SUMMARY

EMETIC RISK GROUP	ANTIEMETICS
High Non-AC	DEX or (if APR 125mg for acute: (MCP + DEX) or (APR + DEX)) +/- OLZ*
High AC	NONE or (if APR 125mg for acute: DEX or APR) +/- OLZ*
Carboplatin	NONE or (if APR 125mg for acute: APR)
Oxaliplatin, or anthracycline, or cyclophosphamide	DEX can be considered
Moderate (other)	No routine prophylaxis
Low and Minimal	No routine prophylaxis

DEX = DEXAMETHASONE

MCP = METOCLOPRAMIDE

APR = APREPITANT

OLZ = OLANZAPINE

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Antiemetics

Wirkstoffgruppe	Substanz	Dosierung	Nebenwirkungen	Antiemetic potential
Serotonin-antagonists	Ondansetron Tropisetron Granisetron Palonosetron	8 mg i.v., 2 x 4-8 mg p.o. 5 mg i.v., 5 mg p.o. 1-3 mg i.v. 0.25 mg i.v.	Headache, diarrhea, flush, elevated transaminases, intestinal atony (higher doses)	Very high
NK1-Antagonists	Aprepitant Fosaprepitant Ropiprant	125 mg d1, 80 mg d 2-3 p.o. 150 mg d1 i.v. 180 mg d1 i.v.	Activation of cytochrome-P-450-, dose reduction of dexamethasone (2 x 8 mg). No combination with Atemizole, Terfenadine, Cisaprid	Very high
Dopamin-antagonists/ substituted Benzamides	Metoclopramid Alizaprid	Up to 120 mg/24h als continuous infusion or drop bis zu 300 mg i.v. oder p.o./24 h (6 Amp. od. 6 Tbl.)	Dyskinesia (Antidot: Biperiden) Anxiety, depression, diarrhoea	high
Oxazapine	Olanzapine	10mg/d for d1-4 Ggf. 5mg/d for d1-4	Sedation, weight gain	high
Phenothiazine/ Butyrophenone	Haloperidol	1-3 mg 4 x/d	Sedation, reduction of seizure threshold, transient elevation of liver enzymes	intermediate
Corticosteroids	Dexamethasone Prednisolone	8-20 mg i.v. 1-3 x/d 100-250 mg i.v. 1-3 x/d	Hyperglycaemia, psychosis, flush, hypertension	intermediate
Benzodiazepine	Diazepam Lorazepam	Up to 20 mg/d 0,5-1,0 mg/d	Sedation, respiratory depression	Low
NEPA (Netupitant, and Palonosetron)	Fixed combination	NE 300 mg PA 0,5 mg		Very high

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Mucositis Prevention

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- Standardized mouth hygiene for prophylaxis of oral mucositis should be adhered to by all age groups and during all cancer-related therapies with any risk for oral mucositis.

This entails:

1. Patient:
 - Regular mouth washes (H₂O, NaCl)
 - Soft toothbrushes
 - Interdental care: flossing or using interdental brush
 - Avoidance of alcohol, tobacco, hot food, sour food
 - Regular screening for lesions
2. Risk adjusted prophylaxis by dentist
3. Continuous clinical control

There is no evidence with regard to the use of one of the following compounds: allopurinol, capsaicin, glutamine, honey, camomile, camomile oil or extract, chewing gum, kefir, methadone, nystatin, pentoxifylline, povidone-iodine, vitamine A / E / combinations

Relevant practice guideline

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Prevention of Everolimus-Induced Stomatitis Using Corticosteroid-based Mouthwash

- **Study design: single arm phase II-trial (SWISH)**
- **Cohort: 92 pts., treated with everolimus 10 mg and exemestane 25 mg**
- **Schedule: 10 mL of alcohol-free dexamethasone 15 mg per 5 mL oral solution (swish for 2 min and spit) for at least 8–12 weeks***
- **Results: after 13 wks exposition all-grade incidence of stomatitis 27% (BOLERO 67%), ≥ grade 2 events 9% (BOLERO 27%)**

* Alternatively Hydrocortison: Hydrocortisonacetat-Suspension 0,5% with Lidocainhydrochlorid and Dexpanthenol (Germany: Arzneibuchrezeptur NRF 7.14.)

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Mucositis

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- **Desinfecting / antiphlogistic measures:** Mouth rinsing with infusions of chamomile or salvia, extracts of chamomile, etheric oils, polyvidon-iodine, hexetidine. Local therapy with crystal violet solution 0.5% or tinctura myrrhei, H. mometasonefuroate + propylene glycol
- **Mucosa protecting measures (during / after application of chemotherapy):** Sucking ice cubes (especially from pineapple juice) during 5-fluorouracile- or HD-melphalan. Calcium folinate (Leucovorin-mouth gel®) every 4–6 hrs for HD-methotrexate: do not start earlier than 24 hours after end of MTX-Infusion (otherwise potential loss of efficacy of MTX!). Dexamethasone (Panthenol®-Solution. 5%) mouth rinsing.
- **Local antimycotic treatment:** Amphotericin B, nystatin, fluconazole
- **Local antiviral treatment** Aminoquinuride / tetracaine-HCl , Aciclovir®
- **Local anaesthesia:** Benzocaine, Doxepin 0,5% p.o.
- **Pain Therapy:** Opioids if indicated

Relevant practice guideline

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Diarrhea

- **Adsorbent agents**
 - *Carbo medicinalis; caoline / pectine, Al-Mg-silicate hydrate*
- **Analgetics, opioids**
 - *Loperamide; codeine, morphine IV, tinctura opii (tincture of opium), butylscopolamine*
- **Off-label: Somatostatin-Analogon Octreotide s.c. (starting at grade 3)**
- **Pseudomembranous colitis**
 - *Metronidazole or (if not effective) vancomycin*
- **Initial dose escalation to reduce grade 3/4 diarrhea**
 - **CONTROL trial (dose escalation of neratinib: 120 mg/d day 1-7, 160 mg/d day 8-14, 240 mg/d afterwards)**

Relevant practice guideline

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Constipation

Important Side Effect of Opioid Treatment

- **Bulging agents**
 - Psyllium, flaxseed (shredded)
- **Osmotic laxatives**
 - Macrogol > Lactulose (Cochrane review LoE 1a, AGO +)
 - Oral radio-opaque material: ultima ratio e.g. sodium amidotrizoate
 - Sorbitol
- **Motility stimulating laxatives**
 - Senna, Ricinus (Castrol Oil), Bisacodyl, sodium-picosulfate
- **Emollients (Internal lubricants e.g. paraffin)**
- **Opioid-receptor-antagonists (in opioid-related constipation)**
 - Methylnaltrexone

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9. Skin & Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders (Alopecia)

Relevant practice guideline

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Skin Toxicities

Oxford		
LoE	GR	AGO
1b		+/-
1b		+
2b		+

- **Avoidance of chemotherapy-induced alopecia by cooling the patient's scalp***
- **Prophylaxis of hand-foot-syndrome using urea containing lotions (5-10%)**
- **Prophylaxis of nail changes and hand-foot-syndrome by cooling hands during application of docetaxel**

* Substance- and regimen specific

Relevant practice guidelines

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Scalp Cooling: Scalp Cooling Alopecia Prevention Trial (SCALP) and 3 Metaanalyses

AGO: +/- LOE 2b B

Nangia J, Wang T, Osborne C, et al. Effect of Scalp Cooling Device on Alopecia in Women Undergoing Chemotherapy for Breast Cancer: The SCALP Randomized Clinical Trial JAMA. 2017 Feb 14;317(6):596-605.

Primary Outcome: hair preservation
Cooling: 50.5% success vs. 49.5% failure
Non-cooling: 0% success vs. 100% failure
Fisher's exact test $p < 0.001$

Two Meta-analyses: AGO: +/- LOE 1b

Scalp cooling reduced relative risk (RR) of alopecia by 43% (RR, 0.57; 95% CI, 0.45-0.72; $I^2 = 11\%$; $p < .00001$). (Rugo & Voigt, Clinical Breast Cancer 2018; 18(1): 19-28.)

Incidence rate of scalp metastasis (SC vs. no-SC) 0.61% vs. 0.41%; $p = 0.43$. (Rugo & Voigt; BCRT 2017)

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10. Musculoskeletal & connective tissue disorders

(see Chapter Osteooncology)

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11. General Disorders & Administration Site Conditions

Relevant practice guideline

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Extravasation of Potentially Necrotizing Compounds (Anthracyclines, Taxanes, Vinorelbine)

Oxford		
LoE	GR	AGO
2b	B	++
3b	B	+

- Dexrazoxane for treatment of anthracycline-extravasations (exception: liposomal Anthracyclines)
- Hyaluronic acid for treatment of taxane / vinorelbine-extravasations (off-label use)

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Hyaluronsäure

siehe S3-Leitlinie, Kapitel 11: Paravasate.



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Extravasation of Chemotherapy

Role of Dexrazoxane / Hyaluronic Acid

Dexrazoxane for treatment of anthracyclines paravasates

Day 1: 1000 mg/m² (max. 2000 mg), IV 1–2 hrs

Day 2: 1000 mg/m² (max. 2000 mg), IV 1–2 hrs

Day 3: 500 mg/m² (max. 1000 mg), IV 1–2 hrs

Otherwise or if treatment with dexrazoxane is not indicated, following measures are recommended:

1. Local cooling: ice packs for 15 min every 6 hrs, for at least 3 days, alternatively: 24 h continuous ice cooling
2. Local application (with swab) of dimethylsulfoxid 99% (DMSO) every 3-4 hours for at least 3 days (better 14 days), allow it to air dry. The interval may be extended to 6 hours from day 4 onward.

Hyaluronic Acid in case of Taxan/Vinorelbine Paravasates:

- 1–10 Amp a 150 IU
- 1 ml dissolvent (e.g. NaCl 0.9%)
- Local anaesthesia
- No thermotherapy after taxanes
- Dry warmth 4 x daily 20 min during vincaalkaloids

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11. Lung

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Drug-induced Pneumonitis, Interstitial Lung Disease (ILD)

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
Diagnostic work-up with chest CT	1a	B	++

Therapy according to grade and drug*

Corticosteroids (start with ≥ 0.5 mg/kg/d prednisolone-equivalent) **1a** **B** **++**

Dose hold or therapy discontinuation* (according to respective product information) **1b** **B** **++**

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Management ILD -Trastuzumab Deruxtecan

Monitor for suspected ILD/P

- Interrupt T-DXd if ILD/P is suspected
- Rule out ILD/P if radiographic changes consistent with ILD/P or if acute onset of new or worsening pulmonary symptoms develop

Confirm ILD/P by evaluation

- High-resolution CT, pulmonologist consultation, blood culture and CBC, bronchoscopy or BAL, PFTs and pulse oximetry, arterial blood gases, PK analysis of blood sample (as clinically indicated and feasible)^a
- All ILD/P events regardless of severity or seriousness should be followed until resolution including after drug discontinuation

Manage ILD/P

Grade 1

- Interrupt T-DXd
 - T-DXd can be resumed if the ILD/P resolves to grade 0
 - If resolved in ≤28 days from onset, maintain dose
 - If resolved in >28 days from onset, reduce dose by 1 level^b

- Discontinue T-DXd if ILD/P occurs beyond day 22 and has not resolved within 49 days from the last infusion

- Monitor and closely follow-up in 2–7 days for onset of clinical symptoms and pulse oximetry

- Consider:
 - Follow-up imaging in 1–2 weeks, or as clinically indicated
 - Start systemic glucocorticoids (e.g. ≥0.5 mg/kg/day prednisone or equivalent) until improvement, followed by gradual taper over ≥4 weeks

- If diagnostic observations worsen despite initiation of corticosteroids, then follow grade 2 guidelines.

We suggest considering steroids for selected grade 1 cases that show extensive lung involvement or in patients at increased risk for progression of ILD/P

Grade 2 (symptomatic)

- Permanently discontinue T-DXd

- Permanently discontinue T-DXd

- Promptly start systemic glucocorticoids (e.g. ≥1 mg/kg/day prednisone or equivalent) until complete resolution of clinical and chest CT findings, followed by gradual taper over ≥4 weeks

- Monitor symptoms closely

- Re-image as clinically indicated

- If worsening of symptoms or improvement in clinical or diagnostic observations in 5 days:

- Consider increasing dose of glucocorticoids (e.g. 2 mg/kg/day prednisone or equivalent), and administration may be switched to i.v. (e.g. methylprednisolone)

- Reconsider additional workup for alternative etiologies as described above

- Escalate care as clinically indicated

Grade 3 or 4

- Permanently discontinue T-DXd

- Permanently discontinue T-DXd

- Promptly start systemic glucocorticoids (e.g. ≥1 mg/kg/day prednisone or equivalent) for 3–5 days followed by hospitalization required

- Hospitalization required

- Promptly start empirical high-dose methylprednisolone i.v. treatment (e.g. 50 mg/kg/day for 3 days followed by ≥10 mg/kg/day of prednisone (or equivalent) for ≥4 days or until complete resolution of clinical and chest CT findings, followed by gradual taper over ≥4 weeks

- Re-image as clinically indicated

- If still no improvement within 3–5 days:

- Reconsider additional workup for alternative etiologies as described above

- Consider other immunosuppressants (e.g. infliximab or mycophenolate mofetil) and/or treat per local practice

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Further Supportive and Palliative Issues

▪ Orphan symptome (from ESMO-guideline for orphan symptoms 2020):

- Muscle cramps
- Myoclonus
- Taste alterations
- Dry mouth (Xerostomia)
- Cough, Hiccup
- Rectal tenesmus
- Restless legs-syndrom

▪ Further issues

- Nutrition
- Pain management
- Palliative Care
- CNS metastases (see chapter)

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Nutrition Deficiency

- Nutrient deficiency is a common medical problem affecting 15-40% of cancer patients. It impairs their quality of life and can affect the success of treatment.
- Integration of nutritional advice into clinical management recommended.
- For nutrition see S3 guideline Palliative care and supportive therapy.

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Analgesia

- **Non-opioids; WHO Step 1**

Diclofenac resinate, ibuprofen and / or metamizole, paracetamol (acetaminophen)

- **Mild opioids; WHO Step 2**

Tramadol (preferentially „retard“-formulations)
or tilidine / naloxone (also as „retard“-formulations)

- **Strong opioids; WHO Step 3**

Morphine, buprenorphine (sublingual or transdermal), fentanyl (transdermal), hydromorphone, oxycodone, as a back-up levomethadone.
The dose of opioids should be titrated step by step according to the analgetic effect.

- **Additional drugs – „adjuvants“**

Canabinoide, Gabapentin, pregabalin, carbamazepine, amitriptyline, bisphosphonates

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Palliative Care

- All patients should be offered palliative care after the diagnosis of a non-curable cancer, regardless of whether a tumour-specific therapy is carried out.
- In patients with incurable disease advance care planning (incl. advance directive) should be recommended.
- Specialized palliative care should be integrated into oncological decision-making processes, e.g. by participating in interdisciplinary tumor conferences.
- Patients with incurable cancer who are cared for in structures of specialized palliative care (palliative care ward, specialized outpatient care such as SAPV) should have access to oncological councelling.

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