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# Diagnosis and Treatment of Patients with early and advanced Breast Cancer

## Breast Cancer Follow-Up



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## Breast Cancer Follow-Up Objectives

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
<b>Early detection of curable events</b>			
▪ In-breast recurrence	1a	B	++
▪ Loco-regional recurrence*	1a	B	++
<b>Early detection of contralateral cancers</b>	1a	B	++
<b>Early detection of metastasis</b>			
▪ Early detection of symptomatic metastases	3b	C	+
▪ Early detection of asymptomatic metastases	1a	A	-

\* loco-regional recurrence is associated with a higher risk of mortality in node-positive, PR-negative, younger patients and in patients with a short time between primary diagnosis and recurrence

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	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
▪ <b>Improve quality of life</b>	2b	B	+
▪ <b>Improve physical performance</b>	2a	B	+
▪ <b>Reduction and / or early detection of therapy-related side effects</b> (such as osteoporosis, cardiac failure, fatigue, neurotoxicity, lymphedema, web axillary pain syndrome (abacterial lymphangitis), sexual disorders, cognitive impairment, sterility, and secondary tumors) <b>and start of necessary therapies</b>	2b	B	+
▪ <b>Participation in interventional programs during follow-up for breast cancer survivors in order to maximize therapy adherence, assess life-style interventions, and improve quality of life</b>	3b	B	+

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## Monitoring after Cardiotoxic Therapy (e.g. Anthracyclins, anti-HER2)

### After anthracyclines / Trastuzumab:

- ECG and echocardiography:
  - 6, 12, 24 months and yearly up to 5 years after therapy
  - after 5th year, every 5 years and if patient is symptomatic
- If cardiovascular risk factors:
  - blood pressure at least yearly
  - lipids and HbA1c in serum yearly
- Modify risk factors if possible:
  - nicotine, body weight, bmi
- Education about individual risk profile and lifestyle

### Risk factors:

radiotherapy of left breast, nicotine, hypertonus, diabetes mell., dyslipidaemia, adiposity, age > 60, cardiac diseases: reduced ejection fraction, post-myocardial infarction status, ≥ moderate heart defects

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	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
<b>Evaluation of current adjuvant therapy</b>	<b>2b</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>++</b>
incl. monitoring of adherence to endocrine therapies			
Control of menopausal status, e.g. in case of CT-induced amenorrhea (FSH/2 or bleeding history) and addition of GnRH analogs (up to 2 years after CT) if premenopausal status in women < 45 years old, or switch to aromatase inhibitors (if postmenopausal)			
<b>Pro-active improvement of therapy adherence</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>++</b>
Patient information about efficacy data for 5-10 years endocrine therapy			
Early therapy of side effects (sports, NSAIDs, vitamin D / calcium)			

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	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Psycho-social aspects of support and counseling</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pregnancy, contraception, sexuality, quality of life, menopausal symptoms, fear of recurrence</li> <li>▪ Inclusion of related persons (partner, family, friends, caregivers)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	4	C	+
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Second opinion regarding primary therapy</b></li> </ul>	2c	B	++
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>General counseling (e.g. changes in family history of breast, ovarian, prostate, pancreas carcinoma with new indication for genetic counseling, HRT, prophylactic surgery, breast reconstruction)</b></li> </ul>	2c	C	+

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## Breast Cancer Follow-Up Recommended Interventions

### Interventions regarding lifestyle risks and comorbidity in order to reduce an unfavorable impact on disease outcome

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
<b>Treatment of type II-diabetes</b> (> 25% undetected DM in postmenopausal BC patients, endocrine therapy improves risk for DM)	2a	B	++
<b>Weight/lifestyle intervention</b> (if BMI < 18.5 and > 30)	2a	B	+
<b>Nightly fastening &gt; 13 h</b>	2b	B	+
<b>Reduction of dietary intake (at least 15 % calories from fat) in HR-negative BC is associated with improved overall survival</b>	2b	B	+
<b>Stop smoking</b> (smoking causes 2-fold increase in BC-specific and 4-fold increase in not directly BC-associated mortality)	2b	B	++
<b>Alcohol consumption reduction (below 6g/d)</b>	2b	B	+
<b>Moderate sport</b> (in patients with reduced physical activity prior to diagnosis) (at least 150 minutes/w, 2x/w)	1b	A	++
<b>Distress reduction</b>	3b	B	+

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## Nightly Fasting

### **Prolonged nightly fasting improves prognosis in breast cancer patients**

retrospective cohort study:

2413 BC-pat. (no diabetes), nightly fasting more or less than 13 hrs

**Fasting < 13 hrs: HR 1.36, 36% increase of risk for recurrence**  
**HR 1.21, n.s. increase of risk for mortality**

**every 2-hrs-prolonged fasting was correlated with a 20% increase of sleeping duration**

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## Routine Follow-Up Examinations in Asymptomatic Patients

Tests:	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
History (specific symptoms)	1a	A	++
Physical examination	1a	B	++
Breast self-examination	5	D	+
Mammography	1a	A	++
Sonography of the breast	2a	B	++
Routine MRI of the breast*	3a	B	+/-
Breast MRI if conventional imaging is inconclusive	3b	B	+
Pelvic examination	5	D	++
DXA-scan at baseline and repeat scan according to individual risk in women with premature menopause or women taking an AI	5	D	+

\* Consider in case of increased risk (age < 50 y, HR-neg., diagnostic assessability C/D in mammography + ultrasound)

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## Routine Follow-Up Examinations in Asymptomatic Patients

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
Routine biochemistry (incl. tumor markers)	1a	A	-
Blood tests for monitoring of acute and late toxicities	5	D	+
Ultrasound of the liver/ Bone scan/ Chest X-ray	1a	A	-
CT of chest, abdomen, and pelvis	2a	D	-
Detection of isolated / circulating tumor cells	2a	D	-
ctDNA	2a	D	-
PET/ Whole body MRI	2b	B	-

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Statement: Bone scan

Statement: Chest X-ray

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## Background for Toxicity Management

Tamoxifen:	Cholesterol, Triglycerides, Bilirubin, ALAT, ASAT, gamma-GT, Glucose
Aromatase inhibitors:	Cholesterol, Triglycerides, Bilirubin, ALAT, ASAT, gamma-GT
Anthracyclines:	pro-BNP, possibly Troponin
Trastuzumab:	pro-BNP, possibly Troponin
Checkpoint inhibitors:	Bilirubin, ALAT, ASAT, gamma-GT, Creatinine, TSH, fT3/T4, Myoglobin



## Early Detection of Potentially Curable Events

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
<b>Locoregional recurrence (chest wall, in-breast):</b>			
Incidence 7–20% (depending on time of F/U)			
<b>Breast self-examination</b>	5	D	+
<b>Physical examination, mammography &amp; US</b>	1a	A	++
<b>Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)*</b>	3a	B	+/-

\* Consider in case of increased risk (age < 50 y, HR-neg., diagnostic assessability C/D in mammography + ultrasound)

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	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
<b>Contralateral breast cancer:</b>			
Relative risk: 2.5 - 5			
Incidence: 0.5 - 1.0 %/year			
Breast self-examination	5	D	+
Physical examination, mammography & US	1a	A	++
Routine breast MRI*	3b	B	+/-
▪ Male breast cancer: analogous to BC in women**	5	D	+

\* Consider in case of increased risk: age < 50 y, HR-neg., diagnostic assessability C/D in mammography + ultrasound.  
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	LoE	GR	AGO
<b>Unrelated site carcinoma:</b>			
MDS (RR 10.9), AML (RR 2.6–5.3), Colon RR 3.0; endometrium RR 1.6; ovary RR 1.5; lymphoma RR 7			
Screening for secondary malignancies according to current guidelines	5	D	++
Pelvic examination and PAP smear	5	D	++
Routine endometrial ultrasound / biopsy	1b	B	-

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## Follow-Up Care for invasive / non-invasive Breast Cancer

### Recommendations for asymptomatic pts.

(mod. according to ASCO-ACS recommendations 2016, NCCN 2021, ESMO 2019 and S3-guidelines 2017)

Clinical follow-up	Follow-up*					Screening/ Follow-up
	1	2	3	4	5	
Years after primary therapy						> 5
History, physical examination, counseling	every 3 months DCIS every 6 months			every 6 months		inv.: every 12 months
Self-examination	monthly					
Imaging modalities and biochemistry	indicated only if complaints, clinical findings, or suspicion of recurrence Monitoring of side effects of therapy					
Mammo-graphy and additional sonography	both sides: every 12 months					
	contralateral every 12 months					
Echocardiography	6,12,24 months and yearly up to 5 years after completion of cardiotoxic therapy, after 5th year, every 5 years and if patient is symptomatic.					

\* Continued follow-up visits if still on adjuvant treatment

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## Breast Cancer Follow-up Duration and Breast Nurses

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
<b>Duration of follow-up</b>			
■ up to 5 years	1c	A	++
up to 10 years	1c	A	+
<b>Surveillance by specialized breast nurses</b>	<b>2b</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>+/-*</b>

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## Luminal-like, HER2-positive and Triple-negative Breast Cancer Patients

- **Intrinsic typing of breast cancer leads to subgroups with different course of disease. Thus, postoperative surveillance should be adapted to specific time-dependent hazards of recurrence.**
- **ER-positive patients have stable risk over many years requiring long term surveillance.**
- **However, patients with HER2-positive disease and TNBC have more risk in the early phase of follow-up and should therefore receive more intense surveillance in the first years of follow-up.**

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