

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

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## Breast Cancer Follow-Up

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<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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- **Improve quality of life**
- **Improve physical performance**
- **Reduction and/or early detection of therapy-related side effects (such as osteoporosis, cardiac failure, fatigue, neurotoxicity, lymphedema, sexual disorders, cognitive impairment, sterility, and secondary tumors) and start of necessary therapies**
- **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**

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2b	B	+
2a	B	+
2b	B	+
3b	B	+

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2b B ++

5 D ++

- **Evaluation of current adjuvant therapy**
  - incl. monitoring of adherence to endocrine therapies
- **Pro-active improvement of therapy adherence**
  - 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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■ <b>Psycho-social aspects of support and counseling</b>	4	C	+
■ Pregnancy, contraception, sexuality, quality of life, menopausal symptoms, fear of recurrence			
■ Inclusion of related persons (partner, family, friends, caregivers)			
■ <b>Second opinion regarding primary therapy</b>	2c	B	++
■ <b>General counseling (e.g. genetics, HRT, prophylactic surgery, breast reconstruction)</b>	2c	C	+

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## Recommended Interventions

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

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■ <b>Treatment of type II-diabetes</b> ( > 25% undetected DM in postmenopausal BC patients)	5	D	++
■ <b>Weight intervention</b> (if BMI < 18.5 and -> 30)	2a	B	+
■ <b>Nightly fastening &gt; 13h</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 (in patients with reduced physical activity prior to diagnosis)</b>	1b	A	++
■ <b>Distress reduction</b>	3b	B	+

# Nightly fasting

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## **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**



# Routine Follow-Up Examinations in Asymptomatic Patients

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## Tests:

- History (specific symptoms)
- Physical examination
- Breast self-examination
- Mammography
- Sonography of the breast
- Routine MRI of the breast\*
- Breast MRI if conventional imaging is inconclusive
- Pelvic examination
- DXA-scan at baseline and repeat scan according to individual risk in women with premature menopause or women taking an AI

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1a	A	++
1a	B	++
5	D	+
1a	A	++
2a	B	++
3a	B	+/-
3b	B	+
5	D	++
5	D	+

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

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- Routine biochemistry (incl. tumor markers)
- Ultrasound of the liver
- Bone scan
- Chest X-ray
- CT of chest, abdomen, and pelvis
- Detection of isolated / circulating tumor cells
- PET
- Whole body MRI

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LoE	GR	AGO
1a	A	-
1a	A	-
1a	A	-
1a	A	-
2a	D	-
2a	D	-
2b	B	-
2b	B	-

# Early Detection of Potentially Curable Events

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## Locoregional recurrence (chest wall, in-breast):

- Incidence 7–20% (depending on time of F/U)
- Breast self-examination
- Physical examination, mammography & US
- Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)\*

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## Contralateral breast cancer:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relative risk: 2.5–5</li> <li>Incidence: 0.5–1.0 % / year</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Breast self-examination</li> </ul>	5	D	+
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physical examination, mammography &amp; US</li> </ul>	1a	A	++
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Routine breast MRI*</li> </ul>	3b	B	+/-

## Male breast cancer: analogous to BC in women\*\*

5	D	+
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\*\* See chapter “Breast Cancer Specific Situations”

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## Unrelated site carcinoma:

- MDS (RR 10.9), AML (RR 2.6–5.3), Colon RR 3.0; endometrium RR 1.6; ovary RR 1.5; lymphoma RR
- Screening for secondary malignancies according to current guidelines
- Pelvic examination and PAP smear
- Routine endometrial ultrasound / biopsy

5 D ++

5 D ++

1b B -

# Follow-Up Care for Breast Cancer

## Recommendations for asymptomatic pts.

(mod. according to ASCO-ACS recommendations 2016, NCCN 3.2017 und S3-guidelines 2017)

Clinical follow-up		Follow-up*		Screening/ Follow-up
Years after primary therapy		1    2    3	4    5	> 5
History, physical examination, counseling		inv.: every 3 months	inv.: every 6 months	inv.: every 12 months
Self-examination		monthly		
Imaging modalities and biochemistry		indicated only if complaints, clinical findings, or suspicion of recurrence		
Mammo- graphy and additional sonography	BCT**	both sides: every 12 months		
	Mastectomy	contralateral every 12 months		

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

\*\* In pts after breast-conserving therapy (BCT): First mammography 1 year after initial mammography or at least 6 months after completion of radiotherapy

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- **Duration of follow-up**
  - up to 5 years
  - up to 10 years
- **Surveillance by specialized breast nurses**

\* **Studies recommended**

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

- **Intrinsic typing of breast cancer leads to the development of subgroups with different courses of disease**
- **Postoperative surveillance should be tailored to specific breast cancer type and their associated time periods of recurrence.**
- **ER-positive patients have a stable risk of recurrence of multiple years. Long term surveillance is recommended.**
- **In contrast, patients with HER2-positive disease and TNBC have an increased risk of recurrence in the early follow up phase. Surveillance should be adjusted accordingly.**

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