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Diagnosis and Treatment of Patients with early and advanced Breast Cancer

Breast Cancer Surgery Oncological Aspects

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Screened data bases

Pubmed 1998 – 2019, ASCO 2019, SABCS 2019, ESMO 2019, EBCC 2018, ABC-5 2019, Cochrane data base 1998 - 2019

Guidelines screened

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Pubmed 2008 - 2020, ASCO 2003 – 2020, SABCS 2003 – 2020, Cochrane data base (n.d.)

Breast Cancer Surgery Oncological Aspects

AGO: ++

Surgery is one sub-step out of multiple steps in breast cancer treatment. Thus, both diagnostic and oncological expertise are an essential requirement for every breast surgeon.

AGO: +

Avoidance of a significant delay in cancer treatment

Delay of surgical therapy:

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Surgeon:

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Pre-therapeutic Assessment of Breast and Axilla

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
■ Clinical examination	5	D	++
■ Mammography	2b	B	++
■ Tomosynthesis (DBT)***	2b	B	+
■ Contrast-enhanced mammography (alone or as adjunct)	2a	B	+
■ Sonography (breast and axilla)	2b	B	++
■ MRI*	1b	B	+
■ Minimally invasive biopsy**	1b	A	++
■ Axilla CNB, if lymph node is suspect	2b	B	++
■ Breast-CT	5	D	-

* MRI-guided vacuum biopsy is mandatory in case of MRI-detected additional lesions (in house or with cooperations). Individual decision for patients at high familial risk, with dense breast (density C/D), lobular invasive tumors, suspicion of multilocal disease. No reduction in re-excision rate.

** Histopathology of additional lesions if relevant for treatment

*** replacement of FFDM with SM

Combined DM + DBT + US + MRI

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US-Axilla +FNA/CNB

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Pre-therapeutic Staging

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
■ History and clinical examination	5	D	++
Additional diagnosis for patients with tumors of high metastatic potential and/or symptoms and/or indication for (neo-)adjuvant chemotherapy and/or antibody-therapy):			
■ CT scan of thorax/abdomen	2a	B	+
■ Bone scan	2b	B	+
■ Chest X-ray	5	C	+/-
■ Liver ultrasound	5	D	+/-
■ In case of suspicious lesions further diagnosis (e.g. liver-MRI, CEUS*, biopsy etc.)	2a	B	+
■ FDG-PET or FDG-PET /CT**	2b	B	+/-
■ Whole body MRI	4	C	+/-
* Contrast enhanced ultrasound **especially in patients with high tumor stage (III) if available			

Statement: history and physical examination

1. GCP

Statement: high metastatic potential / symptoms

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Evidence of Surgical Procedure

	Oxford	
	LoE	GR
■ Survival rates after lumpectomy + RT are equivalent to those after (modified) radical mastectomy	1a	A
■ Local recurrence rates after skin sparing mastectomy are equivalent to those after mastectomy	2b	B
■ Conservation of the NAC (nipple areola complex) is an adequate surgical procedure if R0 resection is achieved	2b	C

Evidence of surgical procedure

Statement: lumpectomy – mastectomy

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Statement: Nipple sparing mastectomy

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Breast Conservation: Surgical Technical Aspects

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
▪ Wire guided localization	2b	B	++
▪ Wireless intraoperative ultrasound localization*	2b	B	+
▪ Other procedures (Radionuclide guided localization/RADAR reflection, Magnetic Seeds**, RFID)	2a	B	+/-

*The lesion must be visualized by the same examiner pre- and intraoperatively in its whole extension. Adequate equipment and training of the surgeon are mandatory

**not adequate for MRI-FU under NACT

Statement: Wire guided ..

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Breast Conservation: Surgical Technical Aspects

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
▪ Tumor-free margins required (also in unfavorable biology, „no ink on tumor“ is sufficient)	2a	A	++
▪ Re-excision required for involved margins (paraffin section)	3b	C	+
▪ Therapeutic stereotactic excision alone	4	D	--
▪ Ultrasound guided surgery to prevent re-excision	2a	B	+
▪ Intraoperative margin evaluation (with Margin Probe®)	1b	A	+/-
▪ Specimen radiography or ultrasound	2b	B	++

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Breast Conservation Surgery (BCS)

- **Multicentric disease (MF/MZ)
(R0-resection of all lesions)**
- **Positive microscopic margins after repeated excision**
- **Inflammatory breast cancer**

**For surgery after neoadjuvant chemotherapy
see chapter „neoadjuvant chemotherapy“**

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

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Primary Axillary Lymph Node Dissection (ALND) I

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
▪ Endpoint: Survival	3	D	-
▪ Endpoint Staging	3	A	-
▪ Endpoint: Locoregional control	2a	A	+/-
▪ pN+ (pre-surgery) without neoadjuvant systemic therapy	2a	B	+
▪ cN0 pN0(sn)(i+)	1b	A	--
▪ cN0 pN1(mi)	2b	B	--
▪ cN0 pN 1(sn) (cT1/2 , < 3 SN +, BCS + tangential radiation field, adequate systemic therapy)	1b	A	-
▪ cN0 pN1 (sn) and mastectomy (no chestwall radiotherapy)	1b	B	+*
▪ cN0 pN1(sn) and mastectomy (T1/2, <3SN+) (chestwall radiotherapy)	5	D	+/-*
▪ ALND indicated, but not feasible			
▪ Radiotherapy according to AMAROS-trial (validated for cN0 pN1sn)	1b	B	+
* Study participation recommended			

Statements: Axillary lymph node dissection I

Statement: Axillary lymph node dissection

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Endpoint: Survival LoE 3D AGO-

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Endpoint: Staging LoE3A AGO -

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Endpoint: Locoregional control LoE 2aA AGO+/-

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pN+ (pre-surgery) without neoadjuvant systemic therapy LoE 2a B AGO +

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cN0 pN0(sn)(i+)LoE 1b A AGO –

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cN0 pN 1(sn) (cT1/2 , < 3 SN +, BCS + tangential radiation field, adequate systemic therapy) LoE 1b A AGO -

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cN0 pN1 (sn) and mastectomy (no chestwall radiotherapy) LoE 1b B AGO +*

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ALND indicated, but not feasible – Radiotherapy according to AMAROS-trial (validated for cN0 pN1sn) LoE 1b B AGO +

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Axillary Surgery and NACT						Oxford		AGO
						LoE	GR	
SLNE after NACT						2b	B	++
SLNE before NACT						2b	B	-
cN-Status (before NACT)	pN-Status (before NACT)	cN-Status (after NACT)	Surgical procedure (after NACT)	pN-Status (after NACT and Surgery)	Surgical consequence from histology**			
cN0	—	ycN0	SLNE alone	ypN0 (sn)	—	2b	B	++***
				ypN0 (i+)	ALND	2b	C	+ (+/- at i+)
				ypN1 _{mic} (sn)	none **	5	D	+/-
				ypN1 (sn)	ALND	2b	C	++
cN+	pN+ _{chb}	ycN0	SLNE alone*	ypN0	—	2b	B	+/-***
			TAD (TLNE + SLNE)*	ypN0	—	2b	B	***
			ALND*	ypN0	—	2b	B	***
			SLNE alone*	ypN+ incl. ypN0 (i+)	ALND	2b	B	+ (+/- at i+)
			TAD (TLNE + SLNE)*	ypN+ incl. ypN0 (i+)	ALND	2b	B	++
cN+	pN+ _{chb}	ycN+	ALND	ypN+	—	2b	B	++
			none	n.d.	none**	5	D	-
			ALND	ypN+ incl. ypN0 (i+)	—	2b	B	++
cN+	pN+ _{chb}	ycN+	none	n.d.	none**	5	D	-
			none	n.d.	none**	5	D	-

*Study participation (Axsana) recommended; ** s. Recommendations chapter Radiotherapy, irradiation alone is not recommended in case of pN1(sn) and pN+ ; ***recommendation grade concerning to staging at cN0 and cN+ ypN0

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Improvement of the False-Negative Rate of SLNE in Patients with pN_{CNB} before NACT and ycN0 after NACT

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
▪ Removal of > 2 SLNs (SLNE, no untargeted axillary sampling)	2a	B	+
▪ Combined tracer	2a	B	+/-
▪ IHC and serial sections to detect ITC or micrometastases	2b	B	+
▪ Localization of pos. LN before NACT	2b	B	+
▪ Targeted Axillary Dissection (TAD = TLNE + SLNE)	2b	B	+
▪ TLNE only	2b	B	+/-

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Reduction of individual failures for SLNB in pN1 ypN0

- **Predictive factors for axillary remission
pN1 (before NACT) to ypN0_{sn/TAD}(after NACT)**
 - Young age
 - Intrinsic Subtype (ER neg, HER 2 pos)
 - Grade 3
 - N1 (vs N2)
 - pCR (breast)

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Sentinel Lymph Node Excision (SLNE) Indications I

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
▪ Clinically / sonographically negative axilla (cN0)	1b	A	++
▪ Add CNB in cN1 (clinically/sonographically suspicious) in order to enable SLNB	2a	B	+
▪ cT 1–2	2b	A	++
▪ cT 3–4c	3b	B	+
▪ Multifocal / multicentric lesions	2b	B	+
▪ DCIS			
▪ Mastectomy	3b	B	+
▪ BCT	3b	B	-
▪ DCIS in male	5	D	+/-
▪ Male breast cancer	2b	B	+
▪ In elderly patients	3b	B	+

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	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
▪ During pregnancy and / or breast feeding (only ^{99m} Tc-colloid, no blue dye)	3	C	++
▪ After prior tumor excision	2b	B	+
▪ After prior major breast surgery (e.g. reduction mammoplasty)	3b	C	+/-
▪ Ipsilateral breast recurrence after prior BCS and prior SNLE	4	D	-
▪ SLNE in the mammary internal chain	2b	B	-
▪ After axillary surgery	3b	B	+/-
▪ Prophylactic bilateral / contralateral mastectomy	3b	B	-
▪ Inflammatory breast cancer	3b	C	-

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Sentinel Lymph Node Excision (SLNE) Marking

- ^{99m}Tc colloid
- Preoperative lymphoscintigraphy (added information limited, but mandatory by legal regulations)*
- Patent blue dye
- Methylen blue
- Indocyanin green (ICG)
- SPIO[#]

Oxford		
LoE	GR	AGO
1a	A	++
1b	A	+
1a	A	+/-
4	D	-
2a	B	+/-
2a	B	+/-

* In Germany required for quality assurance of nuclear medicine

[#] SPIO: Superparamagnetic Iron Oxide

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Procedure after Neoadjuvant Therapy

- Early marking of tumor (incl. detailed topographic documentation)
- Surgical removal of tumor / representative excision of post-therapeutic, marked tumor area
- Tumor resection in new margins
- Microscopically clear margins

Oxford		
LoE	GR	AGO
5	D	++
2b	C	++
2b	C	++
2a	B	++

For „Surgery after neoadjuvant chemotherapy“
 see chapter „Neoadjuvant chemotherapy“

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Adjuvant Therapy after Primary Surgery

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	LoE	GR	AGO
▪ Start adjuvant systemic therapy and radiotherapy (RT) as soon as possible (asap) after surgery	1b	A	++
▪ Start of adjuvant chemotherapy +/- HER2 therapy asap after surgery, prior to RT	1b	A	++
▪ Without cytotoxic therapy +/- anti-HER2 therapy:			
▪ Start RT 6–8 weeks after surgery	2b	B	++
▪ Start endocrine therapy asap after surgery	5	D	++
▪ Endocrine therapy concurrent with radiotherapy	3b	C	+

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