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Preliminary Note

- **The recommendations on adjuvant radiotherapy for breast cancer are based on a consensus discussion between AGO and DEGRO experts**
- **For technical radiotherapy details, we refer to the corresponding updated DEGRO practice guidelines**

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FAST / FAST-Forward		
	FAST	FAST Forward
Timeframe	2004-2007	2011-2014
Sample size	915	4096
Dosse/Fractionation	50 Gy/2 Gy/5 weeks 30 Gy/6 Gy/5 weeks 28,5 Gy/5,7 Gy/5 weeks	40 Gy/2,67 Gy/3 weeks 27 Gy/5,4 Gy/3 weeks 26 Gy/5,2 Gy/3 weeks
Median follow-up	119.8 months	71.5 months
Primary endpoint	change in photographic breast appearance	Ipsilateral breast tumor recurrence (non-inferiority margin 1,6%)
Inclusion criteria	pT1-2 (< 3 cm) pN0 Age ≥50 years Breast conserving surgery No chemotherapy	pT1-3 pN0-1 Age ≥18 years Breast-conserving surgery or mastectomy Approx. 25% adj. chemotherapy
Boost	No	Approx. 25%, 5-8x 2 Gy

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FAST / FAST-Forward						
	FAST (10 year-data)			FAST Forward (5 year-data)		
	Dose	Frequency	Hazard ratio (95%-CI)	Dose	Frequency	Hazard ratio (95%-CI)
Ipsilateral in-breast recurrence	50 Gy	0.7%	-	40 Gy	2.1%	-
	30 Gy	1.4%	HR 1.36 (0.3-6.06)	27 Gy	1.7%	HR 0.86 (0.51-1.44)
	28.5 Gy	1.7%	HR 1.35 (0.3-6.05)	26 Gy	1.4%	HR 0.67 (0.38-1.16)
Moderate/marked normal tissue effects breast/chestwall	50 Gy	33.6%	-	40 Gy	26.8%	-
	30 Gy	50.4%	HR 1.79 (1.37-2.34)	27 Gy	35.1%	HR 1.41 (1.23-1.61)
	28.5 Gy	47.6%	HR 1.45 (1.10-1.91)	26 Gy	28.5%	HR 1.09 (0.95-1.27)

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	BCS ≥ 70 y <4cm cN0 : Tamoxifen vs. Tamoxifen + RT		
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Local recurrence-free ($\Delta=8\%$)	90% (85%-93%)	98% (96%-99%)	HR=0.18 (95% CI, 0.07 to 0.42; P < .001)
Mastectomy-free	96% (93% - 98%)	98% (96% - 99%)	HR=0.50 (95% CI, 0.17 to 1.48; n.s.)
Distant metastasis-free	95% (91% - 97%)	95% (92% - 97%)	HR=1.20 (95% CI, 0.63 to 2.32; n.s.)
Overall survival	66% (61% - 71%)	67% (62% - 72%)	HR=0.95 (95% CI, 0.77 to 1.18; n.s.)
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Radiotherapy (RT) after Breast Conserving Surgery (Invasive Cancer) – Boost Irradiation

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• Boost-RT (improves local control, no survival benefit)			
• Premenopausal	1b	B	++
• Postmenopausal, if >T1 ⁺ , G3, HER2-positive, triple negative, EIC (at least 1 factor)	2b	B	+
• Techniques			
• Percutaneous boost (photons, electrons) as sequential boost	1a	A	++
• Multicatheter brachytherapy-boost	1a	A	++
• Percutaneous boost as simultaneous integrated boost (with conventionally fractionated whole-breast irradiation)	1b	B	+
• Percutaneous boost as simultaneous integrated boost (with hypofractionated whole-breast irradiation)	2b	B	+/-
• Intraoperative boost irradiation (followed by whole-breast irradiation)	2b	B	+

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EORTC 22881-10882: Boost vs no Boost (Endpoint: Ipsilateral Breast Recurrence)			
@20 yrs (95% C.I.)	Boost (n=2.665)	No boost (n=2.657)	Hazard Ratio (95% C.I.)
Overall Survival (Δ=1.4%)	59.7% (56.3-63.0)	61.1% (57.6-64.3)	HR 1.05 (0.92-1.19) n.s.
Cumulative Risk of Ipsilateral Breast Tumour Recurrence			
All patients	17.0% (9.8-24.4)	16.4% (14.1-18.8)	HR=0.65 (0.32-0.81); p=0.0001
≤40 years (Δ=11.6%)	24.4% (14.9-33.8)	36.0% (25.8-46.2)	HR=0.56 (0.34-0.92); p=0.003
41-50 years (Δ=5.9%)	13.5% (9.5-17.5)	19.4% (14.7-24.1%)	HR=0.66 (0.45-0.98); p=0.007
51-60 years (Δ=2.96%)	10.3% (6.3-14.3)	13.2% (9.8-16.7)	HR=0.69 (0.46-1.04); p=0.030
>60 years (Δ=3.0%)	9.7% (5.0-14.4)	12.7% (7.4-18.0)	HR=0.66 (0.42-1.04); p=0.019

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EORTC 22881-10882: Boost vs no Boost (Endpoint: Any First Recurrence)

@15 yrs/20 yrs (95% C.I.)	Boost (n=2.661)	No boost (n=2.653)	Hazard Ratio (95% C.I.)	
Overall Survival (Δ= - 3.4%)	59.7% (56.3–63.0)	61.1% (57.6–64.3)	HR 1.05 (0.92–1.19) n.s.	
Cumulative Risk of Any First Recurrence				
All patients (Δ=4%)	@15y @20y	28.1% 32.8%	32.1% 38.7%	HR=0.92 (0.81–1.04), n.s.
≤40 years (Δ=6%)	@15y @20y	41.5% 49.5%	48.1% 56.8%	HR=0.80 (0.56–1.15), n.s.
41–50 years	@15y @20y	34.0% 38.6%	35.6% 44.2%	HR=0.91 (0.71–1.16), n.s.
51–60 years	@15y @20y	28.5% 34.7%	28.7% 36.2%	HR=0.96 (0.74–1.23), n.s.
>60 years	@15y @20y	27.4% 32.1%	29.1% 32.8%	HR=0.94 (0.74–1.19), n.s.

(Median F/U 17.2 y)

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Radiotherapy (RT) after Breast Conserving Surgery (Invasive Cancer) – Partial Breast Irradiation (PBI)

	Oxford		
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* Intraoperative Radiotherapy (low-risk)*			
• As sole radiotherapy, during first breast surgery (IORT 50 kV, IOERT)			
• >50 years	1b	A	+/-
• >70 years	1b	A	+
* Postoperative partial breast irradiation (low-risk)*			
• Interstitial Multicatheter-Brachytherapy	1b	A	+
• Intracavitary balloon-technique	2b	B	-
• Intensity-modulated radiotherapy (IMRT) (5x5 Gy in 2 weeks)	1b	A	+
• 3D-conformal radiotherapy (15x2.67 Gy in 3 weeks)	1b	A	+
• 3D-conformal radiotherapy (10x3.8 Gy in 2 weeks)	2b	B	+/-
• 3D-conformal radiotherapy (10x3.85 Gy in 1 week)	1b	A	+/-
For definition of target volume and practical conduct see DEGRO practice guidelines			
* only for pT1 pN0 R0 G1-2, HR+, non-lobular, >50 years, no extensive DCIS			

Intraoperative irradiation (IORT/IOERT)

IORT using 50 kV or IOERT (pT1 pN0 R0 G1-2, non-lobular, age >50 y, no extensive DCIS, IORT during first surgery, HR+)

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Data on partial breast irradiation

NSABP B-39/RTOG 0413 (Vicini FA et al. Lancet. 2019 Dec 14;394(10215):2155-2164.)

- Randomised phase III equivalence trial, 4216 pat., 2005-2013, DCIS or invasive carcinoma ≤ 3 cm, 0-3 involved lymph nodes, age >18 y
- 50 Gy/25 fr. +/- boost vs. APBI with
 - 38.5 Gy/10 fr. in one week (external beam irradiation)
 - 34 Gy/10 fr. in one week (Multicatheter- or Single lumen-Brachytherapy)
- **"We observed an HR of 1.22 with a 90% CI of 0.94–1.58, which did not meet the equivalence criteria and favoured whole-breast irradiation. The 10-year cumulative incidence of IBTR was 3.9% (95% CI 3.1–5.0) in the whole-breast irradiation group and 4.6% (3.7–5.7) in the APBI group for an absolute difference of 0.7%."**
- **"Significantly more evaluable patients in the APBI group had recurrence-free interval events than patients in the whole-breast irradiation group (figure 3). The 10-year point estimate of recurrence-free interval for the whole breast irradiation group was 93.4% (95% CI 92.1–94.6), and in the APBI group it was 91.8% (90.4–93.0; figure 3)."**
- **"Our findings support whole-breast irradiation but the absolute outcome difference compared with APBI is small, so partial breast irradiation might also be an acceptable treatment for some patients. "**

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RAPID (Whelan TJ et al. Lancet. 2019 Dec 14;394(10215):2165-2172.)

- Randomised phase III non-inferiority trial, 2135 pat., 2006-2011, DCIS or invasive carcinoma ≤ 3 cm, pN0, age ≥40 y., no ILC
- 42.56/16 fr. or 50 Gy/25 fr. +/- Boost vs. APBI 38.5 Gy/10 fr. in one week (external beam irradiation)
- "In patients treated with APBI, the 5 year cumulative rate of IBTR was 2.3% (95% CI 1.4–3.2) and the 8 year cumulative rate was 3.0% (1.9–4.0). In patients treated with whole breast irradiation, the 5 year cumulative rate of IBTR was 1.7% (0.9–2.5) and the 8 year cumulative rate was 2.8% (1.8–3.9; figure 2). The HR for APBI versus whole breast irradiation was 1.27 (90% CI 0.84–1.91). Thus, the upper bound of the estimated 90% CI did not exceed the non-inferiority margin of 2.02."
- "Late radiation toxicity (grade ≥2 [...]) was more common in patients treated with APBI (346 [32%] of 1070 patients) than whole breast irradiation (142 [13%] of 1065 patients; p<0.0001). Adverse cosmesis [...] was more common in patients treated with APBI than in those treated by whole breast irradiation at 3 years (absolute difference, 11.3%, 95% CI 7.5–15.0), 5 years (16.5%, 12.5–20.4), and 7 years (17.7%, 12.9–22.3)."

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Postmastectomy Radiotherapy (PMRT)* to the Chest Wall

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• > 3 tumor infiltrated lymph nodes (LN)	1a	A	++
• 1-3 tumor infiltrated LN (high-risk)	1a	A	+
• 1-3 tumor infiltrated LN (low-risk*)	5	D	+/-
• T3 / T4	1a	A	++
• pT3 pN0 R0 (and no additional risk factors)	2b	B	+/-
• If R0 is impossible to reach (for invasive tumor)	1a	A	++
• In young pts with high-risk features	2b	B	++
The indications for PMRT and regional RT are independent of adjuvant systemic treatment	1a	A	

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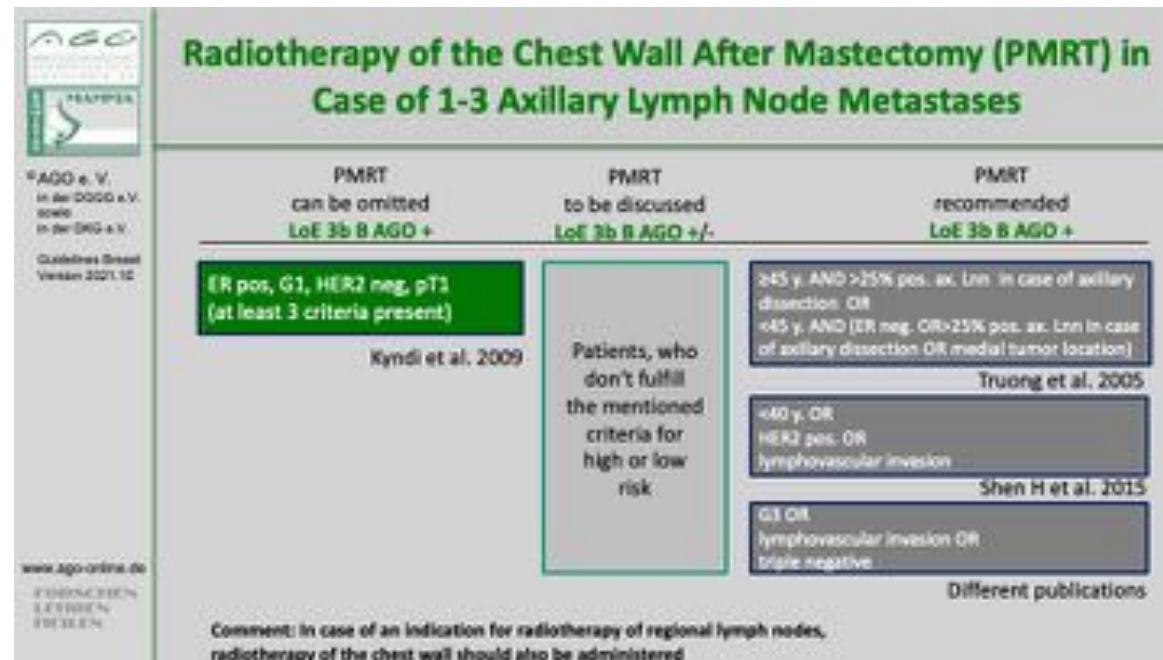
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Boost in PMRT

- * An additional boost irradiation to a part of the chest wall has not been shown to improve DSS and overall survival
- * An additional boost irradiation to a part of the chest wall should be given in case of R1/R2-resection, if secondary resection is not feasible
- * In case of tumor extension to the pectoral resection margin, but no clinical signs of extension beyond the fascia, the resection margin should be regarded as R0 (provided, that the pectoral fascia was resected). A boost radiotherapy is not required in this situation

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

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Radiotherapy of axillary lymph nodes in patients with positive sentinel-lymph nodes**, who did not undergo axillary dissection			
	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
BCS and ACOSOG Z0011-criteria* met	2b	B	++*
▪ Radiotherapy of the breast including LN level 1 + 2 to 5 mm below the axillary vein (PTV)			
BCS and ACOSOG Z0011-criteria* <u>not</u> met	1b	B	+++*
▪ Radiotherapy of the axillary lymph nodes (analog AMAROS)			
ME and chest wall RT indicated and ACOSOG Z0011-criteria* <u>not</u> met or ME and chest wall RT <u>not planned</u>			
▪ Radiotherapy of the axillary lymph nodes (analog AMAROS)	1b	B	++
<u>≥3 pos. SLN</u>			
▪ Radiotherapy of the axillary lymph nodes (analog AMAROS)	1b	B	+

* Study participation recommended
 ** Macrometastases
 * <T3, no palpable LN, R0, 1-2 positive SN, no extracapsular extension, no MACT

1-2 pos SLN: BCT: No further treatment to the axilla neither axillary dissection nor RT of the axilla (criteria according ACOSOG Z011)

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1-2 pos SLN: BCT: radiotherapy of the axilla

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1-2 pos SLN: Mastectomy: If RT of chestwall is indicated, axillary dissection or radiotherapy of the axilla

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1-2 pos SLN: Mastectomy: If RT of chestwall is indicated, no axillary treatment (criteria ACOSOG Z011)

EXPERT OPINION, extrapolated from:

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EXPERT OPINION, extrapolated from:

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>=3 positive SLN: Axillary LN dissection

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Additional RT of the axilla after primary surgery (in case of an indication for RT of the breast/chest wall ¹ +/- supra-/infraclavicular and internal mammary node RT ²) Expansion of the PTV (planning target volume) to level I-II ³	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
pN-status			
pN0(is)/pN1mic(is)	1b	B	--
pN0/+ after ALND	1a	A	--
pN+(is) in analogy to ACOSOG Z0011 (no ALND)	2b	B	+
pN+(is) not fitting ACOSOG Z0011-criteria → RT in analogy to AMAROS ⁴ (no ALND)	1b	B	++
R2-situation in the axilla	5	D	++

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¹Incidental dose to parts of level I/II is inevitable. ²The indication for supra-/infraclavicular and internal mammary node RT has to be assessed separately. ³Cranial border 5 mm below the axillary vein. ⁴± T1, cN0, no NACT, always in conjunction with supra-/infraclavicular RT

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Tumor residuals after axillary dissection

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Additional RT of the axilla after neoadjuvant therapy (in case of an indication for RT of the breast/chest wall ¹ +/- supra-/intraclavicular and internal mammary node RT ²)		Oxford		
		LoE	GR	ASO
Expansion of the PTV (planning target volume) to level I-II ³				
N-status pre/post NACT	pN-status			
cN0 / yN0	ypN0(sn)	5	D	-
cN0 / yN0	ypN1mic(sn)/ypN+(sn) (no ALND)	5	D	+ ⁴
pN+ _{ox} / yN0	ypN0(sn/TAD)	5	D	+/- ⁴
pN+ _{ox} / yN0	ypN1mic(sn/TAD)/ypN+(sn/TAD) (no ALND)	5	D	+ ⁴
cN0/cN+	ypN0/+ after ALND	2b	B	-
	R2-situation in the axilla	5	D	++

¹Incidental dose to parts of level I/II is inevitable. ²The indication for supra-/intraclavicular and internal mammary node RT has to be assessed separately. ³Cranial border 5 mm below the axillary vein. ⁴Study participation recommended.

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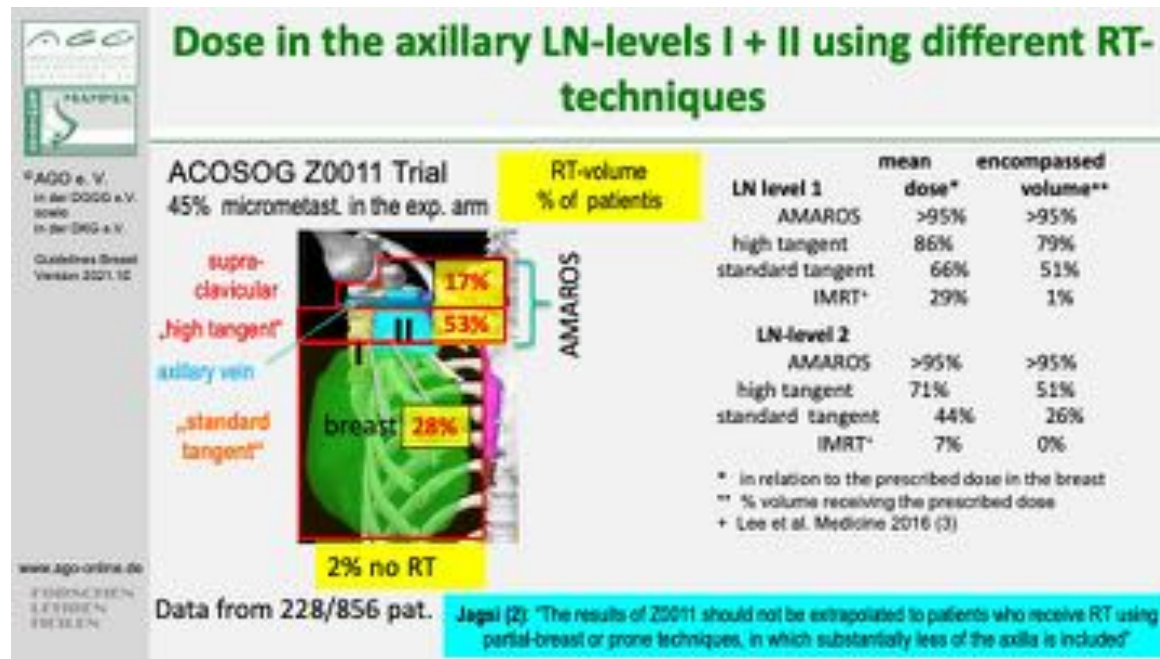
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Radiotherapy (RT) of Other Locoregional Lymph Node Areas (SCG/ICG)

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
<u>RT to supra-/infralavicular lymphatic regions</u>			
▪ ≥ 4 positive axillary lymph nodes (LN) or involved LN in level III or in supra-/infralavicular LN	1b	A	++
▪ 1–3 positive axillary lymph nodes ¹ in case of - central or medial tumor and G2-3 or ER/PR-negative - premenopausal patient and G2-3 or ER/PR-negative	2a	B	+
▪ pN0 with central or medial tumors, if premenopausal and G2-3 and ER/PR-negative	2a	B	+/-
¹ not applicable for micrometastases			

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RT to Supra-/infraclavicular lymphatic regions after NACT/NAT (indications as for PMRT)

1. Please check slide on radiotherapy after NACT

Radiotherapy (RT) of Other Locoregional Lymph Node Areas (IMN)

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
Internal mammary lymph node region (IMN)			
• pN0 high-risk with central or medial tumor and premenopausal and G2-3 and ER/PR-negative	1b	B	+/-
• 1-3 positive axillary lymph nodes ¹ in case of - central or medial tumor and G2-3 or ER/PR-negative - premenopausal patient and G2-3 or ER/PR-negative	2a	B	+
• ≥ 4 positive axillary lymph nodes	2a	B	+
• involved internal mammary lymph nodes	2a	B	+
• In case of cardiac risk factors or if trastuzumab is given	2b	A	-

¹ not applicable for micrometastases

Radiotherapy (RT) of Other Locoregional Lymph Node Areas (IMN)

Internal mammary lymph node region (IMN)

RT to Internal mammary lymph node region (IMC) if pN0 high risk with central/medial tumors

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RT to Internal mammary lymph node region (IMN) if pN1-pN2 and HR positive in patients who had systemic chemotherapy

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Fractionation of Radiotherapy in Case of Regional Nodal Irradiation

- Conventionally fractionated radiotherapy (total dose about 50 Gy in approx. 25-28 fractions within 5-6 weeks)
- Hypofractionated radiotherapy (total dose approx. 40-43.5 Gy in 15-16 fractions within 3-5 weeks)

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

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Hypofractionated post-mastectomy radiotherapy and regional nodal irradiation

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- Randomised phase III non-inferiority trial, 820 pat., 2008-2016, T3/4 and/or ≥4 involved lymph nodes, 50 Gy/25 fr. vs. 43.5 Gy/15 fr.
- 98% 2D-planned radiotherapy, no treatment of the internal mammary lymph nodes
- "The 5-year cumulative incidence of locoregional recurrence was 8.3% (90% CI 5.8–10.7) in the hypo-fractionated radiotherapy group compared with 8.1% (90% CI 5.4–10.6) in the conventional fractionated radiotherapy group (absolute difference 0.2%, 90% CI –3.0 to 2.6; HR 1.10, 90% CI 0.72 to 1.69; figure 2).
- "In conclusion, this study provides high-level evidence for the clinical use of hypofractionated postmastectomy radiotherapy for patients with high-risk breast cancer. It can be recommended in clinical practice to patients who do not plan breast reconstruction and will not receive internal mammary node irradiation."

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Multivariate Analysis of Overall Survival: Effect of Radiotherapy of the Internal Mammaria Lymph Nodes		
(median follow-up 10.9 yrs)		
Adjuvant treatment	n*	Hazard ratio (95%CI)
No adjuvant reported	625	0.91 (0.59 - 1.39)
Chemotherapy	954	1.05 (0.84 - 1.32)
Endocrine therapy	1185	0.82 (0.63 - 1.06)
Both (endocrine th. and chemotherapy)	1200	0.72 (0.55 - 0.94)
Total	4004	0.88 (0.76 - 1.01)

* missing data on 40 patients

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Radiotherapy following NACT

Pretreatment	Posttreatment	RT-BCS	PMRT	RT-RN
locally advanced	pCR / no pCR	yes	yes	yes
cT1/2 cN1+*	ypT1+ o. ypN1 + [no pCR]	yes	yes	yes
cT1/2 cN1+*	ypT0/1c ypN0	yes	Increased risk of relapse ¹	
cT1/2 cN0 [Sonogr.biogut]	ypT0/1c ypN0	Ja	nein	nein

Locally advanced: T3-4 or cN2-M3,

¹ Criteria for increased risk of relapse:

- pN0 premenopausal high risk: central or medium tumor localization, and [G2-3 and ER/PR-neg.]
- pretreatment pN1a/ cN+* high risk: central or medium tumor localization and [G2-3 or ER/PR-neg.] or premenopausal, lateral tumor localization and [G2-3 or ER/PR-neg.]

* Regarding coverage of axilla level I/II please also see slides „Additional RT of the axilla after primary surgery“ and „Additional RT of the axilla after neoadjuvant therapy“

** = confirmed by core biopsy

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

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Use of concomitant systemic therapy with adjuvant locoregional radiotherapy

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	LoE	GR	AGO
• Trastuzumab/Pertuzumab*	1a	A	++
• T-DM1	1b	A	+
• Tamoxifen	2b	B	+
• Aromatase inhibitors	2b	B	+
• Checkpoint inhibitors	2b	C	+
• Capecitabine	2b	B	++
• CDK4/6-inhibitors	4	C	+/-***

* concurrent Trastuzumab/Pertuzumab and parasternal radiotherapy should be avoided

** with hypofractionated RT approx. 40 Gy, consider dose reduction of Capecitabine, Pat. at high-risk for locoregional recurrence

*** in currently available phase III-trials (monarchE, PALLAS, Penelope-B) RT was given before initiation of CDK4/6-inhibitors. No definitive signs of significantly increased toxicity with concomitant RT in the palliative setting.

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Extrapolated from trial results in other tumor entities and from current clinical trial in breast cancer

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- Prospective phase trial, 32 pat. with LABC, sim. def./neoadj. chemoradiotherapy, median total dose 66 Gy
- "The first 9 patients analyzed [...] received CAP 825 mg/m² twice daily continuously beginning on the first day of RT. **Because of observed excess grade 3 toxicity the protocol was amended,** and subsequent patients received CAP only on RT days (5 days per week)."
- "Noncontinuous CAP dosing was much better tolerated than continuous dosing. **Thirteen of 26 patients (50%) had grade ≥3 and higher treatment-related dermatologic toxicity.**"

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- Randomised phase II-trial, 100 pat., adj. Radiotherapy 40 Gy/15 fr. +/- CAP 825 mg/m² Mo-Fr, LABC
- " [...] concurrent capecitabine was feasible with a high percent of patients (96%), [...] only two out of 50 (4%) patients had capecitabine dose modification ..."
- "All early toxicities were GI/GII. Radiation dermatitis had a peak incidence in the last few fractions of the radiation therapy and the week after radiotherapy; no treatment interruption was needed and the incidence was close in both groups".
- Radiation dermatitis grade I 14% vs. 18%; grade 2 4% vs. 4%

Smoking and Risk of secondary lung cancer

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▪ Increased risk of lung cancer secondary to breast cancer radiotherapy in smokers	1a	A	
▪ Inform patients about risk			++
▪ Recommend to stop smoking			++

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