



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

## Breast Cancer: Specific Situations

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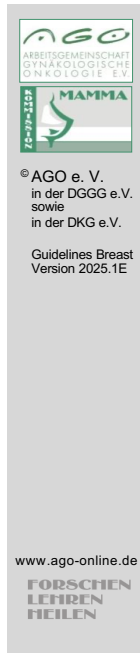
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## Content – Specific Situations

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## Treatment for Elderly Patients

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- In general, treatment recommendations are the same as for the “younger patients”, taking into account different biological, physical, psychological and treatment-related factors and the geriatric assessment (GA).
- Treatment options and recommendations are based on an assessment of the patient's physical condition, vulnerability, frailty, life expectancy and individual goals, and not just on age.
- It is integrated into a collaborative decision-making process, taking into account the values and goals of the individual patient.

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## Treatment for Frail Patients

(Life Expectancy < 5 yrs., Substantial Comorbidities)

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
■ <b>Reduced standard treatment</b>	<b>2b</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>++</b>
■ <b>Options extrapolated from trials in elderly:</b>			
■ No breast surgery to prolong life (consider endocrine therapy)	2b	C	+
■ Breast surgery for local control	1a <sup>a</sup>	A	+
■ No axillary clearing for cN0	2b	B	+
■ Endocrine therapy (HR+)	1a	A	+
■ Endocrine therapy alone (without surgery/radiotherapy at first diagnosis)	2b	B	+
■ No endocrine adj. therapy after BCS and radiotherapy	1b	A	+
■ No radiotherapy for pT1, pN0, R0, ER / PR positive, HER2-negative, endocrine adj. therapy	1a	B	+
■ No radiotherapy for pT2-3, ER /PR positive, HER2- negative, endocrine adj. therapy	2b	B	+/-

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Statement: No axillary clearing ( $\geq 60$  y, cN0, ER+)

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## Geriatric Assessment

Links to current frailty scales:

- **Ability to tolerate treatment varies greatly („functional reserve“)**
- **Comprehensive geriatric assessment describes a multidisciplinary evaluation of independent predictors of morbidity & mortality for older individuals (CGA)**
  - Physical, mental, and psycho-social health
  - Basic activities of daily living (dressing, bathing, meal preparation, medication management, etc.)
  - Living arrangements, social network, access to support services
- **General assessment tools:**
  - Charlson Comorbidity Index (CCI, widely used; good predictor over a 10-year period)
  - 12 prognostic indicators to estimate 4-year mortality risk
  - Short screening tests (more qualitative evaluation)
    - IADL (IADL = The Lawton Instrumental Activities of Daily Living Scale with 8 domains of function, that are measured)
    - G8 (Age plus Malnutrition Assessment, MNA)
    - Geriatric Prognostic Index (GPI), 3 parameters in oncological patients (food intake in the last 3 months, >3 prescribed drugs, mobility and autonomy)
    - Timed-up-and-go-test
    - Frailty Index (FI), Carolina Frailty Index (CFI)



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## Male Breast Cancer\*: Diagnostic Work-Up and Loco-Regional Therapy

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
▪ <b>Diagnostic work-up as in women</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>+</b>
▪ Ultrasound	2b	B	++
▪ Mammography	3b	C	+
▪ <b>Standard-surgery: Mastectomy</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>++**</b>
▪ BCS is an option (tumor / breast relation)	4	C	++
▪ Sentinel-node excision (SLNE)	2a	B	+
▪ In occult breast cancer	2b	B	+
▪ <b>Radiotherapy as in women (consider tumor / breast relation!)</b>	<b>2a</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>+</b>
▪ <b>Genetic counseling (see genetics chapter)</b>	<b>2b</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>++</b>
▪ <b>Screening for 2<sup>nd</sup> malignancies according to guidelines</b>	<b>GCP</b>		<b>++</b>

\* Treatment in certified breast cancer centers recommended; \*\* Participation in register study recommended

### International registry

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## Male Breast Cancer: Prognostic Factors

- Nodal status
- Age
- Tumor size
- ER / PR Expression
- Ki-67 Expression
- Grade
- Genomic signatures

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
Nodal status	2b	A	++
Age	2b	B	+
Tumor size	2b	A	++
ER / PR Expression	2b	A	++
Ki-67 Expression	2b	C	+/-
Grade	2b	C	+/-
Genomic signatures	2b	B	+

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## Male Breast Cancer: Systemic Therapy

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
▪ <b>(Neo-)adjuvant chemotherapy as in women</b>	<b>2a</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>++</b>
▪ <b>HER2-targeted therapy (if HER2-positive)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>++</b>
▪ <b>Endocrine therapy</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>++</b>
▪ Tamoxifen	<b>2b</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>++</b>
▪ GnRHa and AI	<b>4</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>+</b>
▪ Aromatase inhibitors without GnRHa	<b>2b</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>-</b>
▪ Fulvestrant (metastatic BC)	<b>4</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>+/-</b>
▪ CDK4/6i (in combination)	<b>2b</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>+</b>
▪ <b>Palliative chemotherapy as in women</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>++</b>

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	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
▪ Invasive BC and clinical signs of inflammation (e.g. $\geq 1/3$ of the breast affected) determine stage cT4d			++
▪ Staging (including adequate breast imaging)	2c	B	++
▪ Skin punch biopsy (at least 2; detection rate < 75%)	2c	B	+
▪ Treatment according to guidelines (neoadjuvant or adjuvant – as in non-IBC)	2b	B	++
▪ Neoadjuvant chemotherapy	2b	B	++
▪ Mastectomy after chemotherapy	2c	B	+
▪ Breast conserving therapy in case of pCR (individual)	2b	C	+/-
▪ Delayed breast reconstruction	3b	C	+
▪ Sentinel excision only	3b	C	-
▪ Radiotherapy of the chest wall including regional lymph nodes independent of therapy response	2c	B	++

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In case of invasive BC and clinical signs of inflammation (e.g.  $\geq 1/3$  of the breast affected) determine stage cT4d

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Statement: Regimens as in non-inflammatory BC

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Statement: Neoadjuvant chemotherapy

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## Axillary Metastasis in Occult Breast Cancer (ax. CUP) Diagnostic Imaging

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
▪ <b>Breast imaging incl. Breast-MRI</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>++</b>
▪ <b>Exclude contralateral cancer</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>++</b>
▪ <b>Staging</b> (CT thorax / abdomen, pelvis, bone scan)	<b>3</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>++</b>
<b>If histological diagnosis is not certain</b>			
▪ <b>Exclude non-breast malignancy, especially in case of TNBC</b> (e.g. NEC, female genital tract, lung, thyroid gland, stomach, skin, ENT)	<b>5</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>++</b>
▪ <b>PET / PET-CT</b>	<b>3b</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>+</b>

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## Axillary Metastasis in Occult Breast Cancer (Cancer of Unknown Primary – AxCUP)

- **Incidence: < 1% of metastatic axillary disease**
- **In > 95% occult breast cancer, < 5% other primary**
- **Immunohistology**
  - ER-positive: 55%
  - HER2 3+: 35%
  - Triple-negative: 38%
- **Nodal status:**
  - 1 - 3 Ln-Met. in 48%
  - > 3 Ln-Met in 52%
- **Outcome similar or better compared to breast cancer with similar tumor biology and tumor stage**

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## Axillary Metastasis in Occult Breast Cancer (ax. CUP)

Pathology, Molecular Pathology

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
▪ Immunohistochemistry (ER, PR, HER2, Ki-67, GATA)	5	D	++
▪ Immunohistochemistry (e.g. Ck5/6, Ck7, Ck20, SOX-10, PAX-8, TTF1, Synaptophysin etc.) to exclude other primary malignancies in case of TNBC phenotype or unusual histology, e.g. NEC, female genital tract, lung, ENT tumors, thyroid, stomach, skin	5	D	++
▪ Gene expression profiling for determination or primary site (e.g. CUPprint, Pathwork, TOT, CancerType)	2c	B	+/-
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## Axillary Metastasis in Occult Breast Cancer (ax. CUP): Therapy

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
▪ <b>Axillary dissection</b>	<b>3a</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>++</b>
▪ Targeted axillary dissection after NACT (in case of clinical complete remission)	<b>3b</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>+/-</b>
▪ Irradiation of regional lymph nodes according to breast cancer guidelines (AGO)	<b>3b</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>+</b>
▪ Breast irradiation if breast MRI is negative (acc. BCT)	<b>2c</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>+</b>
▪ Mastectomy if breast MRI is negative	<b>3a</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>--</b>
▪ (Neo-)adjuvant systemic therapy according to breast cancer guidelines (AGO)	<b>5</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>++</b>

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## „BCT“ in patients with axillary met's and occult primary (AxCUP, OBC)

**Kim H, Park W, Kim SS et al. Prognosis of patients with axillary lymph node metastases from occult breast cancer analysis of multicenter data. Radiat Oncol J. 2021 Jun;39(2):107-112.**  
 Retrospective analysis, n = 53 with AxCUP and OBC (adenocarcinoma); exclusion of a primary by extensive imaging. Eleven pts received blind upper quadrantectomy, 42 no breast surgery; 46 pts received whole breast irradiation (WBI), 7 did not; median F/U 85 months .  
 Result: 2 in-breast recurrences, 1 RLN rec., 1 combined in-breast and RLN, no distant metastases.  
**5 year DFS with WBI: 97.8% without WBI 83,3% (p = 0.01 univariate;** in multivariate analysis nor biology nor extent of the disease nor therapy had a significant impact).  
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## Paget's Disease of the Breast Diagnosis

### „Mammary Paget Disease is a Sentinel Sign“

- **Histological verification by skin biopsy\***
- **Mammography, sonography**
- **MRI of the breast if other imaging negative**
- **Immunohistochemistry (ER, PR, HER2, CK7) to detect benign and HER2-negative cases**

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		++
4	D	++
4	C	+
5	D	++

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## Paget's Disease of the Breast

- **Definition:** Paget's disease of the breast is characterized by an intraepidermal tumor manifestation originating in intraductal or invasive breast cancer.
- **Clinical presentation:** skin eczema of the nipple, areola and surrounding skin; thickening, pigmentation and scaly skin

Feature	Frequency
Presentation	Paget's disease with invasive Ca. (37-58%) Paget's disease mit DCIS (30-63%) Isolated Paget's disease (4-7%) Isolated Paget's disease with invasion (rare)
IHC	HER2-positive (83-97%) ER-positive (10-14%) AR-positive (71-88%)
Prognosis and tumor biology	Better in isolated Paget's disease Worse if in combination with invasive breast cancer or DCIS compared to isolated Paget's disease

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## Paget's Disease of the Breast Therapy

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Paget's disease with underlying disease (invasive breast cancer, DCIS)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Therapy according to standard of underlying disease</li> <li>■ Surgery must achieve R0</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	5	D	++
	1c	B	++
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Isolated Paget's disease of the NAC:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Surgery must achieve R0</li> <li>■ Surgical resection only, no adjuvant radiotherapy</li> <li>■ Sentinel-node excision (SLNE) in BCS</li> <li>■ Sentinel-node excision(SLNE) in mastectomy</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	1c	B	++
	4	D	++
	2b	B	--
	2b	B	+

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## Borderline and Malignant Phyllodes Tumor Diagnosis

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
▪ Mammography, sonography	3	C	++
▪ Diagnosis on core biopsy, grade determination on resection specimen	3	C	++
▪ Breast MRI	3	C	+/-
▪ Staging only malignant PT (CT thorax / abdomen, bone scan)	5	D	++

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## Borderline and Malignant Phyllodes Tumor

- Name derived from greek term of “Phyllon” (leaf) due to its lobulated histological aspect
- Differential diagnosis may be problematic on core biopsy
- Resection margin is independent prognostic parameter
- Comparable rates of recurrence in association with BCT or mastectomy
- In-Breast recurrence relatively frequently seen (10 - 30%)
- Distant metastasis relatively rare (< 10%) and almost exclusively seen in malignant phyllodes tumor.
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## Phyllodes Tumor

### Frequency 0.3 – 1% of all primary breast tumors

parameter	frequencies
<b>Grading system (3-STEP histological grading system)</b>	Benign (75%) Borderline (16%) Malignant (9%)
<b>Median age at time of diagnosis</b>	Benign PT: 39 y Borderline PT: 45 y Malignant PT: 47 y
<b>Local recurrence</b>	Benign PT: 4 – 17% Borderline PT: 14 – 25% Malignant PT: 23 – 30%
<b>Metastasis</b>	Benign PT: < 1% Borderline PT: 1.6% Malignant PT: 16-22%

10 y OS: 86–90% (range: 57–100%) depending on subtype and unfavorable histological criteria

### Review

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## Borderline and Malignant Phyllodes Tumor Surgery

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
▪ <b>Fibroepithelial lesions with rapid growth or size &gt; 3 cm should be excised (independently from the any CNB result)</b>	5	D	++
▪ <b>If the result of the CNB is unclear or suspicious for PT, excision with clear margins should be performed</b>	5	D	++
▪ <b>SLNE / Axillary dissection (if clinically unsuspecting)</b>	4	C	--
▪ <b>Treatment of local recurrence</b>			
▪ <b>R0 resection or simple mastectomy</b>	4	C	++

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## Phyllodes Tumors of the Breast: Canadian National Consensus Document Using Modified Delphi Methodology

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**Canadian Phyllodes Tumor Consensus Panel (23 panelists):** Example of one out of 109 statements on diagnosis and therapy of phyllodes tumors that were discussed (73 with consensus).

*The following statements are referring to MALIGNANT phyllodes (diagnosed on biopsy)*

If the diagnosis of malignant PT is known preoperatively, malignant PT should under-go wide excision (clinical 1 cm), with the goal of negative microscopic margins 87%

- In patients with negative margins who undergo wide excision (clinical 1cm) – if the microscopic margin is:
  - < 2 mm: reexcision of margin can be offered 82%
  - 2–10 mm: no re-excision should be offered 65%
  - > 10 mm: no reexcision should be offered 100%
- Patients with tumor on ink after breast conservation, should be offered reexcision (this includes “shelled out” and positive margins) 96%

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## Borderline and Malignant Phyllodes Tumor - Margins -

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Intended lesion-free surgical margins are*</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- in borderline PT: <math>\geq 2</math> mm</li> <li>- in malignant PT: <math>\geq 10</math> mm</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>2b</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>++</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Intended pathologically lesion-free margins are*</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- in borderline PT: negative (no ink on the tumor)</li> <li>- in malignant PT: <math>\geq 2</math> mm</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>2b</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>++</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Re-resection recommended</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- in borderline PT: if margin* positive (ink on tumor)</li> <li>- in malignant PT: if margin <math>&lt; 2</math> mm</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>2b</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>++</b>

\* Margins related to breast tissue only (but not to skin or to the thoracic wall)

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## Borderline and Malignant Phyllodes Tumor - Adjuvant Radiotherapy -

Adjuvant radiotherapy of the breast and the thoracic wall is aimed at local control.

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>BCS, R0-resection</b></li> <li>- Borderline PT: no</li> <li>- Malignant PT: yes (independently from the size of the lesion)</li> </ul>	2b	B	+
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Mastectomy, R0-resection</b></li> <li>- Borderline PT: no</li> <li>- Malignant PT: &lt; 5 cm: no</li> <li>- Malignant PT: ≥ 5 cm: with aggressive pathology or growth</li> </ul>	2b	B	+
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Mastectomy, R1-resection</b></li> <li>- Borderline PT: no</li> <li>- Malignant PT: ja (independently from the size of the lesion)</li> </ul>	2b	B	+

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## Borderline and Malignant Phyllodes Tumor Systemic Adjuvant Therapy

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Systemic adjuvant therapy (chemo, endocrine)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Adjuvant endocrine therapy (irrespect. of ER/PR)</li> <li>▪ Adjuvant chemotherapy</li> <li>▪ Primary systemic therapy, if complete resection (R0) presumably cannot be achieved (Adriamycin/Ifosfamid)</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ <b>Adjuvant Treatment of local recurrence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Radiotherapy, chemotherapy after R1 resection</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ <b>Distant metastasis (very rare)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Multidisciplinary case discussion („Sarcoma board“)</li> <li>▪ Treatment like soft tissue sarcomas</li> <li>▪ Surgical resection of metastatic lesions</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	4	C	-
	4	C	-
	4	C	+
	4	C	+/-
	5	D	++
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## Diagnosis

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
▪ Mammography, sonography to determine extent of disease	3a	C	-
▪ Preoperative MRI to determine the extent of disease	3a	C	++
▪ Diagnosis by core biopsy	3a	C	++
▪ Diagnosis by FNB	3a	C	--
▪ Staging (CT thorax & abd.; angiosarcoma: MRI brain)	4	D	++
▪ Prognostic factors: size, grade, margins	3a	C	++

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## Sarcomas of the Breast

- **Not infrequently associated with familial syndromes (Li-Fraumeni, familial adenomatous polyposis, neurofibromatosis type 1)**
- **Primary sarcomas: angiosarcoma, undifferentiated sarcoma, leiomyosarcoma, liposarcoma, osteosarcoma**
- **Secondary malignancies of the breast:**
  - Radiotherapy-Associated Angiosarcoma
  - Breast Implant Associated Large-Cell Anaplastic Lymphoma (BI-ALCL)
- **Rare: intramammary sarcoma metastases**
- **Staging: TNM (UICC) or AJCC scheme of the soft tissue sarcoma analogous to sarcoma of the breast**
- **Grading: Analogous to the FNCLCC system for sarcoma or according to Rosen (1988) for angiosarcomas**

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## Primary Angiosarcoma of the Breast

- **Most common primary sarcoma of the breast**
- **Young age (median: 24–46 years)**
- **Indistinct tumor borders**
- **Large tumor (median: 5–7 cm)**
- **Uncharacteristic findings on mammography and sonography**
- **High local recurrence risk, even after mastectomy**
- **More unfavorable prognosis than other primary sarcoma of the breast**
- **Metastasize early, often to the lung and liver**

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## Primary Angiosarcoma of the Breast\* Therapy

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
■ <b>Surgery with wide clear margins, mostly as mastectomy</b>	<b>2b</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>++</b>
■ Breast-conserving surgery (wide excision)	3a	C	+/-
■ <b>SLNE or axillary dissection if cN0</b>	<b>3a</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>--</b>
■ <b>Adjuvant chemotherapy (anthracycline / taxane-based)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>+/-</b>
■ <b>Adjuvant radiotherapy if high risk (size &gt; 5 cm, R1)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>+/-</b>
■ <b>Presentation in a sarcoma board</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>++</b>

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## Secondary Angiosarcoma of the Breast Therapy

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Tumor resection (BCT / mastectomy)</b> Radical surgery ist not associated with better outcome</li> </ul>	3a	C	+
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>(Neo-)adjuvant chemotherapy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Consider „trimodality treatment“ in case of locally advanced angiosarcoma (neoadjuvant taxanes =&gt; neoadjuvant radiochemotherapy =&gt; surgical resektion)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	3a	C	+/-
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Adjuvant radiotherapy if high risk (size &gt; 5 cm, R1)</b></li> </ul>	2b	B	+/-
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Regional hyperthermia (to improve local control) plus chemotherapy and / or radiotherapy</b></li> </ul>	2b	B	+/-

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## Secondary (Radiotherapy-associated) Angiosarcoma of the Breast

- **Cumulative incidence of radiotherapy-associated sarcoma: 3.2 per 1,000 after 15 years**
- **Clinical presentation**
  - > 5 years after BCT or mastectomy with irradiation
  - usually intracutaneously or subcutaneously in the irradiation area with livid discoloration
  - multiple foci
  - most often in advanced stages (II - III)
  - metastasis mostly pulmonary
  - lymph node metastasis possible
- **Prognosis is more unfavorable than in non-radiotherapy-associated sarcoma**
- **Survival: after 5 yrs. up to 50.5%, after 10 yrs. up to 25.2%**

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## Trimodality Therapy Improves Disease Control in Radiation-Associated Angiosarcoma of the Breast (RAASB)

38 patients (median age 69 years) with RAASB; median F/U 5,6 y

- **Trimodality therapy** consisted of
  - (i) taxane induction therapy, followed by
  - (ii) concurrent taxane and irradiation therapy, followed by
  - (iii) surgical resection with wide margins.

Results:

- n = 16 trimodal therapy: pCR 12/16.  
**Loc.rec.: 0/16; dist.met.: 1/16; death 1/16**  
Wound break / sec. wound-healing: 100%
- n = 22 monotherapy/dual therapy:  
**Loc.rec.: 10/22; dist.met.: 8/22; death 7/22**  
Wound break / sec. wound-healing: 48% (p < 0.001)
- **RFS; 93.8% vs. 42.9%; P = 0.004; HR, 7.6 (95% CI: 1.3-44.2)**

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## Angiosarcoma of the Breast

### Treatment of Local Recurrence and Metastases

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
<b><u>Treatment of Local Recurrence:</u></b>			
▪ R0 resection	4	C	++
▪ Adjuvant radiotherapy for high-risk patients (tumor size > 5 cm, R1)	4	C	+/-
<b><u>Distant Metastases / Unresectable Tumors:</u></b>			
▪ Treatment like as for soft tissue sarcomas (according to S3 guideline)	4	C	++
▪ Paclitaxel weekly / liposomal doxorubicin (as in angiosarcoma)	2b	B	+
▪ Antiangiogenic treatment (e.g. in angiosarcoma)	4	C	+/-
<b><u>If clinically resistant to therapy</u></b>			
▪ Molecular diagnostics (Multidisciplinary molecular board)	5	D	+

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## Metaplastic Breast Carcinoma - High-Grade -

### Consider reference pathology and subtyping.

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
▪ Surgical therapy and axillary staging as in case of NST	4	C	++
▪ Neoadjuvant chemotherapy (frequently chemoresistant)*			
▪ If initially inoperable	5	D	+
▪ ER pos.	4	C	--
▪ TNBC, if ICPi (Pembrolizumab) indicated	4	C	+
▪ HER2 pos. (incl. Anti-HER2-therapy)	4	C	+
▪ Adjuvant chemotherapy (frequently chemoresistant)	4	C	-
▪ Consider platin/taxane combination in case of mesenchymal differentiation (e.g. spindle cell)	4	C	+
▪ Adjuvant endocrine therapy if HR-positive	4	C	+
▪ Adjuvant radiotherapy according therapy of NST	4	C	++

\* Note: control of local response in short intervals

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## Metaplastic Breast Carcinoma – Low Grade With Uncertain Malignant Potential (Fibromatous and Adenosquamous Ca.)\*

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
▪ Surgical therapy and axillary staging as in case of NST	4	C	++
▪ Adjuvant chemotherapy (frequently chemoresistant)	4	C	-
▪ Neoadjuvant chemotherapy (frequently chemoresistant)	4	C	--
▪ Adjuvant endocrine therapy (not applicable, since triple-negative tumors)	4	C	-
▪ Adjuvant radiotherapy according therapy of NST	4	C	+

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# Metaplastic Breast Cancer

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**Definition: Metaplastic transformation of epithelial tumor cells**

- Epithelial differentiation: squamous cell carcinoma, spindle-cell carcinoma
- Heterologous (mesenchymal) differentiation: chondroid, osseous or otherwise metaplastic breast cancer

**Clinical and pathological characteristics:**

- < 1 % of malignant breast neoplasms
- Similar age group as NST breast cancer
- Localized, mostly palpable
- Rapidly growing, poor response to chemotherapy
- > 90 % triple-negative

**Subtypes:**

- Highly aggressive with squamous cell or high-grade spindle-cell differentiation
- Less aggressive (low-grade) with mesenchymal, low grade adenosquamous or fibromatosis-like differentiation

**Frequent mutations:**

- *TP53, EGFR, PIK3CA, PTEN*
- Possible association to *gBRCA1*-mutation/HRD-positivity

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