Adjuvant Radiotherapy
Adjuvant Radiotherapy (RT)

- **Versions 2002–2014:**
  Souchon / Blohmer / Friedrichs / Göhring / Janni / Möbus / Seegenschmiedt

- **Version 2015:**
  Thomssen / Kühn / Untch / Scharl Budach / Wenz / Souchon
Preliminary Note

- The recommendations on adjuvant radiotherapy for breast cancer are based on a consensus discussion between experts of the AGO and DEGRO.

- For technical details of radiotherapy we recommend to refer to the corresponding updated DEGRO practical guidelines 2014.

- If agreement had not been reached in any statement, the corresponding DEGRO view is written in blue colour.
Radiotherapy (RT) after Breast Conserving Surgery (Invasive Cancer):
- Whole Breast Irradiation –

**LoE 1b B AGO ++**

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<th>Age Group</th>
<th>Radiotherapy Protocol</th>
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<td>&lt;40 years</td>
<td>Conventional RT (25-28 fractions) with integrated or sequential boost</td>
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<td>40 – 65 years</td>
<td>Conventional RT with integrated or sequential boost, or hypofractionated RT with sequential boost</td>
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| > 65 years | Low risk: consider hypofractionated RT without boost (15-16 fractions)  
High risk: RT as for 40-65 years |
| Elderly | Individual counseling including omission of radiotherapy according to individual risk after geriatric assessment |
| Any age (lymph node areas) | If radiotherapy of the regional lymph nodes is included, conventionally fractionated RT (25-28 fractions) |

Study participation recommended
Additional Information with Regard to Effects of Breast Radiotherapy (BCT)

➢ **Hypofractionation:**

➢ „Some normal tissue effects were less common after the 15 fraction regimen than the control schedule (breast shrinkage, telangiectasia, and breast oedema).“

➢ **In 1 of 5 trials:** “There were significantly fewer distant relapses up to 10 years in the 40 Gy group (HR 0.74, 95% CI 0.59–0.94), which contributed to the significantly higher rates of disease-free survival and overall survival in the 40 Gy group compared with the 50 Gy group.“ *(HR_{OS}=0.8; p=0.042) (START B: Haviland JS et al. Lancet Oncol 2013; 14: 1086–94)*

➢ **Elderly patients should be advised about the following:**

➢ In older patients with pT1-2 (≤3 cm) pN0 hormone receptor-positive breast cancer, breast irradiation for breast conserving therapy is able to reduce the risk of a local recurrence by about 8% over 10 years. A benefit with regard to metastasis-free survival and overall survival has not been found yet.
Radiotherapy in Elderly Patient
Life Expectancy less than 10 Years

- Omission of radiotherapy in low risk* elderly patients if adjuvant endocrine treatment (e.g. Tam 5-yrs) is consequently performed*

AGO\(^1\) 1b A +

DEGRO\(^1\) 1b C +/-

Increase in local recurrence, no influence on OS, decrease in toxicity

*Age ≥ 70 year, pT1, pN0, HR positive, G1-2, HER2-negative, negative resection margin (width >1 mm)

\(^1\) different interpretation of published data by AGO and DEGRO
**BCS >=70y <4 cm cN0: Tamoxifen vs. Tamoxifen + RT**

Time: 1994-1999, since 8/1996 only pT1cN0 ER/PR+ or unknown allowed

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<th>Tamoxifen</th>
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<td><strong>Local recurrence</strong></td>
<td>90% (85%-93%)</td>
<td>98% (96%-99%)</td>
<td>HR=0.18 (95% CI, 0.07 to 0.42; P &lt; .001)</td>
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<td><strong>Mastectomy-free</strong></td>
<td>96% (93% - 98%)</td>
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<td>HR=0.50 (95% CI, 0.17 to 1.48; n.s.)</td>
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<td><strong>Distant metastasis-free</strong></td>
<td>95% (91% - 97%)</td>
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<td>HR=1.20 (95% CI, 0.63 to 2.32; n.s)</td>
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<td><strong>Overall survival</strong></td>
<td>66% (61% - 71%)</td>
<td>67% (62% - 72%)</td>
<td>HR=0.95 (95% CI, 0.77 to 1.18; n.s.)</td>
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Hughes KE et al J Clin Oncol 2013; 31:2382-2387
Radiotherapy (RT) after Breast Conserving Surgery (Invasive Cancer) – Partial Breast Irradiation

- **Boost-RT** (improves local control, no survival benefit)
  - < 40 years
  - 40-60 years
  - > 60 years, if G3 or >pT1

- **Intraoperative irradiation (IORT/IOERT)**
  - As boost-irradiation followed by WBI
  - As sole radiotherapy modality
    - IORT using 50 kV (pT1 pN0 R0 G1-2, non-lobular, age >50 y, no extensive DCIS, IORT during first surgery, HR+)
    - IOERT

- **Postoperative partial breast irradiation as sole radiotherapy modality**
  - Interstitial brachytherapy
  - Intracavity balloon technique
  - APBI (IMRT)**

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* Study participation recommended; **no long term data
### Boost vs no Boost: EORTC 22881-10882 Trial

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<th>@20 yrs (95% C.I.)</th>
<th>Boost (n=2,661)</th>
<th>No boost (n=2,657)</th>
<th>Hazard Ratio (95% C.I.)</th>
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<td>Overall Survival (Δ=-1.4%)</td>
<td>59.7% (56.3–63.0)</td>
<td>61.1% (57.6–64.3)</td>
<td>HR 1.05 (0.92–1.19) n.s.</td>
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<td>Cumulative Risk of Ipsilateral Breast Tumour Recurrence</td>
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<td>All patients</td>
<td>12.0% (9.8–14.4)</td>
<td>16.4% (14.1–18.8)</td>
<td>HR=0.65 (0.52–0.81); p&lt;0.0001</td>
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<td>≤40 years (Δ=11.6%)</td>
<td>24.4% (14.9–33.8)</td>
<td>36.0% (25.8–46.2)</td>
<td>HR=0.56 (0.34–0.92); p=0.003</td>
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<td>41–50 years (Δ=5.9%)</td>
<td>13.5% (9.5–17.5)</td>
<td>19.4% (14.7–24.1%)</td>
<td>HR=0.66 (0.45–0.98); p=0.007</td>
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<td>51–60 years (Δ=2.96%)</td>
<td>10.3% (6.3–14.3)</td>
<td>13.2% (9.8–16.7)</td>
<td>HR=0.69 (0.46–1.04); p=0.020</td>
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<td>&gt;60 years (Δ=3.0%)</td>
<td>9.7% (5.0–14.4)</td>
<td>12.7% (7.4–18.0)</td>
<td>HR=0.66 (0.42–1.04); p=0.019</td>
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Postmastectomy Radiotherapy (PMRT)** to the Chest Wall

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<td>&gt; 3 tumor infiltrated lymph nodes (Lnn.)</td>
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<td>1–3 tumor infiltrated Lnn. low risk$^*$</td>
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<td>After neoadjuvant chemotherapy (NACT) based on the initial stage prior to NACT (cN+, cT3/4a-d)</td>
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<td>Omission of RT if ypT0 ypN0 after NACT**</td>
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The indications for PMRT and regional RT are independent of adjuvant systemic treatment

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$^*$For definition of risk, go to Further information;

$^{**}$Study participation recommended

$^1$different interpretation of published data by AGO and DEGRO
Radiotherapy of the Axilla

- Tumor residuals after axillary dissection
  
- Sentinel node negative

- Axillary dissection not indicated e.g. cN0, SLN pos. (see chapter surgery)

- Extracapsular tumor spread (ECS)

- Axillary micrometastases or isolated cells found in regional lymph nodes

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Axillary Intervention in Patients with Positive Sentinel Lymph Nodes

### Axillary dissection or RT of the axilla, if 1-2 pos. SLN:

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<td>- Mastectomy, RT of chest wall indicated and ACOSOG Z011-criteria fulfilled</td>
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### Axillary dissection or RT of the axilla, if >=3 pos. SLN

- Axillary dissection
- Radiotherapy of the axilla

*Study participation recommended*
Radiotherapy (RT) of Other Locoregional Lymph Node Areas

Supra-/infraclavicular lymphatic regions

- ≥ pN2a
- Level III involved
- pN1a high risk*
- pN1a low risk*
- pN1a (every risk)
- pN0 high risk, if radiotherapy of the internal mammaria lymph node chain is indicated (see below)
- After NACT/NAT (indications as for PMRT)
- After NACT/NAT if cN+

Internal mammaria lymph node region (IMC)

- pN1-pN2 and HR pos. who had systemic chemoth.
- pN0 high risk w. centr./med. tumors (HR+, adj. CT)
- IMC-RT, if cardiac risk factors are present or if trastuzumab is given

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1 different interpretation of published data by AGO and DEGRO
Multivariate Analysis of Overall Survival: Effect of Radiotherapy of the Internal Mammaria Lymph Nodes

(median follow-up 10.9 yrs)

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<td>No adjuvant reported</td>
<td>625</td>
<td>0.91 (0.59 - 1.39)</td>
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<td>Chemotherapy</td>
<td>954</td>
<td>1.05 (0.84 - 1.32)</td>
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<td>Endocrine therapy</td>
<td>1185</td>
<td>0.82 (0.63 - 1.06)</td>
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<td>Both (endocrine th. and chemotherapy)</td>
<td>1200</td>
<td>0.72 (0.55 – 0.94)</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>4004</td>
<td>0.88 (0.76 – 1.01)</td>
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* missing data on 40 patients

Poortmans et al. ECCO Amsterdam 2013
Concomitant Use of Systemic Therapy with Radiotherapy

- **Trastuzumab** concurrent with radiotherapy
  
  2b  B  +

- **Tamoxifen** concurrent with radiotherapy
  
  2b  B  +

- **AI (letrozole, anastrozole)** concurrent with radiotherapy
  
  2b  B  +

*in HER2 pos. tumors parasternal RT should generally be avoided; no concurrent trastuzumab in parasternal RT*
**Adjuvant Radiotherapy – (2/15)**

*Further information:*

**Search Strategy**
Search Terms: Radiotherapy Breast Cancer
Source: Pubmed 1/2010 – 1/2015

**References (Overviews):**

Effect of radiotherapy after mastectomy and axillary surgery on 10-year recurrence and 20-year breast cancer mortality: meta-analysis of individual patient data for 8135 women in 22 randomised trials.


Overview of the randomized trials of radiotherapy in ductal carcinoma in situ of the breast.

Further information:

AGO – Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Gynäkolgische Onkologie e.V.
DEGRO - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Radioonkologie e.V.

References:

DEGRO practical guidelines for radiotherapy of breast cancer IV: radiotherapy following mastectomy for invasive breast cancer.


DEGRO practical guidelines: radiotherapy of breast cancer III--radiotherapy of the lymphatic pathways.


Further information:

Basically, data on hypofractionation in PMRT and BCT are valid for all subgroups and age groups. However, for concerns with long term toxicity (data are not yet sufficient), hypofractionation is opened for specific patient groups as recommended in this slide. Although some data showed that also integration of boost irradiation into hypofractionation protocol is feasible, it is not accepted as a standard. Treatment of these patients in ongoing clinical trials is recommended.

References:


Additional Information with Regard to Effects of Breast Radiotherapy (BCT) (5/15)

Further information:

Additional information with regard to effects of radiotherapy in breast conservation (BCT)

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Elderly patients should be counseled about:

Absolute benefit of WBRT in older women with pT1-2 (up to 3 cm) pN0, HR-positive breast cancer after BCS and endocrine therapy is small (2-8 % after ten yrs) and decreases with increasing age. No advantage with regard to secondary mastectomy, metastasis-free survival and overall survival has been observed.

References:


Radiotherapy in Elderly Patient Life Expectancy less than 10 Years (6/15)

Further information:

Hughes KS et al. 2013: N=636 eligible: WE+Tam  RT vs WE + Tam med F/U 12.6 yrs.;
We would suggest that in this older population, comorbid conditions, not specific breast cancer treatments, dictate survival, and the biology of the tumor dictates the rate of IBTR, not the length of life.

References:


2. Kunkler IH, Williams LJ, Jack WJ, Cameron DA, Dixon JM; on behalf of the PRIME II investigators. Breast-conserving surgery with or without irradiation in women aged 65 years or older with early breast cancer (PRIME II): a randomised controlled trial. Lancet Oncol. 2015 Jan 27.

BCS $\geq$70y <4 cm cN0: Tamoxifen vs. Tamoxifen + RT (7/15)

Further information:

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Reference:

Radiotherapy (RT) after Breast Conserving Surgery (Invasive Cancer) – Partial Breast Irradiation (8/15)

Further information:

The primary objective of this trial was Overall Survival. A reproducible benefit was observed with regard to Time to Ipsilateral Breast Tumour Recurrence as shown above. No significant benefit by boost irradiation was observed with regard to Time to First Recurrence neither in the entire study cohort nor in any of the age-defined subgroups (HR=0.94; 95%-C.I. 0.81-1.04; p=0-09). According to the publication, the endpoint “Time to First Recurrence” is the time from randomization to first relapse defined as a loco-regional or distant relapse, ipsilateral second cancer or death due to breast cancer.

Reference:


References to the statements:
Radiotherapy (RT) after Breast Conserving Surgery (Invasive Cancer) - Partial Breast Irradiation - Boost-RT (improves local control, no survival benefit) (LoE 1a A AGO+)


Boost-RT in pts <40 years (LoE 1b A AGO++)
Boost-RT in pts 40-60 years (LoE 1b B AGO+)

Cancer Radiation Oncology and Breast Cancer Groups. Whole-breast irradiation with or without a boost for patients 

Boost-RT in pts >60 years, if G3 or >T1 (LoE 2b B AGO+/)


Intraoperative irradiation (IORT/IOERT)
As boost-irradiation followed by WBI (LoE 2a B AGO+)

1. IORT with electrons as boost strategy during breast conserving therapy in limited stage breast cancer: long term 
results of an ISIORT pooled analysis. Fastner G, Sedlmayer F, Merz F, Deutschmann H, Reitsamer R, Menzel C, 

2. IOERT as anticipated tumor bed boost during breast-conserving surgery after neoadjuvant chemotherapy in locally 
advanced breast cancer--results of a case series after 5-year follow-up. Fastner G, Reitsamer R, Ziegler I, 
Mar 1;136(5):1193-201.

As sole radiotherapy modality
IORT using 50 kV (pT1 pN0 R0 G1-2, non-lobular, age >50 y, no extensive DCIS, IORT during first surgery, HR+) (LoE 1b B AGO+/-)


IOERT as sole radiotherapy modality (LoE 1b B AGO+/-)

Postoperativ partial breast irradiation as sole radiotherapy modality
Interstitial brachytherapy (LoE 1b B AGO+/-)


Intracavity balloon technique (LoE 1b B AGO-)


APBI (IMRT) (LoE 1b B AGO-*)

2. Eur J Cancer. 2015 Jan 17. pii: S0959-8049(15)00002-7. Accelerated partial breast irradiation using intensity-modulated radiotherapy versus whole breast irradiation: 5-year survival analysis of a phase 3 randomised controlled trial. Livi L¹, Meattini I², Marrazzo L³, Simontacchi G¹, Pallotta S³, Saieva C⁴, Paiar F¹, Scotti V¹, De Luca Cardillo C¹, Bastiani P⁵, Orzaiesi L⁶, Casella D⁶, Sanchez L⁶, Nori J⁷, Fambrini M⁸, Bianchi S⁹.
**Boost vs no Boost: EORTC 22881-10882 Trial (9/15)**

**Further information:**

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**Reference:**


**Postmastectomy Radiotherapy (PMRT)** to the Chest Wall (10/15)

*Further information:*

The interpretation of the current EBCTCG publication (2014) should take into account, that this meta-analysis is highly influenced by the Danish radiotherapy trials (Overgaard et al. 1997, 1999).

Strong evidence on definition of low risk criteria with regard to the group of 1-3 tumor infiltrated axillary Lnn is lacking. Different definitions are discussed eg.

Kyndi et al. 2013: **Low risk** of locoregional recurrence, if at least 3 out of 4 favourable criteria are present:
- Hormone receptor receptor status positive,
- Grad I,
- HER2 negative,
- Tumor <2 cm).

Truong et al. 2005: **High risk** of locoregional recurrence
- If younger age (<45 yrs; HR=3.44) and one of the following factors:
  - High proportion of positive nodes (>25%; HR=2.00),
  - Medial tumour location (HR=2.46) or
  - Negative ER-Status (HR=2.02) and,
- If age 45+ yrs and
  - high proportion of positive nodes (>25%).

Also Grading (G3) and vessel invasion, are sometimes considered as criteria of high risk for locoregional recurrence. However, from the current literature a unique definition cannot be concluded. Since EBCTCG overview demonstrates a broad benefit in patients with 1-3 tumor infiltrated axillary lymph nodes, the NCCN guidelines are stating: “Strongly consider postchemotherapy radiation therapy to chest wall plus infraclavicular and supraclavicular areas; if radiation therapy is given, strongly consider internal mammary node radiation therapy.”
References:


References according to the statements:

Postmastectomy Radiotherapy (PMRT) to the Chest Wall in pts. with > 3 tumor infiltrated lymph nodes (Lnn.) (LoE 1a A AGO++):


Postmastectomy Radiotherapy (PMRT) to the Chest Wall in pts. with 1–3 tumor infiltrated lymph nodes (Lnn.) high risk (LoE 1a A AGO+):


Postmastectomy Radiotherapy (PMRT) to the Chest Wall in pts. with 1–3 tumor infiltrated lymph nodes (Lnn.) low risk (LoE 5 D AGO+//-):


Postmastectomy Radiotherapy (PMRT) to the Chest Wall in pts. with T3 / T4 breast cancer (LoE 1a A AGO++):


Postmastectomy Radiotherapy (PMRT) to the Chest Wall in pts. with pT3 pN0 R0 breast cancer (and no additional risk factors) LoE 2b B AGO+/-):


Postmastectomy Radiotherapy (PMRT) to the Chest Wall in pts. with if R0 is impossible to reach (for invasive tumor) (LoE 1a A AGO++):


Postmastectomy Radiotherapy (PMRT) to the Chest Wall in young pts with high risk features (LoE 2b B AGO++):


Postmastectomy Radiotherapy (PMRT) to the Chest Wall in pts. after neoadjuvant chemotherapy (NACT) based on the initial stage prior to NACT (cN+, cT3/4a-d) (LoE 2a A AGO+):


Omission of Postmastectomy Radiotherapy (PMRT) to the Chest Wall after NACT in case of ypT0 ypN0 after NACT (LoE 2b B AGO+-):


Indications for Postmastectomy Radiotherapy (PMRT) to the Chest Wall and regional RT are independent of adjuvant systemic treatment (LoE 1a A)


Further references:

Effect of radiotherapy after mastectomy and axillary surgery on 10-year recurrence and 20-year breast cancer mortality: meta-analysis of individual patient data for 8135 women in 22 randomised trials.

DEGRO practical guidelines for radiotherapy of breast cancer IV: radiotherapy following mastectomy for invasive breast cancer.

Radiotherapy of the Axilla (11/15)

No further information

References:

References related to the statements:

Tumor residuals after axillary dissection (LoE 2b B, AGO ++)

1. Interdisziplinäre S3-Leitlinie für die Diagnostik, Therapie und Nachsorge des Mammakarzinoms Langversion 3.0, Aktualisierung 2012 AWMF-Register-Nummer: 032 – 045OL Leitlinie. Herausgeber: Leitlinienprogramm Onkologie der AWMF, Deutschen Krebsgesellschaft e.V. und Deutschen Krebshilfe e.V.

Sentinel node negative (LoE 1b B, AGO --)


Axillary dissection not indicated e.g. cN0, SLN positive (see surgical chapter) (LoE 2a B, AGO -)


Extracapsular tumor spread (ECS) (LoE 2b B, AGO --)


Axillary micrometastases or isolated cells found in regional lymph nodes (LoE 3b B, AGO --)

Axillary Intervention in Patients with Positive Sentinel Lymph Nodes (12/15)

Further information:

The optimal management of patients with a positive axillary lymph node status (pSN1) remains unclear. Future studies (e.g. INSEMA) are urgently needed.

References related to the statements:

1-2 pos SLN: BCT: no further treatment to the Axilla (criteria according ACOSOG Z011) (LoE 1b B, _AGO+/-_)


1-2 pos SLN: BCT: Axillary dissection (LoE 1b B, AGO +/-)


1-2 pos SLN: BCT: radiotherapy of the axilla (LoE 1b B, AGO +/-)


1-2 pos SLN: Mastectomy: If RT of chestwall is indicated, axillary dissection or radiotherapy of the axilla (LoE 1b B, AGO +/−)

1-2 pos SLN: Mastectomy: If RT of chestwall is indicated, no axillary treatment (criteria ACOSOG Z011) (LoE 5 D, AGO+/-)

EXPERT OPINION, extrapolated from:

1-2 pos SLN: Mastectomy: If RT of chestwall is not planned, axillary dissection or radiotherapy of the axilla (LoE 5 AGO++)

EXPERT OPINION, extrapolated from:
>=3 positive SLN: Axillary LN dissection (LoE 1b B, AGO ++)


>=3 positive SLN: Radiotherapy of the axilla (LoE 1b B, AGO +)


Radiotherapy (RT) of Other Locoregional Lymph Node Areas (13/15)

**Further information:**

The **definition of high risk and low risk pN1a** is different with regard to that in PMRT and that in RT of supra- and infraclavicular lymphatic regions. A proposal by Yates et al. assigns patients as following:
Low risk, if the following conditions are given: G1 with 1-3 positive LN; or G2 with 2 positive LN; or G3 plus 1 positive LN (10 years supraclavicular recurrence rate <10%).
High risk if the following conditions are given: G3 plus 2-3 positive LN; or G2 plus 3 positive LN (10 years supraclavicular recurrence rate 21%).

**References:**


**References related to the statements:**

**Supra-/infraclavicular lymphatic regions**
RT to Supra-/infraclavicular lymphatic regions if ≥ pN2a (LoE 1b A; AGO++)


RT to Supra-/infraclavicular lymphatic regions if Level III involved (LoE 1b A; AGO ++)


RT to Supra-/infraclavicular lymphatic regions if pN1a high risk (LoE 2b B; AGO+)


RT to Supra-/infraclavicular lymphatic regions if pN1a low risk (LoE 2b B; AGO+/-)


RT to Supra-/infraclavicular lymphatic regions if pN0 high risk, if radiotherapy of the internal mammaria Inn. chain is indicated (see below) (LoE 2a B; AGO+/-)


RT to Supra-/infraclavicular lymphatic regions after NACT/NAT (indications as for PMRT) (LoE 2b B; AGO+/-)


Internal mammaria lymph node region (IMC)

RT to Internal mammaria lymph node region (IMC) if pN1-pN2 and HR positive in patients who had systemic chemotherapy: 1b^a B +


RT to Internal mammaria lymph node region (IMC) if pN0 high risk with central/medial tumors: 1b^a B +/-


Multivariate Analysis of Overall Survival: Effect of Radiotherapy of the Internal Mammaria Lymph Nodes (14/15)

No further information

References:

Concomitant Use of Systemic Therapy with Radiotherapy (15/15)

No further information

References:

Trastuzumab* concurrent with radiotherapy (LoE2b B AGO+) (*in HER2 pos tumors parasternal RT should generally be avoided;

no concurrent trastuzumab in parasternal RT)


Tamoxifen concurrent with radiotherapy (LoE 2b B AGO+)


AI (letrozole, anastrozole) concurrent with radiotherapy (LoE 2b B AGO+)


**Other compounds (bevacizumab)**