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#### **Lymphoma: The Basics**

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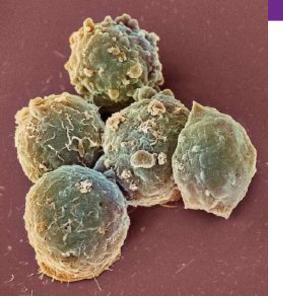


## **Objectives**

- What is lymphoma?
- How common is it?
- Why does it occur?
- How do you diagnose it?
- How do you manage it?
- How do you follow patients after treatment?







## What is Lymphoma?

- A cancer of cells in the lymphocyte lineage
  - Cancer: uncontrolled growth, invasion, spread
  - Lymphocyte: a WBC, important in the immune system
- Lymphoma is not a single disease
  - Subtypes behave and respond differently





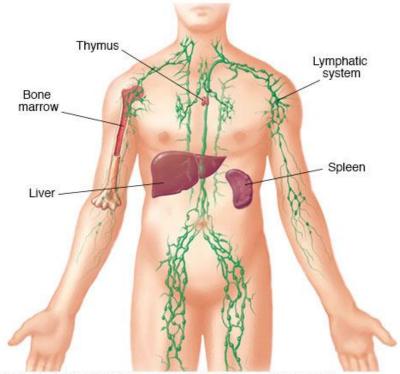
## Lymphocytes

- B-cells develop in the bone marrow and influence the immune system by helping cells recognize infection.
- T-cells develop and mature in the thymus gland. Killer T-cells destroy viruses and cancers. Helper T-cells orchestrate an immune response.
- NK (natural killer) cells destroy viruses and cancers.





## Function of the Lymph System

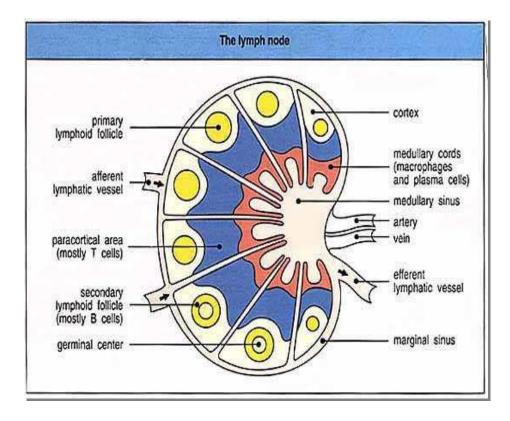


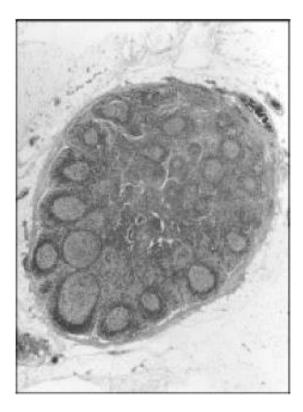
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## Lymph Node









## How common is it? In 2017: Lymphoma Types

#### Hodgkin

- 1,000 new cases/yr
- Relative 5-year survival 85%
- Leading cancer age 15-29

#### Non-Hodgkin

- 8,300 new cases/yr
- Relative 5-year survival 66% but varies greatly by subtype

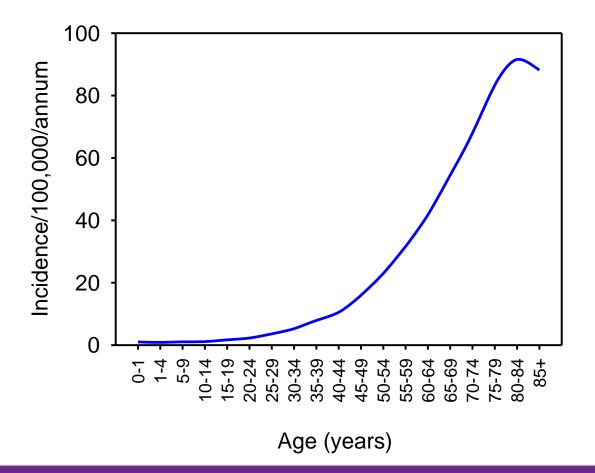
#### Chronic lymphocytic leukemia

- 2,200 new cases/yr
- 7-10 year survival for most





#### Increasing age is a risk factor for NHL







## Why does it occur?

- Environmental:
  - Chemicals: bioactive solvents, pesticides
- Viruses
  - HTLV-1, EBV, HCV, HHV-8, HIV
- Dysfunction of the Immune System
  - Immunodeficiency (congenital, HIV, Organ Tx)
  - Chronic stimulation of damaged system
    - Chronic autoimmune disease
      - RA, SLE, Sjogren's, Celiac D, thyroiditis
    - Infections
      - Helicobacter Pylori chronic gastritis





#### • Lumps:

- Lymph nodes: neck, axilla, groin, abdominal mass
- Organs: skin, thyroid, testis, liver, spleen

#### Organ dysfunction or discomfort

- Stomach, lung, liver, brain
- Bone marrow (cytopenias): infection, bleeding, fatigue

#### Obstruction of tubular organ or vessel

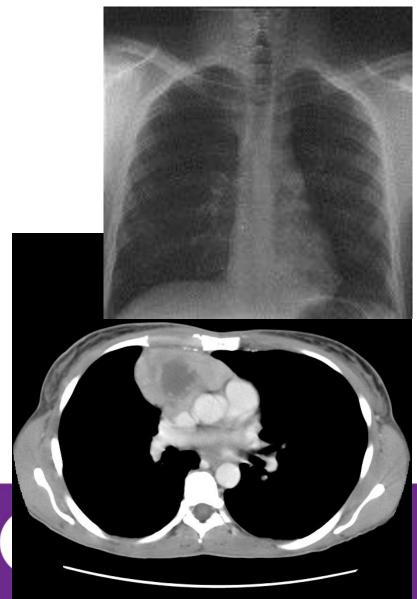
- Bronchus: cough, shortness of breath (SOB)
- Superior Vena Cava: face swelling, SOB, headache
- Intestine: pain, vomiting, constipation, bleeding
- Ureter: uremia (n/v, malaise, confusion, dyspnea)

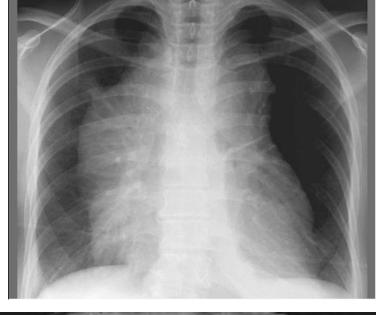
#### • "B" Symptoms: fever, night sweats, weight loss (pruritus)



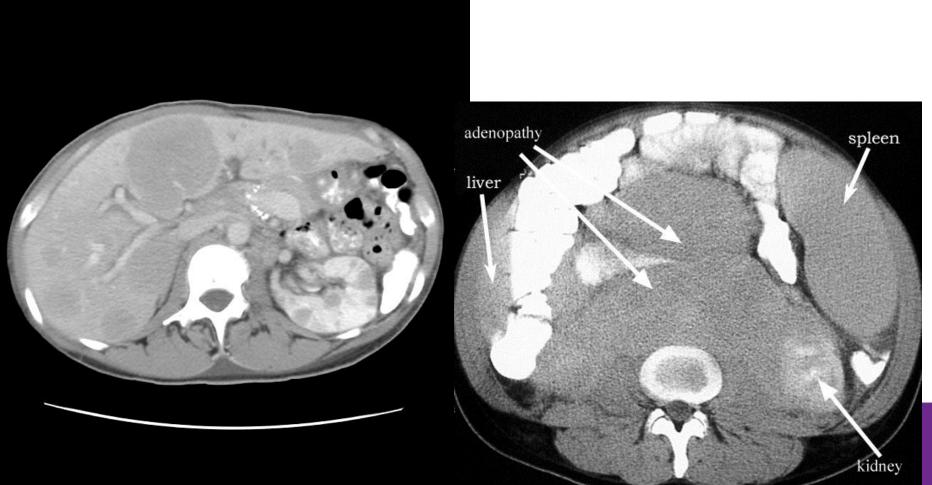












#### Current Lymphoma Classification WHO – 2016 Revision

There are over 60 types of lymphoma.

Hodgkin lymphoma

Classical Hodgkin lymphomas (4) Nodular lymphocyte predominant Hodgkin lymphoma (1)

Mature B-cell neoplasms (41 types)

Mature T-cell & NK-cell neoplasms (27 types)





#### **Common Types of Lymphoma**

#### **B-Cell Lymphomas**

- Indolent
  - Follicular
  - Small Lymphocytic /CLL
  - Marginal Zone
    - MALT or Nodal
  - Lymphoplasmacytic
- Aggressive
  - Diffuse Large B-Cell (DLBCL)
  - Hodgkin
  - Burkitt (BL)
  - Intermediate bet<sup>w</sup> HL/DLBCL
  - Mantle Cell
  - Post-transplant Lymphoproliferative Disorder

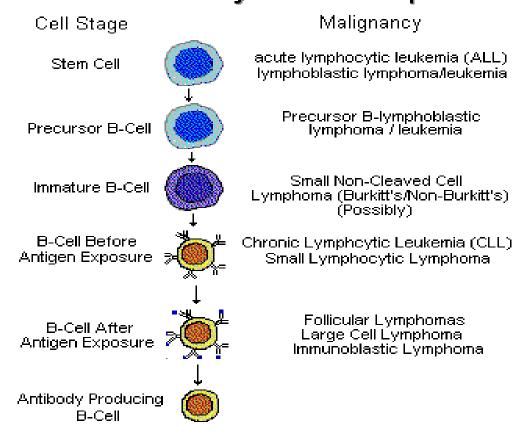
#### **T-Cell Lymphomas**

- Indolent
  - Mycosis Fungoides & Sezary Syndrome-CTCL
  - 1º Cutaneous CD30+ ALCL
  - Lymphomatoid Papulosis
- Aggressive
  - Peripheral T-cell: NOS
  - Anaplastic Large cell
  - Angioimmunoblastic
  - Nasal NK/T cell
  - Enteropathy-type T-cell
  - γδ Hepatosplenic T-cell
  - Adult T-cell Leuk/Lymphoma
  - Precursor T-Lymphoblastic





## The different lymphomas originate at different levels of lymphocyte maturation. B Cell Cancers by Cell Development







## Distinguishing lymphomas by clinical behaviour

#### Indolent NHL or CLL

#### Aggressive NHL or HL

- Slow growth
- Often asymptomatic
- Long natural history possible
- Incurable with standard therapy

- Rapid growth
- Often symptomatic
- Fatal in months (if untreated)
- Potential for cure with standard therapy





#### **Approach to Lymphoma Management**

#### Establish Diagnosis

- Adequate tissue biopsy
- Pathology review: IHC, Flow, Genetics

#### Determine Stage

- History & physical exam (B sx, ECOG, Age)
- Blood tests: CBC, LDH, creatinine, LFTs
- Imaging: CT scan Chest/Abdomen/Pelvis
- Bone Marrow Asp/Bx

#### Develop Treatment Plan

• multidisciplinary input, standard/experimental options

#### • Ensure Appropriate Follow-Up

early detection/management of relapse or toxicities





## Lymphoma Diagnosis

- Pathological diagnosis requires:
  - morphology (architecture)
  - IHC stains
  - Flow Cytometry
  - Genetics (FISH)
- Therefore,
  - Fine needle biopsy is NOT good enough
  - Incisional or excisional surgical biopsy sent for lymphoma protocol is essential
    - CT guided *CORE* needle biopsy may be adequate

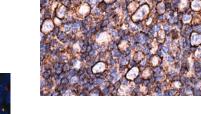


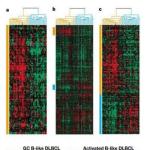


#### Lymphoma Classification

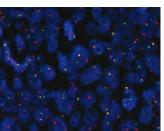
- Morphology
- Immunohistochemistry
- Cytogenetics
- (gene expression profiling)

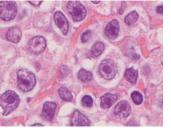
LYMPHOMA CANADA



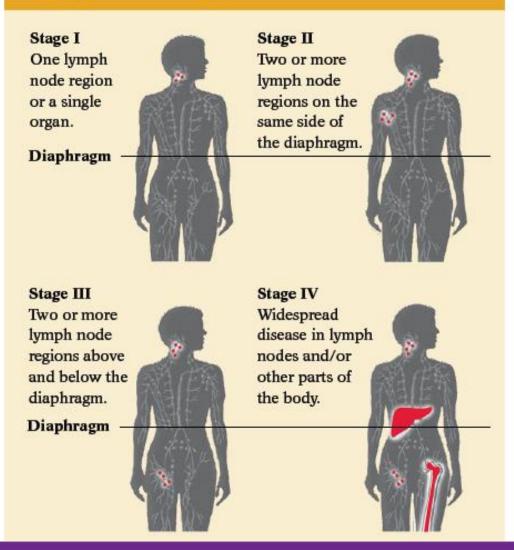








#### Lymphoma Stages



- "A" means that you have no "B" symptoms
- "B" reported fever, night sweats, & weight loss = 'B' symptoms
- "E" parts of your body other than the lymph nodes are involved





CLL Staging – Rai Staging System

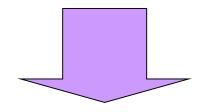
Rai stage	Risk	lymphocytes	RBC	Platelets	Lymph nodes enlarged?	Spleen enlarged?
0	low	high	normal	normal	no	no
1	intermediate	high	normal	normal	yes	no
2	intermediate	high	normal	normal	maybe	yes
3	high	high 🤇	low	normal	maybe	maybe
4	high	high	low	low	maybe	maybe





# With all of the information we are now able to formulate a treatment plan and discuss prognosis.

Initial Evaluation: Specific Histologic Sub-type Extent of disease General health status of patient



Treatment Plan Prognosis





## Goals of treatment

- Cure
- Prolongation of life
- Prolongation of remission
- Control of symptoms (palliation)

## >Typically, the greater the goal, the greater the potential toxicity





## Treatment plan

- Partnership between patient and health care team
- Role of the health care providers:
  - Identify potential treatment goals
  - Discuss treatment options
  - Inform about advantages/disadvantages of options
- Role of the patient
  - State priorities regarding risk vs benefit
  - Make the ultimate decision





### Initial Lymphoma Treatment

Lymphoma	<u>Treatment</u>
Diffuse Large B-Cell $\longrightarrow$	Rituximab+CHOP +/- IFRT
Follicular	IFRT or WW vs BendaR $\rightarrow$ R x2yr
Hodgkin's Disease	ABVD +/- IFRT
Marginal Zone, nodal	BendaR→R x2yr
Gastric MALT	Hp PAC vs IFRT
Mantle Cell	RChemo-AutoSCT or BR then Rx2yr
Peripheral T-Cell, NOS →	CHOP→AutoSCT
Anaplastic Large T-cell	СНОР
Precursor T-Lymphoblastic $\longrightarrow$	ALL-like regimen vs AlloSCT
Mycosis Fungoides →	Topicals, Electron Beam
Small Lymphocytic/CLL	FCR vs BR vs CBL-O vs Ibrutinib
Burkitt	R-CODOX-M / IVAC
PTLD	Rx4 $\rightarrow$ RCHOP, $\downarrow$ immune suppress <sup>n</sup>
HIV Associated Lymphoma	R-CHOP + HAART + ABx





#### How to Estimate Lymphoma Prognosis?

- Diagnostic subtype
- Stage: limited vs advanced
- Prognostic Index Scores (Age, Stage, LDH, Hb, & others)
- Biomarkers
  - DLBCL: p53, C-MYC, BCL-2, GCB vs non-GCB COO
  - MCL: Ki-67
  - ALCL: ALK-1
- Treatment Administered
  - Dictated by other health issues, esp dysfunction of:
    - Heart, Lung, Liver, Kidney, Brain





#### Components of Follow-Up

- Detection of cancer relapse/progression
- Detection/support for treatment complications
- Early detection of new primary cancers
- Monitoring for the long-term and late physical and psychological effects.









