

Testicular cancer

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Testes anatomy

- lies obliquely within the scrotum suspended by the spermatic cord
- typically left testis situated slightly lower than the right
- typical size:
 - 3-4 cm craniocaudal axis
 - 2-3 cm transverse axis
 - 1,5-2 cm saggital axis
- Weight ~10-15g



Testes development and descent

- Develops at T10-T12 segments in retro-abdominal space from so called genital ridge
- Begin to descend in 2nd month of intrauterine life
 - 3rd month reach iliac fossa
 - 4th -6th month deep inguinal ring
 - 7th month inguinal canal
 - 8th month: superficial inguinal ring
 - 9th month: scrotum
- Can give rise to ectopic testicular tissue along the descent path



Testicular cancer – risk factors

- Relative risk by ethnicity
 - Caucasian RR 1,0
 - Hispanic RR 0,9 0,4
 - Asian RR 0,3
 - African RR 0,2
- Congenital syndromes:
 - Down syndrome
 - Klinifelter syndrome
 - true hermaphroditism
 - ichthyosis
 - "prune belly" (Eagle-Barrett-Obrinsky) syndrome

- Previous history of:
 - mumps orchitis
 - cryptorchidism (especially untreated)
 - inguinal hernia
 - contralateral testicular cancer
 - intratubular germ cell neoplasia (ITGCN) a precursor lesion
- Enviromental factors
 - western lifestyle
 - marijuana use
 - estrogen exposure

Testicular cancer incidence worldwide



Estimated incidence and mortality from testicular cancer, 2012



cancer/incidence#heading-One, Accessed OCT 2016.

Incidence 📰 Mortality

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Testicular cancer – symptoms <u>Palpable testicular tumor</u>

- pain
- swelling
- sexual dysfunctions
- hematospermia

- abdominal mass
- distant metastases
- abnormal laboratory results



- Germ Cell Tumors (95%)
 - Seminoma
 - Embryonal carcinoma
 - Yolk sac tumor
 - Trophoblastic tumors
 - Choriocarcinoma
 - Other
 - Teratoma
 - Dermoid cyst
 - Monodermal teratoma
 - Teratoma with somatic type malignancies
 - mixed (very common)
- Non germ-cell histologies (5%)
 - Lymphoma
 - Other (<1%)

- Clinical classification
 - Seminoma (35-40%)
 - Non-seminoma (55-60%) (incl. mixed histologies)

- Non-germ cell

- Seminoma
 - the most common single histology
 - right > left testis
 - typically 4th and 5th decade; never seen in infancy
 - patients present with painless testicular mass
 - as much as 30 % have metastases at presentation (usually asymptomatic)
 - serum alpha fetoprotein is rarely elevated
 - Beta HCG elevated in ~30% of patients
- Subtypes
 - classical (80%)
 - Anaplastic (5-10%) agressive, poor prognosis
 - Spermatocytic (~10%) indolent, low metastatic potenctial, good prognosis





- Embryonal carcinoma
 - most undifferentiated type of germ cell tumor
 - present (solo or as component) in ~90% of non-seminoma germ-cell tumors
 - serum AFP elevated in ~30% and B-HCG in 20% of cases
 - \sim 60% cases with non-elevated AFP and B-HCG role of LDH
 - highly agressive, frequently metastasizes and/or invades cord structures





- Yolk Sac Tumor
 - most common germ cell tumor in children
 - typically as a part of mixed GCT (sole component in ~2%).
 - Typically elevated AFP
- Choriocarinoma
 - rare very aggressive
 - early distant metastases (lungs, brain)
 - Primary lesion very often subclinical, witohut testicular mass
 - Frequent intratumor bleeding
 - Typically elevated B-HCG



• Teratoma

- Contain all three germ layers with varying degree of diffrentiation
- Highly differentiated tissues can be present (ie. hair, teeth, cartilage)
- in pure form in pediatric patients only
- in adults frequent (~45%) as a component of mixed germ cell tumors
- Normal serum markers or mildly elevated AFP
- relatively lower chmosensitivity (can relapse as sole component after chemo)
- Subtypes:
 - mature low metastatic potential
 - immature higher metastatic potential





- Tumors from interstitial cells (rare)
 - Leydig cells tumors
 - Produce androgens precocious puberty in boys but gynecomastia and decreased libido in adults (peripheral conversion to estrogens)
 - Sertoli cell tumors
 - Estrogen production gynecomastia and decreased libido
 - 90% benign
 - Gonadoblastoma
 - Mixed germ cell/ intesrstitial cell histology
 - Exclusively in patients with disgenetic gonads and intersex syndromes
 - high risk of bilateral tumors

Testicular cancer – workup

Axiom to remember:

"Any solid, firm testicular mass, that cannot be trans-illuminated, should be regarded as malignant unless proven otherwise."



Transiluminated hydrocele

Testicular cancer – workup

Patient presenting with testicular tumor

- Testicular ultrasound
 - well established standard for testicular mass assessment.
 - Will confirm/exclude malignancy in majority of cases (near 100% sensitivity and 98-100% specificity).
 - At least 7,5Mhz linear transducer with color Doppler option required
- MRI +C
 - if USG nonconclusive (~1,5% cases)
- Biopsy only in extragonadal mid-line tumors of suspected germ-cell origin



Testicular cancer – workup

Patient with testicular malignancy confirmed on imaging

- abdominal ultrasound and chest X-ray
 - Preliminary assessment of tumor burden before surgical treatment
- laboratory studies
 - CBC, LFT, RFT
 - circulating biomarkers (AFP, b-HCG, LDH) as baseline before the surgery

Testicular cancer – surgery

- Orchiectomy including testicular cord, through inguinal incision without rupturing testicular capsule :
 - <u>never</u> through scrotal access (significantly higher rate of local reccurences)
 - standard first-line therapeutic intervention unless extremly high metastatic burden mandates urgent chemotherapy
 - confirms the diagnosis
 - defines cancer subtype
 - defines T stage
 - is curative in early stages
 - consider intraoperative H-P assessment
 - organ sparing strategies feasible in experienced centres (rare).



Testicular cancer – postoperative workup

Patient with histologicly confirmed cancer

- CT scan of the abdomen and pelvis is mandatory.
- thoracic CT should be carried out in non-seminomas
- thoracic CT can be omitted in seminoma patients without infradiaphragmatic metastases.
- MRI of the central nervous system
 - in advanced stages,
 - in choriocarcinoma/high HCG,
 - cerebral symptoms.
- positron emission tomography (PET) scanning does not contribute to initial staging

Testicular cancer – postoperative workup

Patient with histologicly confirmed cancer

- tumour markers (AFP, HCG, LDH) should be followed until normalisation or lack of further decrease.
 - HCG t¹/₂ is up to 3 days
 - AFP t¹/₂ is 5–7 days
 - the patient is considered marker positive (S1-3) only if AFP, HCG and LDH fail to normalize after the operation (ie. Abnormal AFP befor orchiectomy is not consider S+)
- Serum levels of total testosterone, luteinizing hormone (LH) and follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH) should be determined.
- Semen analysis and sperm banking should be discussed with all patients.

Definition of TNM	C			Stage Gro
TNM Category	Description	a 0		Group
Primary Tumor (T)				Stage 0
pTX	Primary tumor cannot be assessed.			Otage U
pT0	No evidence of primary tumor (e.g., histologic scar in testis).			Stage I
pTis	Intratubular germ cell neoplasia (carcinoma in situ)			IA
pT1	Tumor limited to the testis and epididymis without vascular/lymphatic inve tunica albuginea but not the tunica vaginalis.	ision. Tumor may i	nvade into the	IB
pT2	Tumor limited to the testis and epididymis with vascular/lymphatic invasio tunica albuginea with involvement of the tunica vaginalis.	n or tumor extend	ing through the	
pT3	Tumor invades the spermatic cord with or without vascular/lymphatic inva	sion.		15
pT4	Turnor invades the scrotum with or without vascular/lymphatic invasion.			
Note: Except for pTis and pT4 absence of radical orchiectorm	, extent of primary tumor is classified by radical orchiectomy. TX may be us y.	ed for other catego	pries in the	Stage II
Regional Lymph Nodes (N)				
Clinical				
NX	Regional lymph nodes cannot be assessed.			IIB
NO	No regional lymph node metastasis			
N1	Metastasis with a lymph node mass 2 cm or less in greatest dimension of none >2 cm in greatest dimension.	r multiple lymph n	odes;	IIC
N2	Metastasis with a lymph node mass >2 cm but not >5 cm in greatest dir nodes, any one mass >2 cm but not >5 cm cm in greatest dimension.	mension, or multip	le lymph	Stage III
N3	Metastasis with a lymph node mass >5 cm in greatest dimension.			IIIA
Pathologic (pN)				ille
pNX	Regional lymph nodes cannot be assessed.			
pN0	No regional lymph node metastasis			IIIB
pN1	Metastasis with a lymph node mass 2 cm or less in greatest dimension a none >2 cm in greatest dimension.	nd ≤5 nodes posit	tive;	
pN2	Metastasis with a lymph node mass >2 cm but not >5 cm in greatest dir none >5 cm, or evidence of extranodal extension of tumor.	mension, or >5 no	des positive,	IIIC
pN3	Metastasis with a lymph node mass >5 cm in greatest dimension.			
Distant Metastases (M)				
M0	No distant metastasis.	Germ Cell Tumor Risk Classification		
M1	Distant metastasis	Risk Group	Seminoma	
M1a	Nonregional nodal or pulmonary metastases	Good	Any hCG	
M1b	Distant metastasis other than to nonregional lymph nodes and lungs		Any LDH	
Serum Tumor Markers (S)			Nonpulmonary visceral m	etastases absent
SX	Marker studies not available or not performed		Any primary site	
SO	Marker study levels within normal limits	Intermediate	Nonnulmonary visceral m	etastases present
\$1	LDH <1.5 × N* AND hCG (mIU/mL) <5,000 AND AFP (ng/mL) <1,000		Any hCG Any LDH Any primary site	
S2	LDH 1.5–10 × N OR hCG (mIU/mL) 5,000–50,000 OR AFP (ng/mL) 1,000–10,000	Poor	Does not exist	
\$3	LDH >10 × N OR hCG (mIU/mL) >50,000 OR AFP (ng/mL) >10,000			

Stage Group	bing		147.1	13
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stage 0	pTis	N0	M0	S0
Stage I	pT1-4	N0	M0	SX
Ą	pT1	N0	M0	S0
В	pT2	N0	M0	S0
	pT3	NO	M0	S0
	pT4	NO	M0	S0
S	Any pT/Tx	NO	M0	S1-3
Stage II	Any pT/Tx	N1-3	M0	SX
A	Any pT/Tx	N1	M0	S0
	Any pT/Tx	N1	M0	S1
В	Any pT/Tx	N2	M0	S0
	Any pT/Tx	N2	M0	S1
C	Any pT/Tx	N3	M0	S0
	Any pT/Tx	N3	M0	S1
Stage III	Any pT/Tx	Any N	M1	SX
IA	Any pT/Tx	Any N	M1a	S0
	Any pT/Tx	Any N	M1a	S1
IB	Any pT/Tx	N1-3	M0	S2
	Any pT/Tx	Any N	M1a	S2
IC	Any pT/Tx	N1-3	M0	S3
	Any pT/Tx	Any N	M1a	S3
	Any pT/Tx	Any N	M1b	Any S
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r study levels within normal limits <1.5 × N ^e AND mIU/mL) <5,000 AND ig/mL) <1,000 5-10 × N OP	Intermediate	Nonpulmonary visceral metastases present Any hCG Any LDH Any primary site	AFP 1,000–10,000 ng/mL hCG 5,000–50,000 mIU/mL LDH 1.5–10.0 × ULN Nonpulmonary visceral metastases absent Generation or retroperitoreal primary site
mlU/mL) 5,000–50,000 OR g/mL) 1,000–10,000	Poor	Does not exist	Mediastinal primary site Nonpulmonary visceral metastasas present (e.g. bone liver brain)
>10 × N OR mIU/mL) >50,000 OR ig/mL) >10,000			AFP >10,000 ng/mL hCG >50,000 mIU/mL LDH >10 × ULN

Testicular cancer – postoperative therapeutic options

- Surveillance number of different protocols:
 - physical and biomarkers every 3-4 months and less often after 2-3 years
 - abdominal (CT preferred) and chest imaging every
 3-6 months and less often after 2-3 years
 - PET if CT ambiguous
- Adjuvant radiotherapy on regional LNs (20-36Gy).

Testicular cancer – postoperative therapeutic options

- Lymphadenectomy
 - burdensome
 - provides additional staging information
- Adjuvant chemotherapy
 - Platinium derivatives
 - Polytherapy preferred

Testicular cancer – most common CT regimens

BEP ^a	(Repeat cycles	s every 3 weeks)	VeIP ^e	(Repeat cycles	every 3 weeks)
Cisplatin	20 mg/m^2	Day 1-5	Vinblastine	0.11 mg/kg	Day 1 + 2
Etoposide	100 mg/m^2	Day 1-5	Ifosfamide	1.2 g/m ²	Day 1-5
Bleomycin	30 mg	Day 1, 8,	Cisplatin	20 mg/m ²	Day 1-5
EP ^b	(Repeat cycles	s every 3 weeks)	TI-CE ^f	(TI cycles 1-2	every 2 weeks)
Cisplatin	20 mg/m^2	Day 1-5	Paclitaxel	200 mg/m ²	Day 1
Etoposide	100 mg/m^2	Day 1-5	Ifosfamide	2.0 g	Day 2-4
VIP/PEI ^c	(Repeat cycles	s every 3 weeks)		(CE cycles 3-5	every 3 weeks)
Cisplatin	20 mg/m^2	Day 1-5	Carboplatin	AUC = 7	Day 1-3
Etoposide	75 mg/m^2	Day 1-5	Etoposide	400 mg/m ²	Day 1-3
Ifosfamide	1.2 g	Day 1-5	CEg	(Two cycles, may b	e preceded by VeIP)
ГIР ^d	(Repeat cycles every 3 weeks)		Carboplatin	700 mg/m ²	Day 1
Paclitaxel	250 mg/m ²	Day 1	Etoposide	750 mg/m ²	Day 1-3
Cisplatin	25 mg/m^2	Day 2-5			
Ifosfamide	1.5 g	Day 2-5			

	Stage I	Stage IIA	Stage IIB/IIC/III
First line	Low risk* Preferred : • Surveillance Alternatively : • Carboplatin x 1 (AUC 7) • Radiotherapy (20 Gy)	 BEPx3 (or EPx4) Radiotherapy 	• BEPx3-4 (VIPx3-4)
	High risk# Preferred: • Surveillance • Carboplatin x 1 (AUC 7) Alternatively: • Radiotherapy (20 Gy)		
Residual disease	n/a	Observation Consider biopsy or resection of lesion > 3 cm particularly if PET positive	
Relapse	Post-surveillance/carboplatin Localised: Radiotherapy Otherwise: BEPx3-4 Post-radiotherapy BEPx3 (EPx4) 	Salvage chemotherapy In localised lesions: consider radiotherapy Surgery in case of a single resectable lesion	

*Low risk: absence of rete testis invasion and tumour <4 cm #High risk: rete testis invasion or tumour ≥4 cm

Standard treatment strategies for seminoma.

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	Store I	Stage I//II			
	Stage I	Good	Intermediate	Poor	
First line	Vascular invasion present Preferred: • Surveillance Alternatively: • 1-2xBEP • RPLND (rarely) Vascular invasion absent Preferred: • 1-2xBEP • Surveillance Alternatively: • RPLND (rarely)	 BEPx3 (EPx4) RPLND (if marker negative stage IIA) 	 BEPx4 VIPx4 	 BEPx4 VIPx4 	
Residual disease	n/a	Resection in case of lesion > 1 cm Observation in case of lesion < 1 cm			
Relapse	Post-surveillance or post-RPLND: • BEPx3-4 Surgery in case of a single resectable lesion Post-chemotherapy: • Salvage chemotherapy Surgery in case of a single resectable lesion	Salvage chemotherapy Surgery in case of a single resectable lesion			

Standard treatment strategies for non-seminoma.

Testicular cancer – post-tratment

- Imaging assessment
 - If no complete response schedule PET-CT (reactive/fibrotic lesions versus residual neoplasm)
 - If PET positive refractor disease second line (salvage) treatment
- Surveillance number of different protocols:
 - physical and biomarkers every 3-4 months and less often after 2-3 years
 - abdominal (CT preferred) and chest imaging every 3-6 months and less often after 2-3 years
 - PET if CT ambiguous
- Screening for independent and treatment related malignancies (when feasible)
- Assessing and managing late treatment toxicities (ie. pulmonary fibrosisis after bleomycin or hearing loss after platinum salts).
- Reproductive counselling

Testicular cancer – relapse

- differential relapse vs second primary
- restaging (as post-orchiectomy workup)
- treatment choice considerations:
 - surgery:
 - localized/ oligometastatic reccurence
 - teratoma component in primary (often chemoresistant)
 - uncertain whether reccurrence or non-malignant lesion
 - Radiotherapy
 - localized/ oligometastatic reccurence
 - Chemorefreactory tumor restricted to lymph nodes
 - Second line chemotherapy
 - Regimen usually different from one usde primarily
 - Consider high-dose chemotherapy with auto-HSCT

Testicular cancer – prognosis



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Questions?



Thank You

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