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PATHOLOGIC DIAGNOSIS

ESSENTIAL:

- Hematopathology review of all slides with at least one tumor paraffin block. Re-biopsy if consult material is non-diagnostic. Core needle biopsy may be adequate if diagnostic, but an excisional nodal biopsy is recommended.
- FNA alone is insufficient
- Adequate immunophenotype to confirm diagnosis
 - Immunohistochemistry on paraffin panel for Hodgkin lymphoma (HL) including nodular lymphocyte predominant HL:
 - CD20, PAX-5, CD30, CD3, CD15, CD21, and CD45 (LCA)
 - In situ hybridization for Epstein-Barr encoding region (EBER)

OF USE IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES:

- Immunohistochemical studies:
 - LMP1
 - BOB1, OCT2, and CD79a (differential diagnosis with mediastinal gray zone lymphoma and primary mediastinal large B-cell lymphoma).
 - CD23, or CD35 (follicular dendritic cell markers), BCL6 in cases of nodular lymphocyte predominant HL (may help with T-cell/histiocyte rich large B-cell lymphoma)
 - CD2, CD43, ALK (differential diagnosis with anaplastic large cell lymphoma)

STRONGLY RECOMMEND:

- Core biopsy for tissue banking by protocol

¹ See [Physical Activity](#), [Nutrition](#), [Obesity Screening and Management](#), and [Tobacco Cessation Treatment](#) algorithms; ongoing reassessment of lifestyle risks should be a part of routine clinical practice

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INITIAL EVALUATION

ESSENTIAL:

- History and physical including:
 - Alcohol intolerance
 - Pruritus
 - Exam of nodes
 - B symptoms (unexplained fever > 38°C during the previous month; Recurrent drenching night sweats during the previous month; Weight loss > 10% of body weight ≤ 6 months of diagnosis)
 - Performance Status
 - Fatigue
 - Size of spleen, liver
- CBC with differential, LDH, BUN, creatinine, albumin, AST, ALT, total bilirubin, alkaline phosphatase, calcium, uric acid
- Erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR)
- Screening for HIV 1, HIV 2, hepatitis B and C (HBcAb, HBsAg, HCVAb) (refer to [Hepatitis B Virus \(HBV\) Screening and Management](#) and [Hepatitis C Virus \(HCV\) Screening](#) algorithms)
- PET/CT with contrast
- Pulmonary Function Tests
- Consider bone marrow biopsy if there are cytopenias and/or inconclusive PET
- MUGA scan or echocardiogram
- Counseling: psychosocial if clinically indicated
- Lifestyle risk assessment¹
- Discuss fertility options and sperm banking for patients of child bearing potential (refer to [Fertility Preservation Prior to Cancer Treatment algorithm](#))
- Discuss Goal Concordant Care (GCC) with patient or if clinically indicated, with Patient Representative²
- OF USE IN SELECTED CASES:**
 - Chest x-ray, PA and LAT
 - Pregnancy test
 - Cardiology consultation at baseline if risk factors for cardiac toxicity [e.g., obesity, abnormal echocardiogram, hypertension (HTN), hyperlipidemia (HLD)]

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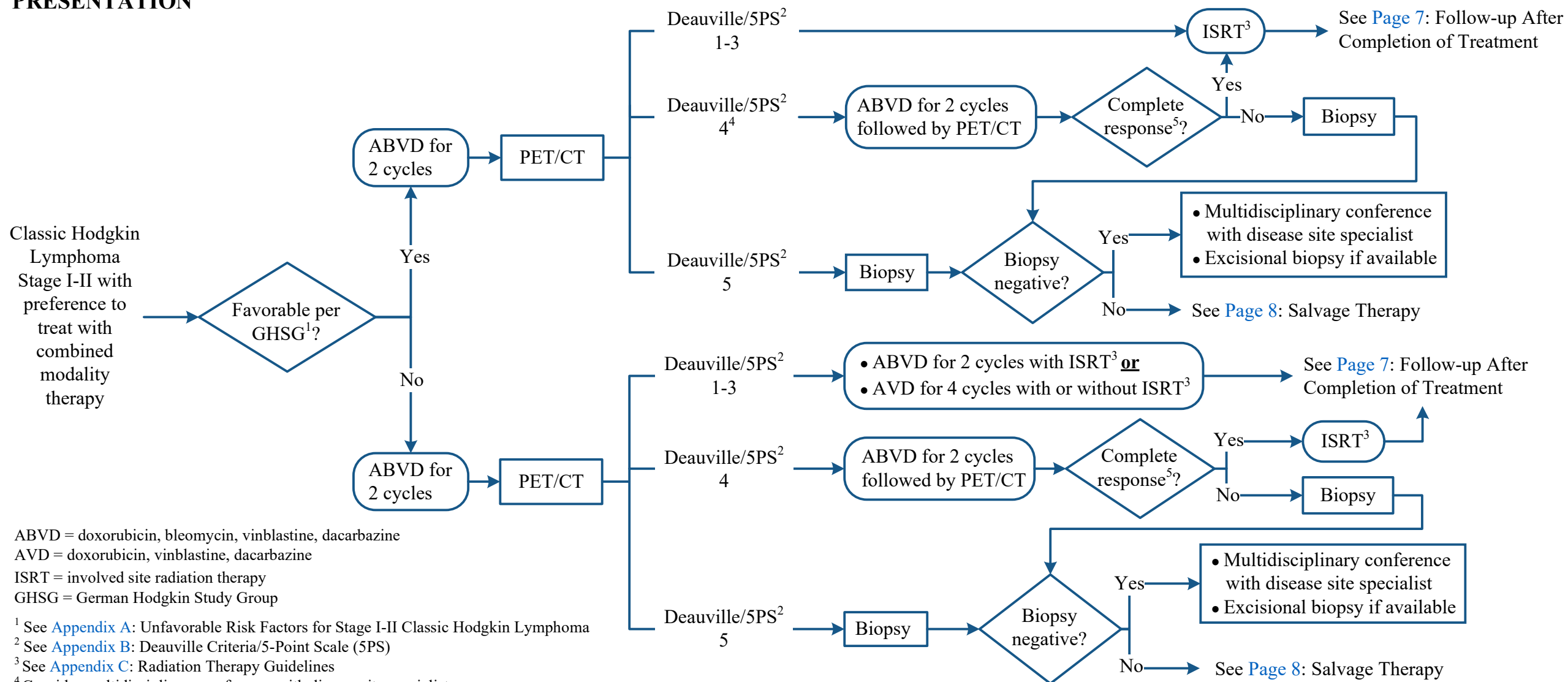
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ABVD = doxorubicin, bleomycin, vinblastine, dacarbazine

AVD = doxorubicin, vinblastine, dacarbazine

ISRT = involved site radiation therapy

GHSG = German Hodgkin Study Group

¹ See [Appendix A](#): Unfavorable Risk Factors for Stage I-II Classic Hodgkin Lymphoma

² See [Appendix B](#): Deauville Criteria/5-Point Scale (5PS)

³ See [Appendix C](#): Radiation Therapy Guidelines

⁴ Consider multidisciplinary conference with disease site specialist

⁵ For response assessment, refer to: Cheson, B. D., Fisher, R. I., Barrington, S. F., Cavalli, F., Schwartz, L. H., Zucca, E., & Lister, T. A. (2014). Recommendations for initial evaluation, staging, and response assessment of Hodgkin and non-Hodgkin lymphoma: The Lugano classification. *Journal of Clinical Oncology*, 32(27), 3059-3067. doi:10.1200/JCO.2013.54.8800

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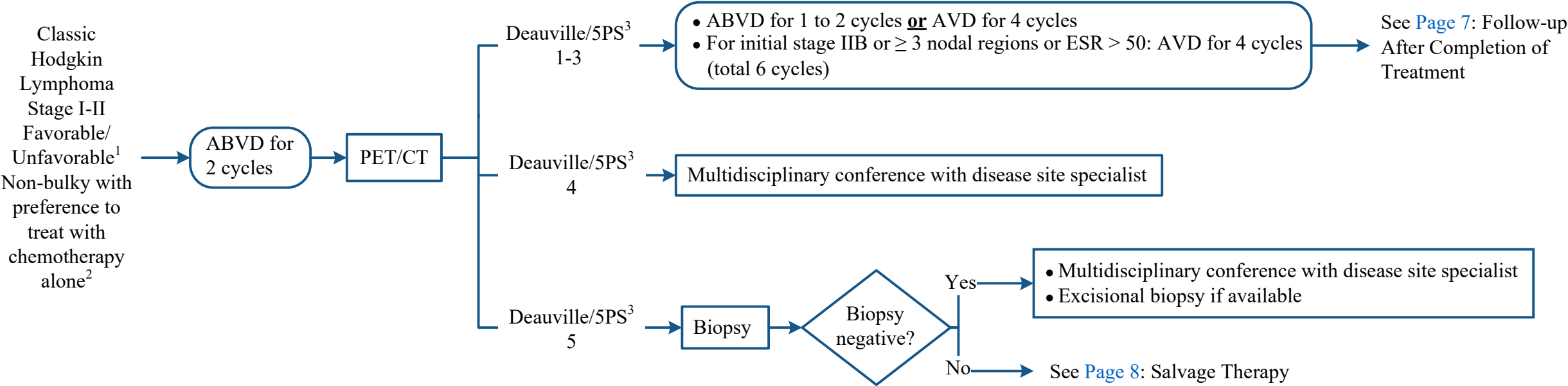
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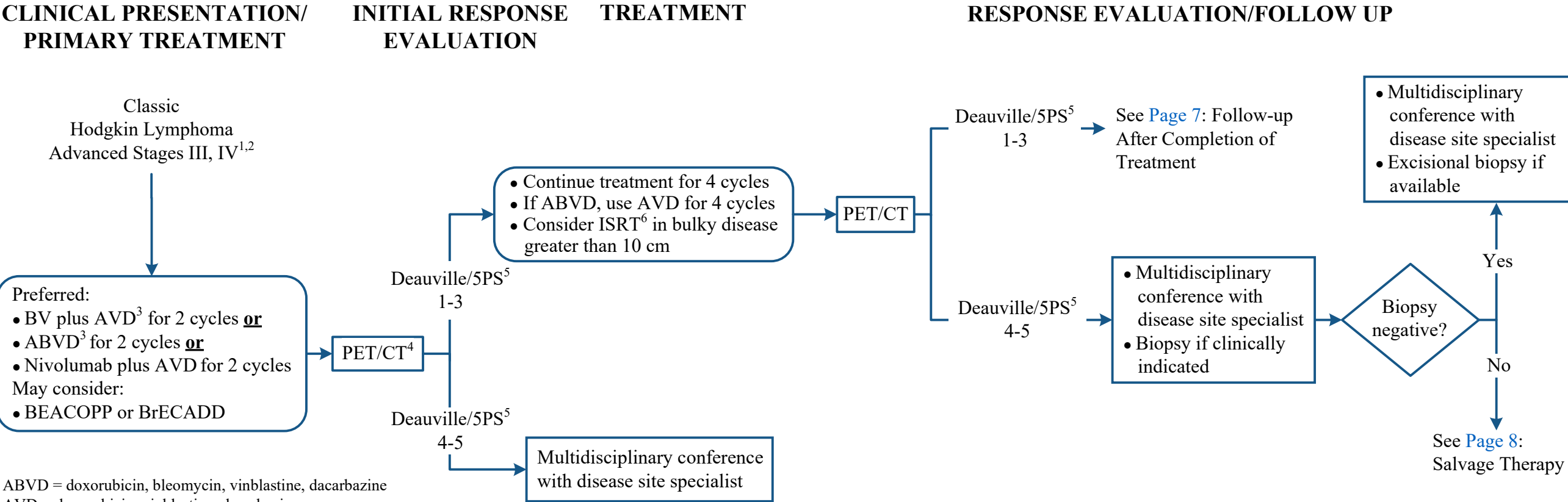


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² A subset of patients who meet criteria as per the UK Rapid study with stage IA and stage IIA Hodgkin Lymphoma with no mediastinal bulk and negative PET findings after treatment may receive 3 cycles of chemotherapy with or without additional involved site radiation therapy (ISRT)
³ See [Appendix B](#): Deauville Criteria/5-Point Scale (5PS)

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AVD = doxorubicin, vinblastine, dacarbazine
BEACOPP = bleomycin, etoposide, doxorubicin, cyclophosphamide, vincristine, procarbazine, prednisone
BrECADD = brentuximab vedotin, etoposide, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, dacarbazine, dexamethasone
BV = brentuximab vedotin
ISRT = involved site radiation therapy

¹ Advanced stage is consistent with an International Prognostic Score (IPS) ≥ 4, age < 60 years [see [Appendix D](#): International Prognostic Score (Hasenclever Index)]
² Choice of regimen is based on IPS, comorbidities and physician discretion
³ Patients with IPS ≥ 4 (see [Appendix D](#)) and age < 65 years may benefit from BV plus AVD. Contraindicated in patients with Grade 2 or higher neuropathy. Patients who are at higher risk for bleomycin lung toxicity should be considered for BV plus AVD.
⁴ BV plus AVD and nivolumab plus AVD are not PET adapted
⁵ See [Appendix B](#): Deauville Criteria/5-Point Scale (5PS)
⁶ ISRT may be considered depending on location and extent of disease and with expert multidisciplinary discussion with Medical and Radiation Oncology. See [Appendix C](#): Radiation Therapy Guideline

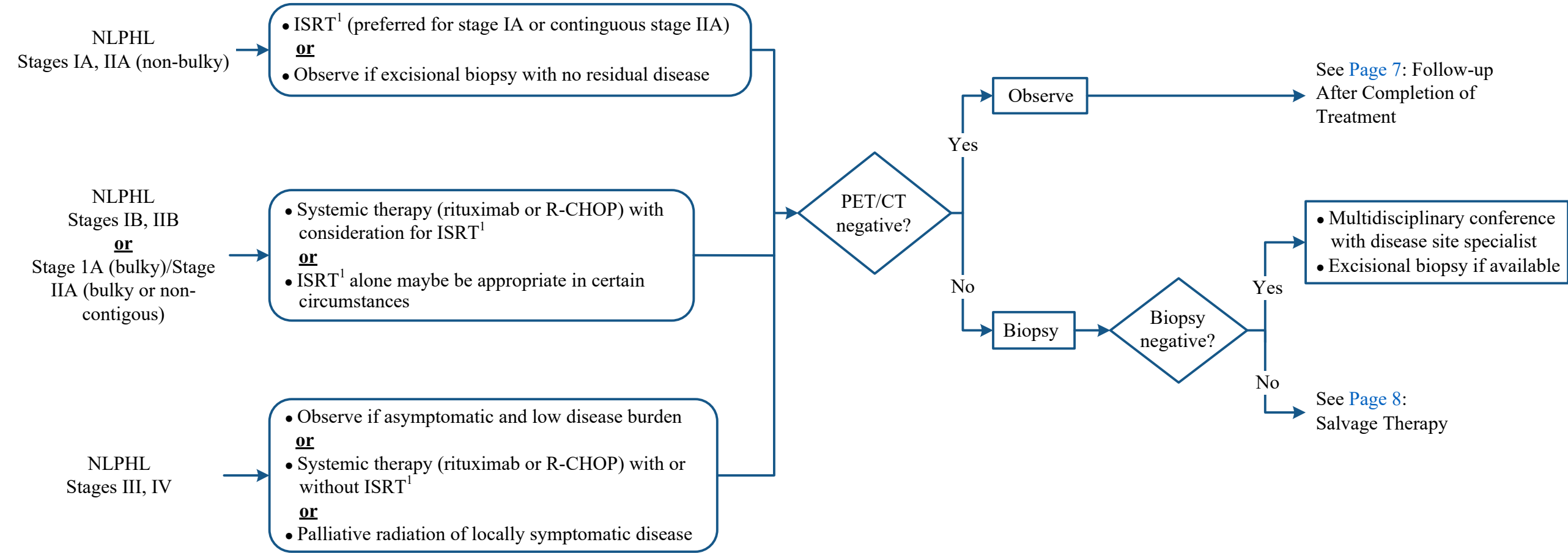
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CLINICAL PRESENTATION

PRIMARY TREATMENT

INITIAL RESPONSE EVALUATION



ISRT = involved site radiation therapy
R-CHOP = rituximab, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine, prednisone

¹ See [Appendix C](#): Radiation Therapy Guideline

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FOLLOW-UP AFTER COMPLETION OF TREATMENT

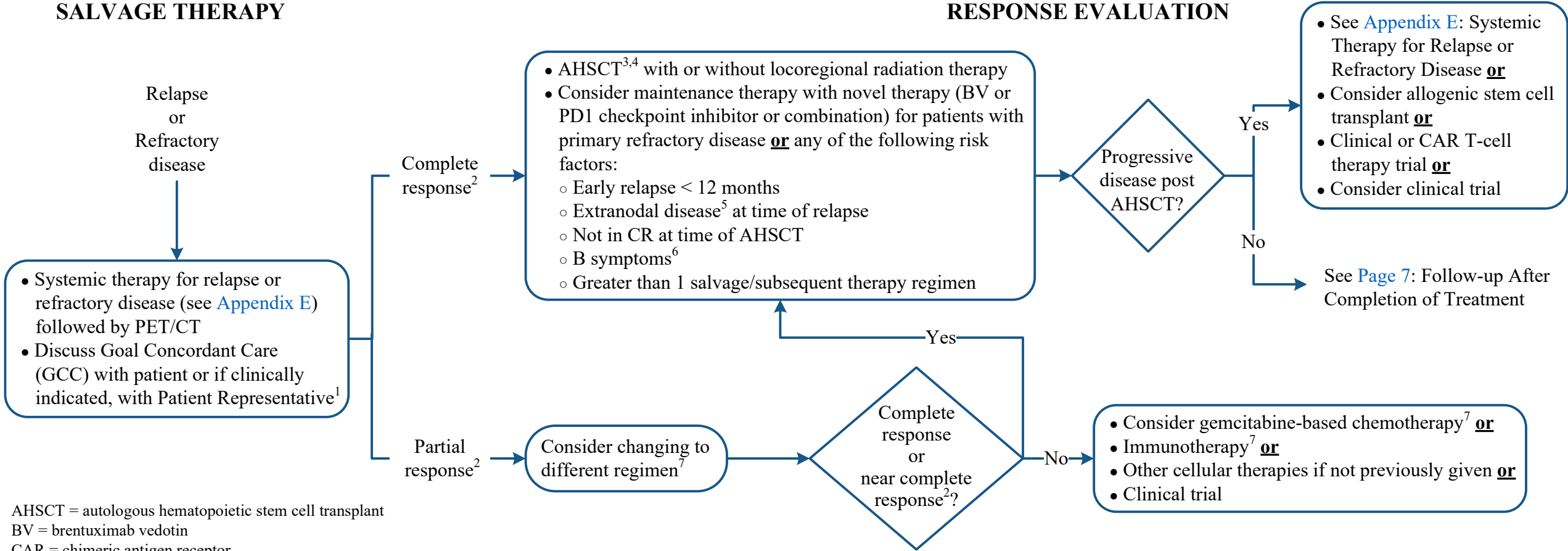
- Follow-up with an oncologist is recommended
- Interim history and physical: every 3 months for first year, then, then every 6 months until year 3, then annually
- Pneumococcal and meningococcal revaccination if patient treated with splenic radiation therapy. See [Management of Adult Asplenic/Hyposplenic Patients algorithm](#).
- Annual influenza vaccine (especially if patient treated with bleomycin or chest radiation therapy)
- Laboratory studies:
 - CBC with differential, LDH, BUN, creatinine, albumin, AST, ALT, total bilirubin, alkaline phosphatase, calcium, every 3 months for first year, then every 6 months until year 3, then annually
 - TSH every 6-12 months if radiation therapy to thyroid and optional for all other cases
- CT neck, chest, abdomen and pelvis with contrast every 3-6 months for 2 years as clinically indicated; then after 2 years as indicated for suspected relapse. PET/CT only if last PET was Deauville/5PS 4-5, to confirm complete response.
- Annual breast screening: If prior thoracic radiation therapy, initiate breast screening 8 years post therapy or at age 40 years, whichever is sooner. If radiation therapy was given between the ages of 10 and 30 years, annual bilateral MRI breast with and without contrast should be performed in addition to annual screening mammography. Refer to [Breast Cancer Screening algorithm](#).
- Counseling: reproduction, health habits, psychosocial, cardiovascular, breast self-exam, skin cancer risk, end-of-treatment discussion
- Recommend written follow-up instructions for the patient
- Cardiovascular risk assessment (refer to [Survivorship – Adult Cardiovascular Screening algorithm](#))
 - Echocardiogram every 5 years after treatment is completed
 - Stress test at 10 years after treatment is completed, then every 5 years
 - Consider baseline carotid ultrasound after treatment is completed if neck irradiation with follow up ultrasound every 5 years if normal. If abnormal, obtain every 6-12 months as indicated.
- Refer to [Survivorship – Hodgkin Lymphoma algorithm](#) for patients 2 years post-treatment and no evidence of disease (NED)

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SALVAGE THERAPY

RESPONSE EVALUATION



AHSCT = autologous hematopoietic stem cell transplant
BV = brentuximab vedotin
CAR = chimeric antigen receptor

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³ Conventional-dose chemotherapy may precede high-dose therapy. Sequence of therapy may vary.

⁴ Perform biopsy if plan to treat with high-dose chemotherapy

⁵ Extranodal disease (*i.e.*, any tumor spread that involves tissues other than those of the lymph nodes, spleen, thymus, Waldeyer's tonsillar ring, appendix, and Peyer's patches)

⁶ Unexplained fever > 38°C during the previous month, recurrent drenching night sweats during the previous month, weight loss > 10% of body weight ≤ 6 months of diagnosis

⁷ See [Appendix E: Systemic Therapy for Relapse or Refractory Disease](#)

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APPENDIX A: Unfavorable Risk Factors for Stage I-II Classic Hodgkin Lymphoma

Risk Factor	GHSG	EORTC	NCCN
Age		≥ 50	
Histology			
ESR and B symptoms ¹	ESR > 50 mm/hour if A; ESR > 30 mm/hour if B	ESR > 50 mm/hour if A; ESR > 30 mm/hour if B	ESR ≥ 50 mm/hour or any B symptoms ¹
Mediastinal mass	MMR > 0.33	MTR > 0.35	MMR > 0.33
# Nodal sites	Area ≥ 3 ²	Sites > 3 ²	Sites > 3
E lesion	any		
Bulky ³			Size > 10 cm

A = no B symptoms

GHSG = German Hodgkin Study Group

EORTC = European Organization for the Research and Treatment of Cancer

MMR = Mediastinal mass ratio, maximum width of mass/maximum intrathoracic diameter

MTR = Mediastinal thoracic ratio, maximum width of mediastinal mass/intrathoracic diameter at T5-6

NCCN = National Comprehensive Cancer Network

¹ Unexplained fever > 38°C during the previous month, recurrent drenching night sweats during the previous month, weight loss > 10% of body weight ≤ 6 months of diagnosis

² The EORTC includes the infraclavicular/subpectoral area with the axilla area while the GHSG includes this area with the cervical. Both EORTC and GHSG combine the mediastinum and bilateral hila as a single region.

³ Bulky may be defined as MMR > 0.33 **or** any mass >10 cm in size

APPENDIX B: Deauville Criteria/5-Point Scale (5PS)

- Score 1: no uptake
- Score 2: uptake less than or equal to mediastinum
- Score 3: uptake greater than mediastinum but less than or equal to liver
- Score 4: uptake moderately greater than liver
- Score 5: uptake markedly greater than liver and/or new sites of disease
- Score X: new areas of uptake unlikely to be related to lymphoma

A Deauville Criteria/5PS score of 1-3 is regarded as negative and 4 or 5 as positive

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APPENDIX C: Radiation Therapy Guidelines

Consider intensity-modulated radiation therapy (IMRT) or proton therapy, as appropriate, to minimize toxicity

Dose if radiation therapy is given alone:
30-45 Gy, depending on treatment intent, disease bulk, *etc.*

Doses for combined modality radiation therapy:

- Early stage favorable: 20 Gy to involved site
- Early stage unfavorable: 30 Gy to involved site

Salvage radiation therapy when Deauville/5PS $\geq 4^1$:
36-45 Gy, depending on disease bulk and response to chemotherapy

Radiation Fields:
Involved Site Radiation Therapy: Treatment of involved lymph nodes regions only

¹ See [Appendix B](#): Deauville Criteria/5-Point Scale (5PS)

APPENDIX D: International Prognostic Score (Hasenclever Index¹)

- Albumin < 4 g/dL
- Hemoglobin < 10.5 g/dL
- Male
- Age ≥ 45 years
- Stage IV disease
- White blood cell count ≥ 15 K/microliter
- Lymphocyte count < 8% of white blood cell count, and/or lymphocyte count < 0.6 K/microliter)

Each factor = 1 point

¹ Hasenclever, D., Diehl, V., Armitage, J. O., Assouline, D., Björkholm, M., Brusamolino, E., ... Eghbali, H. (1998). A prognostic score for advanced Hodgkin's disease. *New England Journal of Medicine*, 339(21), 1506-1514. doi:10.1056/NEJM199811193392104

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APPENDIX E: Systemic Therapy for Relapsed or Refractory Disease

Disease	Systemic Therapy Options	Subsequent Options ¹
Classic Hodgkin Lymphoma	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brentuximab vedotin• Brentuximab vedotin plus bendamustine• Brentuximab vedotin plus nivolumab• Brentuximab vedotin plus ICE (ifosfamide, carboplatin, etoposide)• DHAP (dexamethasone, cisplatin, high dose cytarabine)• ESHAP (etoposide, methylprednisolone, high dose cytarabine, cisplatin)• Gemcitabine/bendamustine/vinorelbine• GVD (gemcitabine, vinorelbine, liposomal doxorubicin)• ICE (ifosfamide, carboplatin, etoposide)• IGEV (ifosfamide, gemcitabine, vinorelbine)• Pembrolizumab plus GVD (gemcitabine, vinorelbine, liposomal doxorubicin)• Pembrolizumab for patients not eligible for stem cell transplant• Pembrolizumab plus ICE (ifosfamide, carboplatin, etoposide)• Nivolumab plus ICE (ifosfamide, carboplatin, etoposide)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bendamustine• Bendamustine plus carboplatin plus etoposide• Everolimus• GCD (gemcitabine, carboplatin, dexamethasone)• Lenalidomide• Nivolumab• Pembrolizumab• GEMOX (gemcitabine plus oxaliplatin)• Vinblastine
Lymphocyte Predominant Hodgkin Lymphoma	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rituximab plus DHAP (dexamethasone, cisplatin, high dose cytarabine)• Rituximab plus ESHAP (etoposide, methylprednisolone, high dose cytarabine, cisplatin)• Rituximab plus ICE (ifosfamide, carboplatin, etoposide)• Rituximab plus IGEV (ifosfamide, gemcitabine, vinorelbine)	

¹ Subsequent options also include systemic therapy options that were not previously given

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