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Guideline

Peripheral T-cell lymphoma

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according to the WHO classification V and the ICC 2022

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Implemented

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Revised

Next planned review

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Legend of Colours



= Therapeutic procedure



= Clinical or diagnostic condition



= Diagnostic procedure



= Clinical trial



= Supportive measure



= Referral



= Tumorboard
(including post
tumorboard interaction
with patient that follows
the principles of shared
decision-making)

Work up

Baseline:

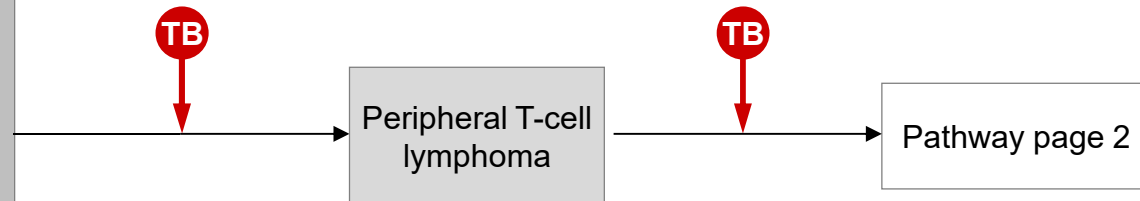
- History (incl. B-symptoms)
- Physical examination (incl. palpation of all lymph node areas, spleen and liver)
- Lab exam (including CBC with differential, LDH, uric acid, β -2 microglobulin, electrophoresis and serum immunoglobulins), autoantibody diagnostics in case of enteropathy/EATL
- Hepatitis B¹/C; HIV serology
- EBV-PCR
- PET-CT
- Bone marrow aspirate & biopsy (including flow cytometry)
- Biopsy²

Facultative:

- ECG, Echocardiography and lung function test (pretreatment evaluation)
- Pregnancy testing, discussion of fertility issues and sperm banking
- Gastroscopy, colonoscopy
- Bone marrow cytogenetics
- Early HLA-Typing (in PTCL)

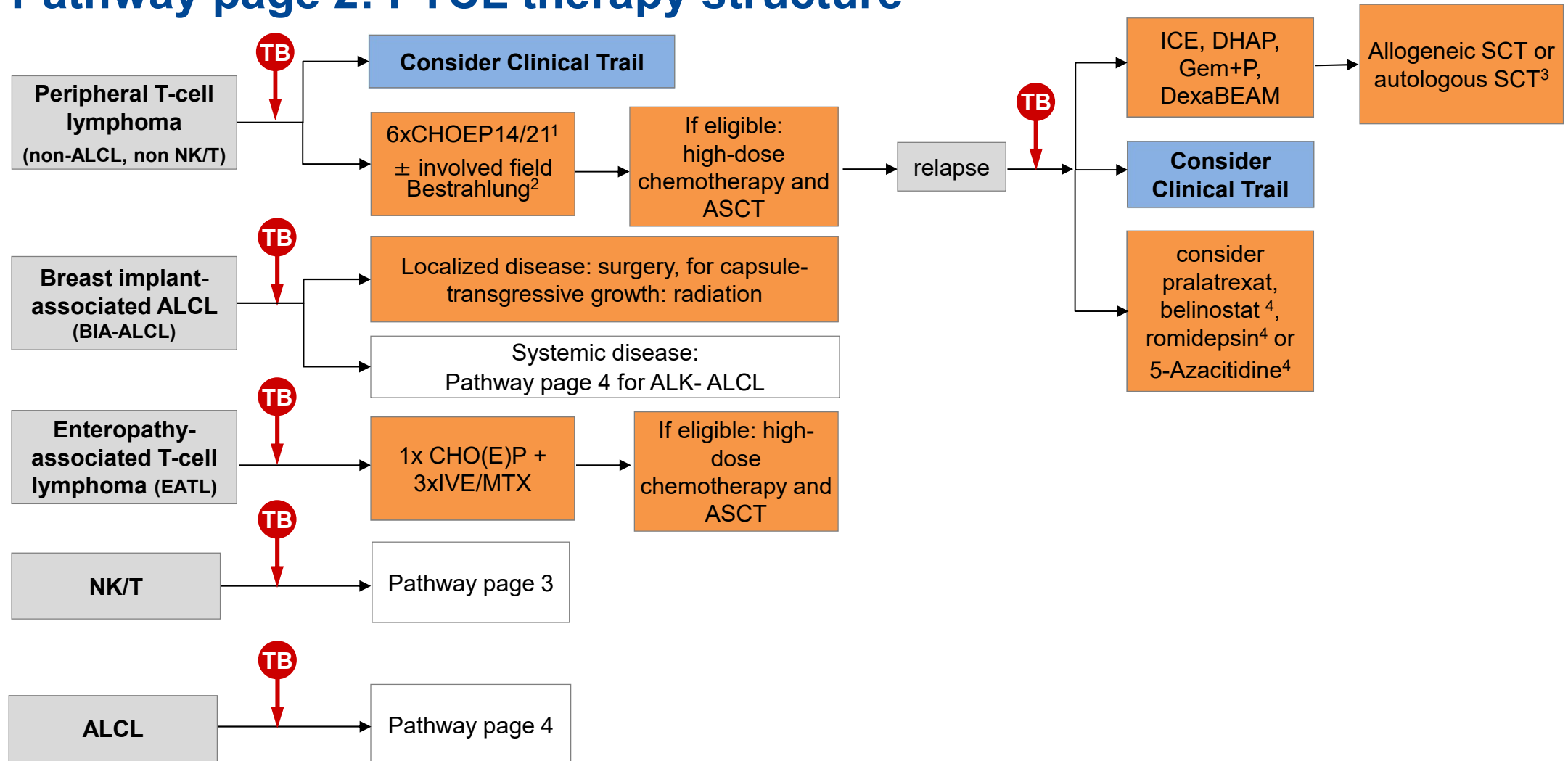
Supportive:

- Offer contact to self help group
- Offer psychooncological support



- ¹ Hepatitis B testing is recommended because of the risk of reactivation with immunotherapy and chemotherapy. Antiviral prophylaxis is indicated in patients with positive Hepatitis B serology (HBs Ag positive) including occult carriers (HBs Ag negative and anti-core positive) in dependence of viral load.
- ² The histological report should give the diagnosis according to the World Health Organization WHO) and international consensus (ICC) classification. Fine needle aspirations are inappropriate for a reliable diagnosis. CD30 expression should be evaluated

Pathway page 2: PTCL therapy structure



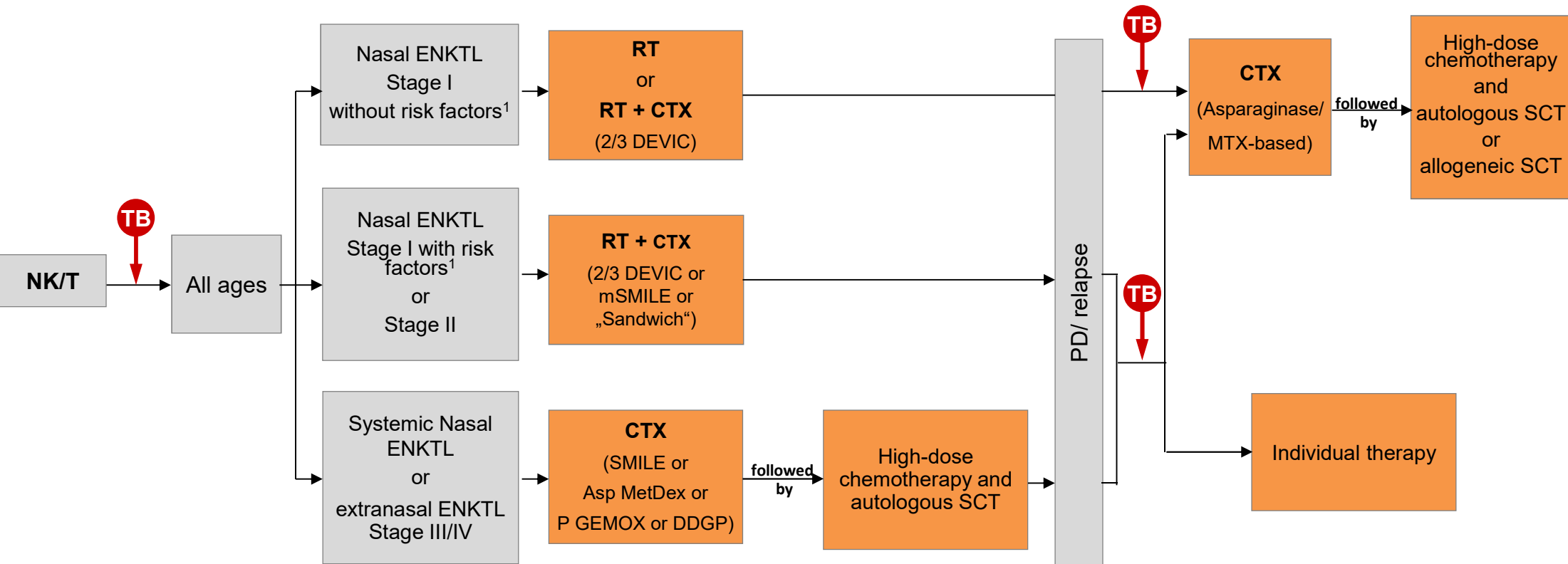
¹ Consider PET2 and if positive, switch to ICE/DHAP/GDP followed by allogeneic SCT (Petal data)

² Individual decision on a case-by-case basis, radiation possible during induction, prior and after ASCT

³ Only in chemotherapy-sensitive cases when allogeneic stem cell transplantation is not feasible

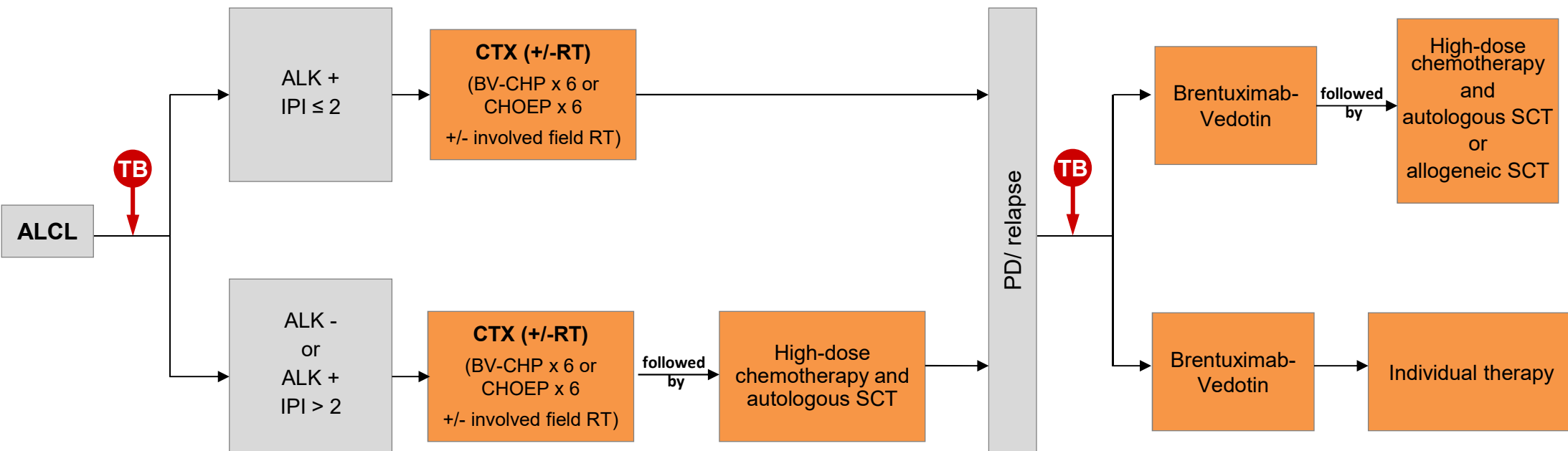
⁴ especially in TFH-PTCL as either palliative treatment or bridge to allogeneic stem cell transplantation; currently no reimbursement by public health insurance and funding will require a special application

Pathway page 3: NK/T-cell lymphoma therapy structure



¹ Risk score Low risk: Ann Arbor stage I, keine Tumorerinvasion ≤60 Jahre, keine erhöhte LDH, ECOG PS: 0-1;
According to: Yamaguchi M, Suzuki R, Oguchi M. Advances in the treatment of extranodal NK/T-cell lymphoma, nasal type. Blood. 2018;131(23):2528-2540

Pathway page 4: ALCL therapy structure



Page 5: Palliative care screening tool

Screening items		Points
1.	• Presence of metastatic or locally advanced cancer	2
2.	• ECOG score (functional status score, performance status)	0-4
3.	• Presence of one or more serious complications of advanced cancer usually associated with a prognosis of < 12 months (e.g. brain metastases, hypercalcemia, delirium, spinal cord compression, cachexia)	1
4.	• Presence of one or more serious comorbid diseases also associated with poor prognosis (e.g. moderate-severe COPD or CHF, dementia, AIDS, end stage renal failure end stage liver cirrhosis)	1
5.	• Presence of palliative care problems	1
	a. • Symptoms uncontrolled by standard approaches	1
	b. • Moderate to severe distress in patient or family, related to cancer diagnosis or therapy (personal targets and expectations, educational and informational requirements, cultural factors)	1
	c. • Patient/family requests palliative care consult	1
	d. • Team needs assistance with complex decision making or determining goals of care (benefit/side effects of treatment)	1
	e. • Instable or deficient network especially for emergency situation or 24-h care	1

A total of > 5 points signalizes need for supportive palliative care

According to Glare et al. (2011); NCCN Clinical Practice guidelines in Oncology 2015