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Legend of Colours



= Therapeutic procedure



= Clinical or diagnostic condition



= Diagnostic procedure



= Clinical trial



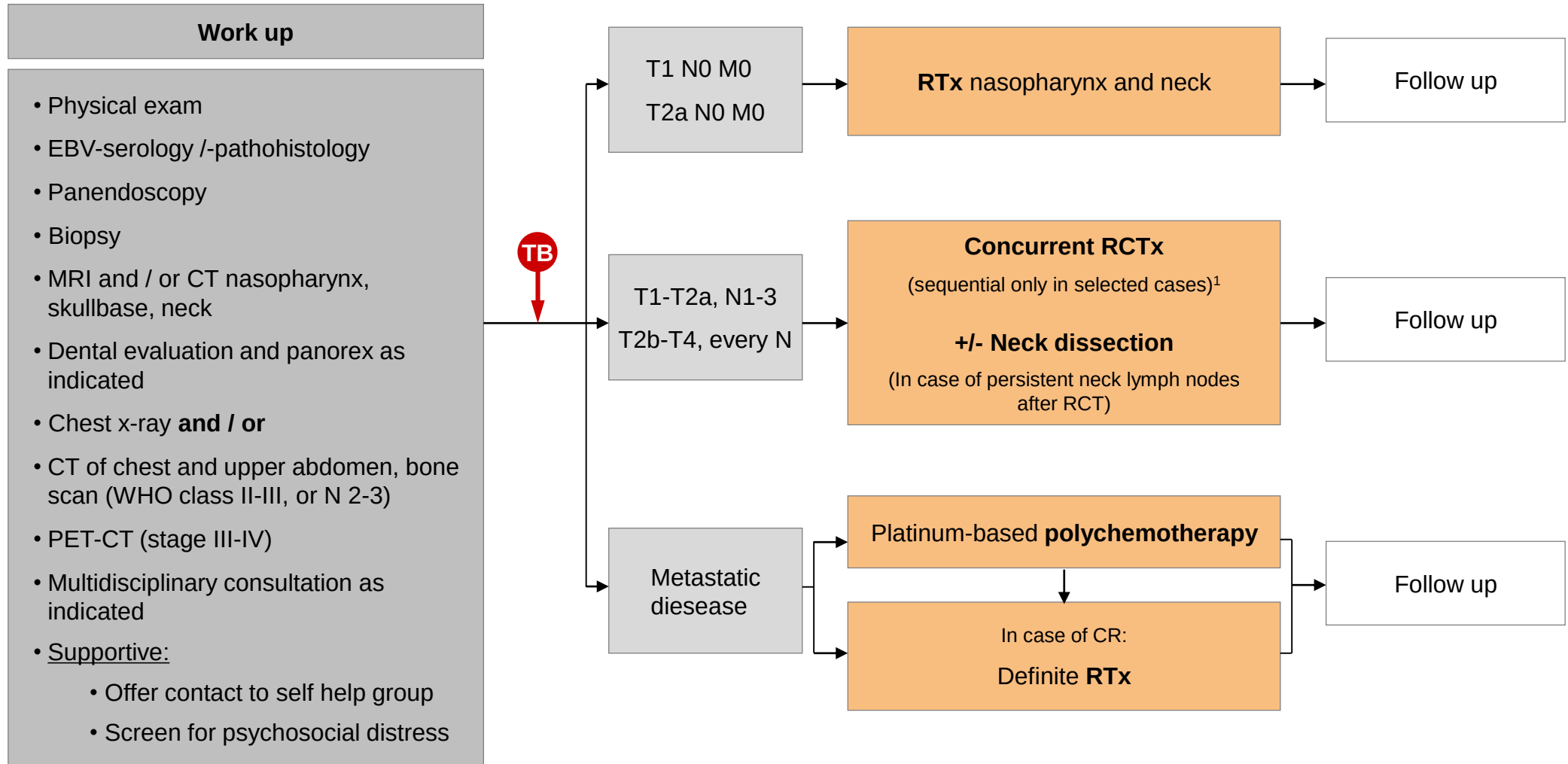
= Supportive measure



= Referral



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



RTx Radiotherapy, RCTx Radiochemotherapy, CR complete remission

¹ See preconditions for Protocoll Sequential Therapy on page 5/6

Page 2: Restaging

6 weeks after completion of therapy

- Clinical examination
- Ultrasound neck
- Examination (endoscopy) under anesthesia
- MRI neck (including primary lesion), if contraindication CT neck
- In case of unclear or suspicious lesion in thorax or abdomen: CT chest, CT/ultrasound abdomen

Palliative setting

- CT imaging after 6-8/9 weeks, depending on clinical outcome. No imaging in clinically measurable manifestation.

Page 3: Follow up

Every 3 months up to 30 months, afterwards every 6 months (5-year follow up)
Offer contact to self help group and psychooncological support whenever necessary

- Clinical examination
- Ultrasound of the neck
- Examination (panendoscopy) under anesthesia in case of suspicion of recurrence
- Thyroid function 1, 2 and 5 years after irradiation of the neck

- UICC I/ II:
 - Chest x-ray every 12 months and in case of suspicion of recurrence
 - MRI of the neck every 12 months and in case of suspicion of recurrence

- UICC III/ IV:
 - MRI of the neck and CT of the thorax every 12 months and in case of suspicion of recurrence
 - Abdominal ultrasound

Page 4: Therapy Protocols

Radiotherapy (RTx):

- 66 – 70 Gy, SD 1,8 - 2 Gy/die, including cervical lymph outflow (50 Gy)

Radio-chemotherapy (RCTx):

- 70 Gy, 1,8 - 2 Gy/die (7 weeks)
- 100 mg/m² Cisplatin i.v. on d1, d22, d43
- 80 mg/m² Cisplatin i.v. on d71, d99, d127 plus
- 1000 mg/m² 5-Floururacil (24h infusion) on d71-74, d99-102, d127-130

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Staging: ENT-clinic

- Physical exam
- Ultrasound neck
- Biopsy (including HPV p16 analysis)
- MRI for primary and neck (CT with contrast if contraindications against MRI)
- Chest x-ray and ultrasound abdomen **or**
- CT chest and abdomen (UICC stage III or IV and recurrent disease)
- Panendoscopy under anesthesia
- Preanesthesia studies
- Dental evaluation and panoramic view as indicated
- Voice, speech, swallowing and breathing evaluation as indicated
- Multidisciplinary consultation as indicated
- Portacath (Department of radiology, registration in angiographie phone: 54022)
- Creatinine clearance
- Audiometry
- PEG tube



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Induction chemotherapy: Medical Oncology

- 3 cycles TPF on d1, d22 and d43 (Precondition:
 - ECOG 0-1
 - Adequate bone marrow function: leucocytes $> 3.0 \times 10^9/L$, neutrophils $> 1 \times 10^9/L$, platelets $> 80 \times 10^9/L$, hemoglobin $> 9.0 \text{ g/dL}$
 - Adequate liver function: Bilirubin $< 2.0 \text{ g/dL}$, SGOT, SGPT, AP, G-GT $< 3 \times \text{ULN}$
 - Adequate renal function: serum creatinine $< 1.5 \text{ mg/dL}$, or if creatinin between 1.5 mg/dL and 1.8 mg/dL, creatinine clearance $> 60 \text{ ml}$
 - No serious co-morbidity, e.g. arterosclerosis + apoplexy, recent MI, high-grade carotic stenoses, unstable cardiac disease despite treatment, congestive heart failure NYHA grade 3/4, Insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus, uncontrolled hypertension, liver cirrhosis (Quick $< 75\%$, total protein $< 3.0 \text{ g/dl}$, bilirubine $> 2 \text{ mg/ml}$) or kidney insufficiency)
- TPF: Docetaxel $75 \text{ mg/m}^2 \text{ d1}$, Cisplatin $100 \text{ mg/m}^2 \text{ d1}$, 5-FU $1000 \text{ mg/m}^2 \text{ d1-4}$ (In case of dip in hearing sensitivity Cisplatin may be splitted into 50 mg/m^2 on d1+2)
- Supportive therapie: GCSF (e.g. Neulasta) d6, Ciprobay 500 mg 1-0-1 in case of neutropenia $< 1000/\mu\text{l}$



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Restaging after 3 cycles TPF has to be organized by Medical Oncology within 3 weeks after 3. cycle TPF so that radiation can start on d 64-71!!

- Panendoscopie (ENT-clinic)
- MRI-neck (or CT if contraindications against MRI)
- Audiometry and Creatinine Clearance if necessary
- In case of CR/PR: combined radiochemotherapy beginning d63
(=>PEG-tube necessary)
- In case of SD/PD: salvage-resection with adjuvant radiation



**Radiotherapy:
Department for radiotherapy**

- Radiatio: 70Gy, 2 Gy/d (five fractions per week until week seven)



Follow up: Interdisciplinary tumor consultation