

# Extranodal NK/T-Cell Lymphoma, Nasal Type



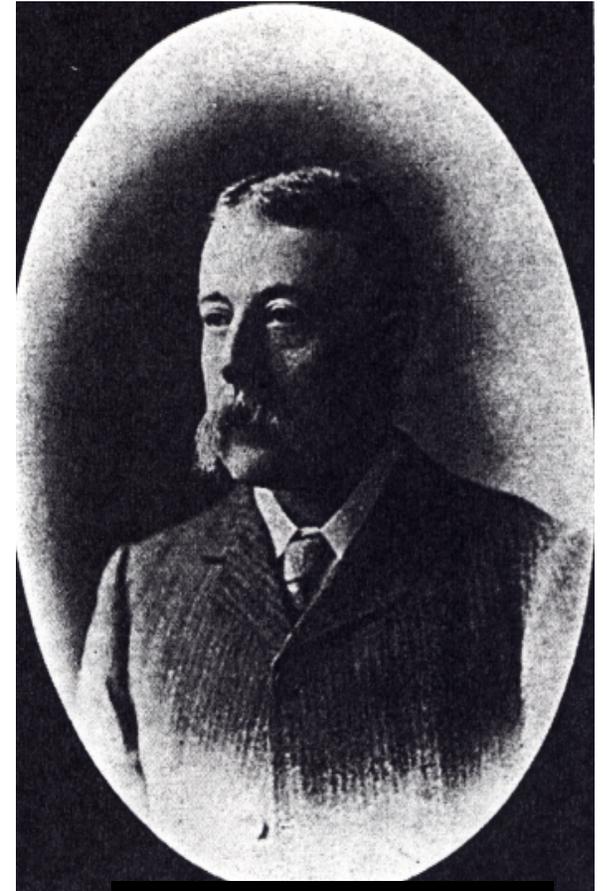
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# Midfacial Granuloma Syndrome

***First report: 1897***

**“ Photographs of a case of rapid  
destruction of the nose and face”**

Peter MacBride Scottish Otoraryngologist



**Peter MacBride**

*MacBride, P. - Journal of Laryngology 12: 64-66, 1897*

# Synonyms and related names

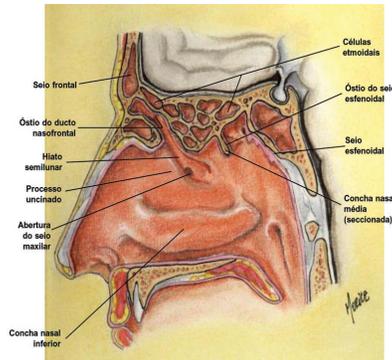
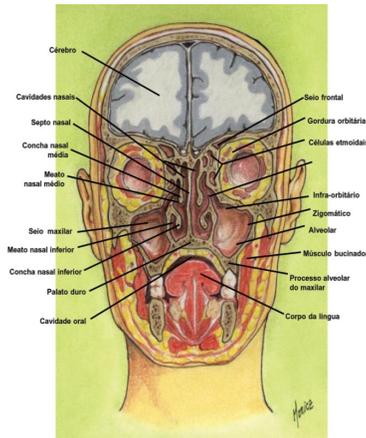
- Lethal Midline Granuloma
- Midfacial Granuloma Syndrome
- Progressive Lethal Granulomatous Ulceration
- Malignat Granuloma
- Malignat Reticulosis
- Polimorphic Reticulosis

# CLÍNICA

- ◆ Região médio-facial
- ◆ Lesões necróticas, ulceradas, destrutivas e progressivas

# PATOLOGIA

- ◆ Necrose
- ◆ Material escasso



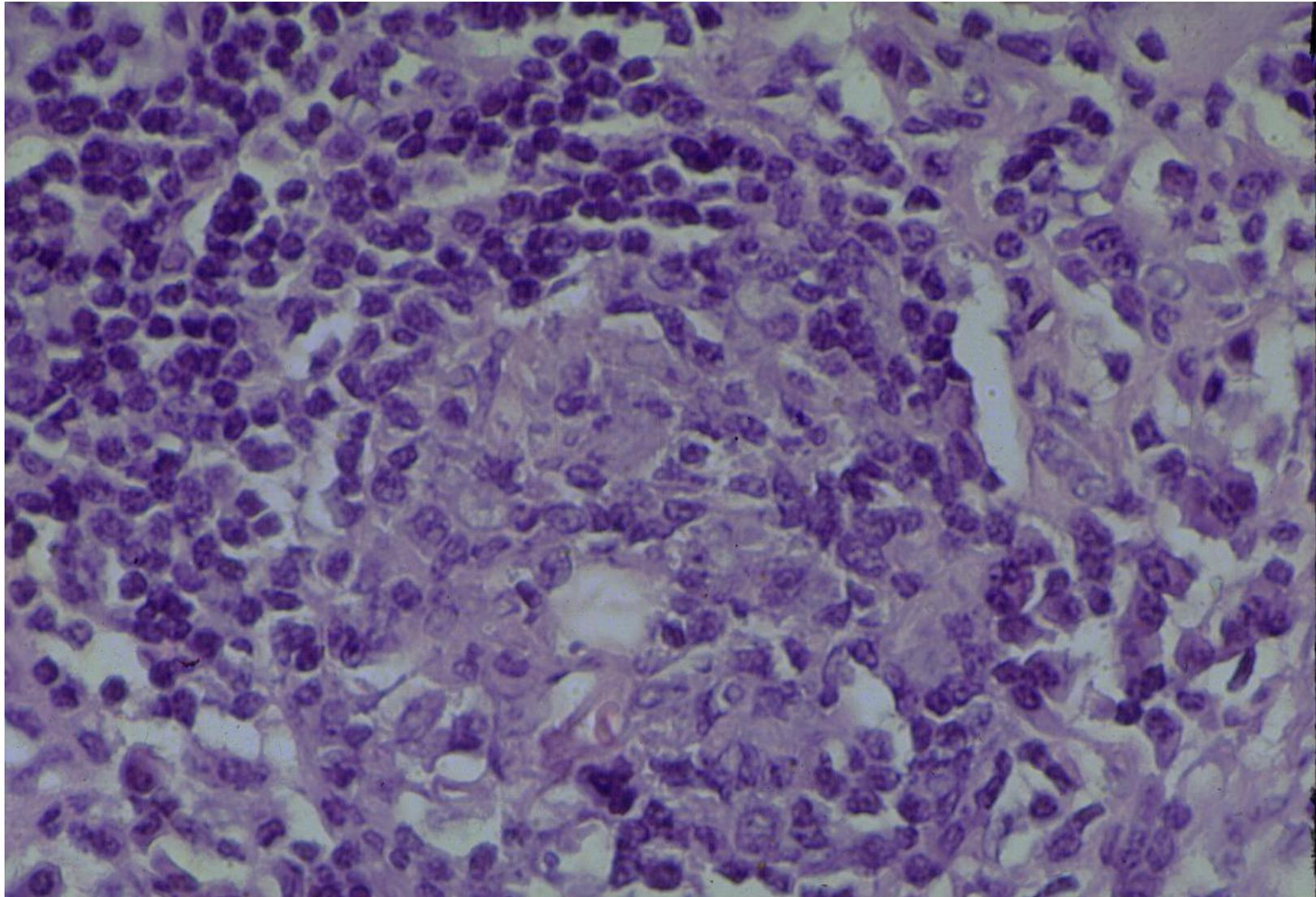
- Infecções
- Vasculites
- Neoplasias



# Síndrome do Granuloma Médio-Facial

# Angiocentric Lymphoma

## REAL Classification– 1994



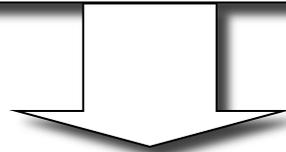
# Workshop of Hong Kong

(International Society of Hematopathology)

## Nasal Angiocentric Lymphoma

### Phenotypic and Genotypic Aspects♪

- Usually positive: CD2, **CD56**, cCD3, CD45RO, CD43  
**EBV (*in situ Hybridization*)**
- Usually negative: **sCD3**, CD5, CD57, CD16,  $\beta$ F1, TCR $\delta$   
**TCR gene rearrangement**
- Occasionally positive: CD7, CD4, CD8, LMP-1



**“Nasal NK/T-cell Lymphoma”**

# Pathological Classifications of NK Cell Malignancies

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- ❖ Rappaport, Kiel and Working Formulation
  - No such entity
- ❖ REAL
  - “Angiocentric lymphoma”
  - Angiocentricity is not pathognomonic
- ❖ W.H.O
  - Extranodal NK/T-cell Lymphoma, nasal type
    - ✓ Nasal
    - ✓ Extranasal

# Nasal NK/T-cell Lymphoma

- A unique type of mature NK/T-cell lymphoma
- Frequently associated with EBV
- Distinct extranodal homing pattern
- Unique geographic distribution
  - Oriental Asia (SE Asia, S. China, Japan, Korea)
    - > 5% of all cases of lymphomas
    - > 30% of mature T/NK neoplasms
  - Central and South America

# International T-Cell Lymphoma Project

**Table 1.** Major Lymphoma Subtypes by Geographic Region

Subtype	%		
	North America	Europe	Asia
PTCL-NOS	34.4	34.3	22.4
Angioimmunoblastic	16.0	28.7	17.9
ALCL, ALK positive	16.0	6.4	3.2
ALCL, ALK negative	7.8	9.4	2.6
NKTCL	5.1	4.3	22.4
ATLL	2.0	1.0	25.0
Enteropathy-type	5.8	9.1	1.9
Hepatosplenic	3.0	2.3	0.2
Primary cutaneous ALCL	5.4	0.8	0.7
Subcutaneous panniculitis-like	1.3	0.5	1.3
Unclassifiable T-cell	2.3	3.3	2.4



# “Nasal” NK/T-cell Lymphoma

## Clinical Characteristics

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- Median age: fifth decade
- Primary sites: nasal cavity, nasopharynx, paranasal sinuses, tonsils, hypopharynx,
- Local extension to orbit and hard palate
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- Marrow (< 10%) and CNS (< 5%) involvement are not common at presentation
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# Pathology of Nasal NK/T-cell Lymphoma

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## *Histology*

- Pleomorphic cellular infiltrate
- Angiocentricity and Angioinvasion
- Marked tissue necrosis

## *Immunophenotype*

- CD56 positive
- Surface CD3 negative
- Cytoplasmic CD3e positive
- Germ line TCR gene
- Clonal EBV infection

## Case 34 (D.T.Y.)

- Periorbitaly swelling
- Shift in right nasal flap
- Palate ulceration

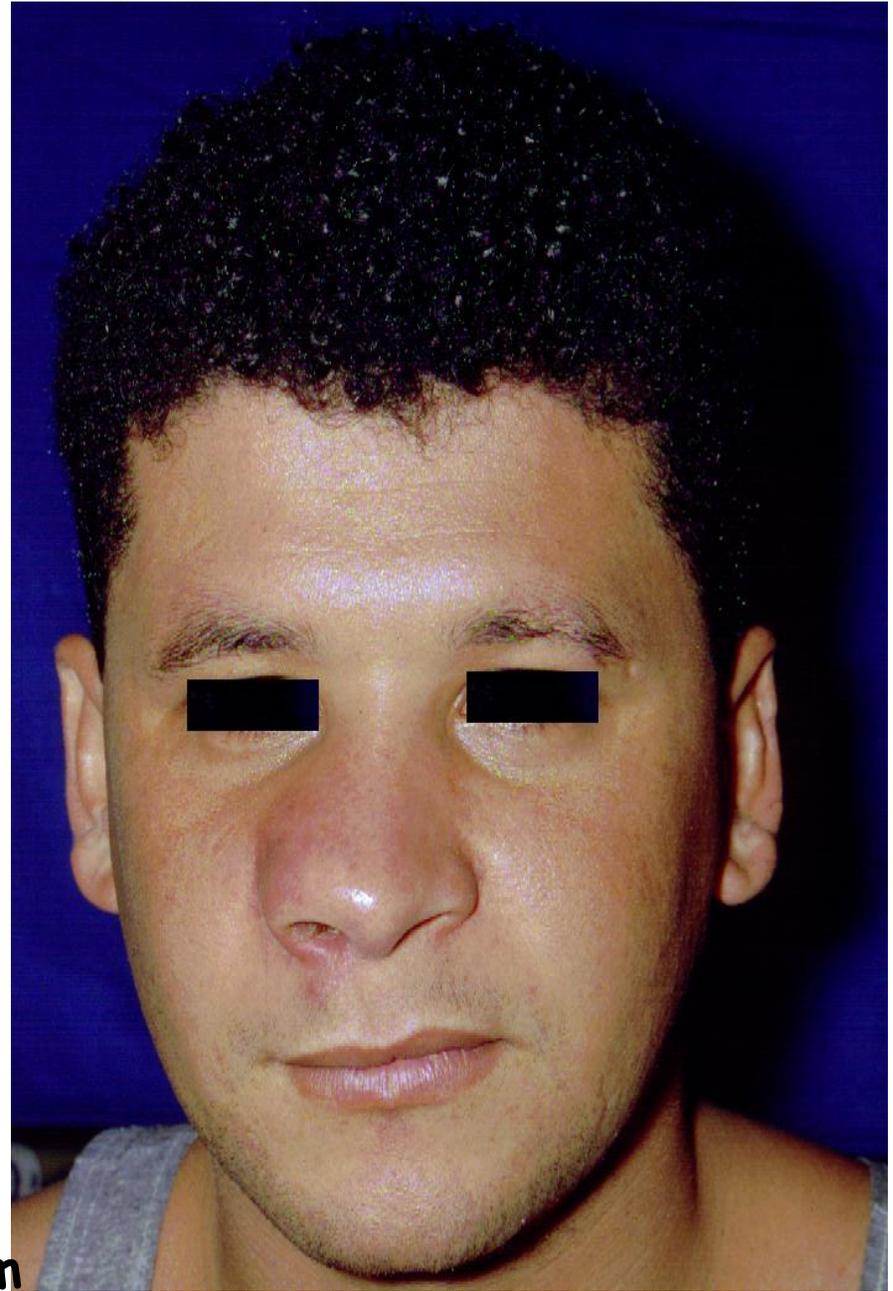
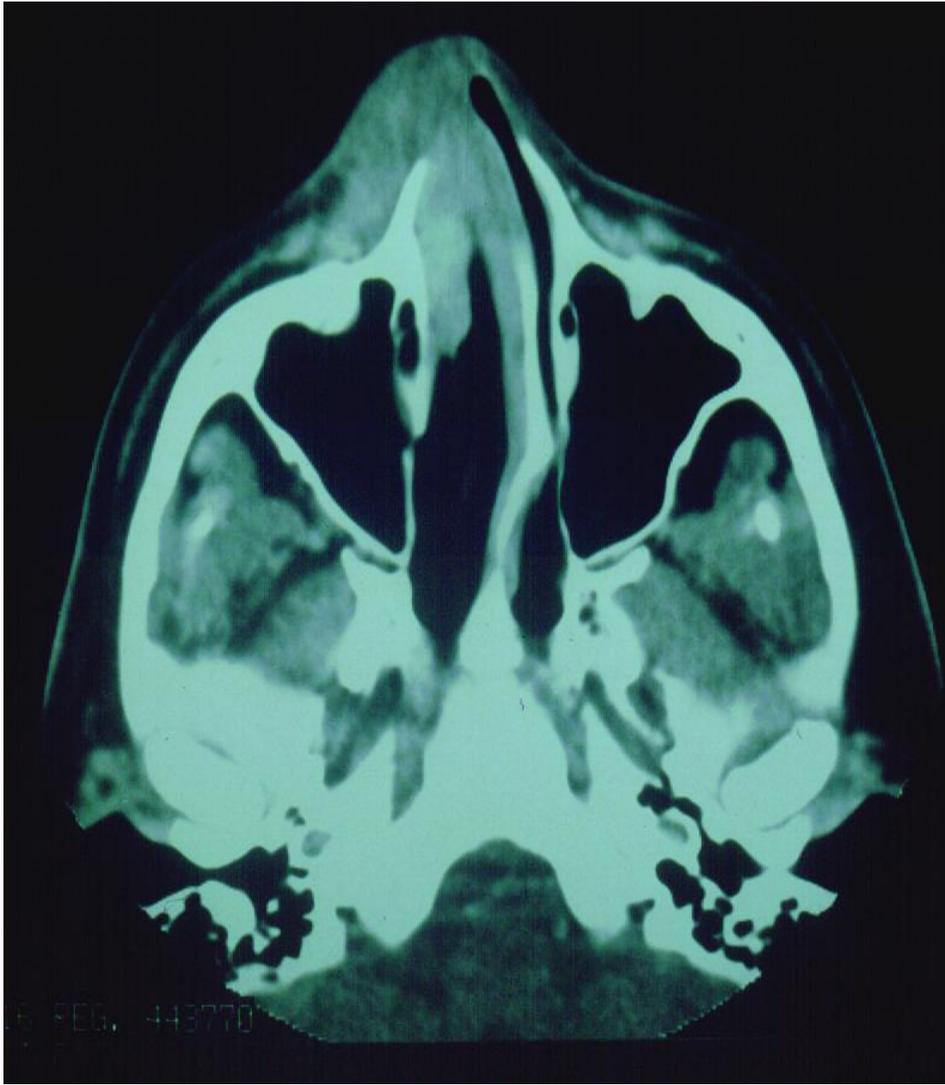


**CT** with a lesion in nasal cavities,  
Perforated septum and  
involvement of ethmoidal sinuses  
and orbit



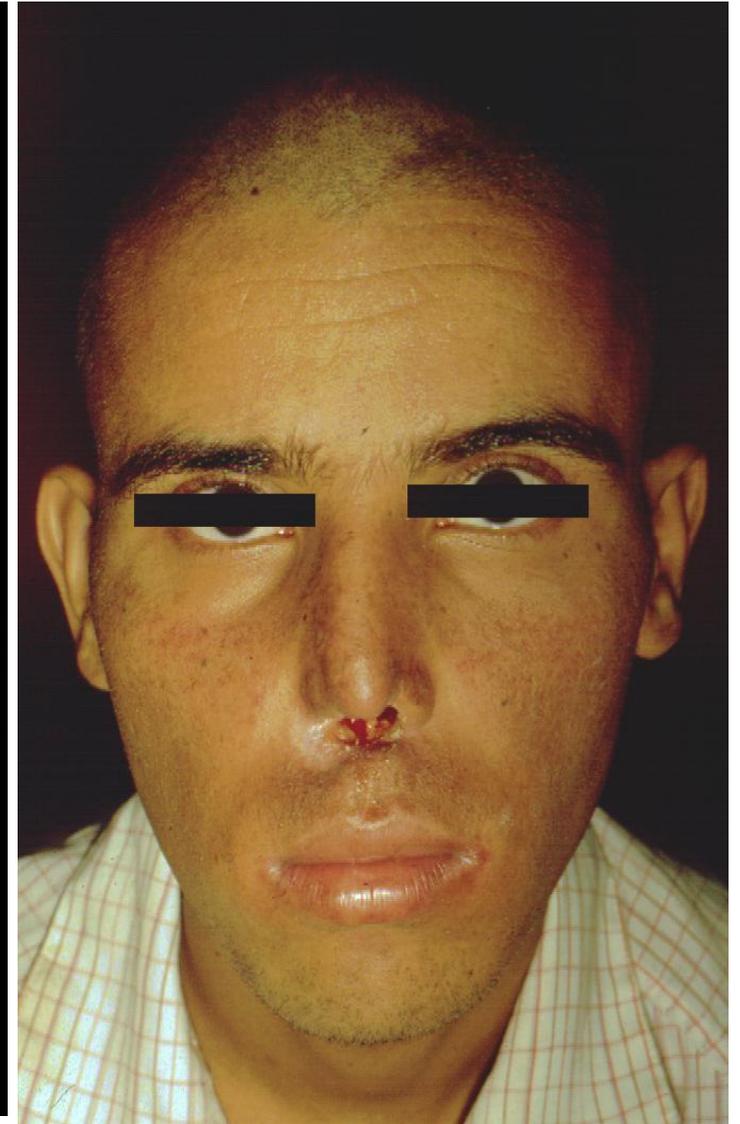
**Caso 10 (R.S.)**  
**Lesão na aba do nariz**  
**e ulceração do palato**



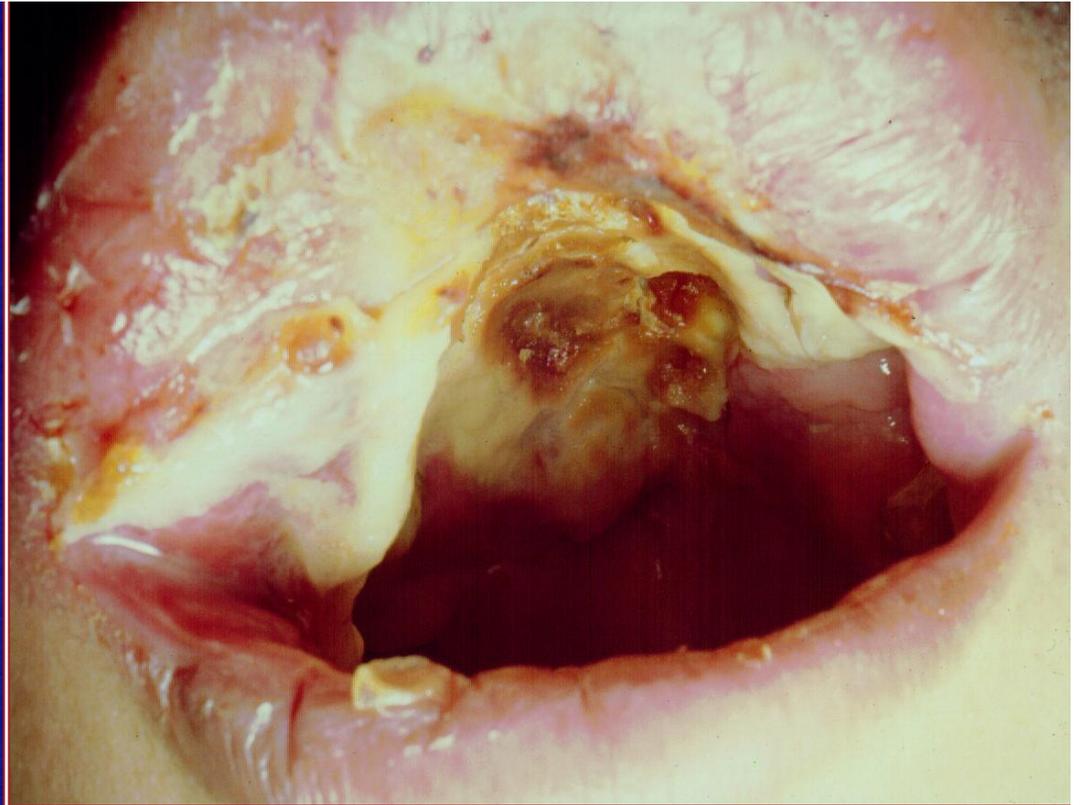


**Case 2 (M.F.S.)**

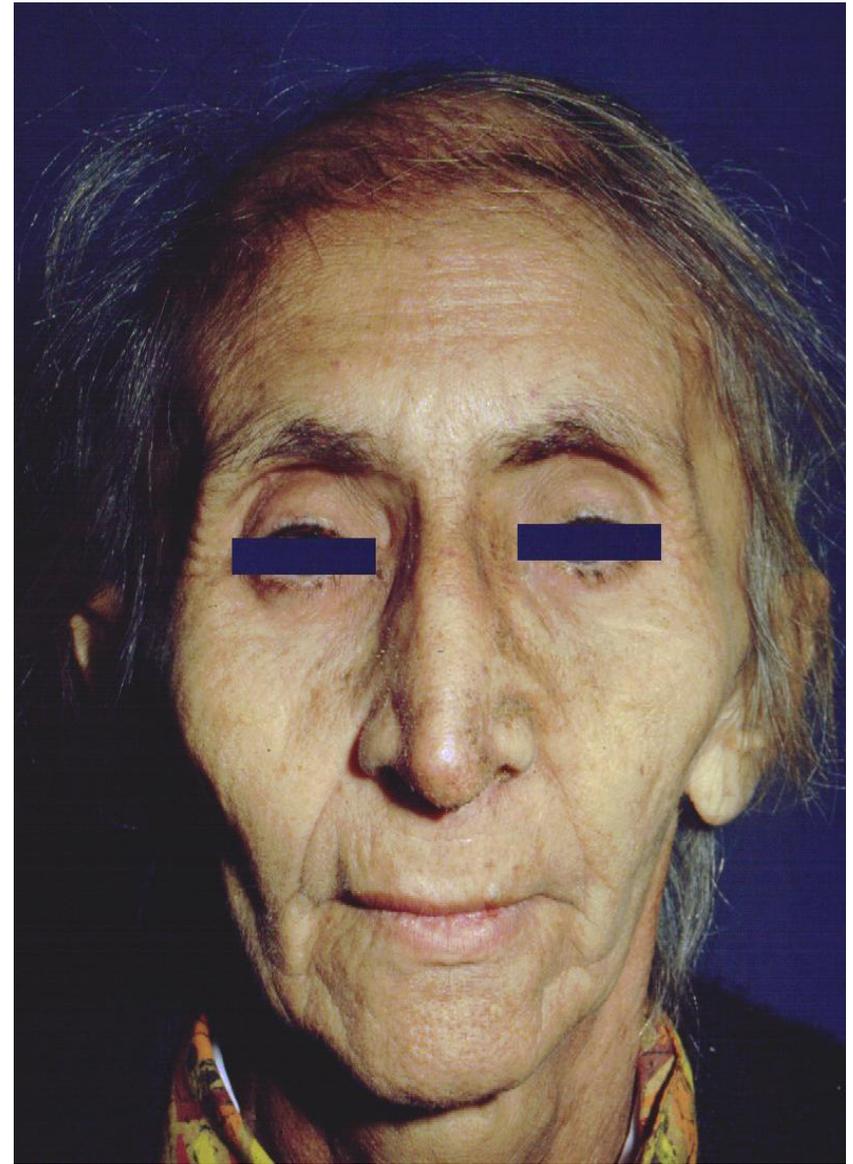
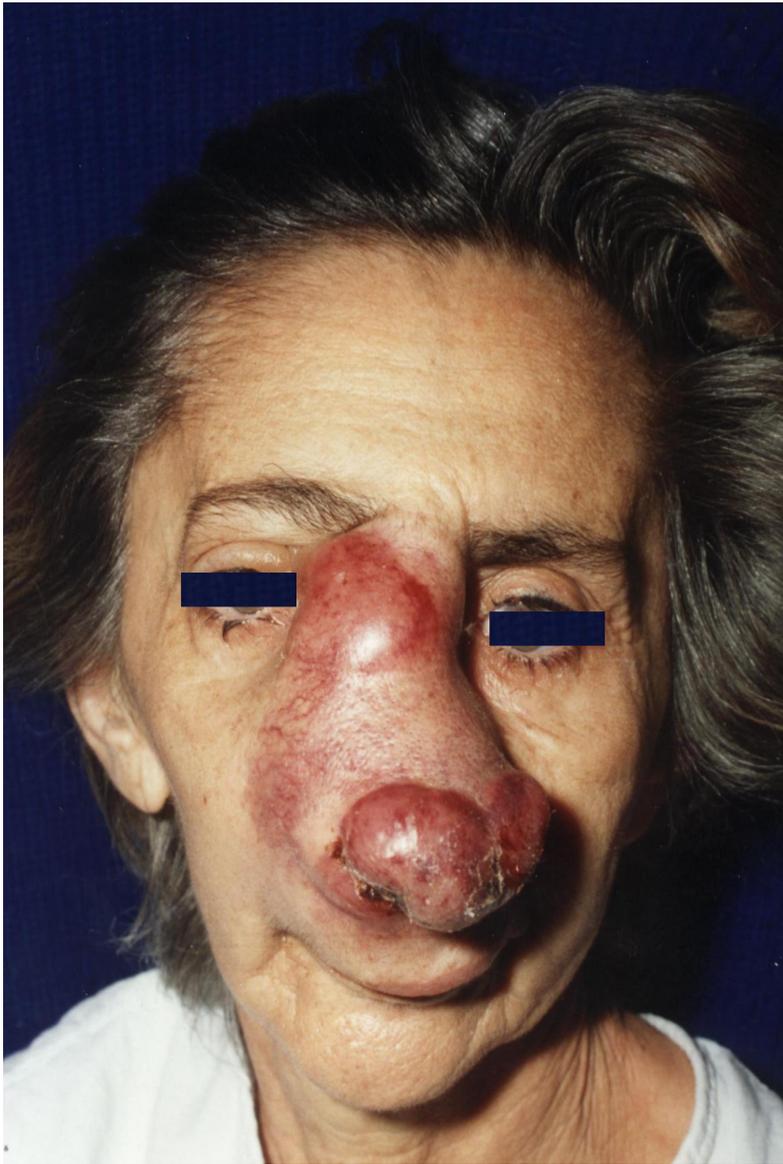
- External nasal deformity
- CT destruction of the nasal septum



**Caso 32 (B.S.G.)**  
Aspecto do paciente antes  
e depois do tratamento



**Caso 33 (J.C.B.)**  
**Extensive nasal ulceration**  
**And palate ulceration**



**Caso 4 (E.G.S.)**  
Tumoração nasal antes e depois do tratamento

# Epstein-Barr Virus and Nasal NK/T-cell Lymphoma

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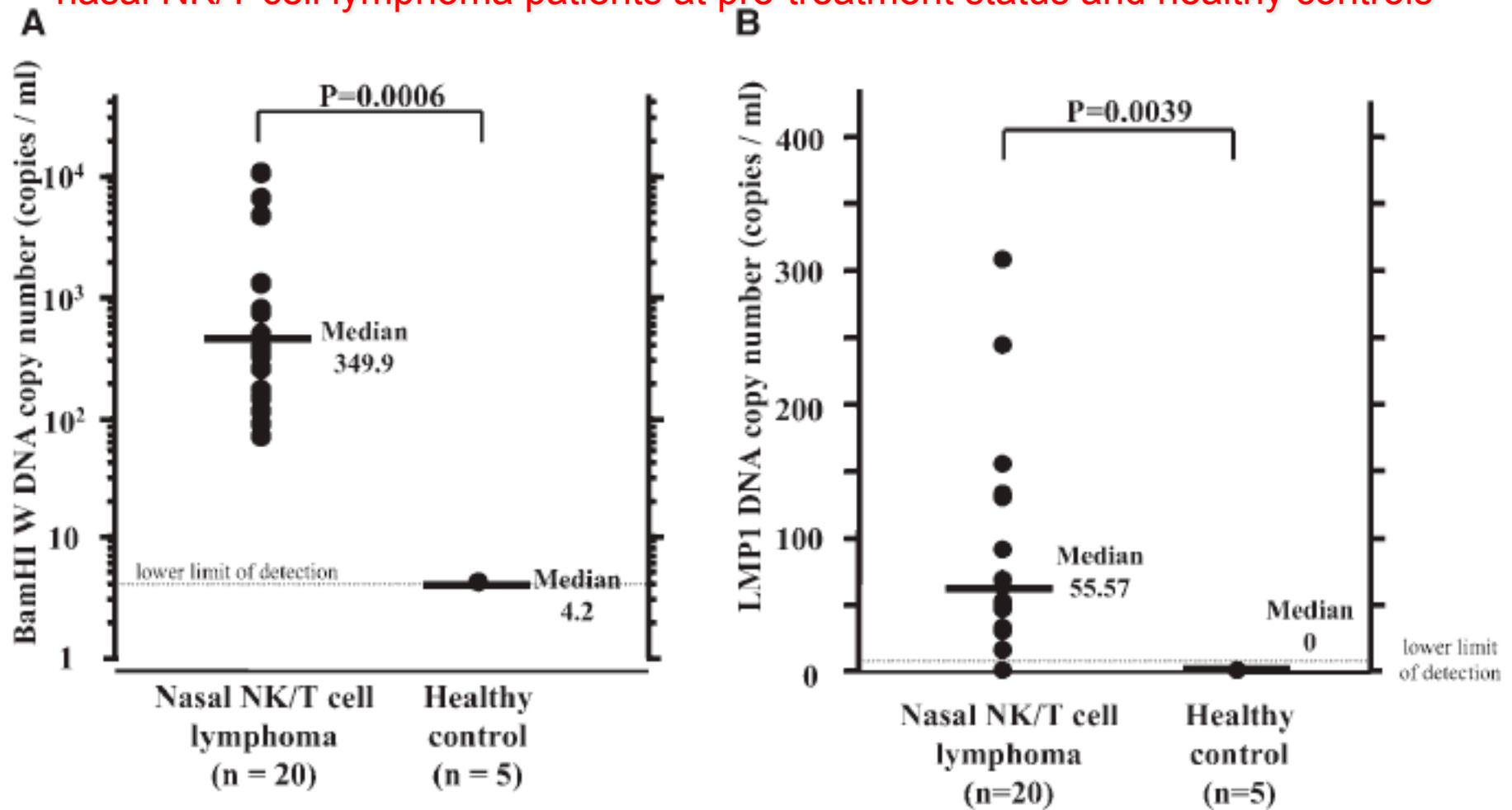
- EBV is integrated into the tumor in clonal episomal form
  - Clonal EBV proliferation
- EBV may play an important etiological role
  - consistent association
  - Latency II – similar to NPC
- Clinical implication
- Diagnostic tool
  - ISH staining of EBER as a marker for identifying occult tumor cells ( e.g. marrow)
- Prognostic marker: EBV DNA monitoring in peripheral blood
- Possible target treatment

# Circulating plasma EBV DNA

- Quantification of circulating plasma EBV DNA by real-time Q-PCR serves as a surrogate tumor marker
  - reflects tumor load
  - prognostic implications
  - monitoring of response
  - detection of relapse

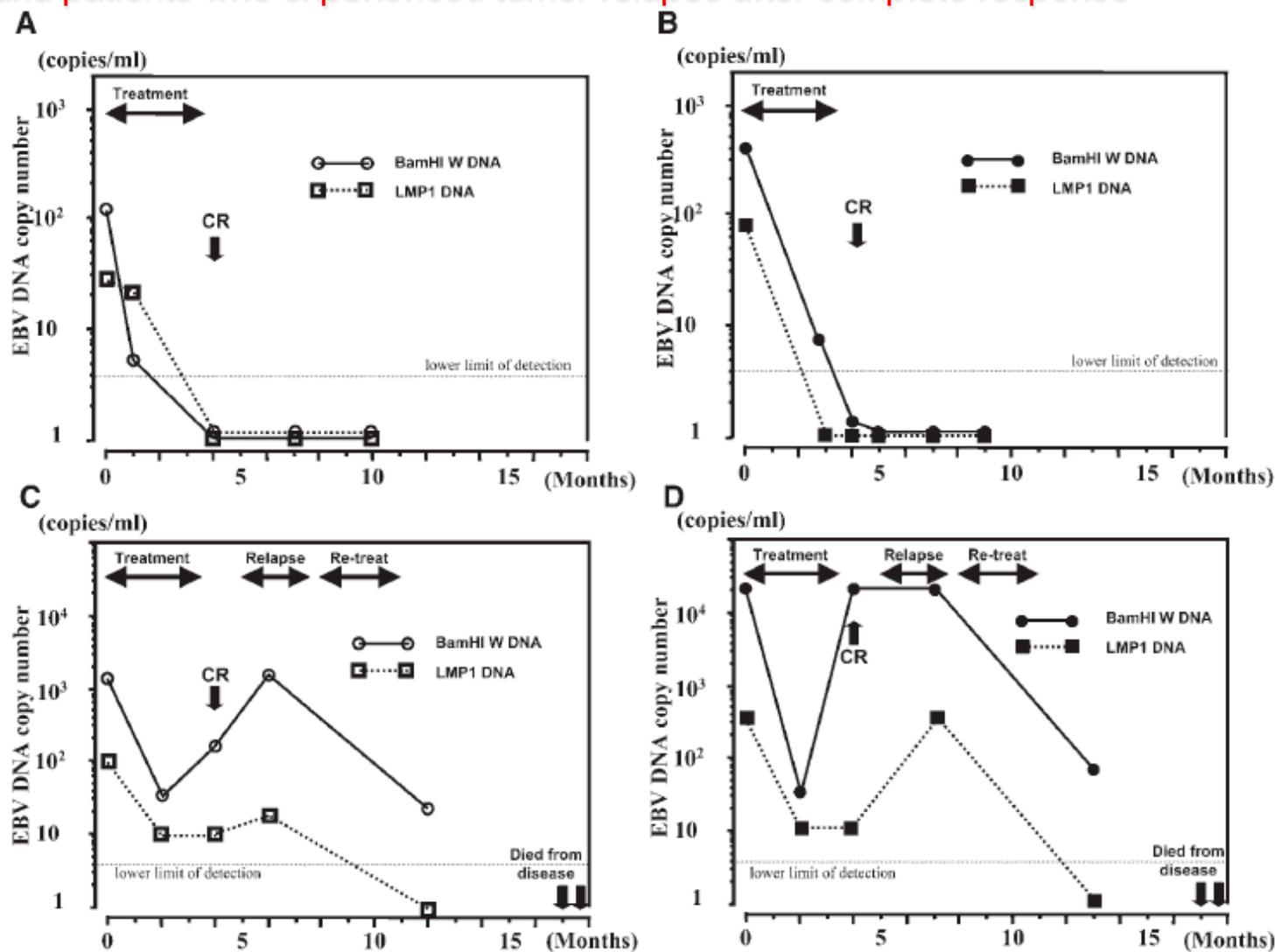
# Clinical Usefulness of Serum EBV DNA Levels of BamHI W and LMP1 for Nasal NK/T-Cell Lymphoma

Comparison of serum Bam HI W fragment and LMP1 DNA levels between nasal NK/T-cell lymphoma patients at pre-treatment status and healthy controls



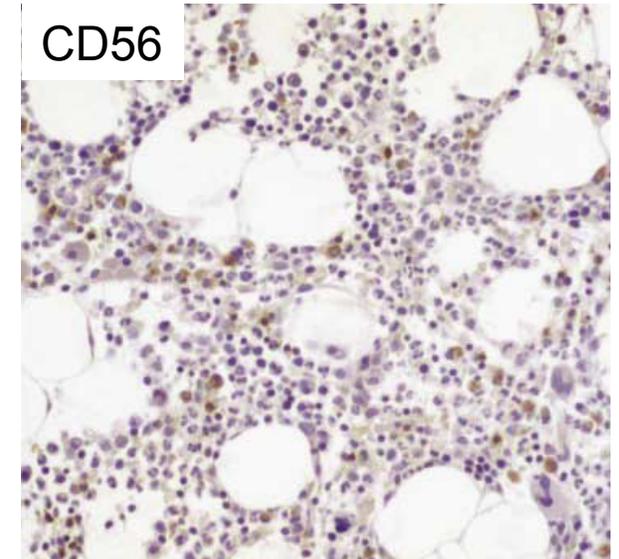
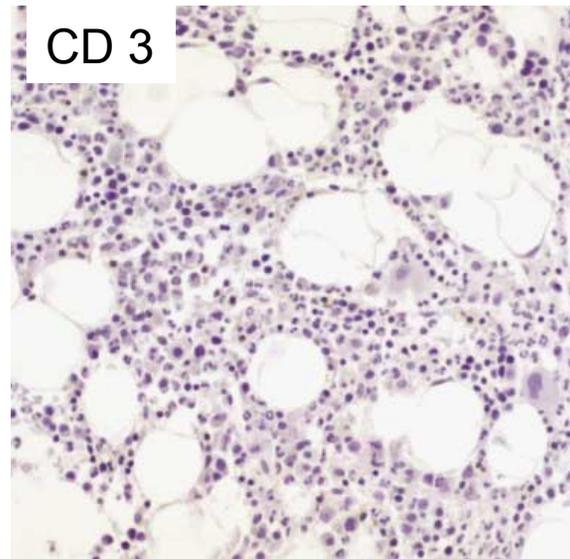
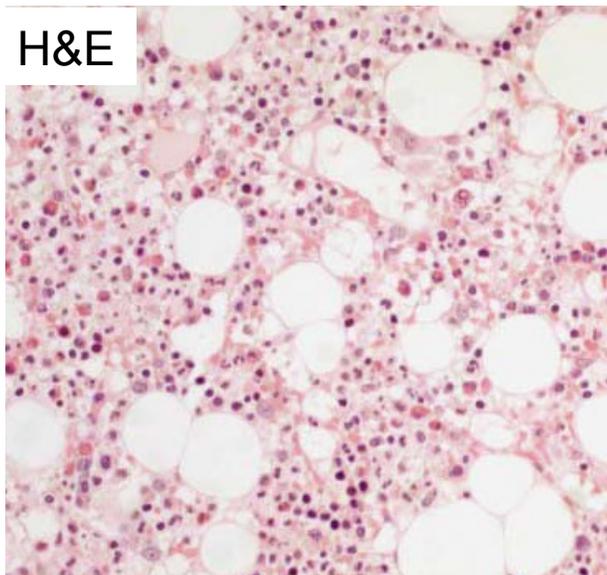
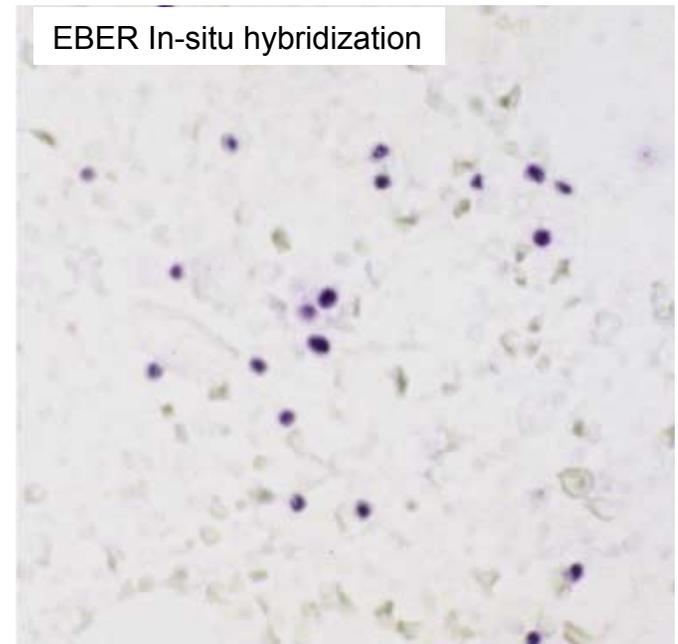
# Clinical Usefulness of Serum EBV DNA Levels of BamHI W and LMP1 for Nasal NK/T-Cell Lymphoma

Dynamics of serum EBV DNA levels of patients who kept complete response during follow-up period and patients who experienced tumor relapse after complete response



NK/T cell lymphoma in bone marrow is not suspected by H&E stain and immunohistochemical stain with CD 3 and CD56, but detected by EBER in-situ hybridization

*Sung et al. J Korean Med Sci 2004; 19: 229-33*



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# Nasal NK/T-cell Lymphoma

## Clinical Symptoms

- Mass lesion: facial swelling
- Nasal obstruction
- Nasal bleeding
- Hoarseness of voice
- Dysphagia
- Proptosis
- Impaired ocular movement
- Halitosis
- Airway obstruction
- Dysphonia

# “Extranasal” NK/T-cell Lymphoma

## Clinical Characteristics

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- Male to female ratio: 2.3
- Median age: fifth decade
- Common sites:
  - skin, gastrointestinal tract, salivary gland, spleen, testis, muscle, genital tract
- Isolated lymph node involvement is rare
- Early systemic dissemination
- Nasal NK/T-cell lymphoma also involves similar anatomical sites
  - CD56 facilitates cellular adhesion
  - Homing pattern
  - **Examine the nasal cavity**

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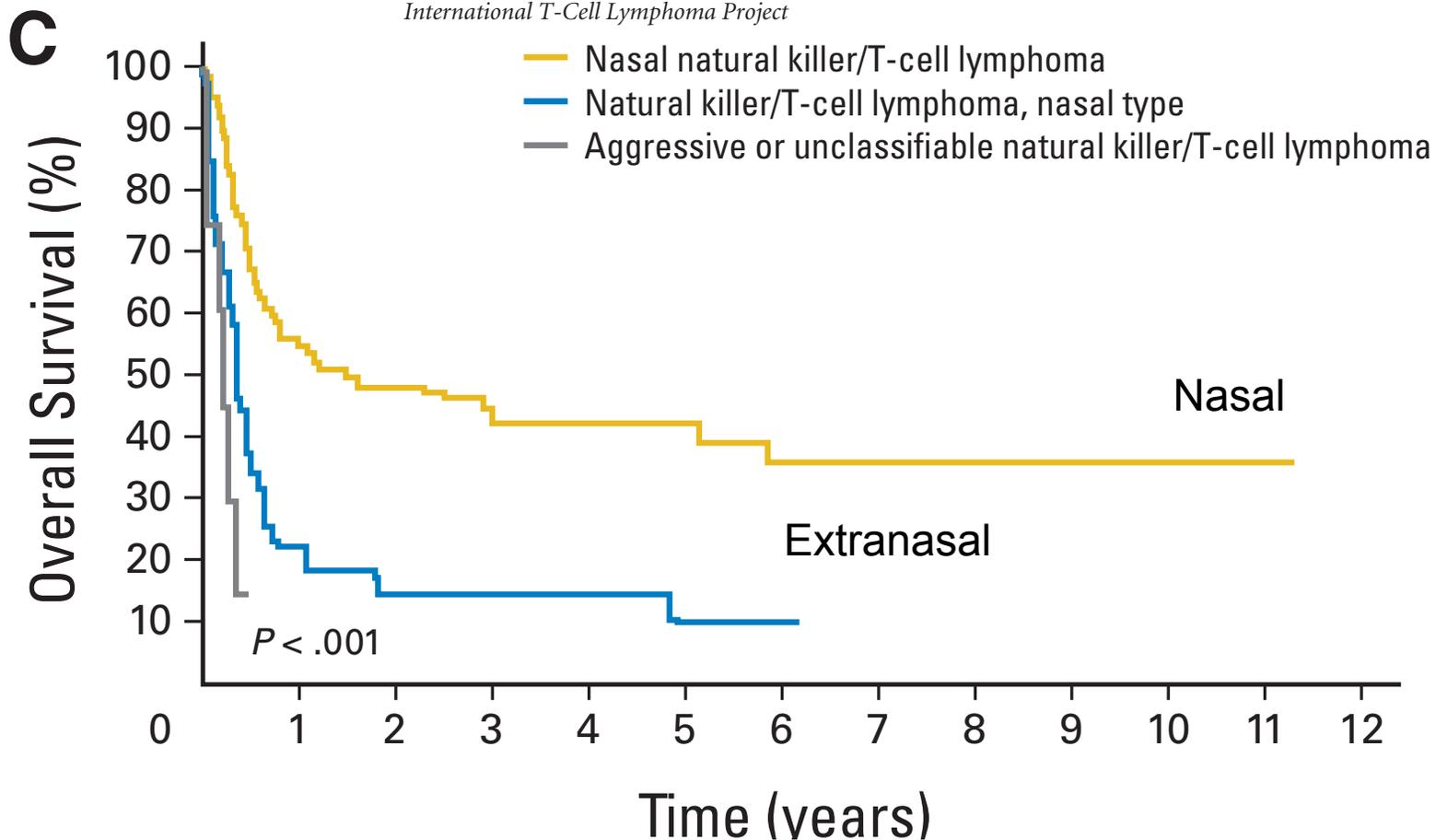
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### International Peripheral T-Cell and Natural Killer/T-Cell Lymphoma Study: Pathology Findings and Clinical Outcomes

*International T-Cell Lymphoma Project*

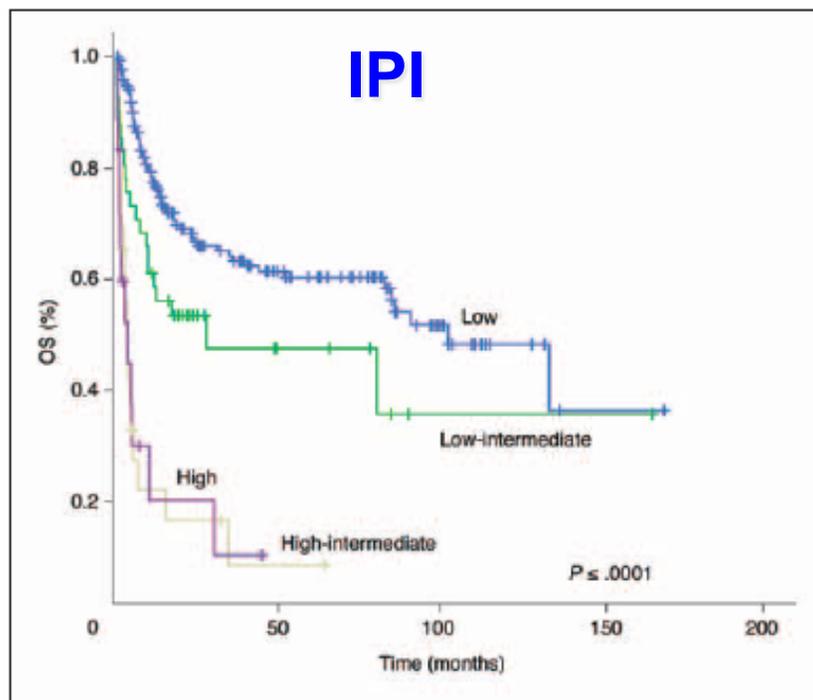


# Korean Prognostic Model

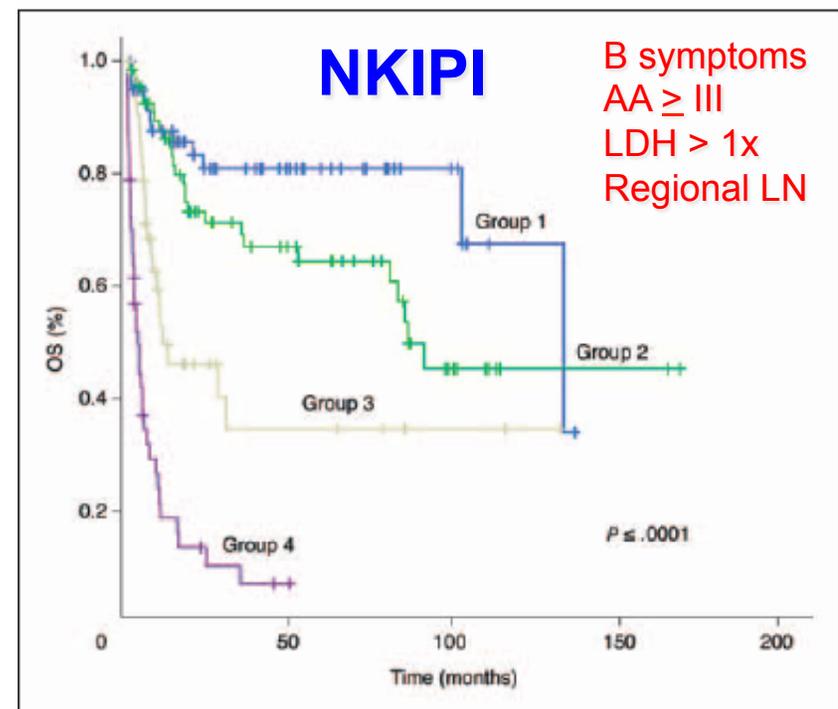
**Table 2.** Survival and Relative Risk of Death According to Risk Group As Defined by the New Prognostic Index

Risk Group	No. of Factors*	No. of Patients	%	% 5-Year OS	SE	RR	95% CI
Group 1	0	60	27	80.9	5.5	1.0	N/A
Group 2	1	68	31	64.2	6.5	1.8	0.9 to 3.5
Group 3	2	44	20	34.4	9.5	4.1	2.0 to 8.3
Group 4	3 or 4	47	22	6.6	4.3	13.6	7.0 to 26.6

Abbreviations: OS, overall survival; RR, relative risk; N/A, not applicable.  
 \*Factors: the presence of "B" symptoms, Ann Arbor stage  $\geq$  III, LDH  $> 1 \times$  upper normal limit, and regional lymph nodes (N1-N3, not M1) involvement according to the TNM staging system.



**Fig 4.** Survival according to IPI. Low risk, n = 148 (69%); low-intermediate risk, n = 34 (16%); high-intermediate risk, n = 19 (9%); high risk, n = 14 (7%). OS, overall survival.

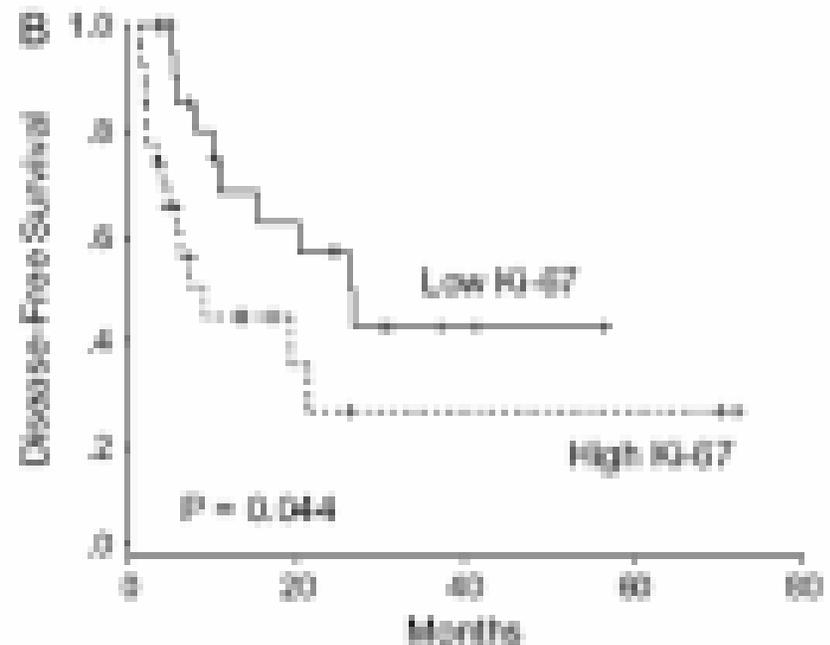
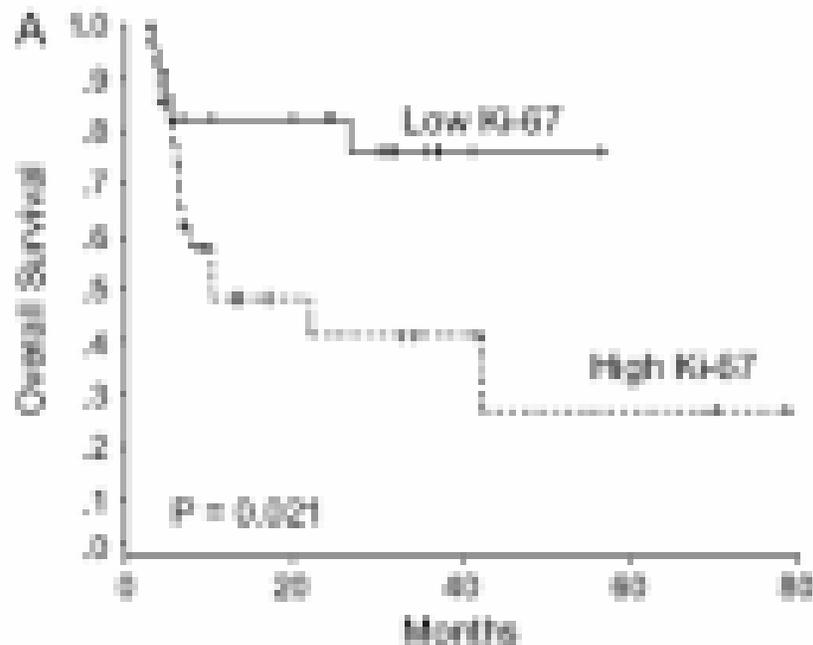


**Fig 3.** Survival according to the new prognostic index. Group 1, n = 60 (27%); group 2, n = 68 (31%); group 3, n = 44 (20%); group 4, n = 47 (22%). OS, overall survival.

## Ki-67 expression is predictive of prognosis in patients with stage I/II extranodal NK/T-cell lymphoma, nasal type

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low (< 65%) versus high Ki-67 ( $\geq$  65%).



## NK/T CELL LYMPHOMA PROGNOSTIC INDEX<sup>a</sup>

### ALL PATIENTS

Serum LDH > 1 x normal

B symptoms

Lymph nodes, N1 to N3, not M1

Ann Arbor Stage III

### Number of risk factors

Low	0
Low intermediate	1
High intermediate	2
High	3 or 4

Lee J, Suh C, Park YH, et al. Extranodal natural killer T-cell lymphoma, nasal-type: A prognostic model from a retrospective multicenter study. *J Clin Oncol.* 2006;24:612-618.

# Management of Localized Nasal Disease

- **Radiotherapy** is most important for local control
- Doses ranging from 30-60 Gy has been used but higher dose of 50-55 Gy is recommended
- Careful planning with the assistance of CT or even better MRI is recommended
- Overall response 60-100%
- Better than chemotherapy alone
- Relapse 50% and long term survival 40-60%
  - Mostly locoregional recurrence
  - Systemic relapse 25-30%
- **Combined chemotherapy and radiotherapy recommended**
  - Optimal sequence and timing?
  - Early radiotherapy recommended?
  - Concomitant chemotherapy and radiotherapy ( + cisplatin?)
  - Watch out for progression during therapy
  - Close monitoring of response: endoscopy, biopsy, CT/MRI

# Treatment

- There is a lack of consensus on treatment of ENKTL
- There is no therapy considered standard

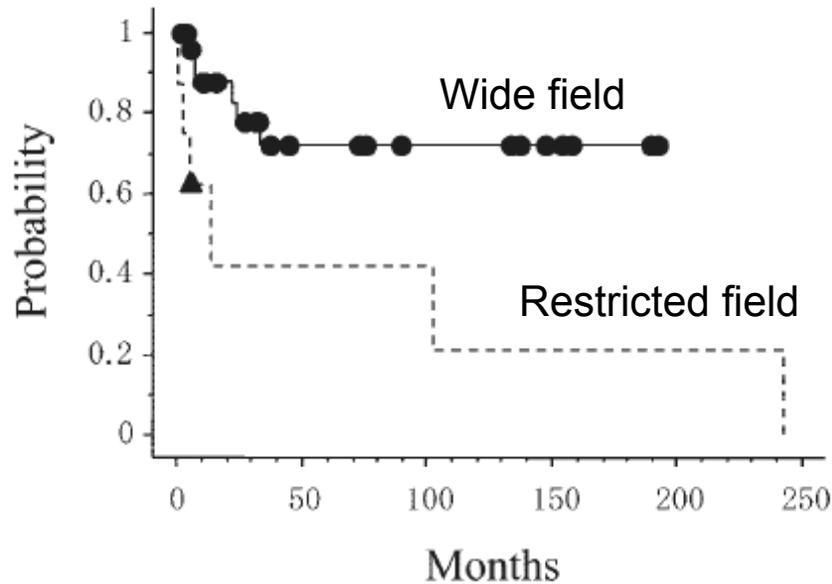
# Combined Treatment Optimal sequence ?

## Summary of the Literature

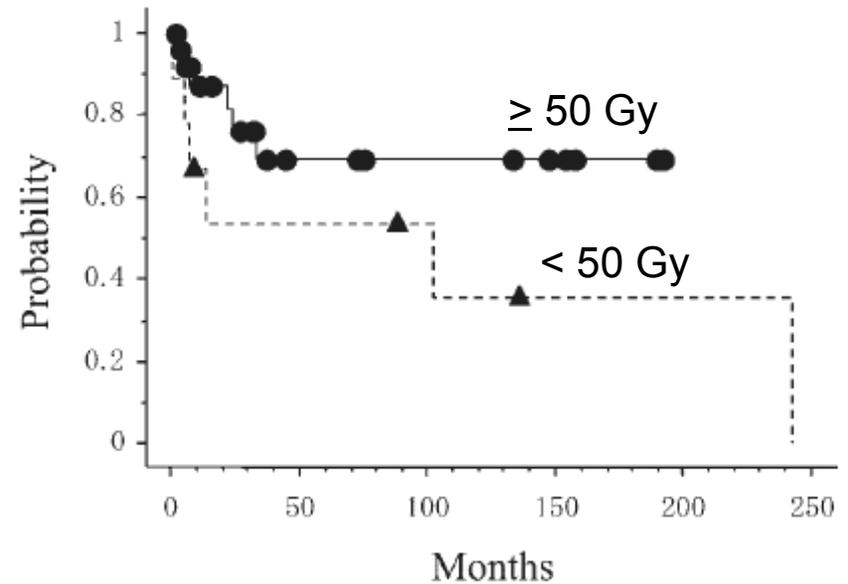
Reference	Phenotype	Treatment	No.	LFR	5-yr OAS (%)
Itami et al., 1991 <sup>14</sup>	NK or T-cell	CT → RT or RT	9	6/9	NR
Aviles et al., 2000 <sup>16</sup>	NK or T-cell	RT → CT	108	NR	86 (8 yrs)
Kim et al., 2001 <sup>17</sup>	NK cell	CT → RT	17	NR	59 (3 yrs)
Yamaguchi et al., 2001 <sup>18</sup>	NK cell	RT → CT or CT → RT	12	7/12	39
Ribrag et al., 2001 <sup>19</sup>	NK or T-cell	RT → CT or CT → RT or RT	20	NR	NR
Cheung et al., 2002 <sup>20</sup>	NK cell	CT → RT	79	31.1%	37.1
Chim et al., 2004 <sup>21</sup>	NK cell	CT → RT	67	35/67	42.5 (10 yrs)
You et al., 2004 <sup>22</sup>	NK cell	CT → RT	46	NR	36.5
Current study	NK or T-cell	CT → RT or RT	35	34.8%	47.3

LFR: local failure rate; OAS: overall survival; NK: natural killer; CT: chemotherapy; RT: radiotherapy; NR: not reported.

# Radiotherapy



**FIGURE 2.** This graph illustrates the local control probability as a function of radiotherapy (RT) field. Solid line: an RT field that encompassed all sinuses, the nasopharynx, and macroscopic lesions; dashed line: an RT field that included macroscopic lesions with a margin.



**FIGURE 3.** This graph illustrates the local control probability as a function of radiotherapy dose. Solid line: doses  $\geq 50$  Gy; dashed line: doses  $< 50$  Gy.

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## Radiotherapy

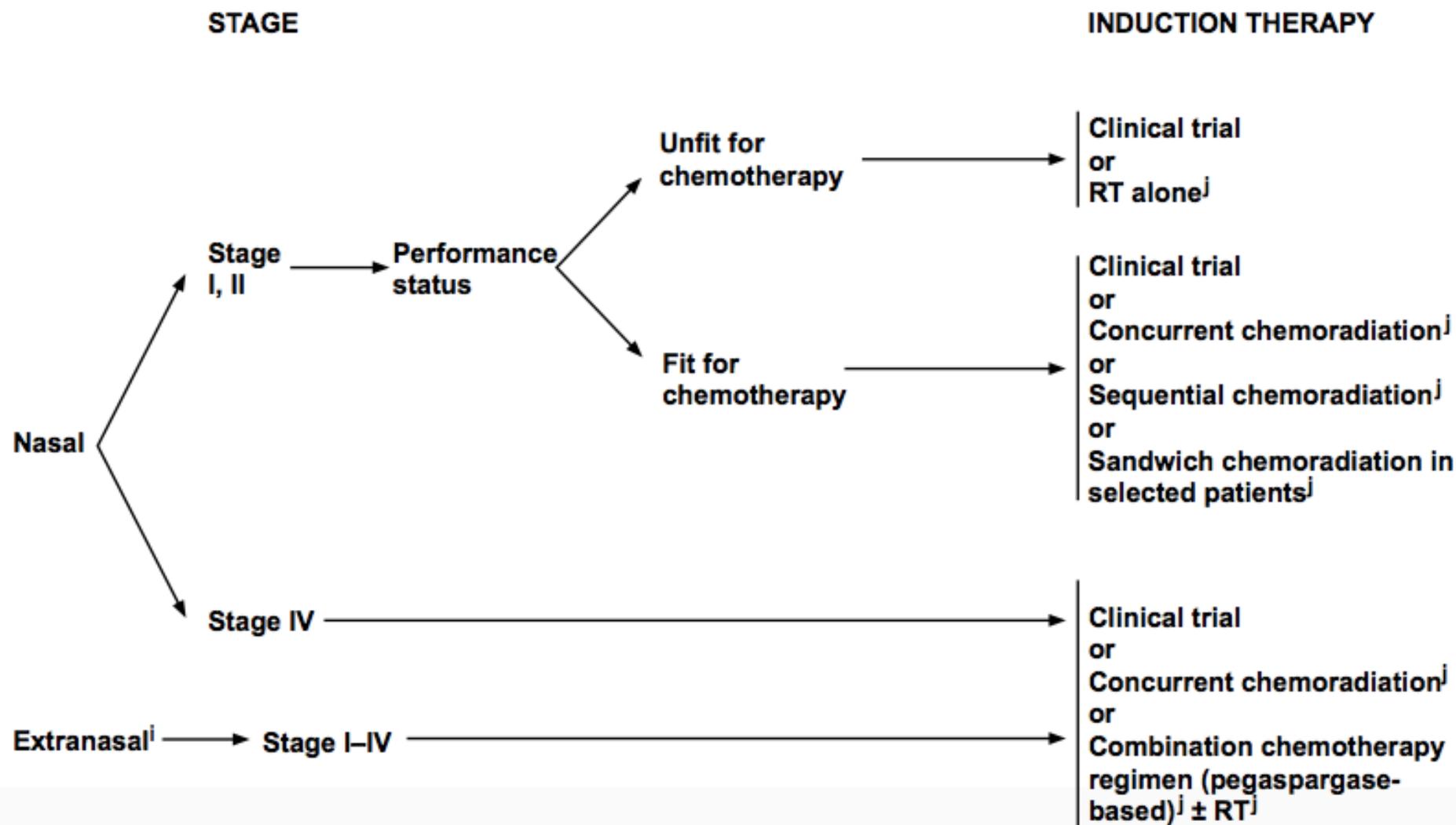
- **Is most important for local control**
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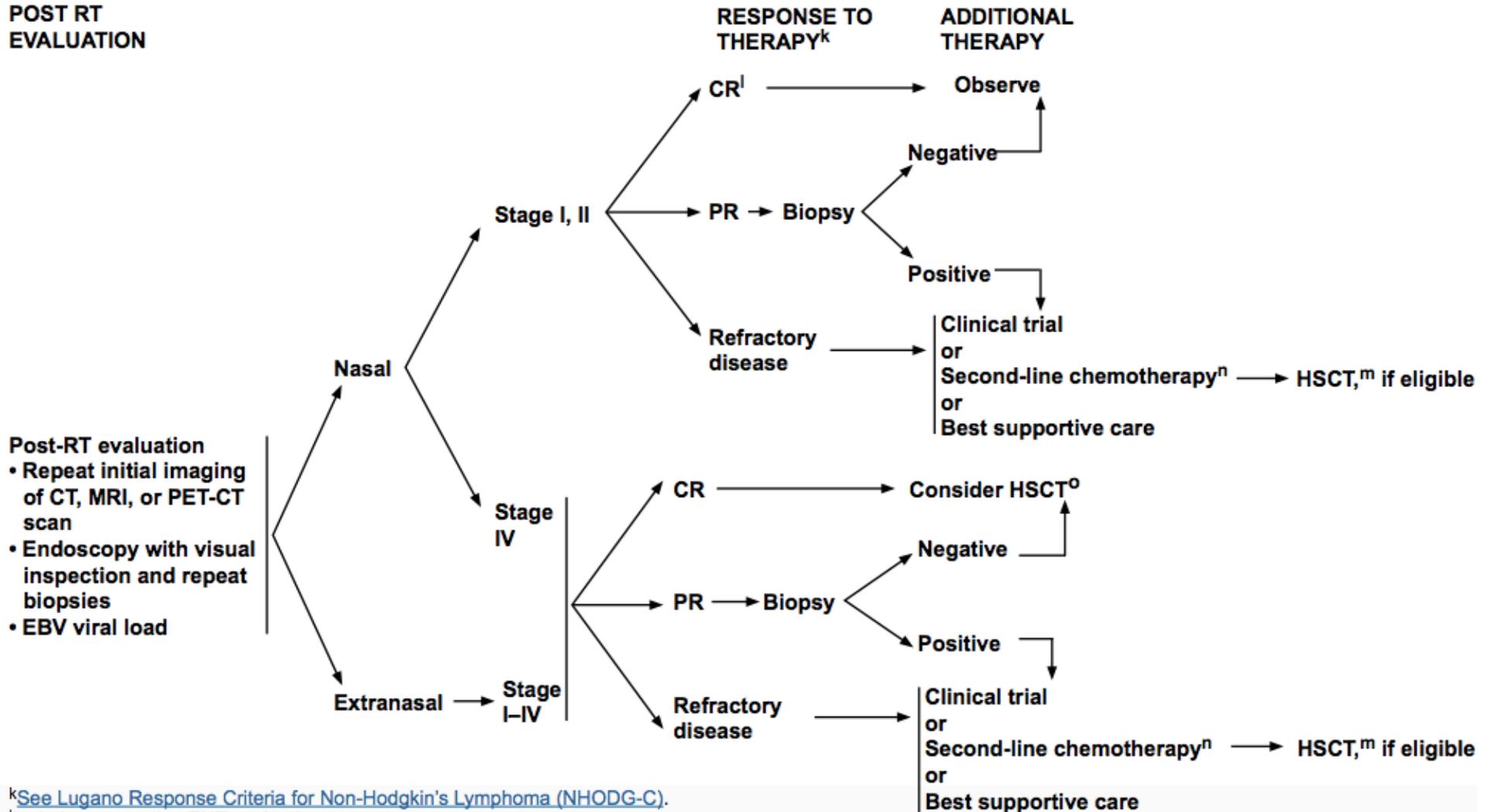
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## Extranodal NK/T-Cell Lymphoma, nasal type



**POST RT  
EVALUATION**



<sup>k</sup>See [Lugano Response Criteria for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma \(NHODG-C\)](#).

<sup>l</sup>Includes a negative ENT evaluation.



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### **SUGGESTED TREATMENT REGIMENS<sup>a</sup>**

(in alphabetical order)

#### **Combination chemotherapy regimen (pegaspargase-based)**

- AspaMetDex (pegaspargase, methotrexate, and dexamethasone) (Reported as a second-line regimen)
- SMILE (steroid [dexamethasone], methotrexate, ifosfamide, pegaspargase, and etoposide) x 4–6 cycles for advanced stage
- GELOX (gemcitabine, pegaspargase, and oxaliplatin)

#### **Concurrent chemoradiation therapy (CCRT)**

- CCRT (radiation 50 Gy and 3 courses of DeVIC [dexamethasone, etoposide, ifosfamide, and carboplatin])
- CCRT (radiation 40–52.8 Gy and cisplatin) followed by 3 cycles of VIPD (etoposide, ifosfamide, cisplatin, and dexamethasone)

#### **Sequential chemoradiation**

- For Stage I, II, SMILE followed by RT 45–50.4 Gy x 2–4 cycles

#### **Sandwich chemoradiation<sup>b</sup>**

- GELOX x 2 cycles followed by RT 56 Gy followed by GELOX x 2–4 cycles

#### **Radiation therapy alone**

- Recommended tumor dose is  $\geq 50$  Gy
  - Early or up-front RT had an essential role in improved OS and DFS in patients with localized extranodal NK/T-cell lymphoma, nasal-type, in the upper aerodigestive tract.
  - Up-front RT may yield more benefits on survival in patients with stage I disease.

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- **Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation**
  - 3 previously published series
  - Seems to confer a survival benefit in RC as consolidation

*Suzuki et al. Biol Blood Marrow Transplant 14: 1356, 2008*

# Management of Localized Nasal Disease

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## Combined chemotherapy and radiotherapy

### Rational

- Relapse 50%
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### Questions

- What is the best chemotherapy?
- Optimal sequence and timing?
- Early radiotherapy recommended?

# Chemotherapy

- Anthracyclines containing regimens such as CHOP are commonly used
  - anthracyclines not essential?
- No evidence that the more intensive regimens like ProMACE-CytaBOM are better
- Early experience with L-asparaginase containing regimens is encouraging
  - **SMILE**: steroid, methotrexate, ifosfamide, L-asparaginase and etoposide
  - International Phase II Study (Kasuo Oshimi)

REVIEW ARTICLE

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## Nasal natural killer (NK)/T-cell lymphoma: clinical, histological, virological, and genetic features

**Table 3.** Regimen for arterial infusion chemotherapy (MPVIC-P)

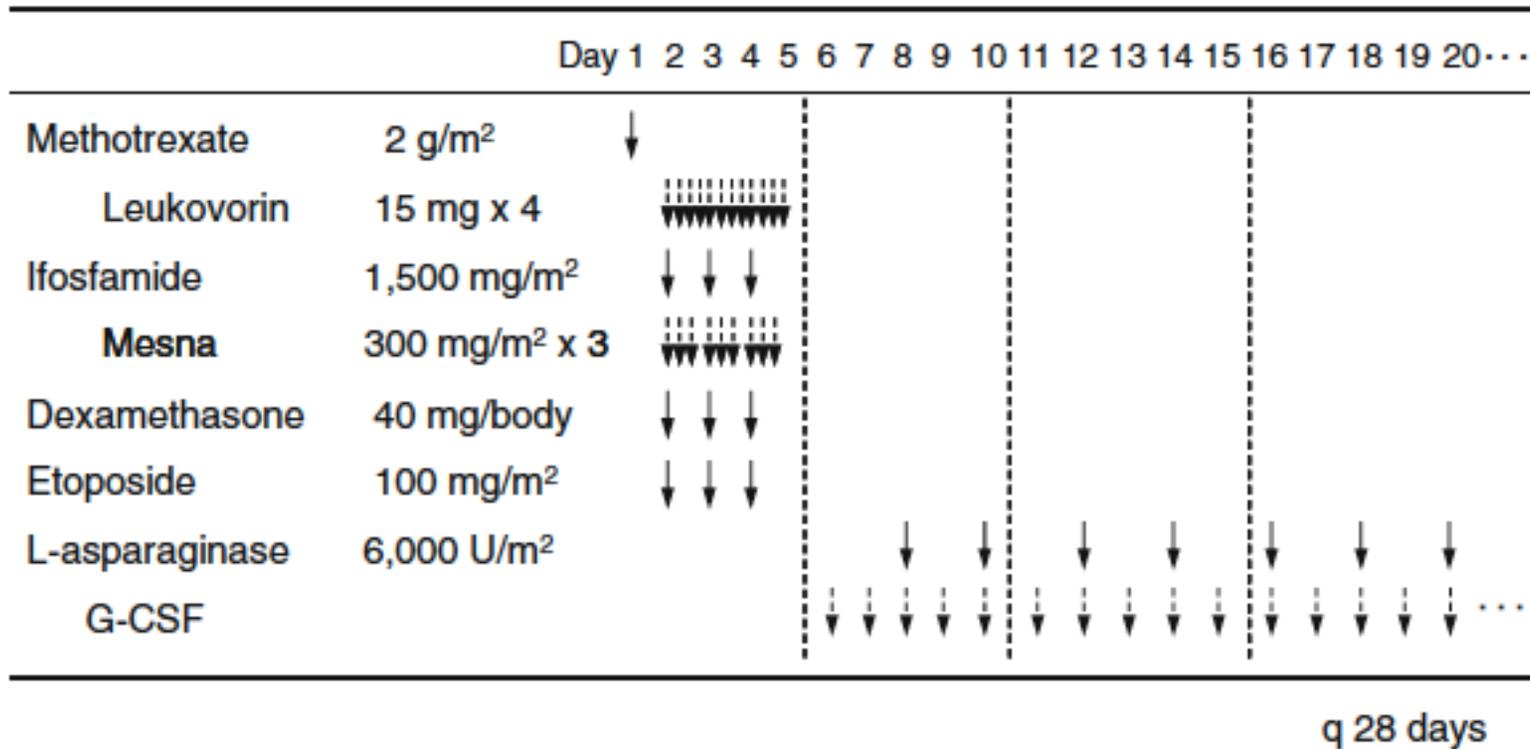
Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Radiation	1.8 Gy × 15				1.8 Gy × 15									
MPVIC-P														
Etoposide (100 mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	↓		↓		↓		↓				↓		↓	
Ifosfamide (1500 mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	↓		↓		↓		↓				↓		↓	
Carboplatin (100 mg/m <sup>2</sup> )		↓		↓		↓		↓				↓		↓
Methotrexate (260 mg/m <sup>2</sup> )		↓						↓				↓		
Peplomycin (7 mg/m <sup>2</sup> )				↓				↓						↓
Prednisolone (75 mg × 3)	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓			↓	↓	↓	↓
	1 Course				2 Courses						3 Courses			

- Ifosfamide, carboplatin, methotrexate, and peplomycin do not have sensitivity against multidrug resistance genes (MDRs)
- Etoposide is known to be effective for virus-associated hemophagocytic syndrome
- One course took 4 weeks, and three courses was the total number given in treatment
- Radiation with 1.8 Gy per day was applied collaterally, and a 1-week interval was made at week 4
- The radiation field included the root of the nose and buccal region, with the central focus on the nose
- In some patients, course 3 was done as consolidation chemotherapy after 2–3 months

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# Smile



## Treatment outcome of early-stage NK/T-cell lymphoma using combined RT and CT in selected studies

Treatment	No. patients	ORR, %	CR, %	OS	PFS	Reference
RT → CHOP	172	93.3	82.2	3 y: ~80%	NA	1
RT → L-asparaginase/gem-based CT	37	93.3	82.2	3 y: ~80%	NA	
CHOP → RT	523	61.3	25.1	3 y: ~70%	NA	
L-asparaginase/gem-based CT → RT	118	77.9	31.6	3 y: ~70%	NA	
SMILE + sandwich RT	29	86	69	NA	NA	7
LVP + sandwich RT	26	92	42	2 y: 89%	2 y: 81%	8
GELOX + sandwich RT	27	93	56	2 y: 86%	2 y: 86%	9

CHOP, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine, and prednisolone; CR, complete response rate after initial RT or CT; GELOX, gemcitabine, L-asparaginase, and oxaliplatin; gem, gemcitabine; LVP, L-asparaginase, vincristine, and prednisolone; ORR: overall response rate after initial RT or CT; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; SMILE, dexamethasone, methotrexate, ifosfamide, L-asparaginase, and etoposide.

**Table 1. Novel chemotherapeutic regimens for NK/T-cell lymphomas**

Regimen	Protocol	Reference
AspaMetDex	<i>Escherichia coli</i> L-asparaginase: 6000 U/m <sup>2</sup> IM, days 2, 4, 6, and 8 Methotrexate: 3000 mg/m <sup>2</sup> IV, day 1 Dexamethasone: 40 mg orally, days 1-4	16
2/3DeVIC	Dexamethasone: 40 mg IV, days 1-3 Etoposide: 67 mg/m <sup>2</sup> IV, days 1-3 Ifosfamide: 1000 mg/m <sup>2</sup> IV, days 1-3 Carboplatin: 200 mg/m <sup>2</sup> IV, day 1	56
VIPD	Etoposide: 100 mg/m <sup>2</sup> IV, days 1-3 Ifosfamide: 1200 mg/m <sup>2</sup> IV, days 1-3 Cisplatin: 33 mg/m <sup>2</sup> IV, days 1-3 Dexamethasone: 40 mg IV or orally, days 1-4	57
LVP	L-asparaginase: 6000 IU/m <sup>2</sup> IV, days 1-5 Vincristine: 1.4/m <sup>2</sup> IV, day 1 Prednisolone: 100 mg orally, days 1-5	59
GELOX	Gemcitabine: 1000 mg/m <sup>2</sup> IV, days 1 and 8 <i>E. coli</i> L-asparaginase: 6000 units/m <sup>2</sup> IM, days 1-7 Oxaliplatin: 130 mg/m <sup>2</sup> IV, day 1	60
SMILE	Dexamethasone: 40 mg IV or orally, days 2-4 Methotrexate: 2000 mg/m <sup>2</sup> IV, day 1 Ifosfamide: 1500 mg/m <sup>2</sup> IV, days 2-4 <i>E. coli</i> L-asparaginase: 6000 U/m <sup>2</sup> IV, days 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, and 20 Etoposide: 100 mg/m <sup>2</sup> IV, days 2-4	62



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# Institutions & Patients

as of March 15, 2016

	Inst	Pts	%
Recruiting	74	1499	100
Active, Not Yet Recruiting	5	-	-

**USA** 8 328 22%

- MSKCC
- MDACC
- UNMC
- Stanford
- CCF
- FHCRC
- WUSTL
- Yale

**Europe**

56 649 45%

\* active, not yet recruiting

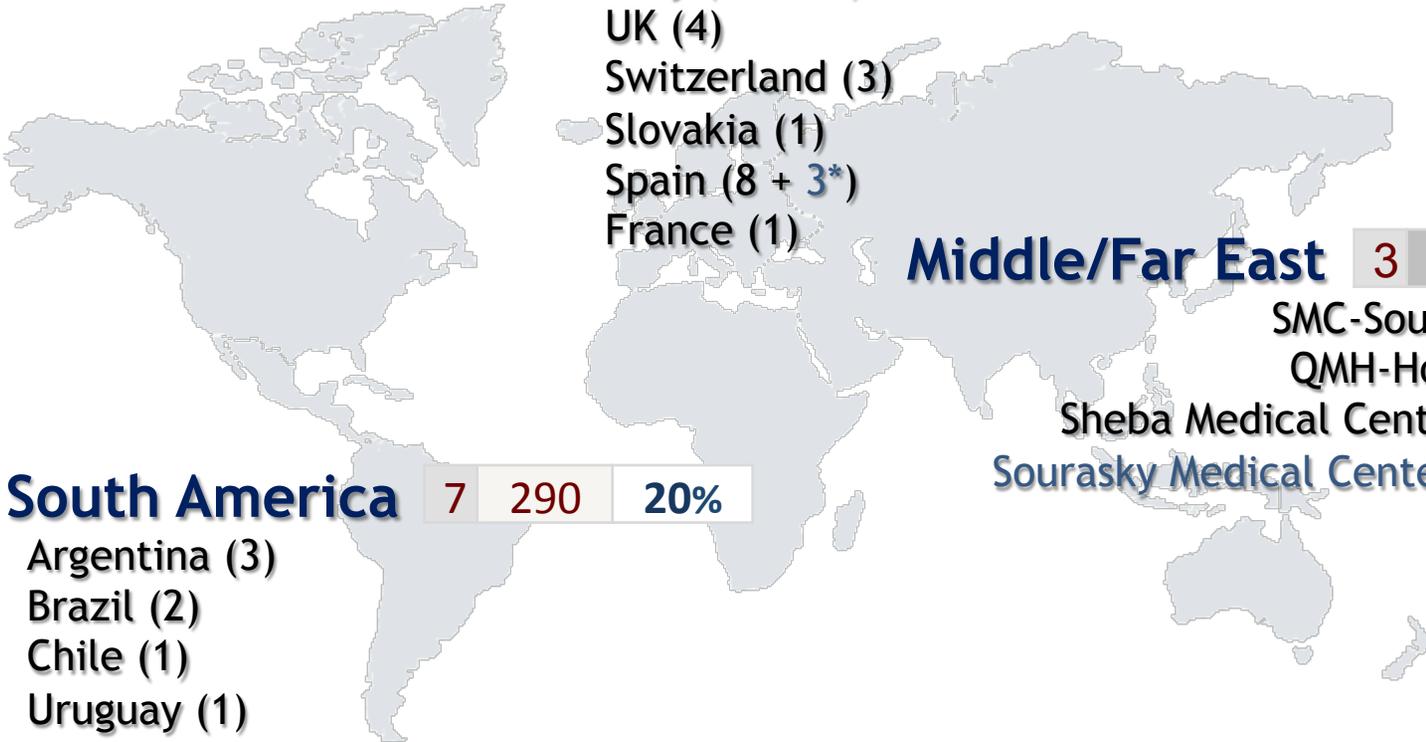
- Italy (39 + 1\*)
- UK (4)
- Switzerland (3)
- Slovakia (1)
- Spain (8 + 3\*)
- France (1)

**Middle/Far East** 3 182 13%

- SMC-South Korea
- QMH-Hong Kong
- Sheba Medical Center-Israel
- Sourasky Medical Center-Israel\*

**South America** 7 290 20%

- Argentina (3)
- Brazil (2)
- Chile (1)
- Uruguay (1)



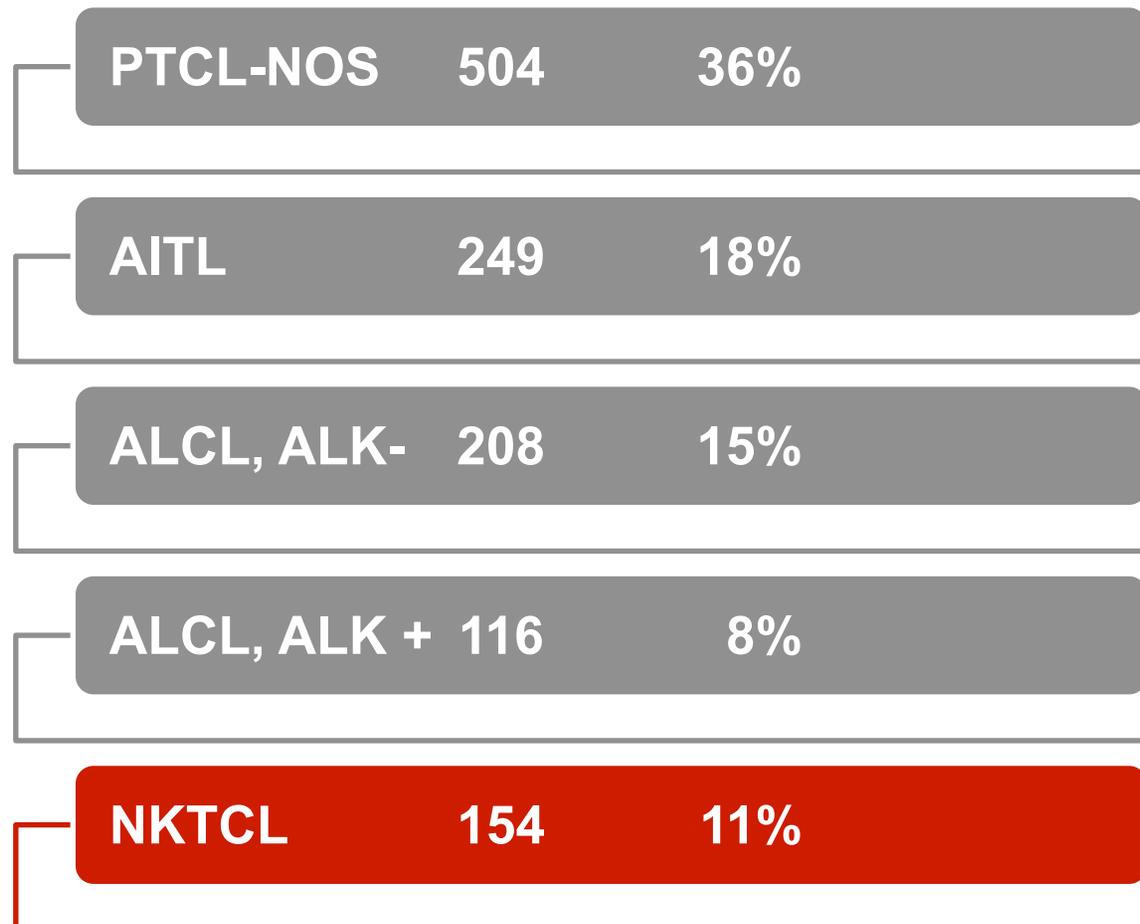
*data as of March 15, 2016*

- 1,499 cases with PTCL or NK/T cell lymphoma  
(110 excluded so far; 1,389 analyzed))
- Newly diagnosed 2006-2016
- 74 sites globally
- Expert Hematopathology review
- Correlation with clinical outcomes

# Histotype distribution

according to LOCAL/CENTRAL DIAGNOSIS

*if review not possible or not yet done local diagnosis is reported*



# Histotype distribution

according to LOCAL/CENTRAL DIAGNOSIS

*if review not possible or not yet done local diagnosis is reported*

Enteropathy type	62	5%
Hepatosplenic	26	2%
Subcutaneous pann-like	20	1%
Peripheral $\gamma\delta$	13	1%
Unclassifiable T-cell	37	3%



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# NKTCL by geographic area and by South American Countries (N=154)

[% by ROW]

Subtype	South America (N=26)		USA (N=26)		Europe (N=49)		Asia (N=53)	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Nasal [n=36]	9	<b>25</b>	4	<b>11</b>	16	<b>44</b>	7	<b>19</b>
Nasal type [n=106]	17	<b>16</b>	21	<b>20</b>	26	<b>24</b>	42	<b>40</b>
Unclassifiable NK [12]	-	-	1	<b>8</b>	7	<b>58</b>	4	<b>33</b>

Subtype	South America (N=26)		Chile (N=141)	Brazil (N=64)	Argentina (N=38)	Uruguay (N=18)
	N	%	%	%	%	%
Nasal [n=36]	9	<b>100</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>22</b>
Nasal type [n=106]	17	<b>100</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>
Unclassifiable NK [12]	-	-	-	-	-	-

# Type of NKTCL in each geographic area (N=154)

**[% by COLUMN]**

Subtype	South America (N=26)		USA (N=26)		Europe (N=49)		Asia (N=53)	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Nasal [n=36)	9	<b>35</b>	4	15	16	33	7	13
Nasal type [n=106]	17	<b>65</b>	21	81	26	53	42	79
Unclassifiable NK [12]	-	-	1	4	7	14	4	7

Subtype	South America (N=26)		USA (N=26)		Europe (N=49)		Asia (N=53)	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Nasal [n=88)	17	<b>65</b>	12	46	23	47	36	68
Extranasal [n=39]	8	<b>31</b>	4	15	15	31	12	23
Unknown [n=27]	1	<b>4</b>	10	38	11	22	5	9

# Type of NKTCL in each geographic area (N=154)

**[% by COLUMN]**

Subtype	South America (N=26)		USA (N=26)		Europe (N=49)		Asia (N=53)	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Nasal [n=88)	17	65	12	46	23	47	36	68
Extranasal [n=39]	8	31	4	15	15	31	12	23
Unknown [n=27]	1	4	10	38	11	22	5	9



# Patients characteristics (%): Nasal (N=88) Extranasal (N=39) [2]

N	South America		USA		Europe		Asia	
	17	8	12	4	23	15	36	12
Subtype	Nasal	Extra	Nasal	Extra	Nasal	Extra	Nasal	Extra
Stage III-IV	-	50	-	100	13	71	-	92
Nodal only disease	-	12	-	-	4	7	-	-
Bulky disease ≥ 10 cm	-	12	-	-	-	7	-	-
≥ 5 cm	-	25	-	25	-	7	3	-
NSE >1	35	75	25	75	30	64	6	83
BM involvement	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	33
LDH > ULN	10	57	37	25	33	50	31	58
HB ≤ 11 g/Dl	15	25	-	25	9	33	11	58
Platelets ≤ 150K/mm <sup>3</sup>	7	37	9	-	9	17	8	17
Lymphocytes ≤ 1000/mm <sup>3</sup>	8	43	36	50	48	42	17	25
Monocytes > 800/mm <sup>3</sup>	27	17	18	-	5	18	29	25
B2-micro > ULN [N=49/20]	25	100	N.D.	100	43	75	63	70
CRP > ULN [N=44/22]	50	100	N.D.	100	50	37	54	89

# Treatment details (%): Nasal (N=76) Extranasal (N=36)

N	South America		USA		Europe		Asia	
	14	8	11	3	18	13	33	12
Subtype	Nasal	Extra	Nasal	Extra	Nasal	Extra	Nasal	Extra
Tx with curative intent	100	75	100	100	100	100	97	100
<b>Induction therapy</b>								
No Tx/Best supportive care	-	25	-	-	-	-	3	-
RT alone	7	-	18	-	11	-	-	-
CHT alone	21	50	-	33	39	61	3	75
CHT/RT combined	71	25	82	67	50	38	94	25
<b>Type of induction CHT</b>								
Anthracycline	92	67	-	33	75	46	6	25
Etoposide	8	17	89	67	19	8	75	75
Anthracycline + Etoposide	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	-
Other	-	17	11	-	6	31	19	-
<b>Transplant use</b>								
as consolidation in 1 <sup>st</sup> line	-	12	9	67	6	23	9	17
as salvage treatment	-	-	-	-	-	31	15	8

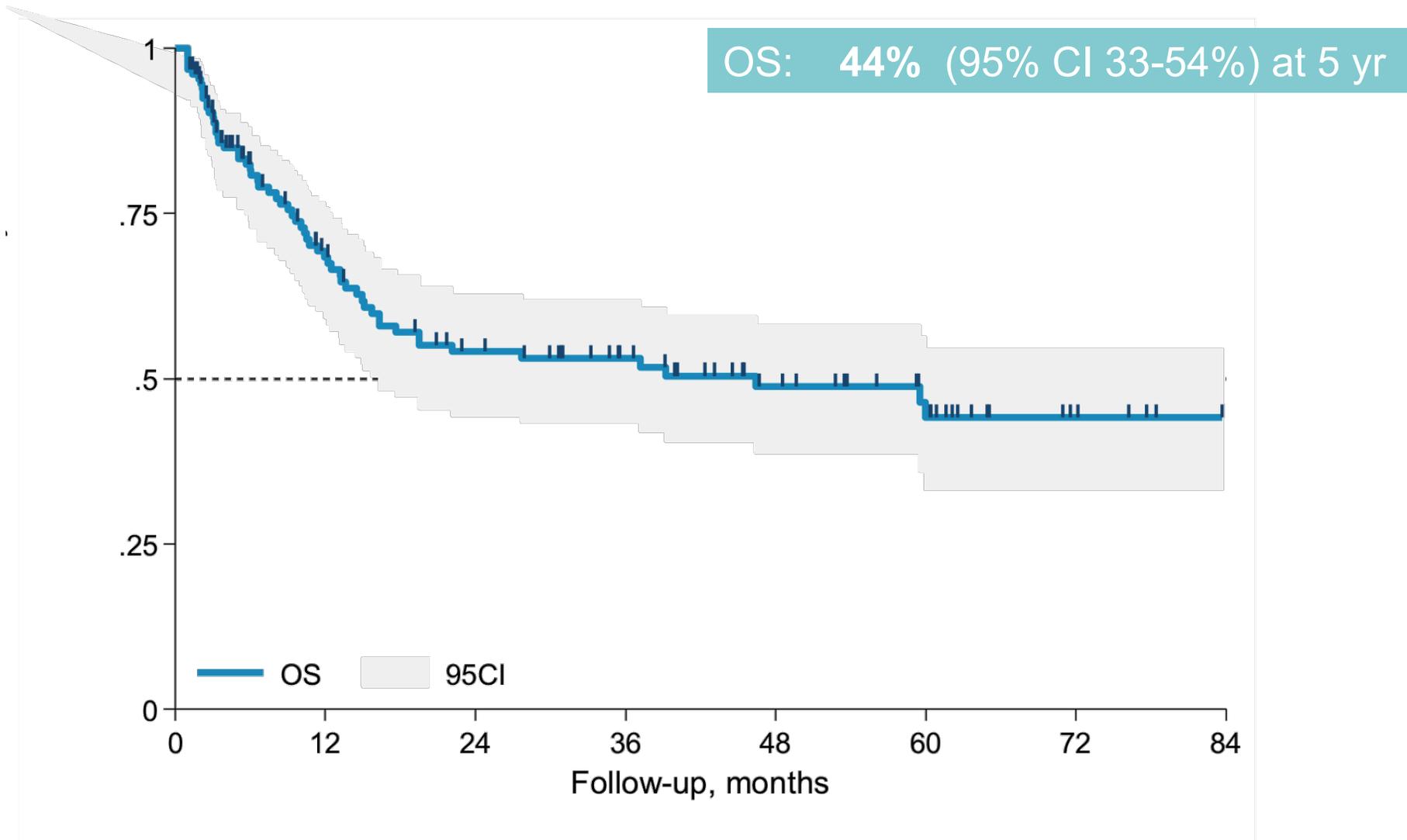
# Response to initial Therapy (%): Nasal (N=76) Extranasal (N=36)

Subtype	N	South America		USA		Europe		Asia	
		58	8	21	3	65	13	7	12
		Nasal	Extra	Nasal	Extra	Nasal	Extra	Nasal	Extra
CR/CRu		50	25	91	67	67	38	88	42
PR		7	25	9	-	6	8	-	-
NR/PD		43	58	-	12	17	33	6	46
Not Evaluable		-	12-	-	-	11	8	3	-
No Tx/Best supportive care		-	25	-	-	-	-	3	-
<b>Evaluable patients</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>12</b>
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NR/PD		43	20	-	33	19	50	6	58

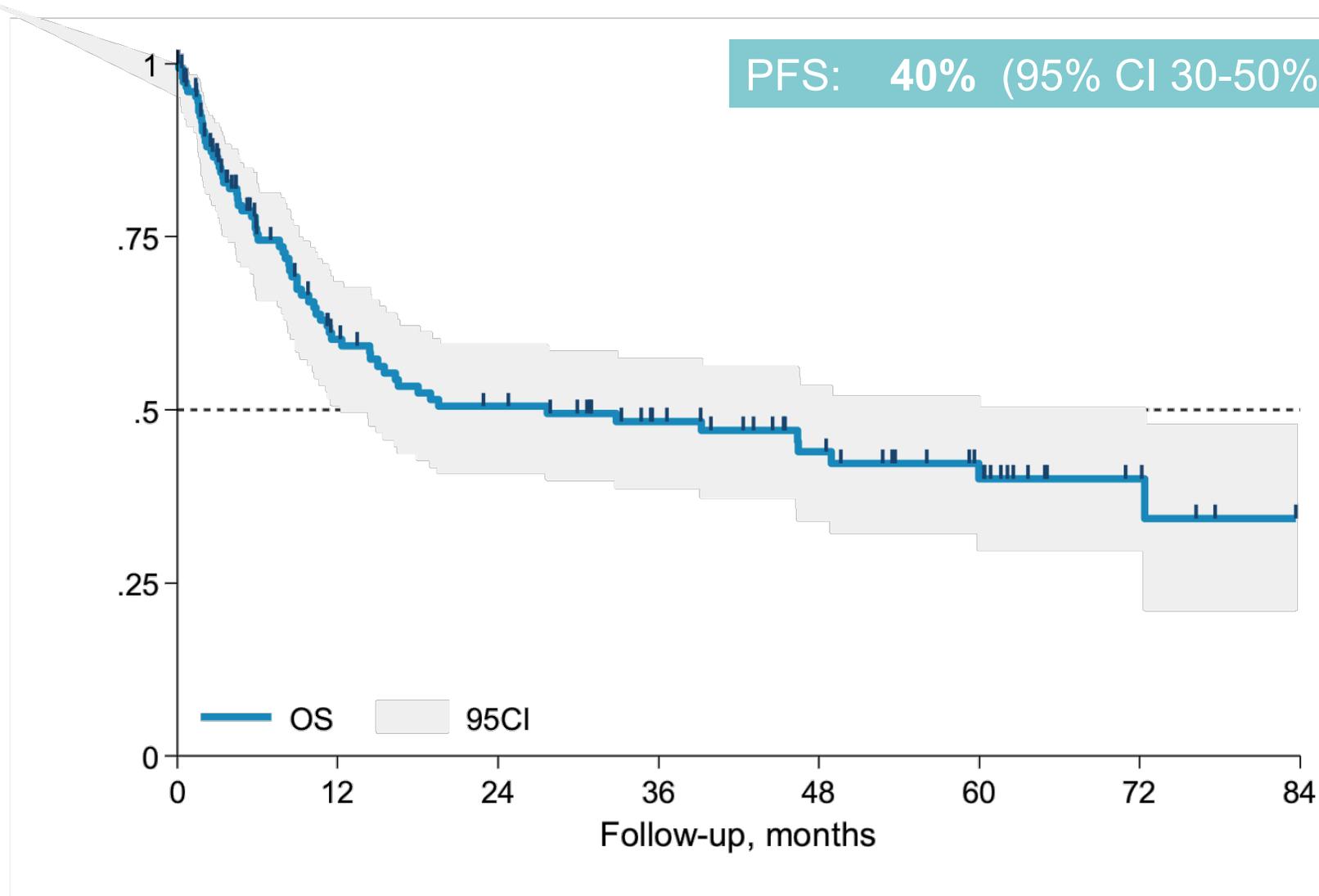
## Main Patients characteristics & Treatment by South American Country (%): Nasal (N=17) Extranasal (N=8)

	All S.A. 17 8		Chile 6 4		Brazil 7 4		Argentina 2 -		Uruguay 2 -	
	Nas	Ext	Nas	Ext	Nas	Ext	Nas	Ext	Nas	Ext
Median age (yrs)	50	50	45	48	51	51	47	-	58	-
Age ≥60 yrs	29	37	17	25	29	50	50	-	50	-
Sex (Male)	53	62	67	75	57	50	-	-	50	-
ECOG >1	25	37	33	75	14	-	-	-	50	-
B-symptoms	50	62	50	75	57	50	100	-	-	-
Stage III-IV	-	50	-	50	-	50	-	-	-	-
NES >1	35	75	50	50	29	100	50	-	-	-
Therapy with curative intent	100	75	100	50	100	100	100	-	100	-
Chemotherapy +/- RT	92	75	100	50	83	100	100	-	100	-
<i>Anthracycline</i>	92	67	100	100	100	50	50	-	100	-
<i>Etoposide</i>	8	17	-	-	-	25	50	-	-	-
<i>Both</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HDT consolidation/salvage	-/-	12/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	25/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-

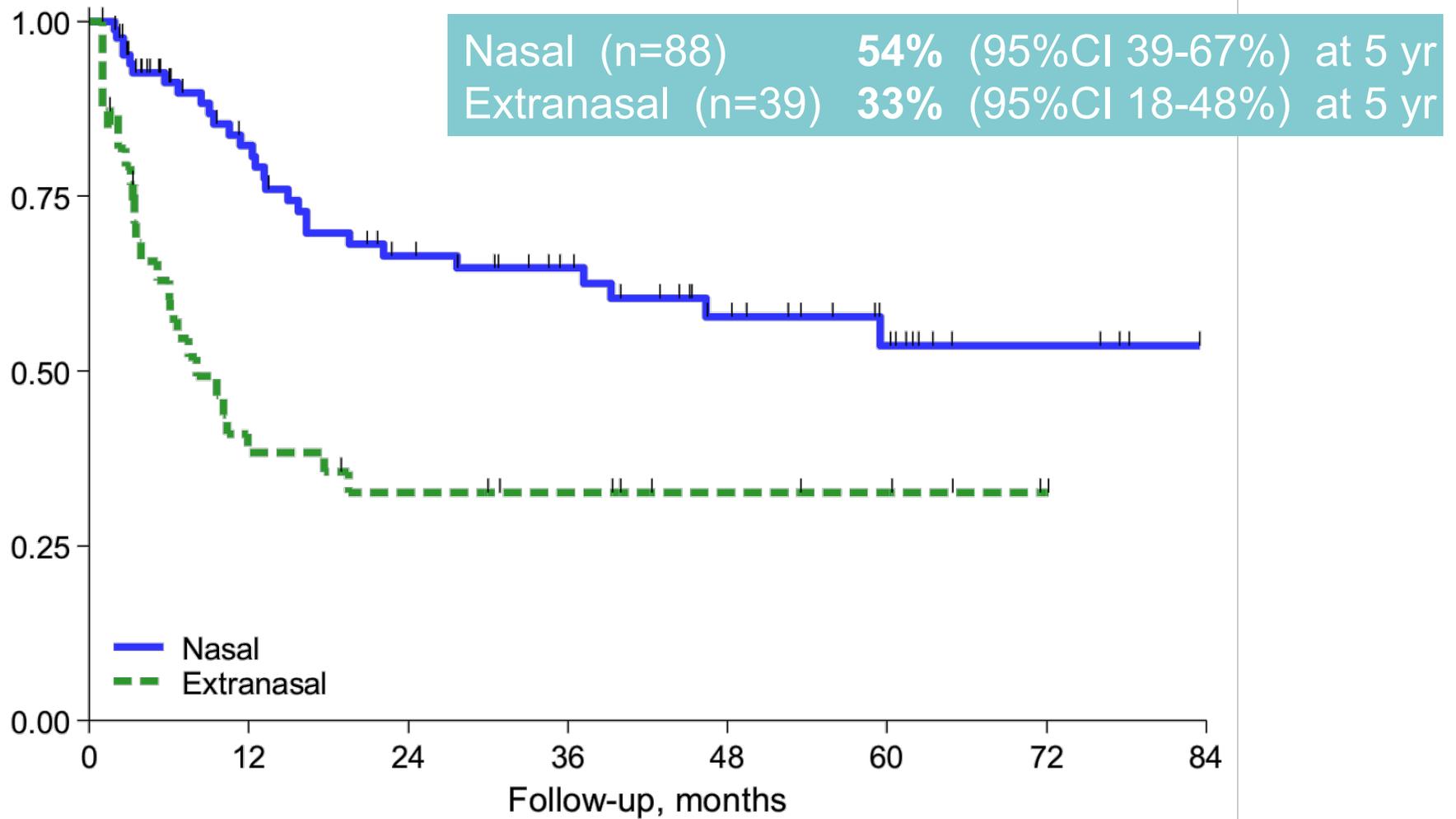
# Overall Survival NKTCL, All (N=154)



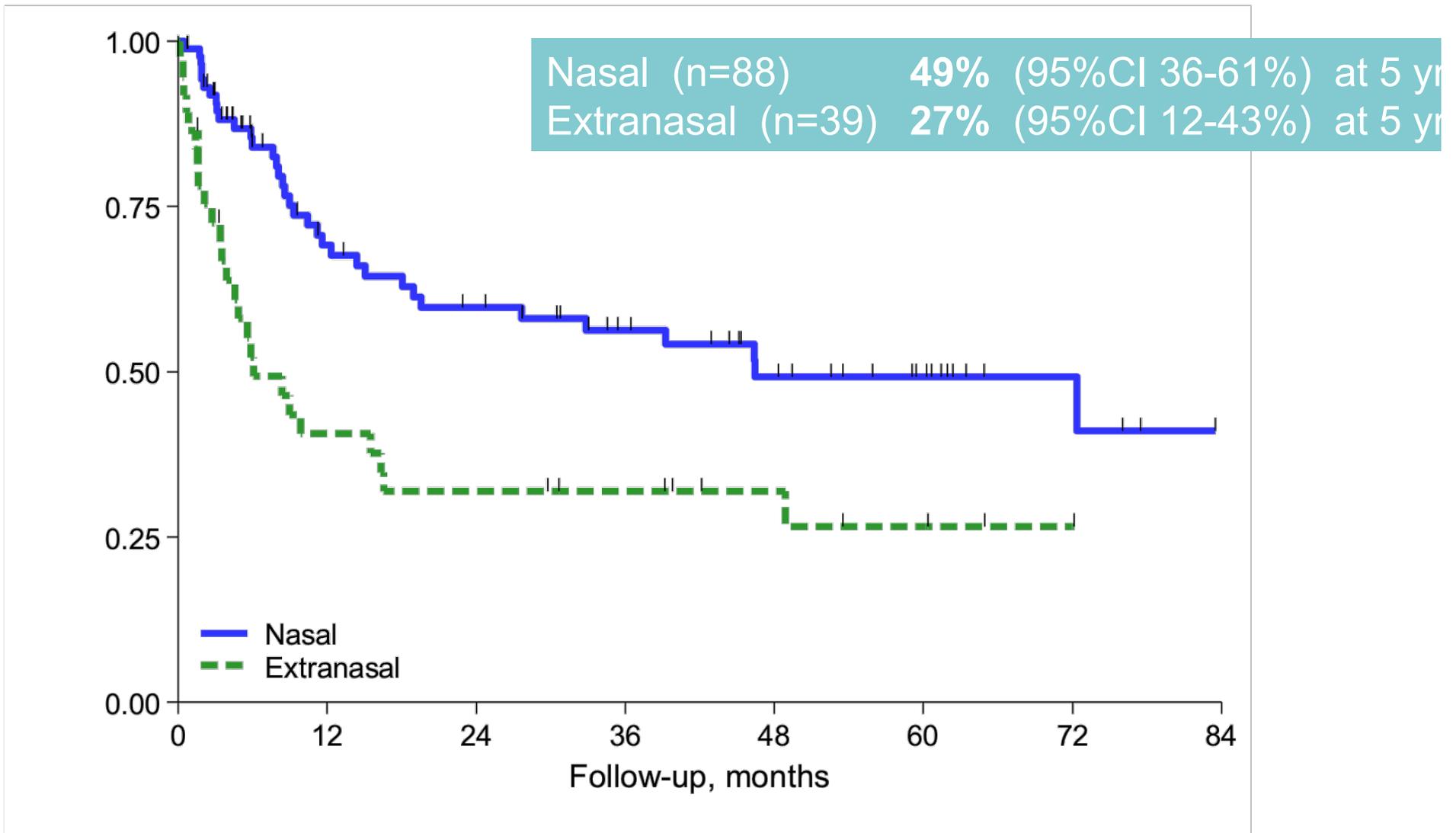
# Progression-free Survival NKTCL, All (N=154)



# Overall Survival by type of disease (N=127)



# PFS by type of disease (N=127)



# Extranodal NK/T-cell Lymphoma

## Take Home Messages

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- Diagnosis highly dependent on clinical aspects
- Frequent dissemination to other extranodal regions
- Necrosis in almost all cases, with or without angioinvasion
- NK Phenotype ( few cases T-cell cytotoxic ?)
- Presence of EBV virtualy in all cases
- RT is important treatment component for localized disease
- Aspararginase was incorporated in CT regimens

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## Treatment of localized extranodal NK/T cell lymphoma, nasal type

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Treatment of localized NK/T cell lymphoma

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**Table 1** Treatment outcome of chemotherapy followed by radiotherapy in stage I/II ENKTL of the upper aerodigestive tract

Authors (references)	No. (stage I/II)	Treatment	CR (%)	OS (%)
Kim et al. [6]	17 (17)	CHOP (4 cycles) + RT (median 45 Gy)	10 (58)	3 years 59
Kim et al. [7]	59 (41)	CHOP or COPBLAM-V ± RT	18 (44)	2 years 44 <sup>a</sup>
Kim et al. [9]	43 (43)	CEOP-B (4–6 cycles) ± RT (44–60 Gy)	19 (44)	3 years 48
Lee et al. [10]	17 (17)	DI-CHOP (2 cycles) + RT (44 Gy) + CHOP (4 cycles)	13 (76)	3 years 56
Wang et al. [8]	25 (25)	CHOP (6 cycles) + RT (median 45 Gy)	11 (44)	2 years 78
	28 (28)	CHOP + semustine (6 cycles) + RT (median 45 Gy)	15 (53)	2 years 56

**Table 2** Comparison of initial response and survival of stage I/II E NKTL of the upper aerodigestive tract: radiotherapy versus chemotherapy

Authors (references)	No.	Treatment strategy	Initial treatment	CR	OR	5-year OS (%)
Kim et al. [12]	104	RT	RT (median 50.4 Gy)	69%	85%	38
	39	CT/RT	CHOP, BACOP or m-BACOP (1–6 cycles)	5%	51%	35
Cheung et al. [13]	18	RT	RT (median 50 Gy)	77%	77%	29
	61	CT/RT	CHOP, CEOP or ProMACE (3–6 cycles)	NR	49% <sup>a</sup>	40
You et al. [14]	6	RT	RT (54–60 Gy)	NR	100%	83 <sup>b</sup>
	40	CT ± RT	CHOP/CEOP, m-BACOD or ProMACE cytaBOM (3–6 cycles)	NR	55% <sup>b</sup>	28
Kim et al. [15]	33	RT	RT (median 50 Gy)	52%	94%	76
	20	CT/RT	CHOP or COPBLAM-V (4–6 cycles)	38%	57%	59
Li et al. [16]	31	RT	RT (median 50 Gy)	97%	NR	66
	34	RT/CT	RT (median 50 Gy)	71%	NR	77
	37	CT/RT	CHOP, CHOP-bleo or COBVP-16	19%	NR	74
Huang et al. [17]	9	RT	RT (median dose 50 Gy)	100%	NR	62 <sup>c</sup>
	65	RT/CT	CHOP (1–3 cycles) followed by RT <sup>c</sup>	87%	NR	12
	8	CT	CHOP	25%	NR	

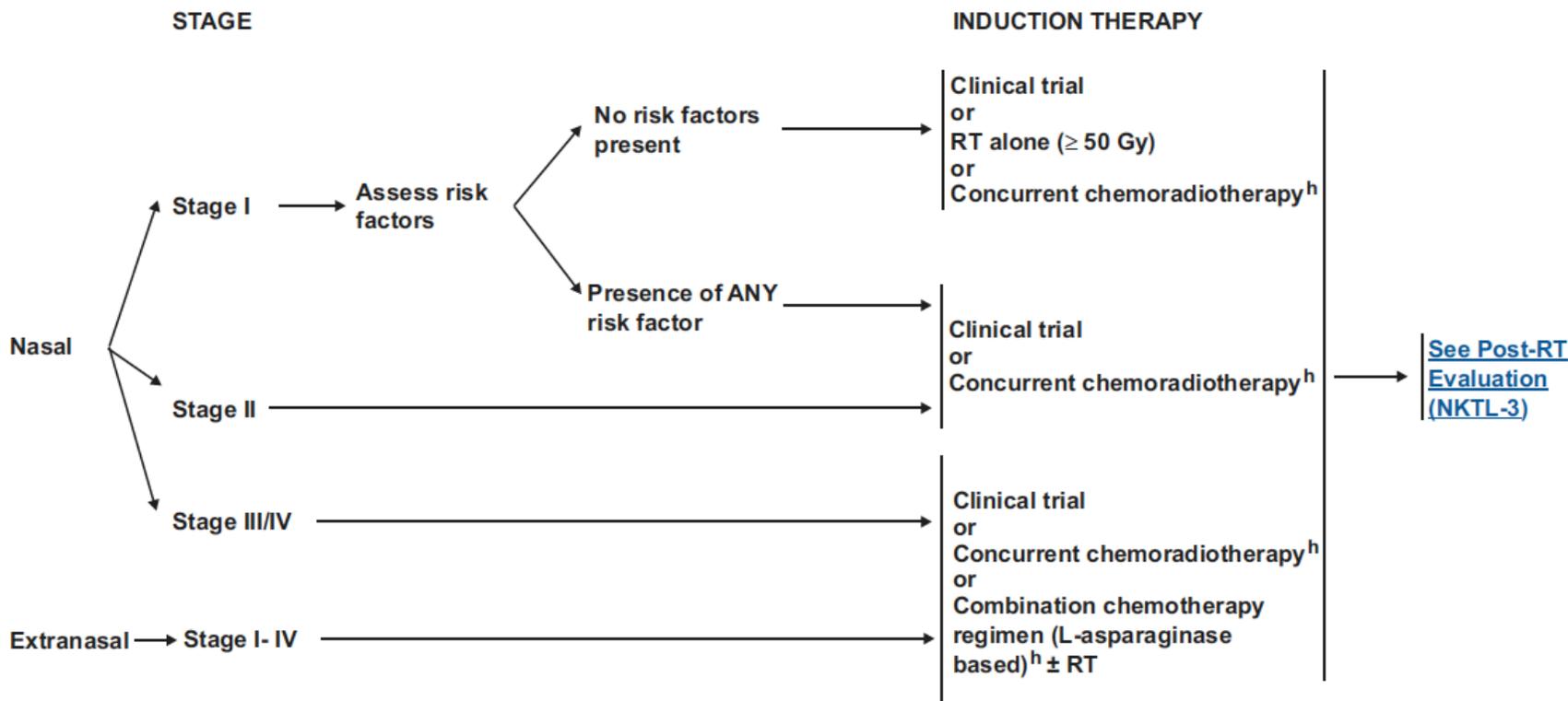
**Table 3** Prospective trials with concurrent chemoradiotherapy for stage I/II ENKTL

Authors (references)	No.	Treatment	Stage IE/IIIE	NKIPI group <sup>a</sup>	CR (%)	OR (%)	Local/systemic relapse	Main toxicity	OS
Yamaguchi et al. [27]	27	Concurrent radiotherapy with chemotherapy (RT-two-thirds DeVIC) RT: 50 Gy for stage IE, 50.4 Gy for stage IIIE CT: 3 courses of two-thirds DeVIC <sup>b</sup>	18/9	17/10	77	81	4%/33%	Mucositis	2 years 78%
Kim et al. [28]	30	Concurrent chemoradiotherapy plus chemotherapy CCRT: RT (median 40 Gy) with weekly cisplatin 30 mg/m <sup>2</sup> CT: 3 courses of VIPD <sup>c</sup>	15/15	21/9	80	83	7%/7%	Leucopenia	3 years 86%

**Chemotherapy: SMILE for lymphoma**

Methotrexate (2Gm/m<sup>2</sup>) into 500 ml NS infusion over 6 hr on Day 1.  
 Ifosfamide (1500mg/m<sup>2</sup>) + Mesna (900mg/m<sup>2</sup>) into 1000 ml NS over 6 hr from Day 2 to Day 4.  
 Etoposide (VP-16) (100mg/m<sup>2</sup>) into 500ml NS over 2 hr from Day 2 to Day4.  
 Folinic acid (45mg/dose) \*p.o. Q6H x 4 doses from Day 2 to Day 4.  
 (24hr exactly after MTX completion)  
 Dexamethasone (40mg/day) \*p.o. daily from Day 2 to Day 4.  
 L-asparaginase (6,000U/m<sup>2</sup>) into 250mlNS over 2 hr on D8, D10, D12, D14, D16, D18 & D20

Day	Date	Route/Drug	Dose	Administration (solution/duration)	Clinician's Signature	Pharmacist's Signature	Drug given by
D1.	_____	IV Methotrexate	___Gm	_____	_____	_____	_____
D2.	_____	IV Ifosfamide + IV Mesna IV VP-16 PO Folinic acid PO Dexamethasone	___mg ___mg ___mg 45 mg 40 mg	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____
D3.	_____	IV Ifosfamide + IV Mesna IV VP-16 PO Folinic acid PO Dexamethasone	___mg ___mg ___mg 45 mg 40 mg	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____
D4.	_____	IV Ifosfamide + IV Mesna IV VP-16 PO Folinic acid PO Dexamethasone	___mg ___mg ___mg 45 mg 40 mg	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____
D8.	_____	IV L-asparaginase	___U	_____	_____	_____	_____
D10.	_____	IV L-asparaginase	___U	_____	_____	_____	_____
D12.	_____	IV L-asparaginase	___U	_____	_____	_____	_____
D14.	_____	IV L-asparaginase	___U	_____	_____	_____	_____
D16.	_____	IV L-asparaginase	___U	_____	_____	_____	_____
D18.	_____	IV L-asparaginase	___U	_____	_____	_____	_____
D20.	_____	IV L-asparaginase	___U	_____	_____	_____	_____



Nasal  
Stage I

No Risk Factors: clinical trial or RT alone (> 50Gy) or Chemoradiotherapy

Presence Risk Factors: clinical trial or Chemoradiotherapy

Stage II: clinical trial or Chemoradiotherapy

Stage III/IV: clinical trial, Chemotherapy, Combination CT (L-asparaginase) + RT

# Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation

- **Auto-transplant for CR1**
  - Marrow often not involved
  - 68-80% overall survival
  - Highly selected cases were included
  - Benefit only high risk patients?
- **Allo-transplant**
  - Advantage of graft versus lymphoma effect
  - 2-year survival of 40-50% reported
  - High treatment related mortality 25-60%
  - Choice of patients

Suzuki et al. Biol Blood Marrow Transplant 14: 1356, 2008

# Extranodal NK/T cell Lymphoma, Nasal Type

## Nasal

### *Stage I*

#### - No Risk Factors:

clinical trial or RT alone (> 50Gy) or Chemoradiotherapy

#### - Presence Risk Factors:

clinical trial or Chemoradiotherapy

### *Stage II*

clinical trial or Chemoradiotherapy

### *Stage III/IV*

clinical trial, Chemoradiotherapy,  
combination CT (L-asparaginase) + RT

## Extranasal

### *Stage I-IV*

clinical trial, Chemoradiotherapy,  
combination CT (L-asparaginase) + RT

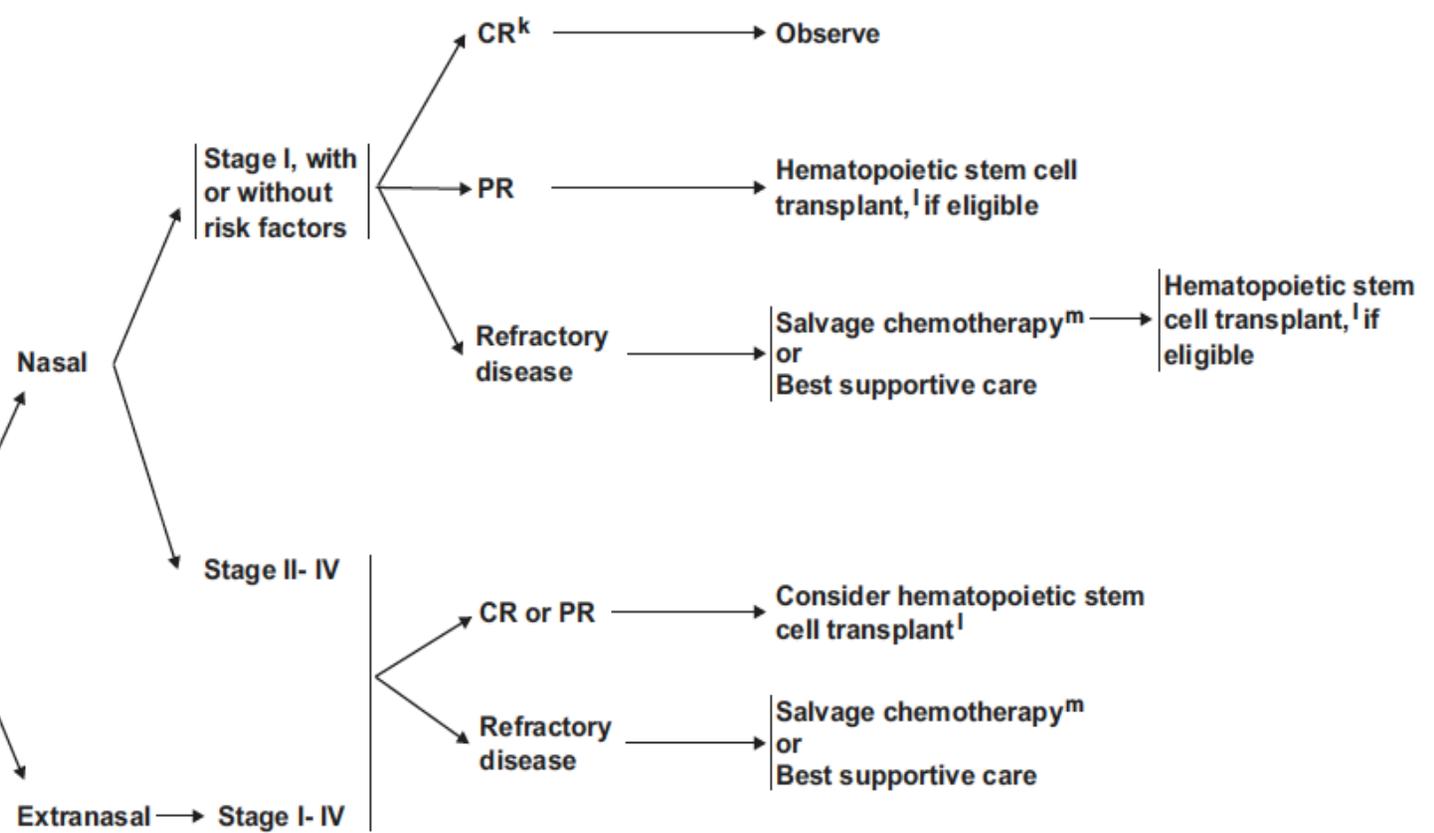


POST RT  
EVALUATION

RESPONSE  
ASSESSMENT<sup>j</sup>

ADDITIONAL  
THERAPY

- Post-RT evaluation<sup>i</sup>
- Repeat initial imaging of CT, MRI, or PET-CT scan
  - Endoscopy with visual inspection and repeat biopsies
  - EBV viral load



## SUGGESTED TREATMENT REGIMENS<sup>a</sup>

### Combination chemotherapy regimen (L-asparaginase based)

- SMILE (steroid [dexamethasone], methotrexate, ifosfamide, L-asparaginase, and etoposide)

### Concurrent chemoradiotherapy (CCRT)

- CCRT (radiation 50 Gy and 3 courses of DeVIC [dexamethasone, etoposide, ifosfamide, and carboplatin])
- CCRT (radiation 40 to 52.8 Gy and cisplatin) followed by 3 cycles of VIPD (etoposide, ifosfamide, cisplatin, and dexamethasone)

### Radiotherapy alone (or in sequence with chemotherapy)

- Early or up-front RT had an essential role in improved OS and DFS in patients with localized extranodal NK/T-cell lymphoma, nasal-type, in the upper aerodigestive tract. The recommended tumor dose was  $\geq 50$  Gy. Up-front RT may yield more benefits on survival in patients with stage I disease.

## SUGGESTED TREATMENT REGIMENS

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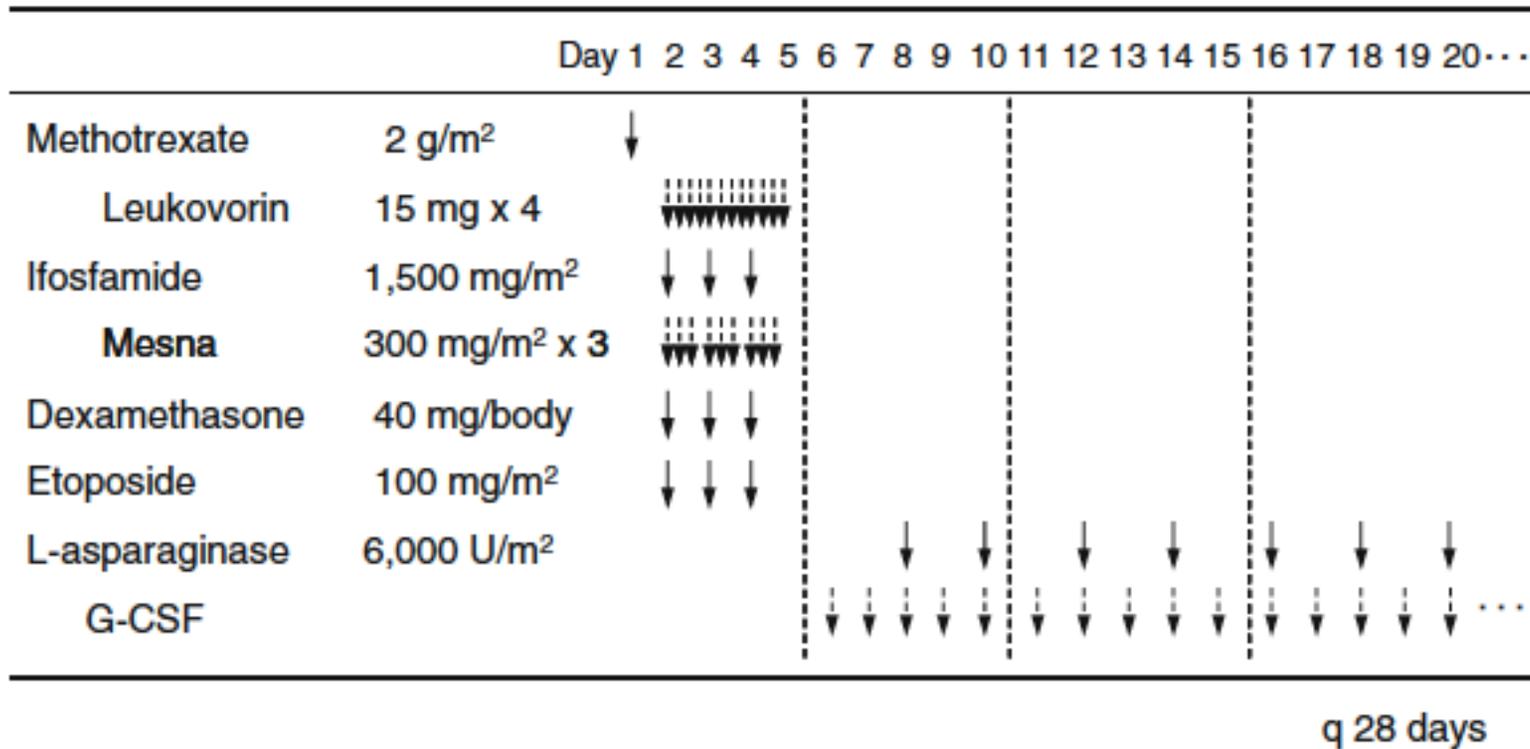
## **Treatment of advanced extranodal NK/T cell lymphoma, nasal-type and aggressive NK-cell leukemia**

**Ritsuro Suzuki**

**Table 1** Treatment outcome of advanced NK-cell malignancy

Diagnosis	Stage	Status	Design	<i>N</i>	Treatment	CR rate (%)	Survival	Year
NL (T/B)	III/IV	Fresh	R	33	CHOP, etc.	30	5-year OS 8%	1995
ENKL	III/IV	Fresh	R	9	CHOP, etc.	–	5-year OS 12%	1998
NL (T/B)	III/IV	Fresh	R	14	CHOP, etc.	–	5-year OS 30%	1998
ENKL		R/R/D	R	33	LVD	52	5-year OS 55%	2003
ANKL	IV	Fresh	R	22	Anthracycline, etc.	19	2-year OS 5%	2004
ENKL		R/R/D	PCT	6	SMILE	50	–	2008
ENKL		R/R/D	R	15	L-asparaginase ± MTX, etc.	47	3-year OS 33%	2009
ENKL		R/R/D	PCT	18	LMD	56	–	2009
ENKL	IV	Fresh	R	47	CHOP, etc.	18	5-year OS 10%	2010
ENKL		R/R/D	PCT	39	SMILE	38	–	2010

# Smile



**Table 3** Recommended treatment strategy of ENKL and ANKL

Status	Recommendation
Localized ENKL	Concurrent chemoradiotherapy
Advanced ENKL	
65 years old or younger with sufficient organ function <sup>a</sup>	SMILE
Older than 65 years or mild organ damage with severe organ dysfunction <sup>b</sup>	Dose-reduced SMILE (2/3 to 3/4 dose) L-asparaginase + dexamethasone → SMILE
ANKL	
In good condition	SMILE (dose should be adjusted)
In poor condition <sup>b</sup>	L-asparaginase + dexamethasone → SMILE
Relapsed/refractory ENKL	
65 years old or younger with sufficient organ function <sup>a</sup>	SMILE
Older than 65 years or mild organ damage	Dose-reduced SMILE (2/3 to 3/4 dose)

# Extranodal Natural Killer/T-Cell Lymphoma, Nasal Type

## *The Significance of Radiotherapeutic Parameters*

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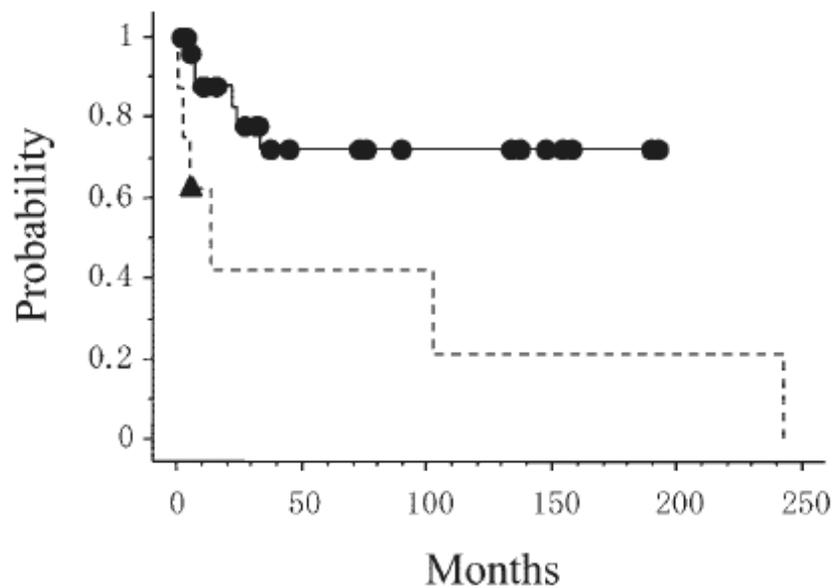
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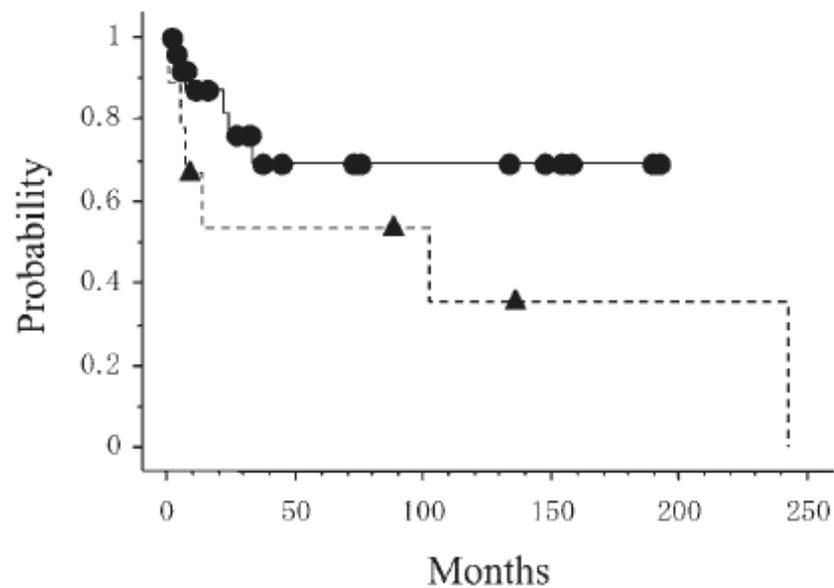
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**FIGURE 2.** This graph illustrates the local control probability as a function of radiotherapy (RT) field. Solid line: an RT field that encompassed all sinuses, the nasopharynx, and macroscopic lesions; dashed line: an RT field that included macroscopic lesions with a margin.

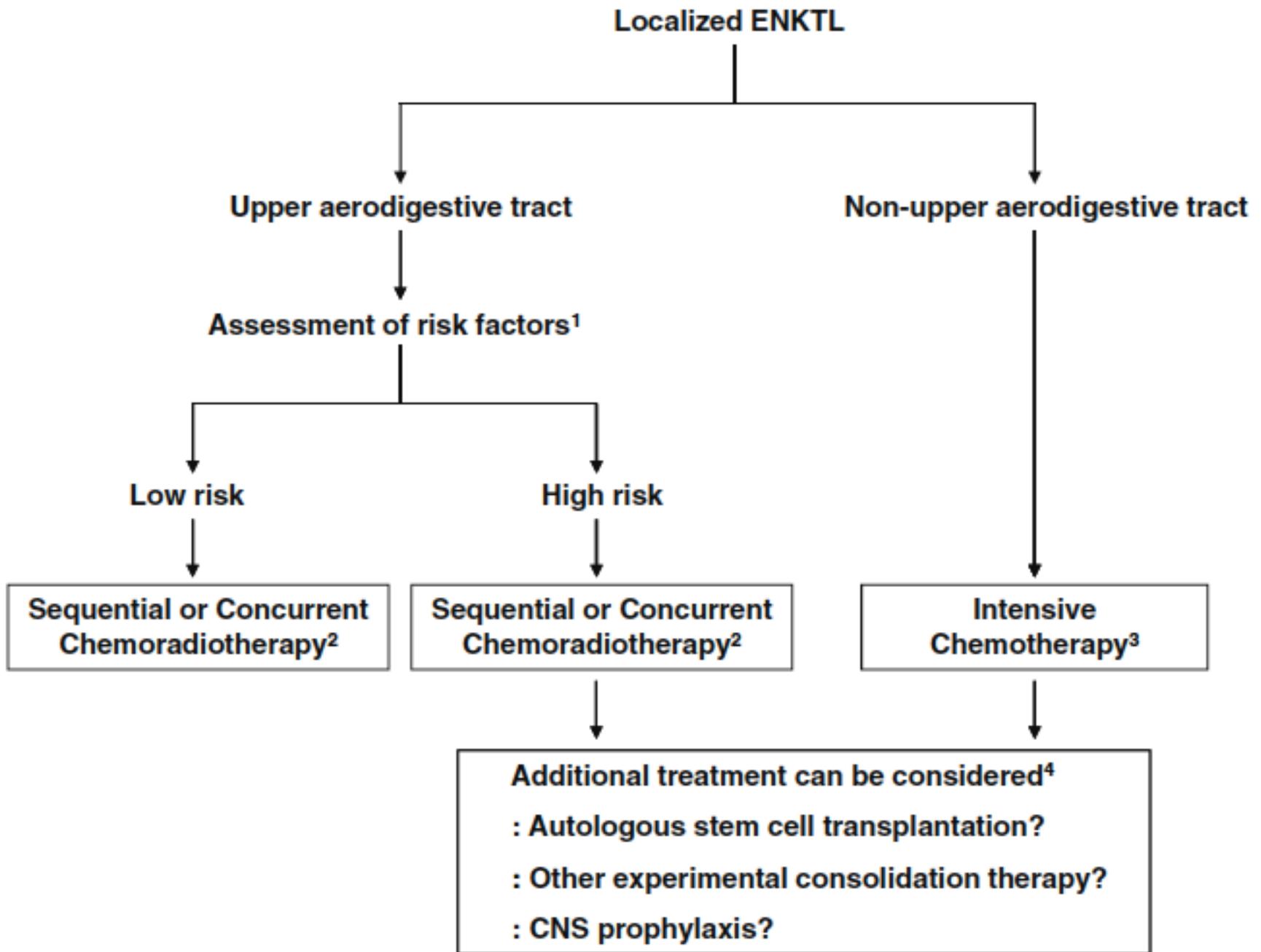


**FIGURE 3.** This graph illustrates the local control probability as a function of radiotherapy dose. Solid line: doses  $\geq 50$  grays (Gy); dashed line; doses  $< 50$  Gy.

## Summary of the Literature

Reference	Phenotype	Treatment	No.	LFR	5-yr OAS (%)
Itami et al., 1991 <sup>14</sup>	NK or T-cell	CT → RT or RT	9	6/9	NR
Aviles et al., 2000 <sup>16</sup>	NK or T-cell	RT → CT	108	NR	86 (8 yrs)
Kim et al., 2001 <sup>17</sup>	NK cell	CT → RT	17	NR	59 (3 yrs)
Yamaguchi et al., 2001 <sup>18</sup>	NK cell	RT → CT or CT → RT	12	7/12	39
Ribrag et al., 2001 <sup>19</sup>	NK or T-cell	RT → CT or CT → RT or RT	20	NR	NR
Cheung et al., 2002 <sup>20</sup>	NK cell	CT → RT	79	31.1%	37.1
Chim et al., 2004 <sup>21</sup>	NK cell	CT → RT	67	35/67	42.5 (10 yrs)
You et al., 2004 <sup>22</sup>	NK cell	CT → RT	46	NR	36.5
Current study	NK or T-cell	CT → RT or RT	35	34.8%	47.3

LFR: local failure rate; OAS: overall survival; NK: natural killer; CT: chemotherapy; RT: radiotherapy; NR: not reported.



# Monitoring of response after therapy

- **Clinical assessment with repeated endoscopy and biopsy**
  - Randon biopsy
  - CD56 staining
  - ISH for EBER
- **CT/MRI scanning**
- **Serial peripheral blood monitoring**
  - Plasma EBV DNA (q PCR)
  - Detection of methylated tumor suppressor genes
  - Measuring circulating Fas-ligand?

# Monitoring of response after therapy

- **Clinical assessment with repeated endoscopy and biopsy**
  - Random biopsy
  - CD56 staining
  - ISH for EBER
- **CT/MRI scanning**

# What are the outcomes with CHOP-like regimes in aggressive T-cell lymphoma

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- Meta-analysis: 31 studies with 2919 pts, excluded ALCL
- Estimated 5-year OS for non-ALCL pts was 37.3% (95% CI 35.1-39.6)

Linfoma T/NK	5-year OS
Nasal-type NK/T-cell	48 %
AILT	36.5 %
PTCL-NOS	34 %
Enteroropathy-type	21 %
Panniculitis-like	~ 50 %
Hepatosplenic	0 -10 %

*Abonyabis et al. Blood 2007; abst 3452*

# Localized Extra-nasal Disease

- Limited data
- Treatment options:
  - Chemotherapy
  - Radiotherapy
  - Surgery
- Disappointing clinical outcome
  - Median survival of 20 months only

# Advanced Disease

- Combination therapy is the main treatment
- Disappointing clinical outcome also
- CHOP like regimen: 20% response rate
- High expression of MDR gene
- L-asparaginase containing regimens
  - SMILE regimen
  - Effective as salvage
    - ✓ CHOP refractory cases: 50-60% response
    - ✓ 60% long term survival
  - Being tested for first line therapy

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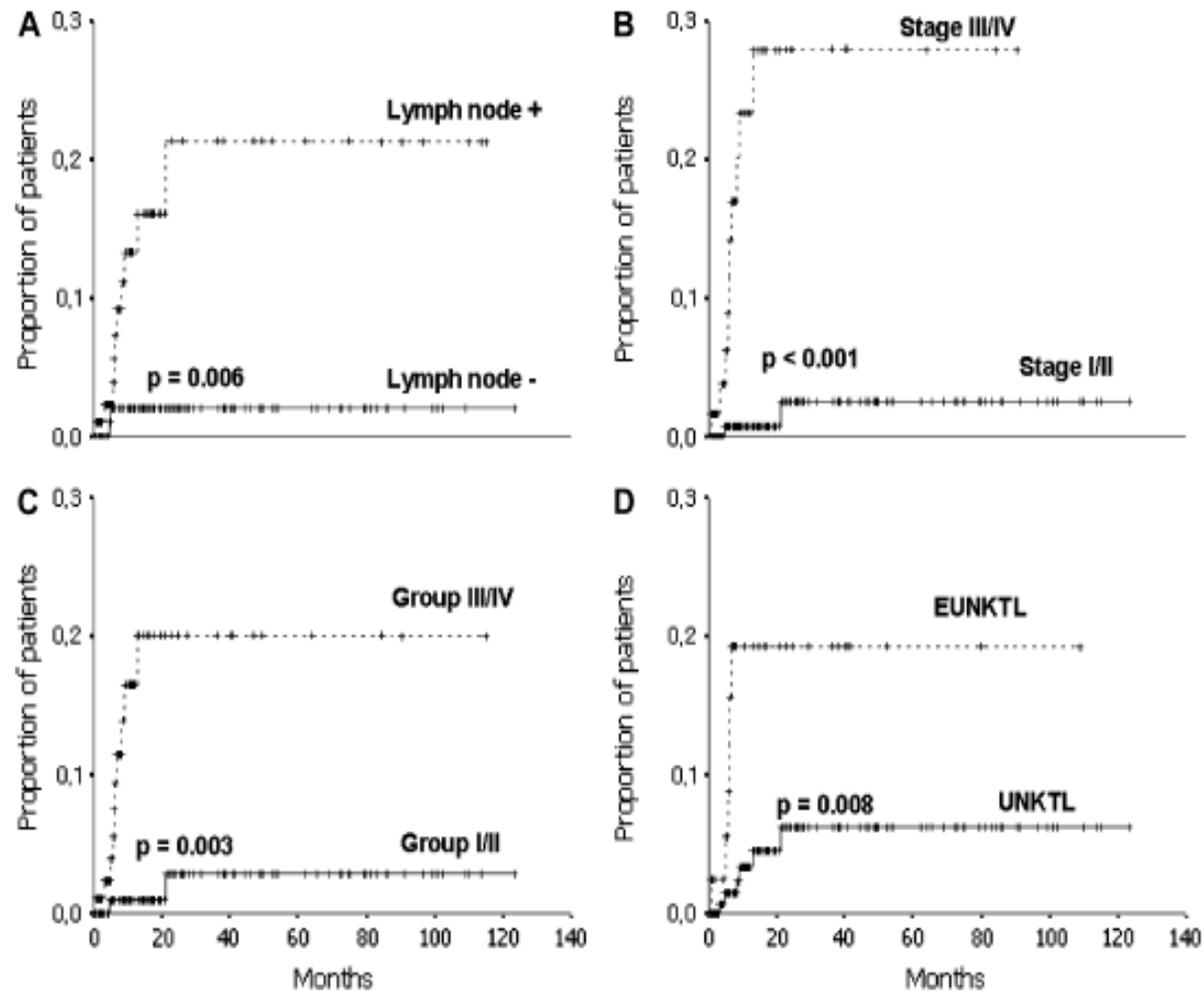
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## **When do we need central nervous system prophylaxis in patients with extranodal NK/T-cell lymphoma, nasal type?**

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**Figure 1.** Cumulative risk for central nervous system diseases in patients with extranodal natural killer/T-cell lymphoma, nasal type, according to the involvement of lymph nodes (A), Ann Arbor stage (B), NKPI risk group (C) and the anatomic site of involvement (D).

PF: B symp, st III or IV, LDH , LN inv  
 G III: 2 RF; G IV; 3 or 4 RF  
 Lee et al. JCO 2006; 24:612

UNKTL: upper aerodigestive tract  
 EUNKTL: extra upper aerodigestive tract

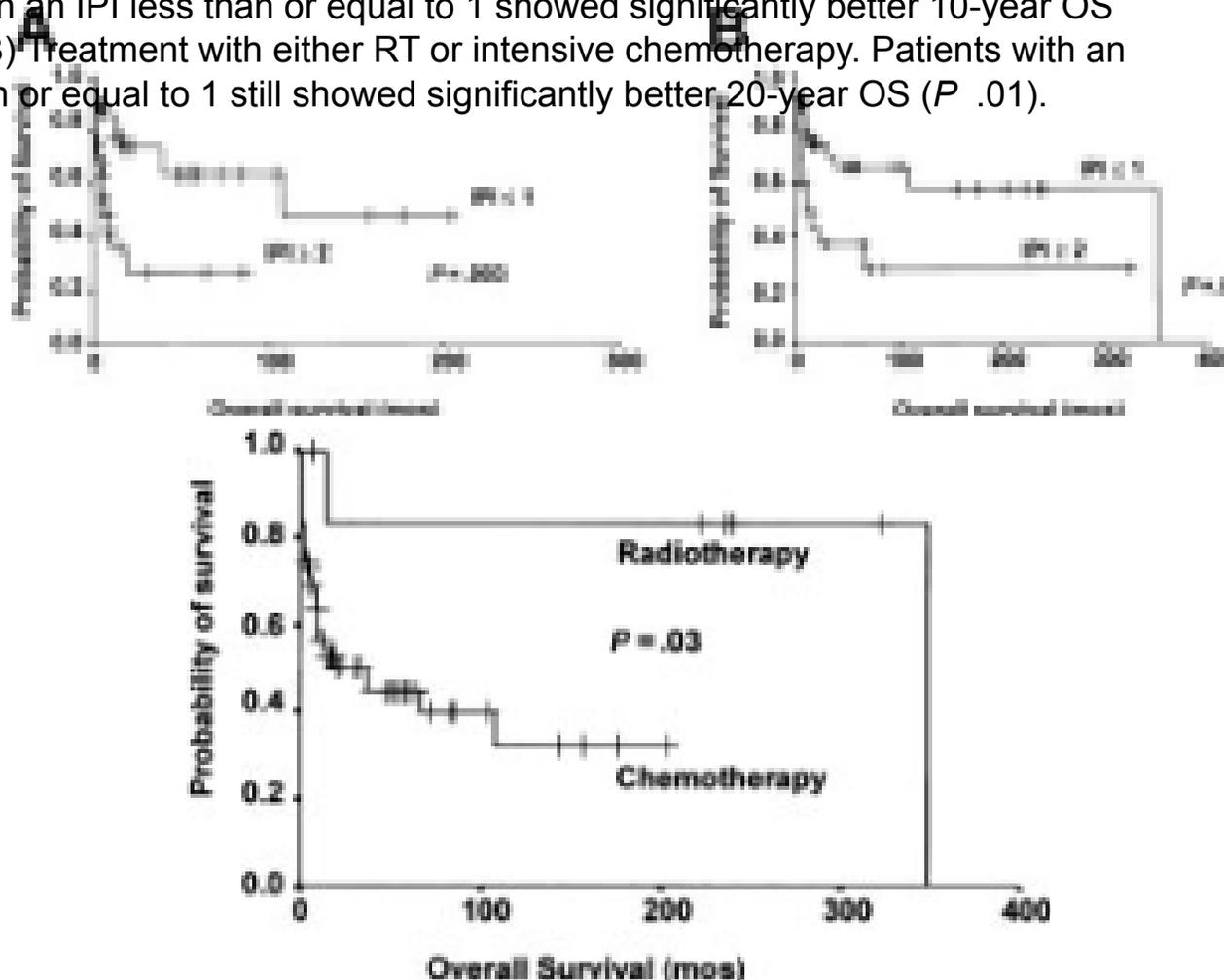
# Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation

- **Auto-transplant for CR1**
  - Marrow often not involved
  - 68-80% overall survival
  - Highly selected cases were included
  - Benefit only high risk patients?
- **Allo-transplant**
  - Advantage of graft versus lymphoma effect
  - 2-year survival of 40-50% reported
  - High treatment related mortality 25-60%
  - Choice of patients

Suzuki et al. Biol Blood Marrow Transplant 14: 1356, 2008

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**Figure 3. Prognostic impact of IPI.** (A) Treatment with intensive chemotherapy. Patients with an IPI less than or equal to 1 showed significantly better 10-year OS ( $P = .003$ ). (B) Treatment with either RT or intensive chemotherapy. Patients with an IPI less than or equal to 1 still showed significantly better 20-year OS ( $P = .01$ ).



**Figure 2. OS of patients showing a significance difference ( $P = .03$ ) in favor of RT.**

# Nasal NK/T - Cell Lymphoma

Contribution to the study of the clinical, histological,  
phenotypic, genotypic aspects  
and association with Epstein-Barr virus

Retrospective Study of 40 cases

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## Patient characteristics (N=40)

Median age (years), range	42.5 (17-78)
Sex M:F	2.3 : 1
Ethnic group	White 18 (45%) African descent 16 (40%) Asiatic 6 (15%)
PS (ECOG $\geq$ 2)	20 (50%)
B symptom (+)	25 (62.5%)
Stage I / II	33/38 (86.8%)
IPI	
Low	6 (15%)
Low-Intermediate	8 (20%)
High-Intermediate	13 (32.5%)
High	13 (32.5%)
LDH (high)	26 (65%)
Hematophagocytic syndrome	1 (2.5%)

# Patient characteristics (N=40)

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## Presentation

- Nasal obstruction 27/40 (67.5%)
  - Palatal ulcer/edema 18/40 (45%)
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## Localization

- Nasal cavity 38/40 (95%)
  - Paranasal Sinuses 30/40 (52.5%)
  - Palatal lesion 20/40 (50%)
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**EBV ISH (+)** 36/40 (90%)

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**T-cell origem (TCR gene rearrangement)** 2/36 (5.5%)

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## Immunohistochemical studies

- CD20 0/40 (0%)
  - CD2 40/40 (100%)
  - cCD3 39/39 (100%)
  - CD56 37/40 (92.5%)
  - Granzyme B 29/40 (72.5%)
  - TIA-1 39/40 (97.5%)
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**Table 7.** Frequency of primary local in 40 patients with Nasal NK/T cell Lymphoma (Santa Casa de São Paulo)

<i>Affected Local</i>	<i>Number of occurrence</i>	<i>%</i>
Cavidade nasal	38	95,0
Seio etmoidal	21	52,5
Seio maxilar	20	50,0
Palato	20	50,0
Nasofaringe	13	32,5
Aba do nariz	11	27,5
Órbita	11	27,5
Seio esfenoidal	9	22,5
Seio frontal	6	15,0
Orofaringe	3	7,5
Fossa pterigopalatina	2	5,0
Tonsila palatina	1	2,5
Língua	1	2,5
Fossa craniana anterior	1	2,5
Linfonodo submandibular	1	2,5

**Table 3.** Distribution of 40 patients with Nasal NK/T cell Lymphoma, according to birth place (Santa Casa de São Paulo)

Birth Place	Number of Patients	%
São Paulo	18	45,0
Bahia	5	12,5
Minas Gerais	5	12,5
Pernambuco	3	7,5
Ceará	2	5,0
Chile	1	2,5
Goiás	1	2,5
Japan	1	2,5
Maranhão	1	2,5
Pará	1	2,5
Rondônia	1	2,5
Santa Catarina	1	2,5
Total	40	100,0

**Tabela 5.** Número de biópsias e data (ano) do diagnóstico de 40 pacientes com LCTNKN (Santa Casa de São Paulo)

<i>Número de biópsias</i>	<i>Data do diagnóstico</i>		<i>Total</i>
	<i>Antes de 1990</i>	<i>Depois de 1990</i>	
1	-	12	12
2	1	14	15
3	4	4	8
4	2	-	2
5	-	3	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>40</b>

<u>Data diag.</u>	<u><math>\bar{X}</math> No.biópsias</u>
< 1990	3,14
$\geq$ 1990	2,03

*p* = 0,004

**Tabela 6. Frequência de sinais e sintomas de 40 pacientes com LCTNKN (Santa Casa de São Paulo)**

<i>Sinais e Sintomas</i>	<i>Numero de ocorrências</i>	<i>%</i>
Obstrução nasal	27	67,5
Úlcera/edema do palato	18	45,0
Odor fétido	14	35,0
Rinorréia	9	22,5
Edema peri-orbitário	8	20,0
Abaulamento nasal	7	17,5
Úlcera nasal externa	6	15,0
Sinusite recorrente	6	15,0
Dor na face	5	12,5
Epistaxe	3	7,5
Edema da face	3	7,5
Edema nasal	2	5,0
Anosmia	2	5,0
Tumoração nasal externa	1	2,5
Abaulamento do palato	1	2,5
Abaulamento da face	1	2,5
Lesão vegetante na língua	1	2,5
Otalgia	1	2,5
Otorréia	1	2,5
Hipoacusia	1	2,5
Paral. nervo facial periférico	1	2,5
Nódulo submandibular	1	2,5

**Tabela 7.** Frequência da localização primária em 40 pacientes com LCTNKN (Santa Casa de São Paulo)

<b><i>Estrutura comprometida</i></b>	<b><i>Número de ocorrências</i></b>	<b><i>%</i></b>
Cavidade nasal	38	95,0
Seio etmoidal	21	52,5
Seio maxilar	20	50,0
Palato	20	50,0
Nasofaringe	13	32,5
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Fossa craniana anterior	1	2,5
Linfonodo submandibular	1	2,5

**Table 8.** Distribution of 40 patients with Nasal NK/T - cell Lymphoma, according to stage (Santa Casa de São Paulo)

<i>Stage</i>	<i>Number of Patients</i>	<i>%</i>
IE	32	80,0
IV	5	12,5
IIE	1	2,5
Unknown	2	5,0
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>100,0</b>

## Case 34 (D.T.Y.)

- Periorbital swelling
- Shift in right nasal flap
- Palate ulceration

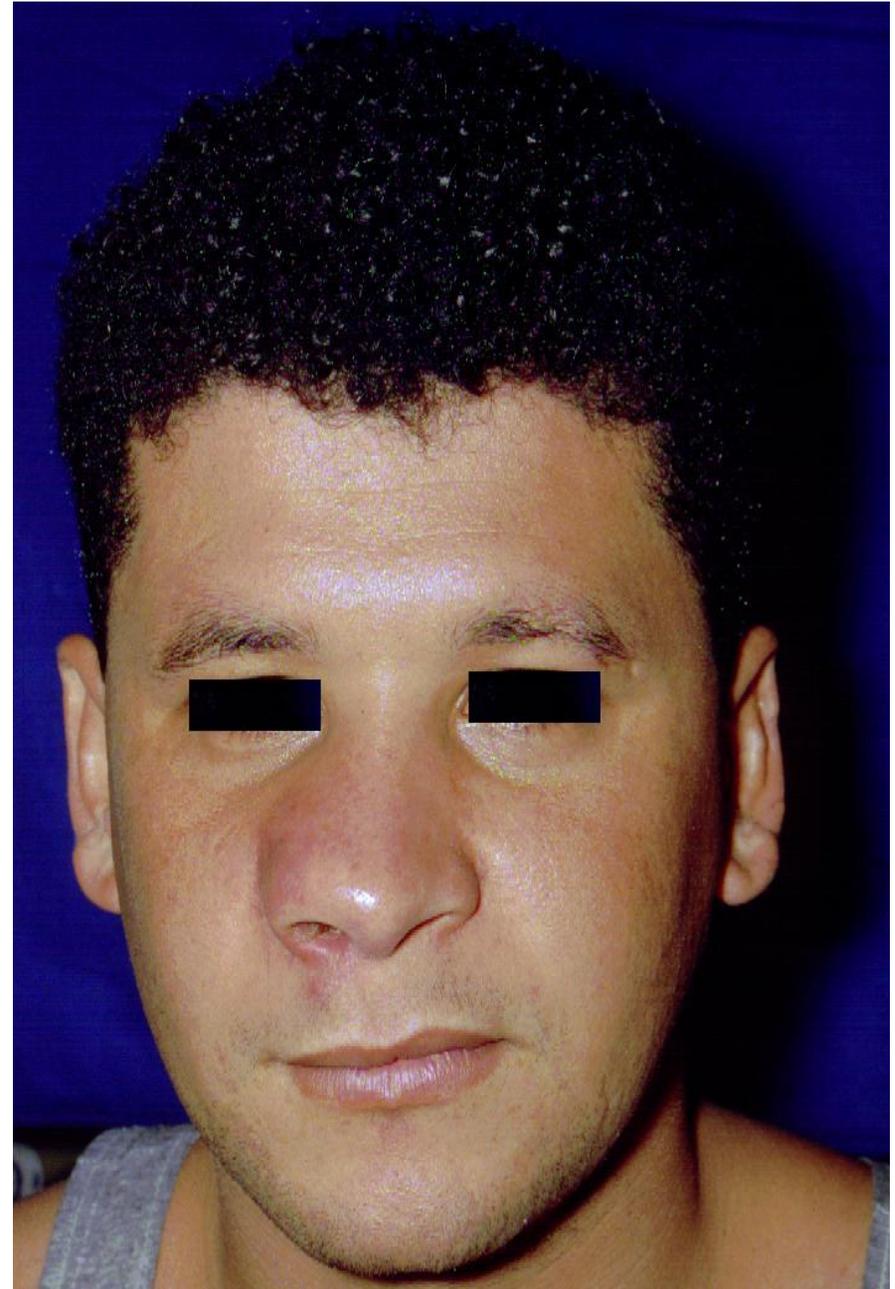
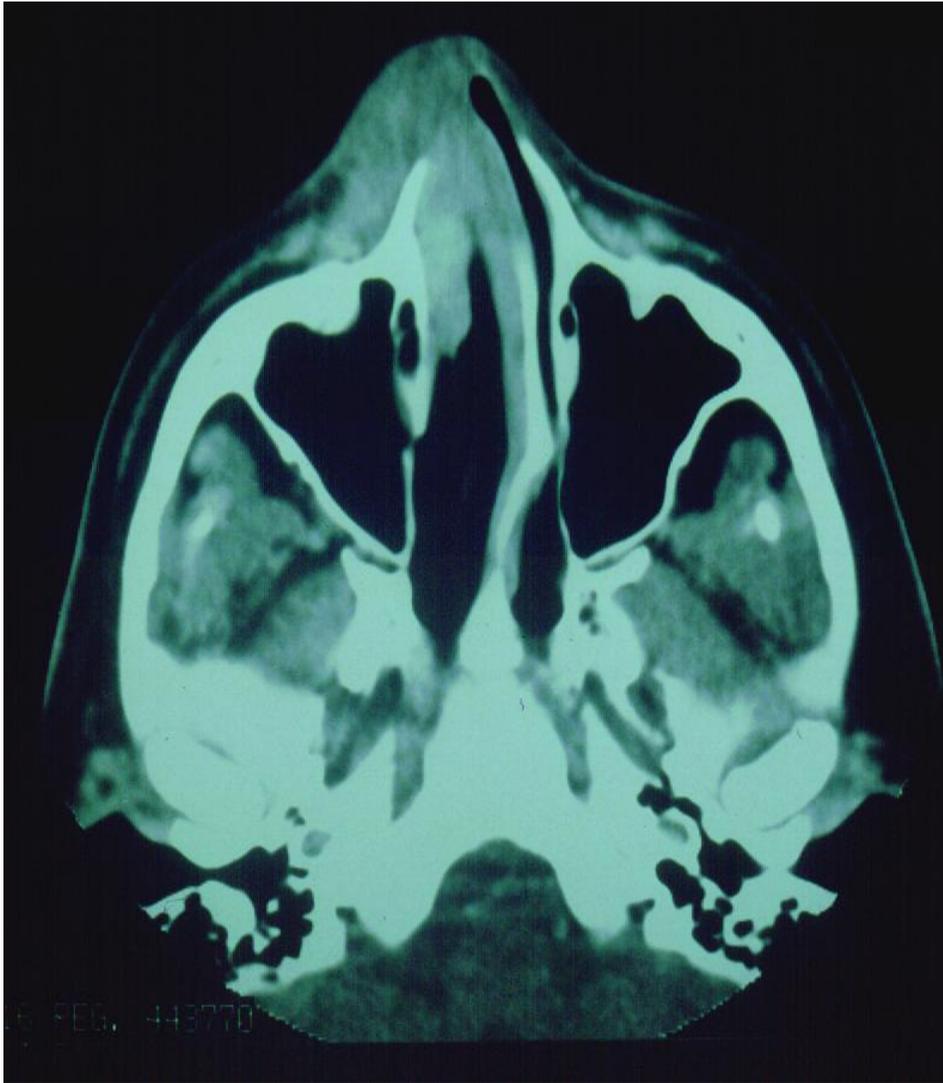


**CT** with a lesion in nasal cavities,  
Perforated septum and  
involvement of ethmoidal sinuses  
and orbit



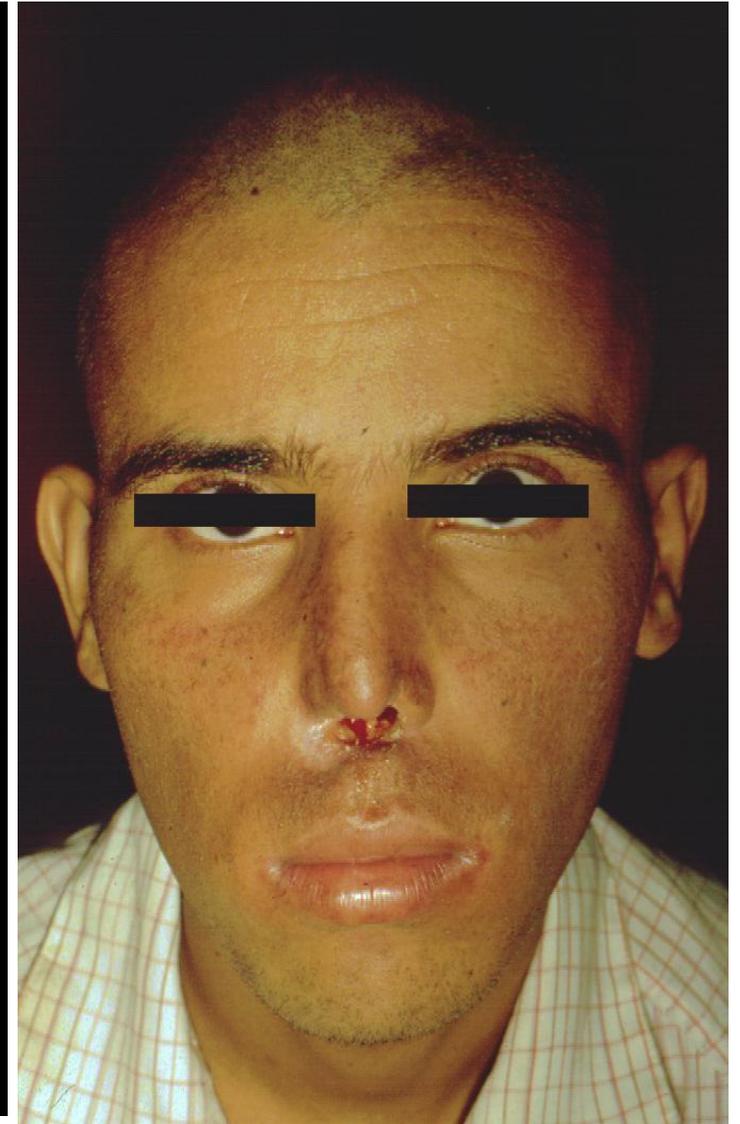
**Caso 10 (R.S.)**  
**Lesão na aba do nariz**  
**e ulceração do palato**



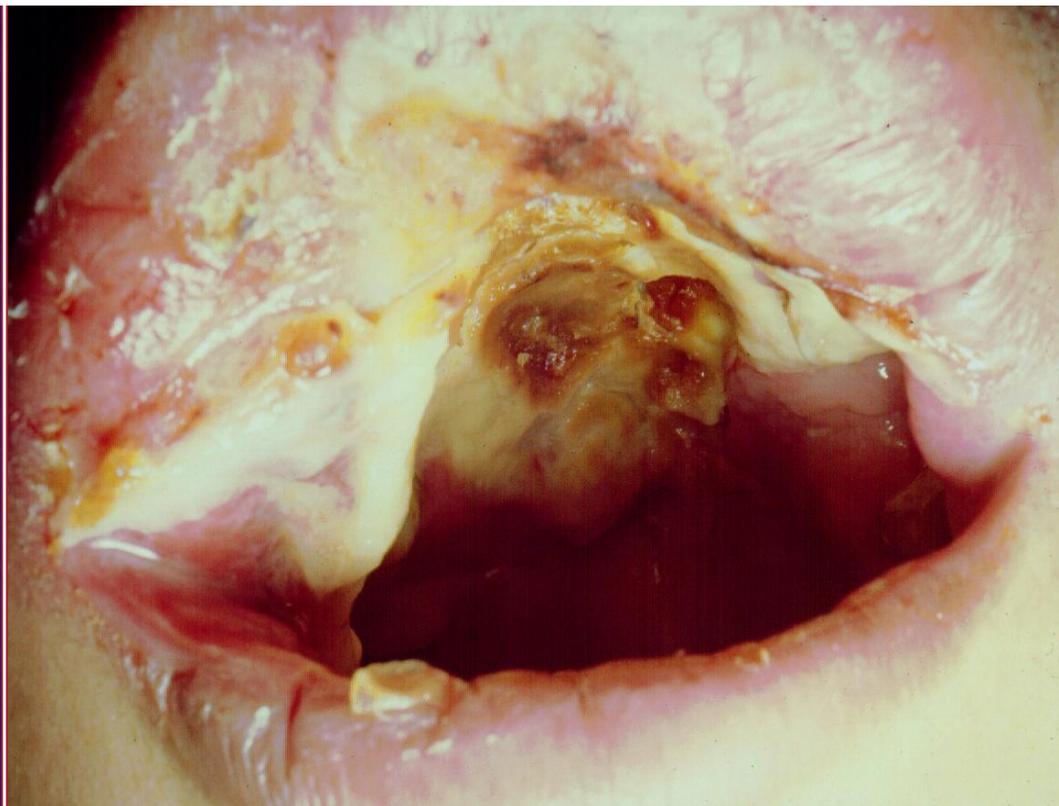


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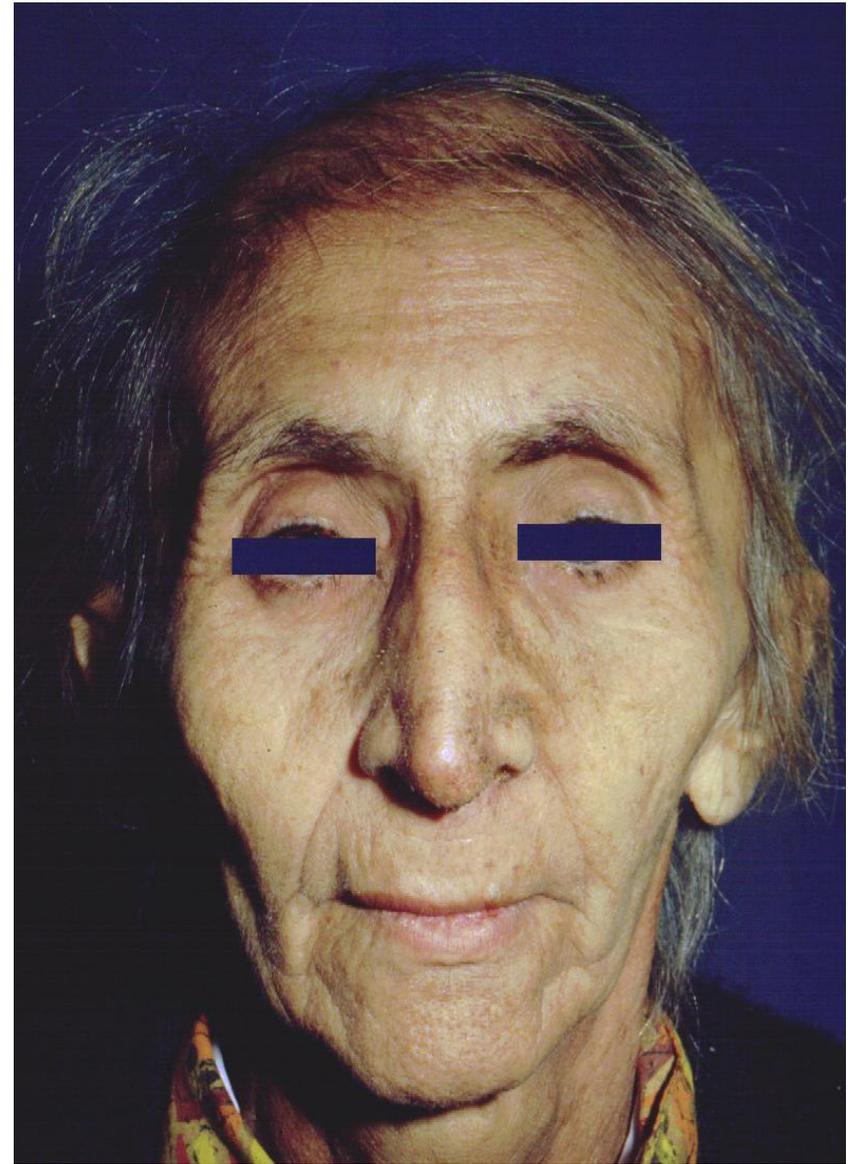
- **Abaulamento nasal**
- **TC lesão na cavidade nasal com extensão para aba do nariz e destruição do septo**



**Caso 32 (B.S.G.)**  
Aspecto do paciente antes  
e depois do tratamento



**Caso 33 (J.C.B.)**  
Extensa ulceração nasal externa e  
úlcera do palato



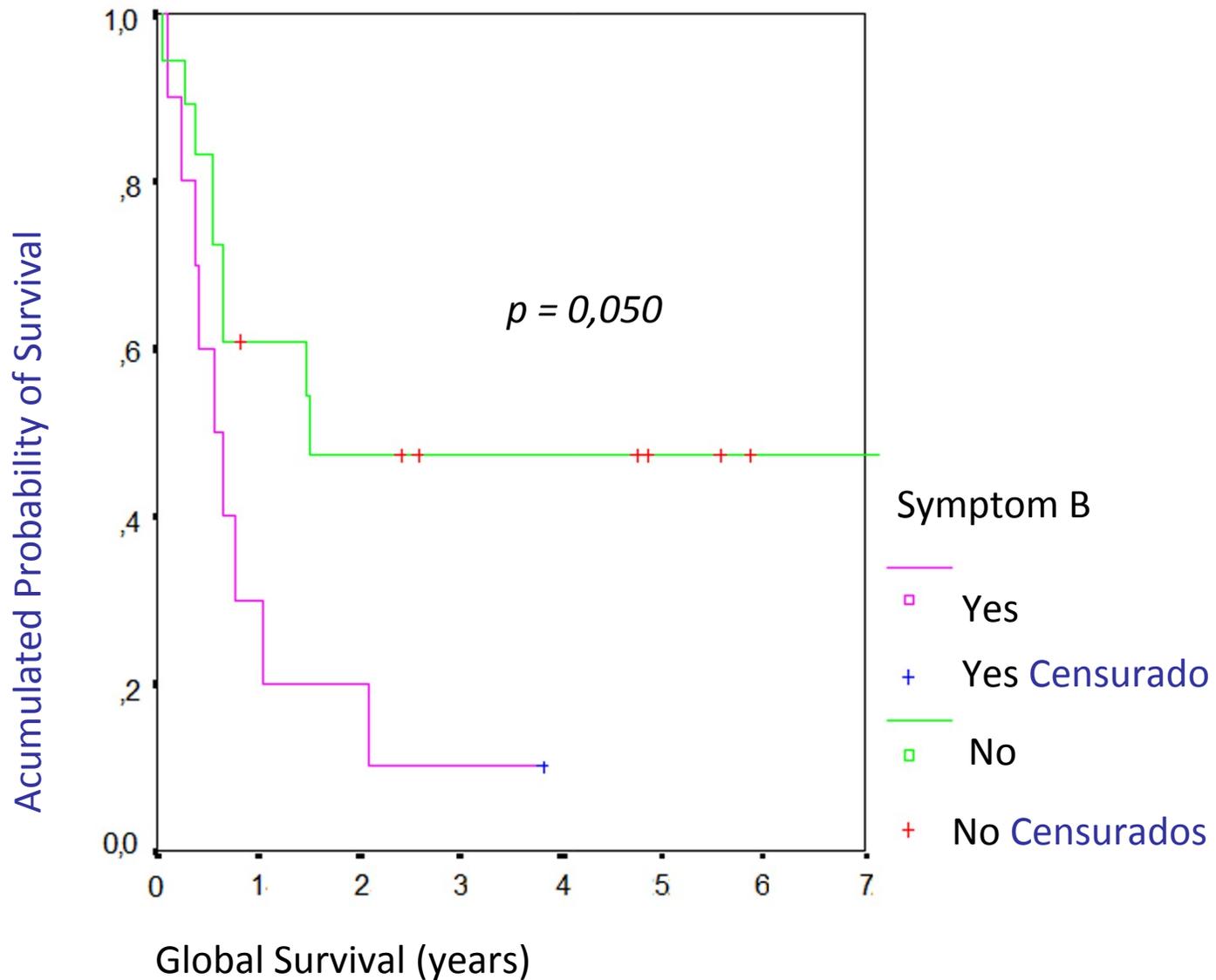
**Caso 4 (E.G.S.)**  
Tumoração nasal antes e depois do tratamento

# Causes of death in 23 patients with TNKCNL

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• <b>Infection</b>	<b>15(65,2%)</b>
- Sepsis	7(30,4%)
- Bronchopneumonia	6(26,0%)
- Fungal Infection	2(8,7%)
• <b>Lymphoma</b>	<b>6(26,0%)</b>
• <b>Other</b>	<b>2(8,6%)</b>

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**Graph 1.** Overall Survival of patients with Nasal NK/T cell Lymphoma, according to stage IEA and IEB (Santa Casa de São Paulo)



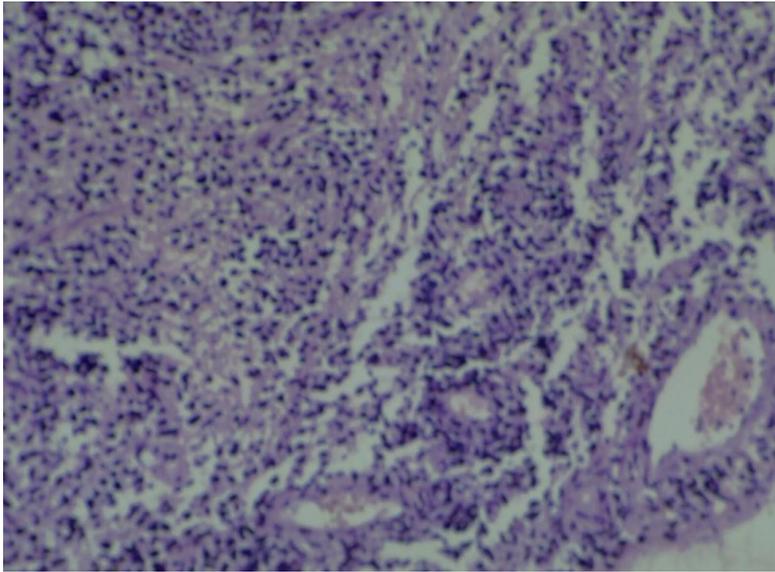


Fig. A: HE, 16 x. Mucosa de vias aéreas superiores. Observar proliferação linfocitária predominantemente perivascular.

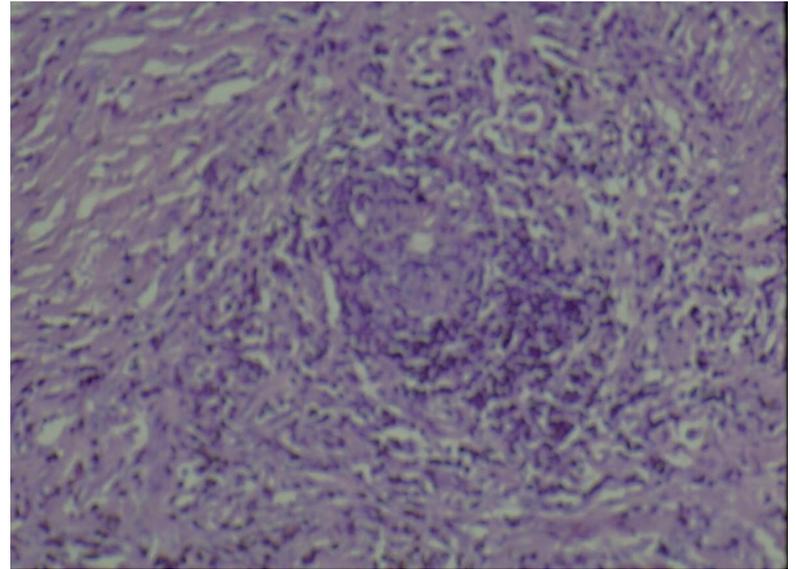


Fig. B: HE, 16x: Observar angiocentrismo de linfócitos neoplásicos.

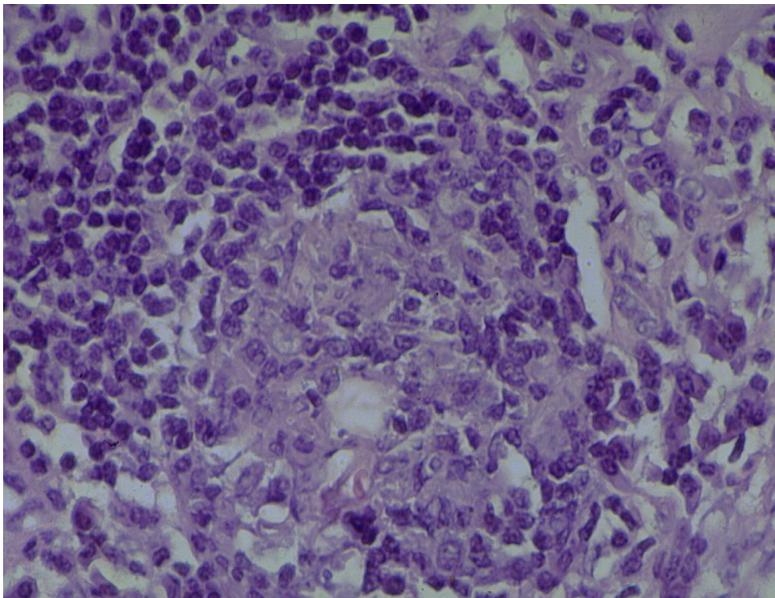


Fig. C: HE, 40 x: Aproximação da figura anterior mostrando angio-invasão pelos linfócitos neoplásicos.

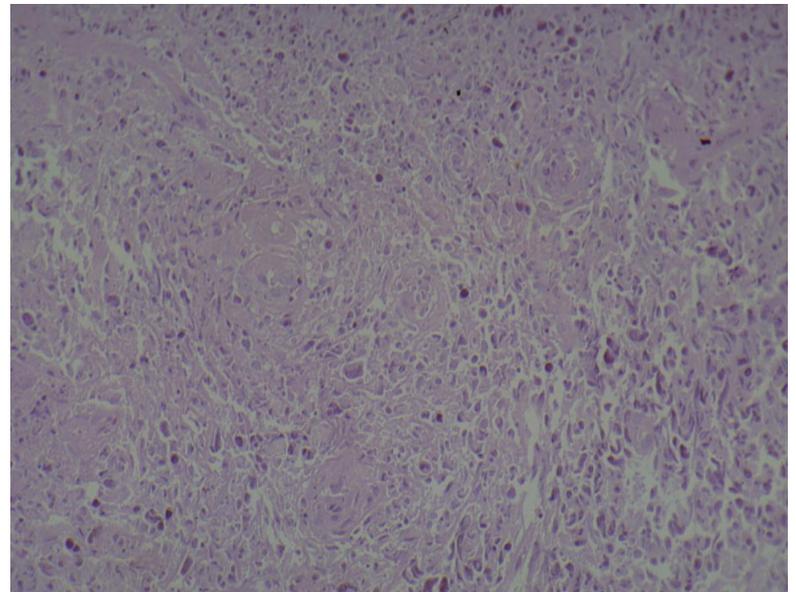


Fig. D: HE, 16 x: áreas neoplásicas com predomínio de necrose de coagulação.

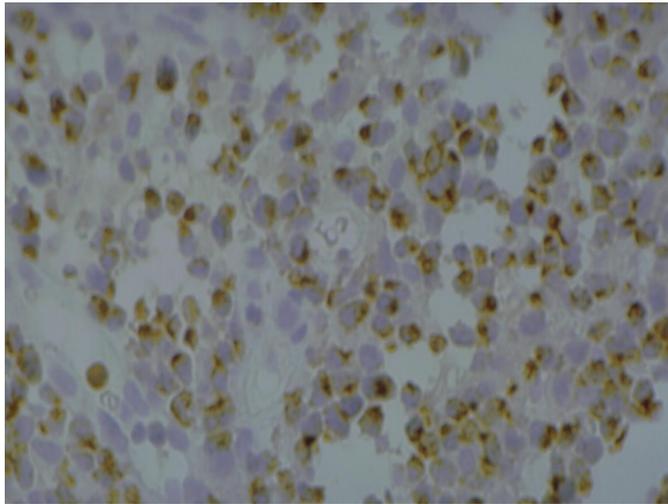


Fig. O, TIA-1, 40x : Demonstração de grânulos citotóxicos no citoplasma de células neoplásicas com anticorpos **anti-TIA-1**.

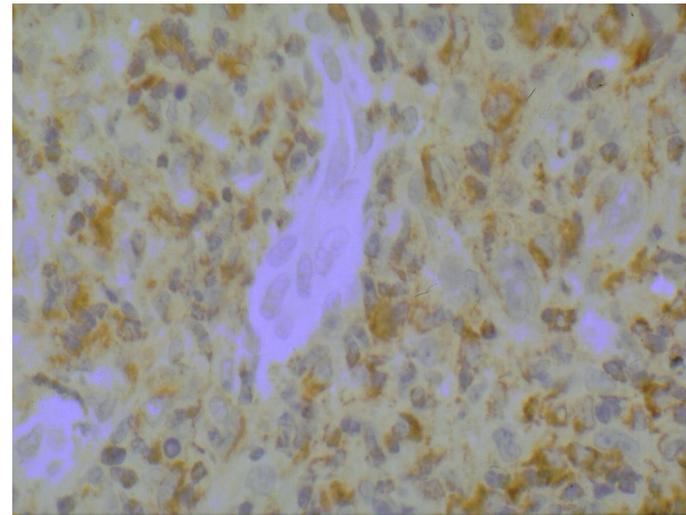


Fig. Q, 40x. Demonstração de células citotóxicas por anticorpos **anti-granzima**, granulação citoplasmática .

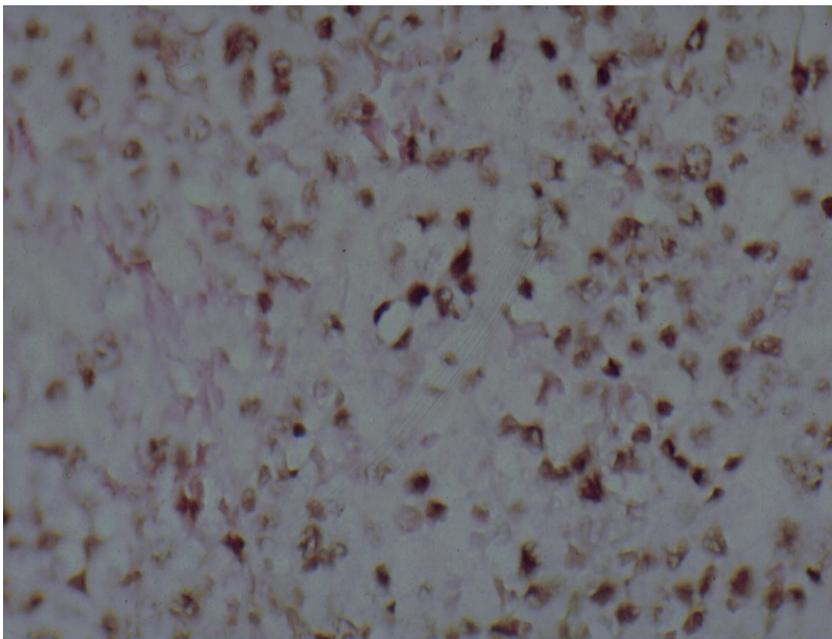


Fig. T, 40x: **Hibridização “in situ”** para RNA do vírus Epstein-Barr, em linfócitos neoplásicos

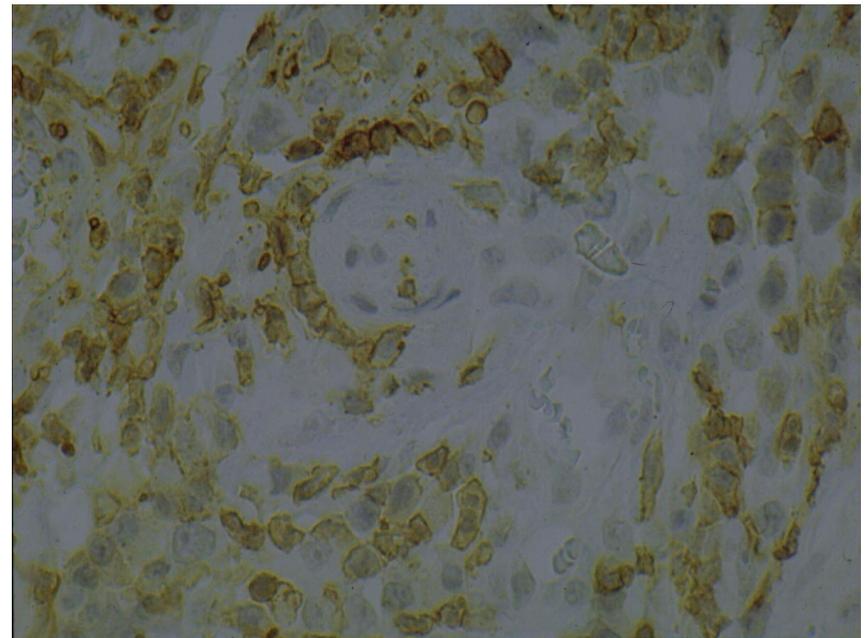


Fig. L, **CD56**, 40X:Grupo de células linfóides neoplásicas grandes com imunofenotipo de célula NK. Observar a disposição angiocêntrica.

**Table 5.** Number of biopsies and year of the diagnosis of 40 patients with NTNKCL (Santa Casa de São Paulo)

<i>Number of biopsies</i>	<i>Year of diagnosis</i>		<i>Total</i>
	<i>Before 1990</i>	<i>After 1990</i>	
1	-	12	12
2	1	14	15
3	4	4	8
4	2	-	2
5	-	3	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>40</b>

<u>Date diag.</u>	<u><math>\bar{X}</math> No.biopsies</u>
< 1990	3.14
$\geq$ 1990	2.03

**$p = 0.004$**

# In Situ Hybridization for EBER

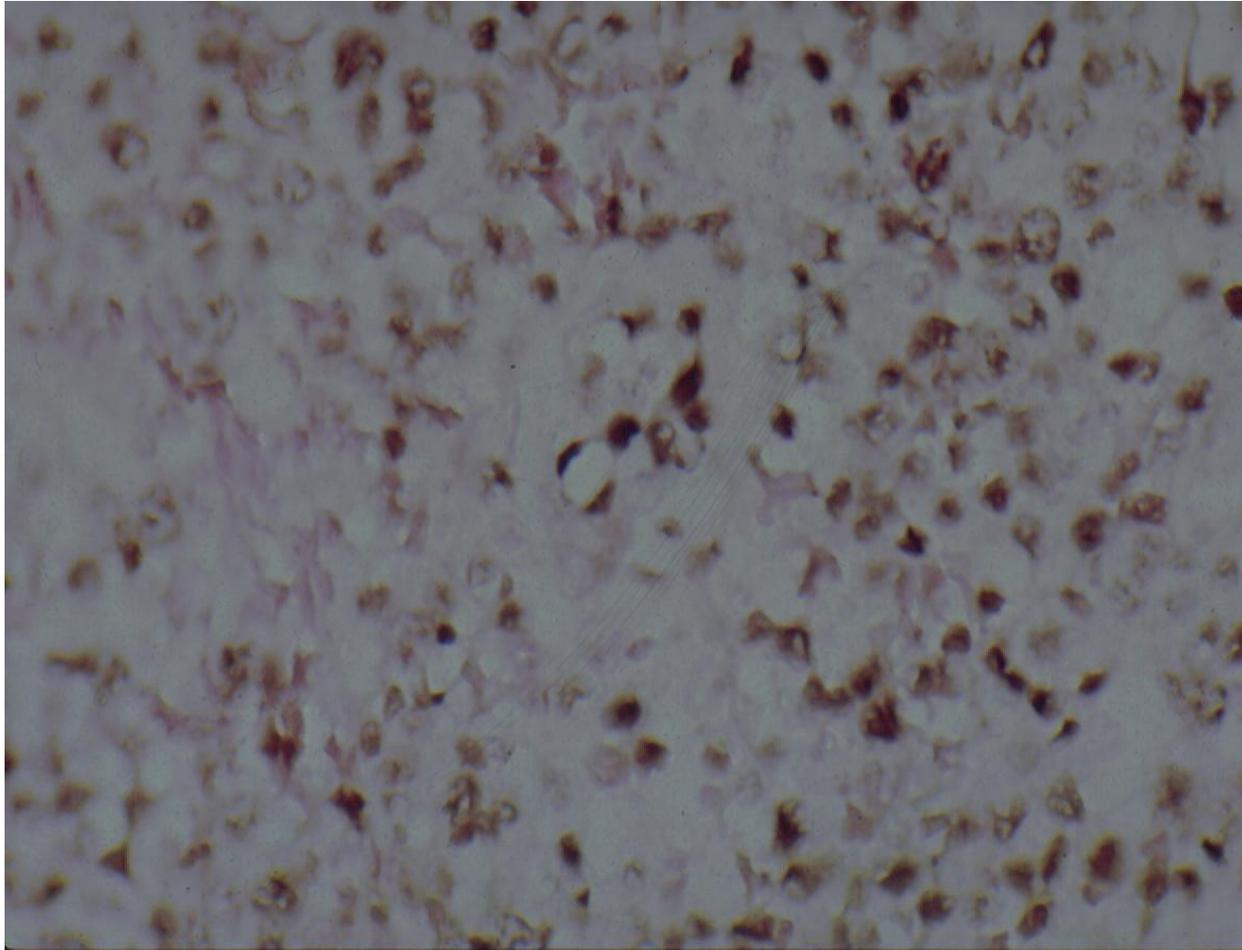


Fig. T, 40x: ISH for EBER in nasal lymphoma

# Extranodal NK/T-cell Lymphoma

## Clinical, histological and phenotypic aspects

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- Diagnosis highly dependent on clinical aspects
- Unusual involvement of LN, even in the relapse
- Frequent dissemination to other extranodal regions
- Low incidence of hematophagocytic syndrome !
- Necrosis in almost all cases, with or without angioinvasion
- Phenotype NK, few cases T-cell cytotoxic
- Presence of EBV

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# Extranodal NK/T cell Lymphoma, nasal type

- Unique epidemiologic characteristics
- Genetics and molecular mechanisms poorly understood
- Cases with the same presentation but:
  - EBV negative or T-cell origem
- Rare disease in Western countries
- Lack of studies comparing cases from different parts of the world

There is room for international comparative study

- Proposal for a comparative study of clinical and biological characteristics in:
  - Asia (Hong Kong)
  - Europe (Italy)
  - South America (Brazil)

