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PATHOLOGIC DIAGNOSIS

ESSENTIAL:

- Hematopathology review of all slides with at least one paraffin block or 15 unstained slides representative of the tumor. Re-biopsy if consult material is nondiagnostic.
- Adequate morphology and immunophenotyping to establish diagnosis
 - Paraffin Panel: CD20, CD4, CD8, CD3 and/or other pan-T-cell markers (CD2, CD5, CD7, CD43) and Ki-67 **or**
 - Flow cytometry immunophenotypic studies: CD2, CD3, CD4, CD5, CD7, CD8, CD10, CD16, CD25, CD26, CD14, CD45, CD52, CD56, CD57, CD94, TCRbeta and TCRgamma

OF USE IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES TO DETERMINE SUBGROUP:

- EBER *in situ* hybridization, CD56, CD57, cytotoxic proteins (TIA-1, granzyme B or perforin), (extranodal T/NK cell lymphomas, T-cell large granular lymphocytic leukemia)
- BetaF1, TCR gamma (gamma delta T-cell lymphomas and subcutaneous panniculitis-like T-cell lymphoma)
- CD10, BCL-6, PD1, CXCL13 (angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma)
- CD30, CD15, ALK1, EMA (anaplastic T-cell lymphoma)
- CD103 (enteropathy-associated T-cell lymphoma)
- CD1a, CD34, TdT (T lymphoblastic lymphoma)
- TCL-1, FOXP3, CD25 (T-cell prolymphocytic leukemia and adult T-cell leukemia/lymphoma)
- Molecular studies to detect clonality of the *TCR* genes

STRONGLY RECOMMENDED:

- FNA or core biopsy for tissue array/banking by protocol

INITIAL EVALUATION

ESSENTIAL:

- Physical exam: attention to node-bearing areas, including Waldeyer's ring, and to size of liver and spleen
- Consider Dermatology consult for comprehensive skin assessment if cutaneous involvement is present or suspected
- Performance status
- B symptoms (Unexplained fever >38°C during the previous month; Recurrent drenching night sweats during the previous month; Weight loss >10 percent of body weight ≤ 6 months of diagnosis)
- CBC with differential, BUN, creatinine, albumin, AST, bilirubin, serum calcium, alkaline phosphatase, uric acid, LDH
- Chest x-ray (AP & LAT)
- Lymphoma screening
- Unilateral or bilateral bone marrow biopsy with aspirate
- Calculation of International Prognostic Index²
- Muga scan or echocardiogram
- PET/CT
- Beta-2-microglobulin
- Screening for HIV 1 and 2, hepatitis B and C (HBcAb, HBaAg, HCVAb)
- HTLV 1/2 serology
- HLH work-up including EBV by PCR, ferritin, fibrinogen, triglycerides, and cytokine 12 profile including IL-2sR

OF USE IN SELECTED CASES:

- CT head or MRI
- Pregnancy test
- Stool guaiac, if anemic
- Lumbar puncture, if paranasal sinus, testicular, parameningeal, orbit, CNS, paravertebral, bone marrow or HIV lymphoma
- Serum immunoelectrophoresis (SIEP)
- Discuss fertility options and sperm banking for patients of child bearing potential

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 Induction
 therapy

¹ This algorithm contains the following subtypes: PTCL - not otherwise specified, angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma (AITL), anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK+ and ALK- and enteropathic associated T-cell lymphoma (EATL). The following subtypes are not included in this algorithm: primary cutaneous anaplastic large-cell lymphoma (ALCL) and all other cutaneous T-cell lymphoma.

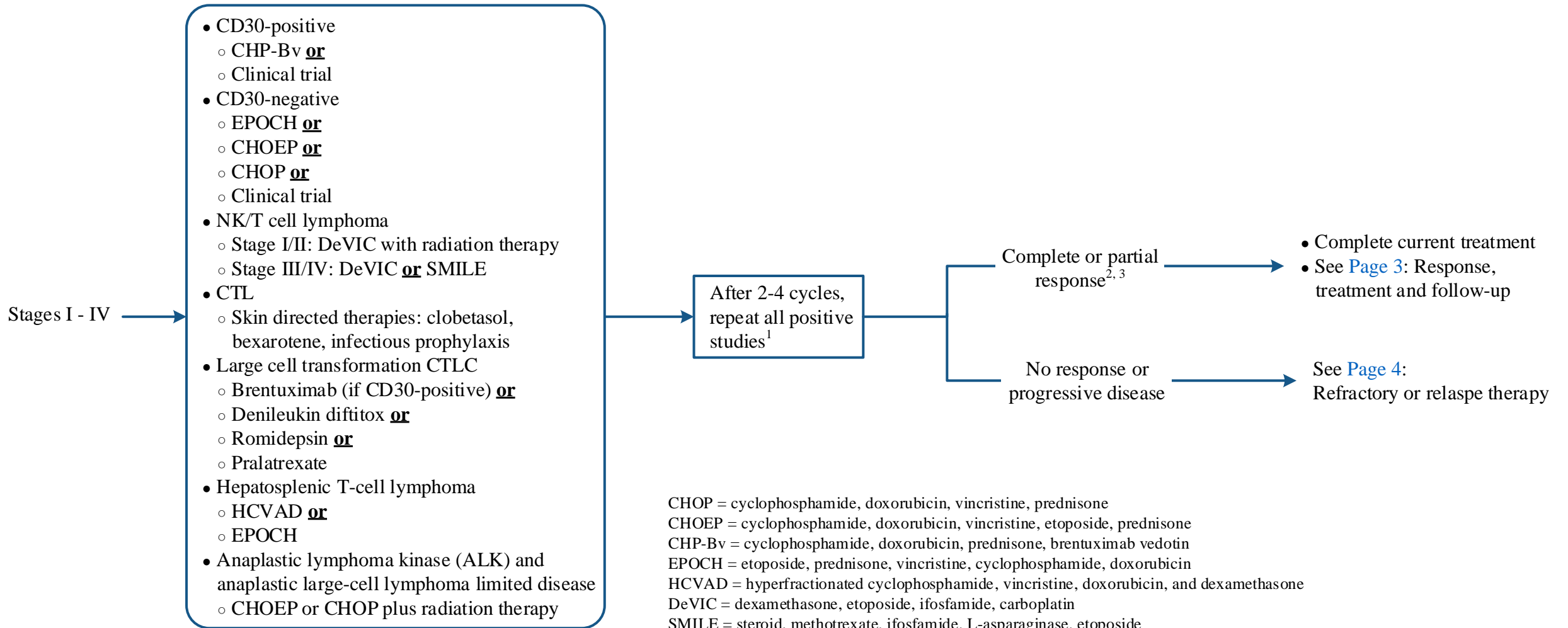
² See [Appendix A](#) for International Prognostic Index

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INDUCTION THERAPY

INTERIM RESPONSE



CHOP = cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine, prednisone
 CHOEP = cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine, etoposide, prednisone
 CHP-Bv = cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, prednisone, brentuximab vedotin
 EPOCH = etoposide, prednisone, vincristine, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin
 HCVAD = hyperfractionated cyclophosphamide, vincristine, doxorubicin, and dexamethasone
 DeVIC = dexamethasone, etoposide, ifosfamide, carboplatin
 SMILE = steroid, methotrexate, ifosfamide, L-asparaginase, etoposide

¹ PET scans should be used to assess residual abnormalities on CT scan, especially if done pretreatment

² Partial Response includes a biological measure of disease: positive PET scan, or ideally positive biopsy

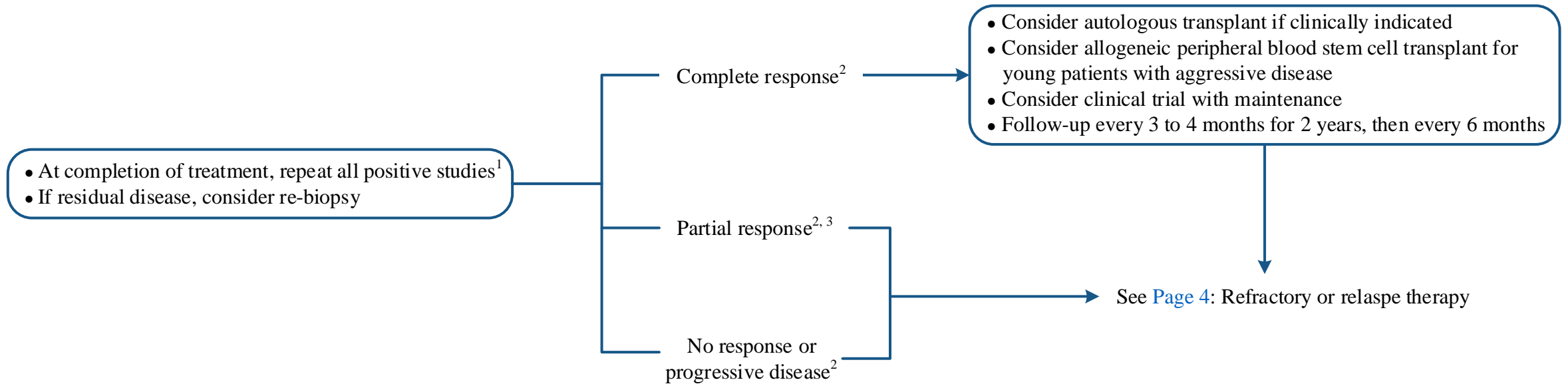
³ See [Appendix B](#) for Response Criteria for Lymphoma

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RESPONSE

TREATMENT AND FOLLOW-UP



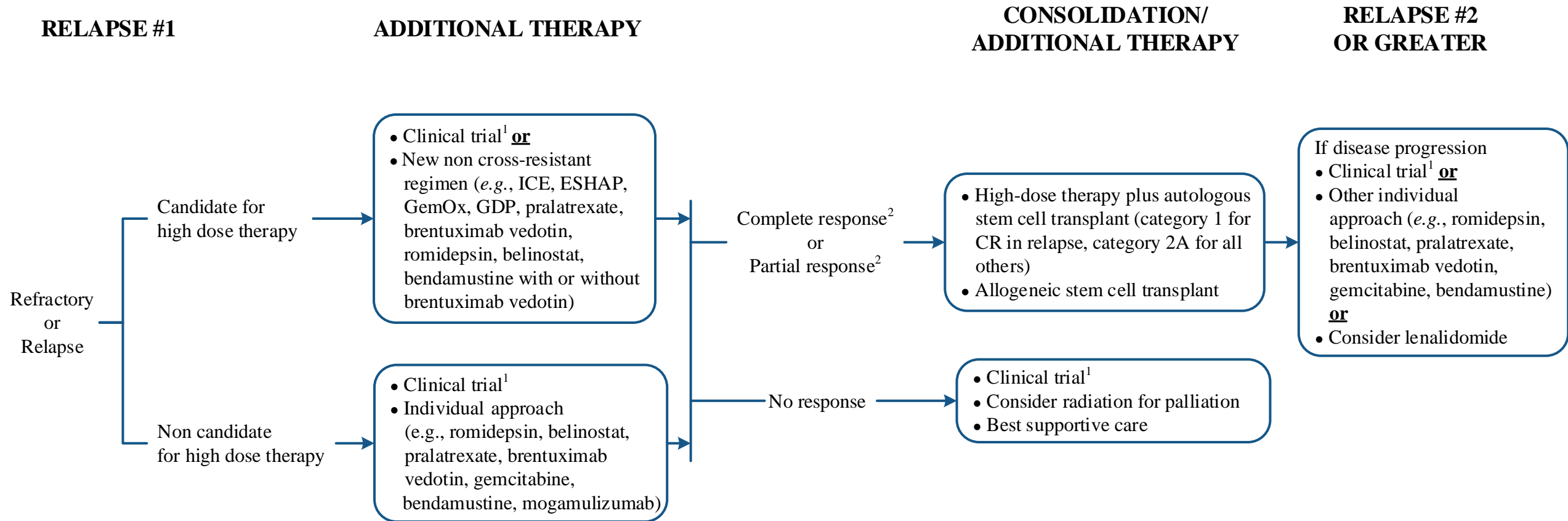
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ICE = ifosfamide, carboplatin, etoposide

ESHAP = etoposide, methylprednisolone, high dose cytarabine, cisplatin

GemOx = gemcitabine and oxaliplatin

GDP = gemcitabine, dexamethasone, and cisplatin

¹ Clinical trials or individual regimens: patients who progress after three successive regimens are unlikely to derive additional benefit from currently utilized combination chemotherapy regimens, except for patients with a long disease-free interval

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APPENDIX A: International Prognostic Index for PTCL-U

Risk Factors	Prognostic Risk	Number of Risk Factors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age greater than 60 years • Serum LDH greater than 1 times normal • Performance status 2 – 4 • Bone marrow involvement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group 1 • Group 2 • Group 3 • Group 4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 1 2 3 or 4

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APPENDIX B: Response Criteria for Malignant Lymphoma

Response Category	Nodal Masses	Spleen, Liver	Bone Marrow
CR (Complete response: disappearance of all evidence of disease)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FDG-avid or PET positive prior to therapy; mass of any size permitted if PET negative • Variably FDG-avid or PET negative; regression to normal size on CT 	Not palpable, nodules disappeared	Infiltrate cleared on repeat biopsy; if indeterminate by morphology, immunohistochemistry should be negative
PR (Partial response)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decrease of $\geq 50\%$ in SPD of up to 6 largest dominant masses; no increase in size of other nodes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ FDG-avid or PET positive prior to therapy; one or more PET positive at previously involved site ◦ Variably FDG-avid or PET negative; regression on CT 	Decrease of $\geq 50\%$ in SPD of nodules (for single nodule in greatest transverse diameter); no increase in size of liver or spleen	Irrelevant if positive prior to therapy; cell type should be specified
SD (Stable disease: failure to attain CR/PR or PD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FDG-avid or PET positive prior to therapy; PET positive at prior sites of disease and no new sites on CT or PET • Variably FDG-avid or PET negative; no change in size of previous lesions on CT 		
Relapse or progressive disease (PD) (Any new lesion or increase by $\geq 50\%$ of previously involved sites from nadir)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appearance of a new lesion(s) > 1.5 cm in any axis, $\geq 50\%$ increase in SPD of more than one node, or $\geq 50\%$ increase in longest diameter of a previously identified node > 1 cm in short axis • New foci of FDG-avidity if FDG-avid lymphoma or PET positive prior to therapy 	Increase of $> 50\%$ from nadir in the SPD of any previous lesions	New or recurrent involvement

FDG [¹⁸F] = fluorodeoxy glucose

SDP = sum of the product of the diameters

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