

# EHA-ISHBT Hematology Tutorial

Self-assessment case – Session 11  
[Hodgkin Lymphoma]

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# | Introduction

- A 27 year gentleman, no comorbidities
- Symptomatic since 2 months
- Symptoms:
  - Periodic low-grade fever
  - Weight loss, approximately 12%
  - Cough
  - Pruritus

# | Clinical Examination

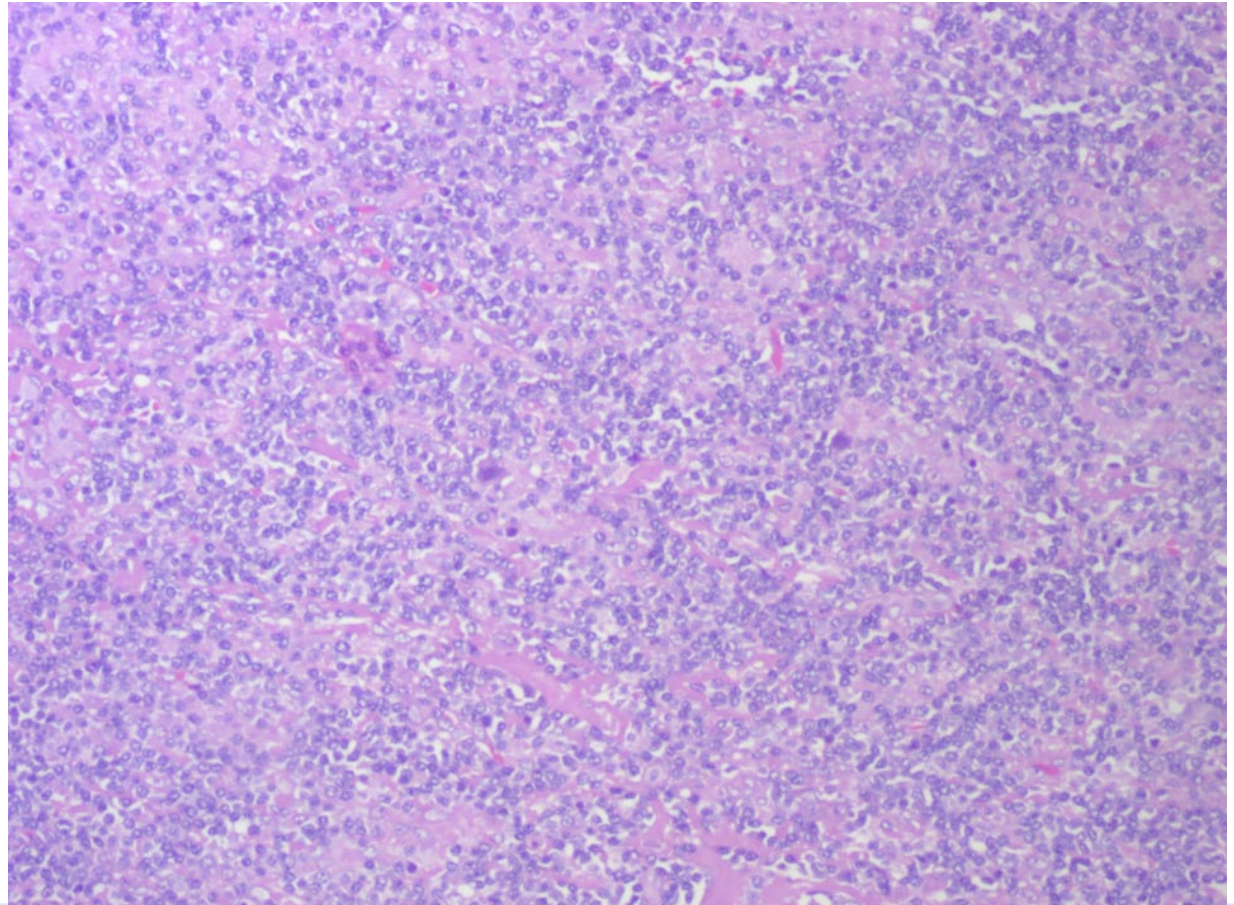
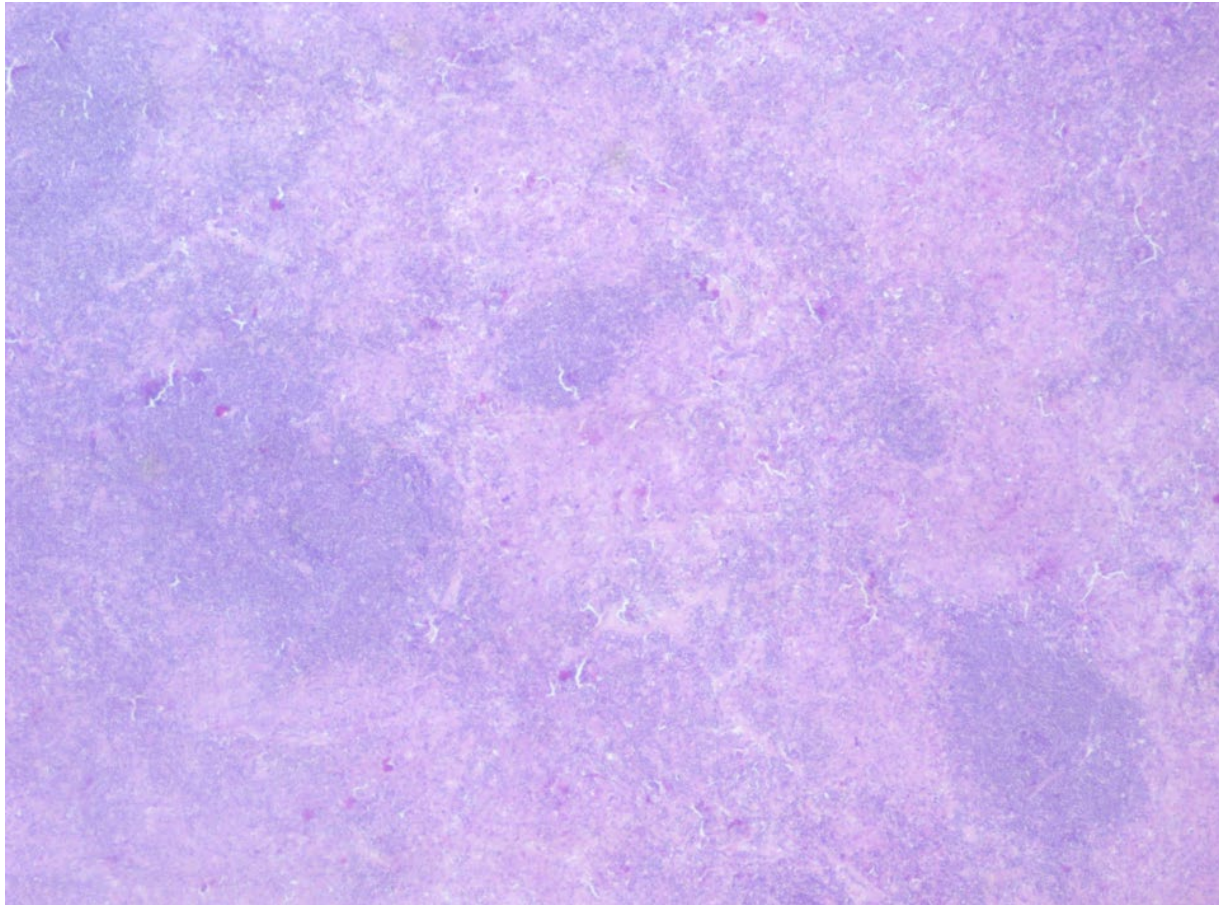
- Bilateral cervical, axillary and inguinal LNs
- No hepatosplenomegaly
- Remainder unremarkable

# | PET/CT scan

- Metabolically active LNs on either side of diaphragm including a mediastinal mass
- Size 1.5 to 3 cm, FDG-Maximum Standardized uptake: 7 to 12
- No extra-nodal involvement
- No bone marrow involvement

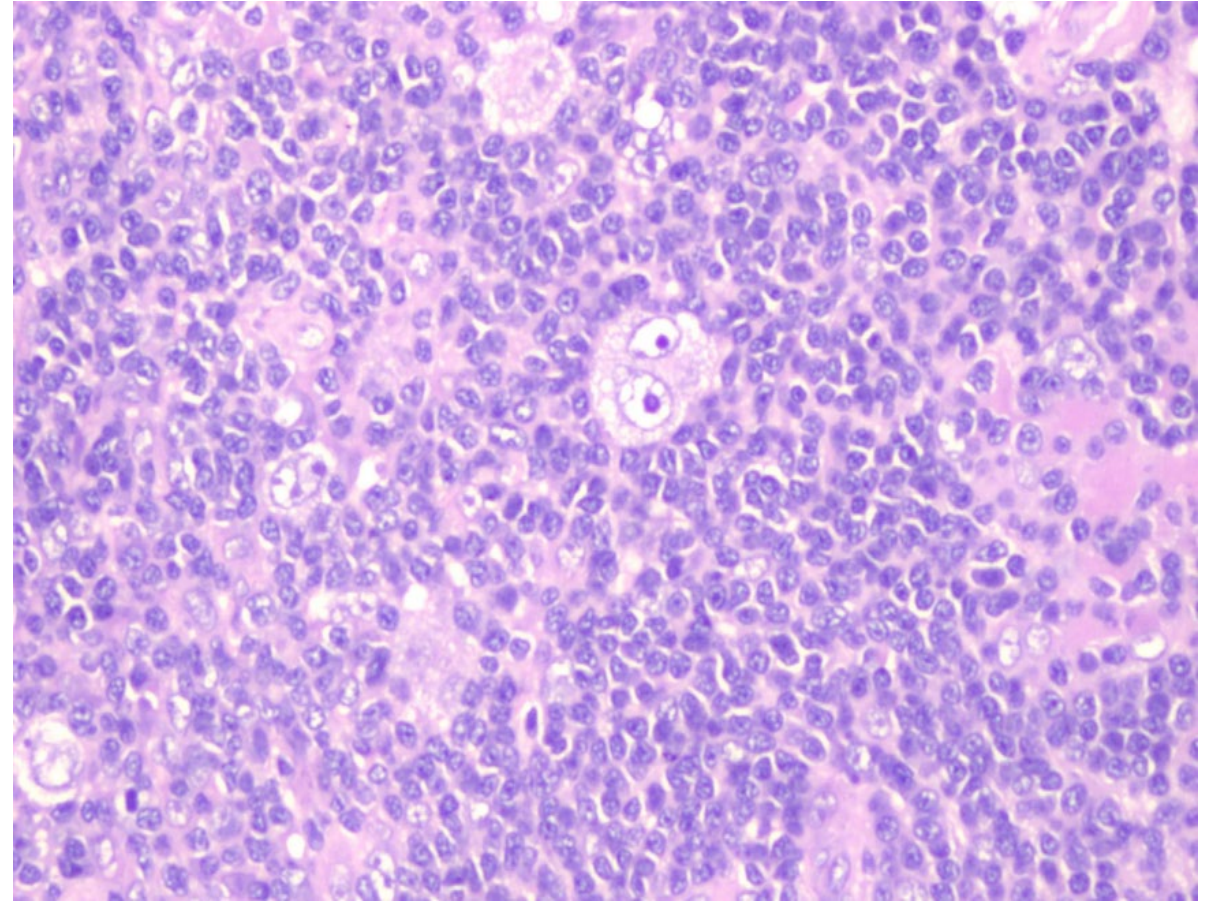
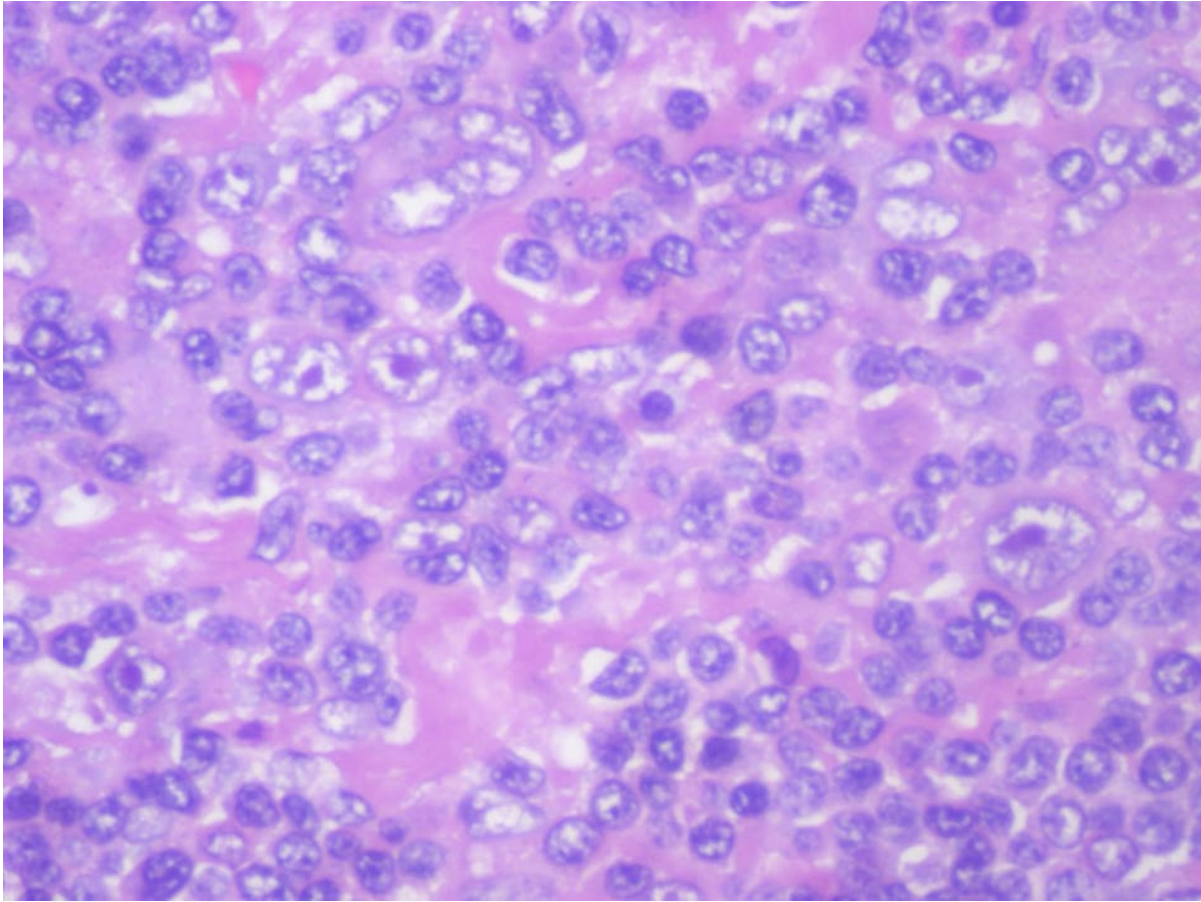


# | Cervical LN excisional biopsy



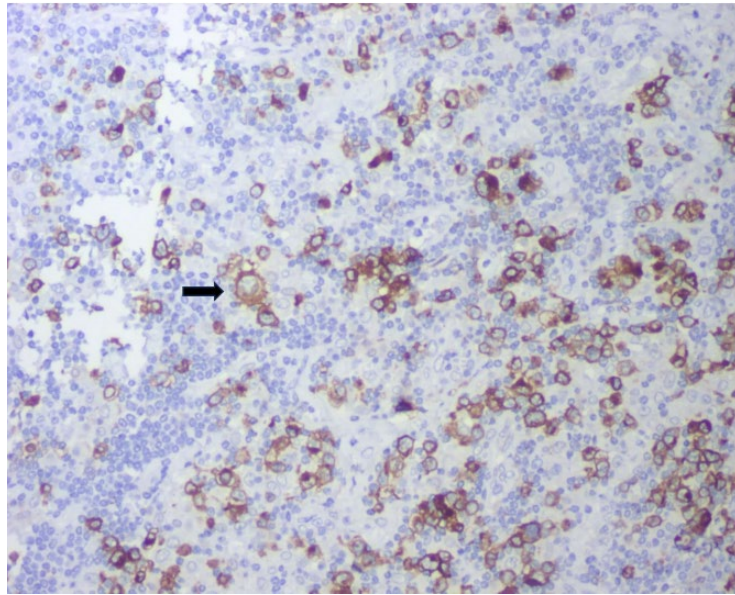


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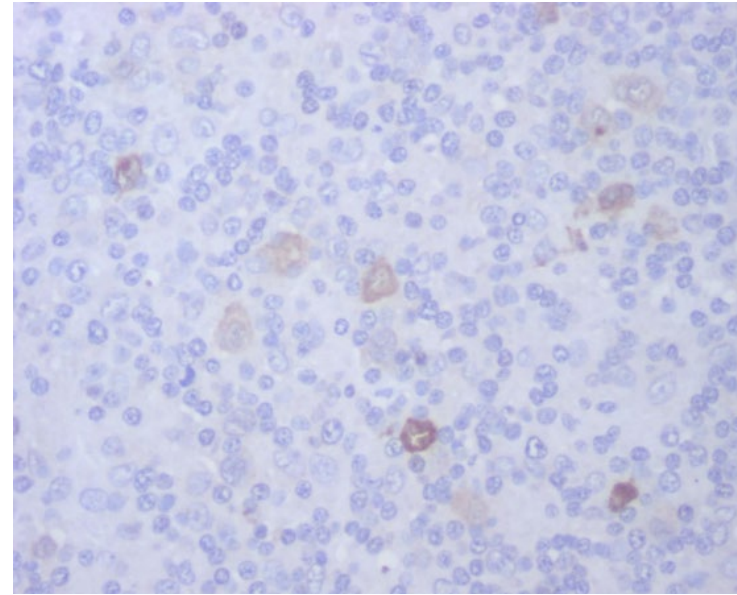




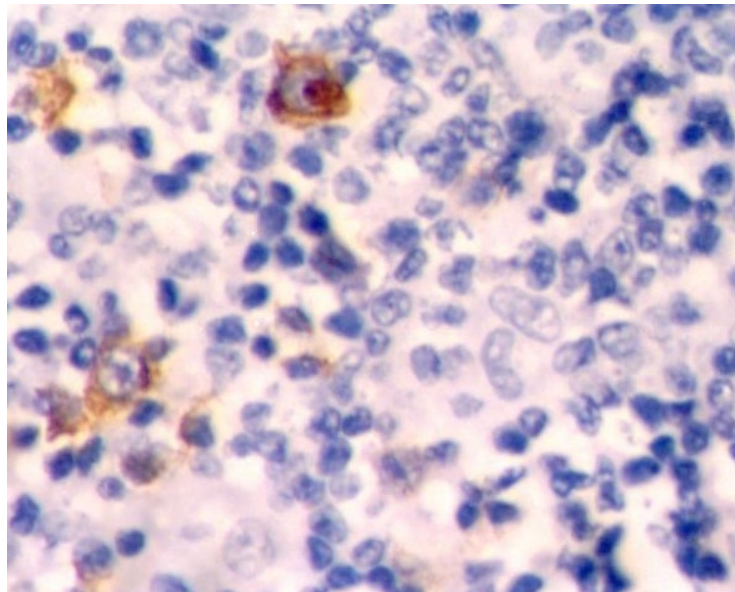
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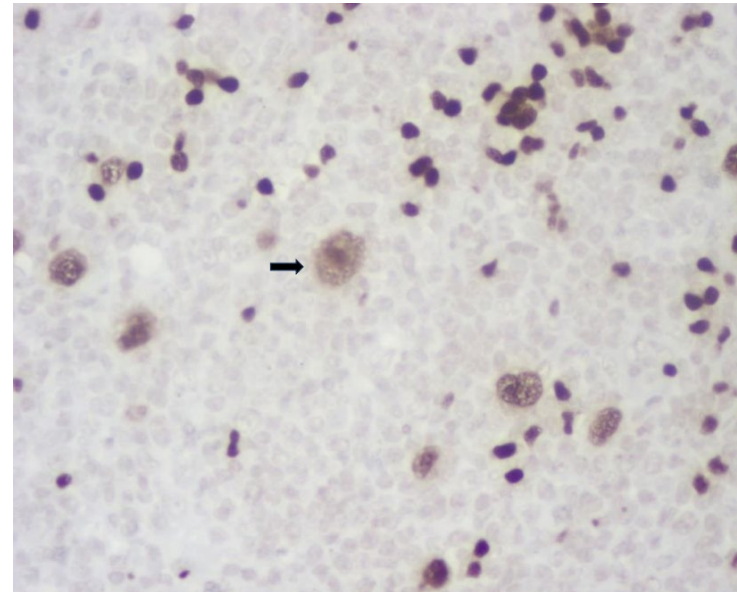
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EBV-LMP



CD15



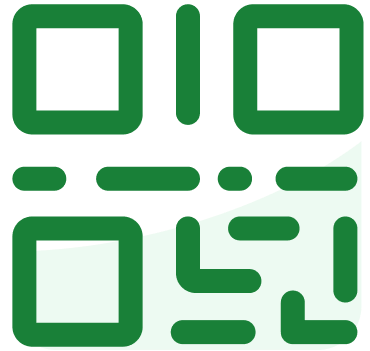
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# | Q1) What is most likely diagnosis?

1. Nodular sclerosis cHL
2. Lymphocyte rich cHL
3. Mixed cellularity cHL
4. Lymphocyte depleted cHL
5. Nodular lymphocyte predominant B cell lymphoma



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**11.41 What is most likely diagnosis?**

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# | Feedback

- The HPE was suggestive of Mixed Cellularity Classical Hodgkin Lymphoma. IHC confirmed the presence of RS cells
- CD15 Positive
- CD30 Positive
- PAX5 Positive
- EBV-LMP Positive

# | Laboratory evaluation

- Hemoglobin: 100 g/L (13 - 18)
- WBC:  $5.6 \times 10^9/L$  (4 – 11)
  - ANC:  $2.6 \times 10^9/L$  (1.8 – 7.5)
  - ALC:  $2.5 \times 10^9/L$  (1 – 4)
- Platelet:  $380 \times 10^9/L$  (150 – 400)
- ESR: 60 mm/hr (1 – 7)
- Albumin: 42 g/L (35 – 50)
- Creatinine: 53  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  (45 – 84)
- Total Bilirubin: 13.6  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  (0 – 21)
- ALT: 24 units/L (10 – 50)
- AST: 22 units/L (0 – 40)



# | Q2) How do you risk stratify the patient?

1. Early favorable
2. Early unfavorable
3. Advanced, IPS 0-1
4. Advanced, IPS 2-3
5. Advanced, IPS 4-7

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**11.42 How do you risk stratify the patient?**

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# The International Prognostic Score: Advanced stage cHL

PET/CT scan suggested an advanced stage disease, so the IPS applies. The score for this patient is 2 as discussed

Factors predicting poor prognosis:	Age $\geq 45$ years	0
	Male gender	1
	Stage IV disease	0
	Serum albumin $< 40$ g/L	0
	Hemoglobin level $< 105$ g/L	1
	White blood cell count $\geq 15 \times 10^9$ /L	0
	Lymphocyte count $< 0.6 \times 10^9$ /L and / or $< 8\%$ of white blood cell count	0



# | Q3) What are the options for frontline treatment for this patient?

1. ABVD x 2 followed by PET
2. escBEACOPP x 2 followed by PET
3. BV-AVD x 6 followed by PET
4. ABVD x 6 followed by response assessment
5. All of the above

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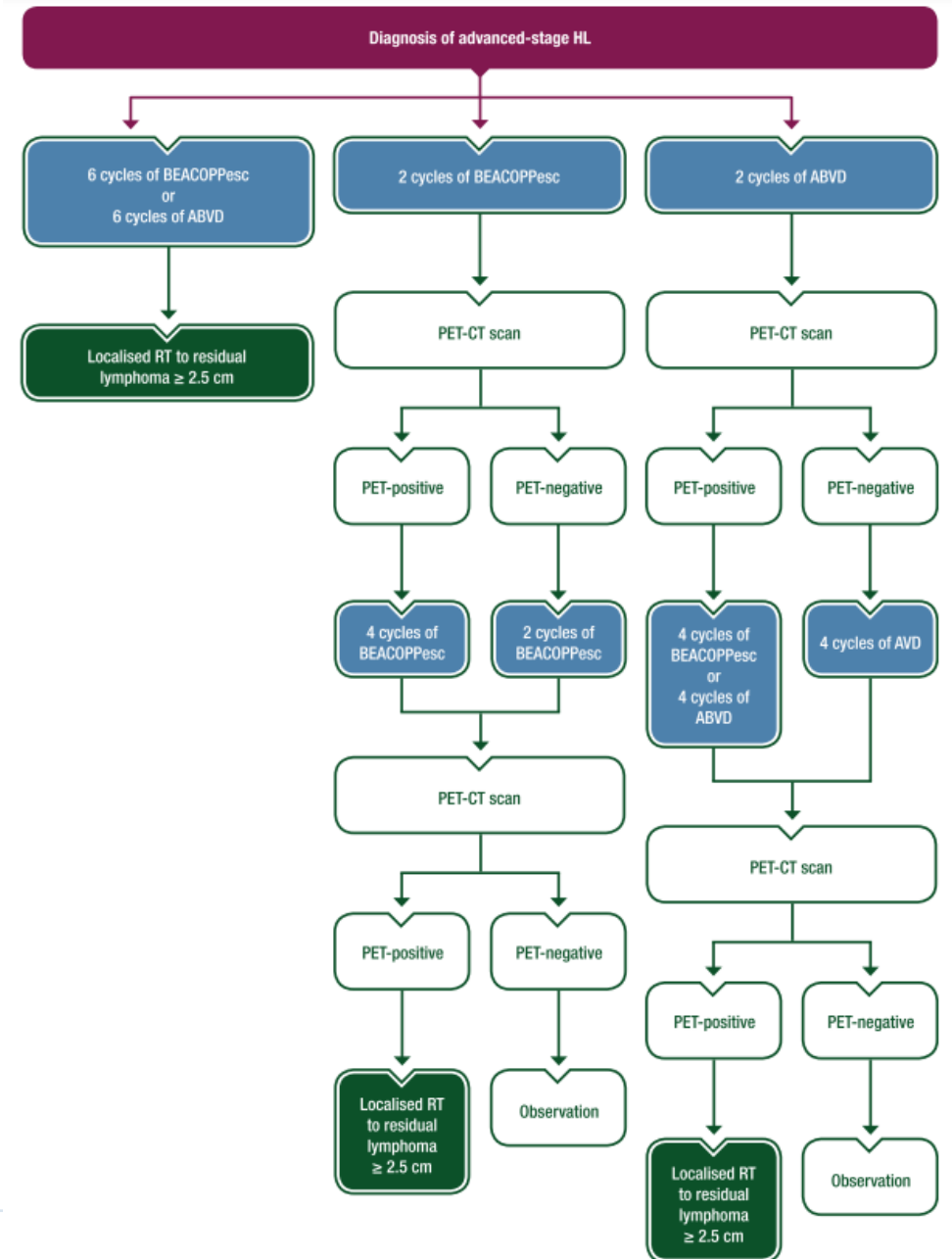
**11.43 What are the options for frontline treatment for this patient?**

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# Feedback

## ESMO: Advanced stage HL Risk & Response adapted therapy

All the treatment options mentioned as standard upfront therapy, although a response adapted therapy is preferred in the PET/CT era



# | Q4) The patient received 2 cycles of ABVD followed by PET/CT which showed Deauville 3. Further treatment?

1. ABVD x 4
2. AVD x 4
3. escBEACOPP x 2
4. escBEACOPP x 4
5. BV-AVD x 4

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**11.44 The patient received 2 cycles of ABVD followed by PET/CT which showed Deauville 3. Further treatment?**

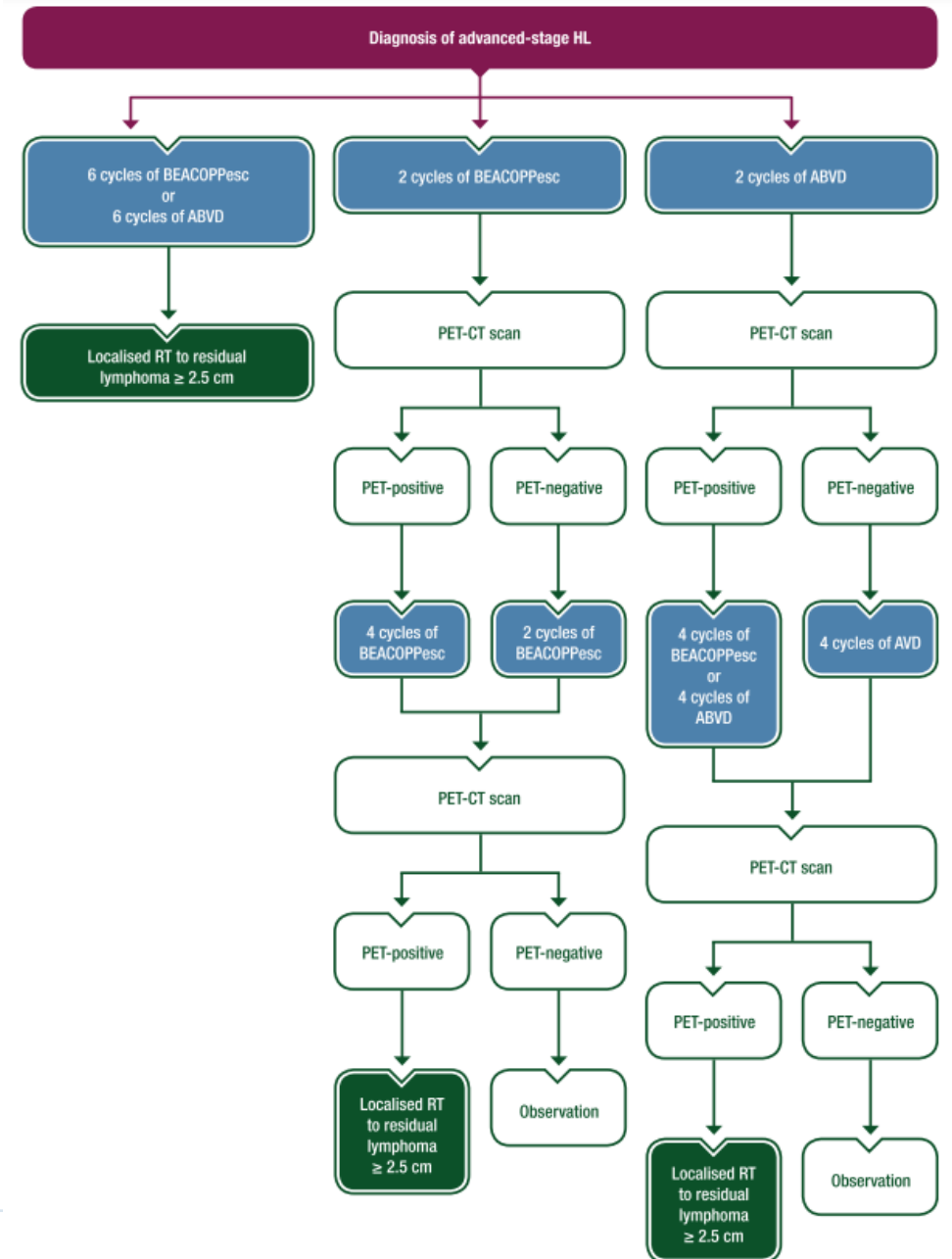
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# Feedback

## ESMO: Advanced stage HL Risk & Response adapted therapy

Patient showed early metabolic response and based on RATHL trial, de-escalation to AVD is non-inferior and less toxic



# | Q5) If the Deauville score was 4, what would be the further line of management?

1. AVD x 4
2. escBEACOPP x 4
3. BV-AVD x 4
4. Nivolumab-AVD x 4
5. None of the above

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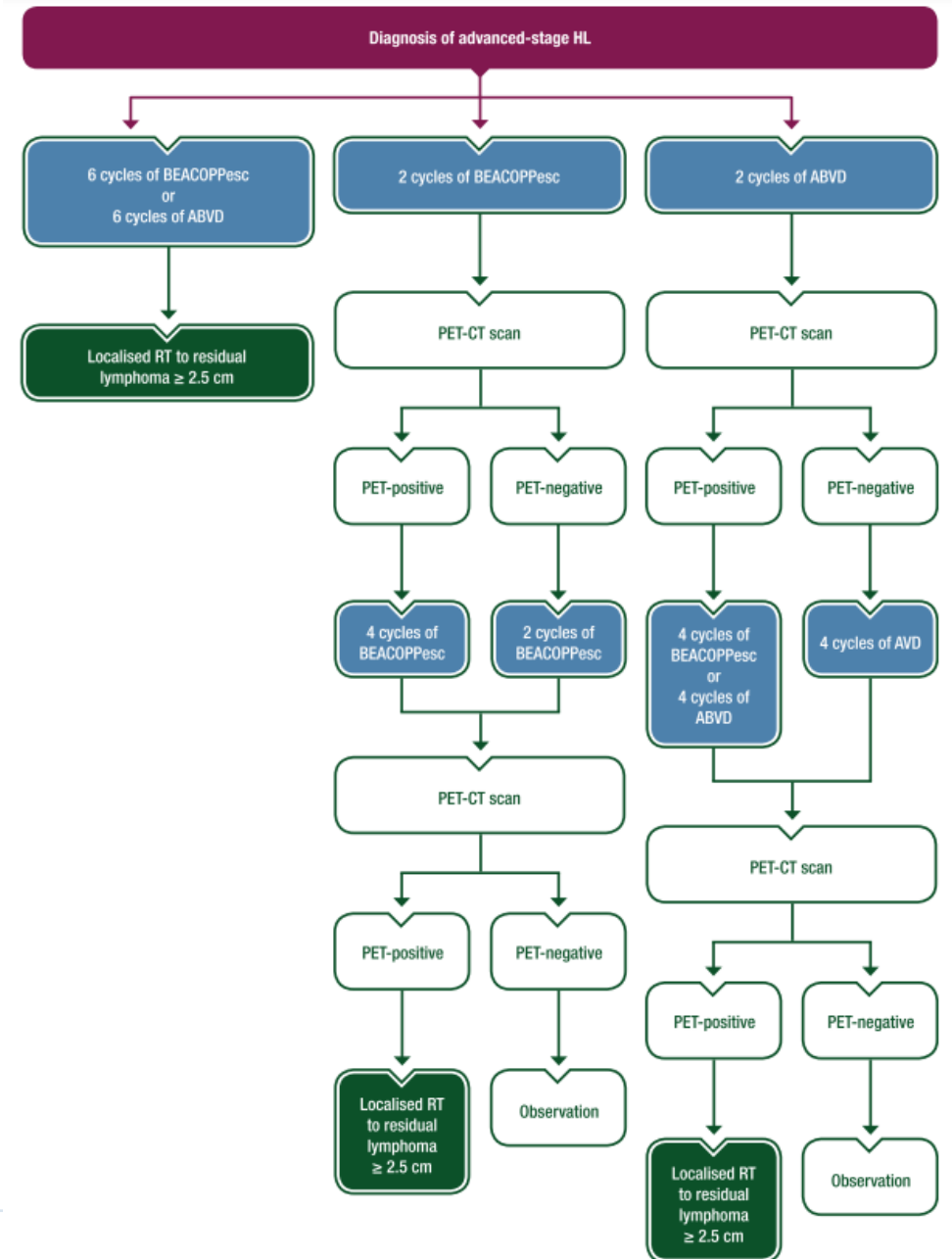
**11.45 If the Deauville score was 4, what would be the further line of management?**

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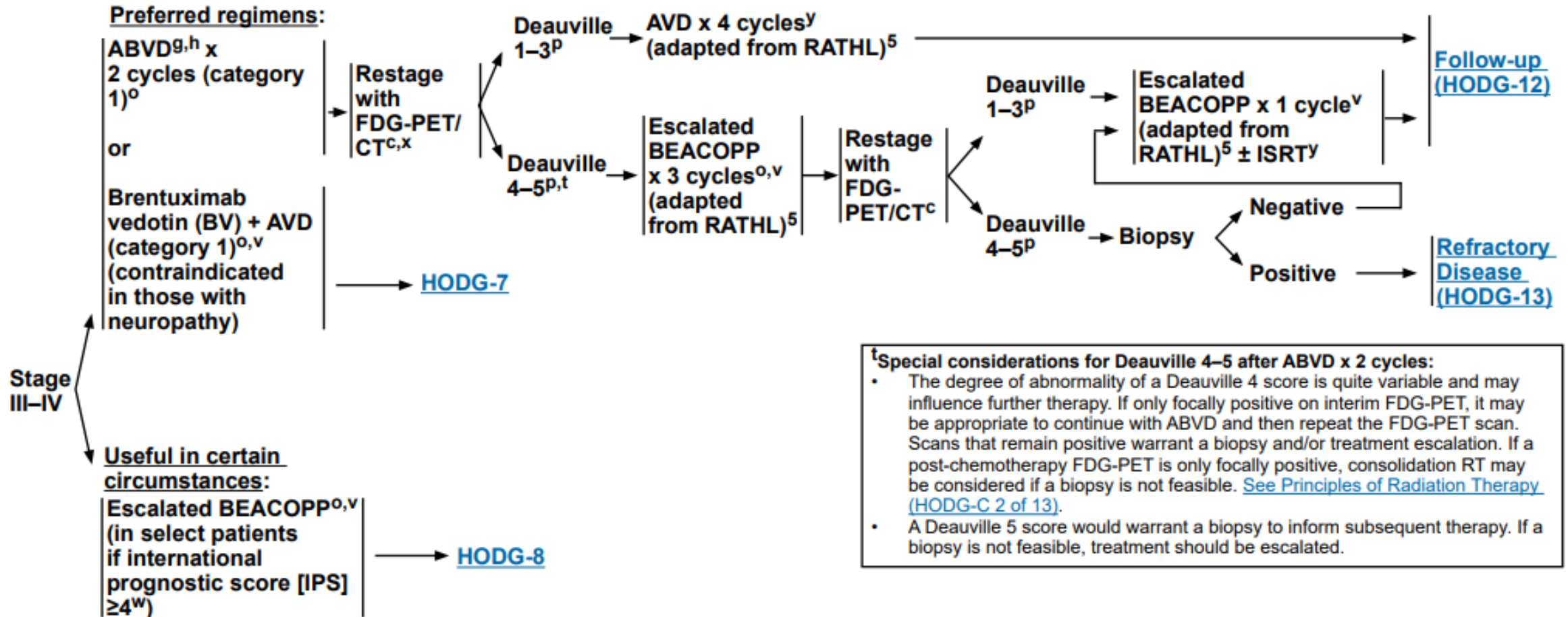
# Feedback

## ESMO: Advanced stage HL Risk & Response adapted therapy

Deauville 4 after 2 cycles of ABVD shows inadequate response. RATHL trial suggests escBEACOPP. Addition 4 cycles of ABVD is also an option. There is no data to suggest addition on BV or CPI at this stage



# NCCN: advanced HL





**Q6) Patient relapsed after 6 months, repeat biopsy confirmed cHL. There was presence of extra nodal disease on PET/CT.  
Best treatment option is:**

1. Salvage Chemotherapy → ASCT → Follow up
2. BV + Chemotherapy → ASCT → Follow up
3. BV + Chemotherapy → ASCT → BV maintenance
4. CPI + Chemotherapy → ASCT → Follow up
5. BV + CPI → ASCT → Follow up

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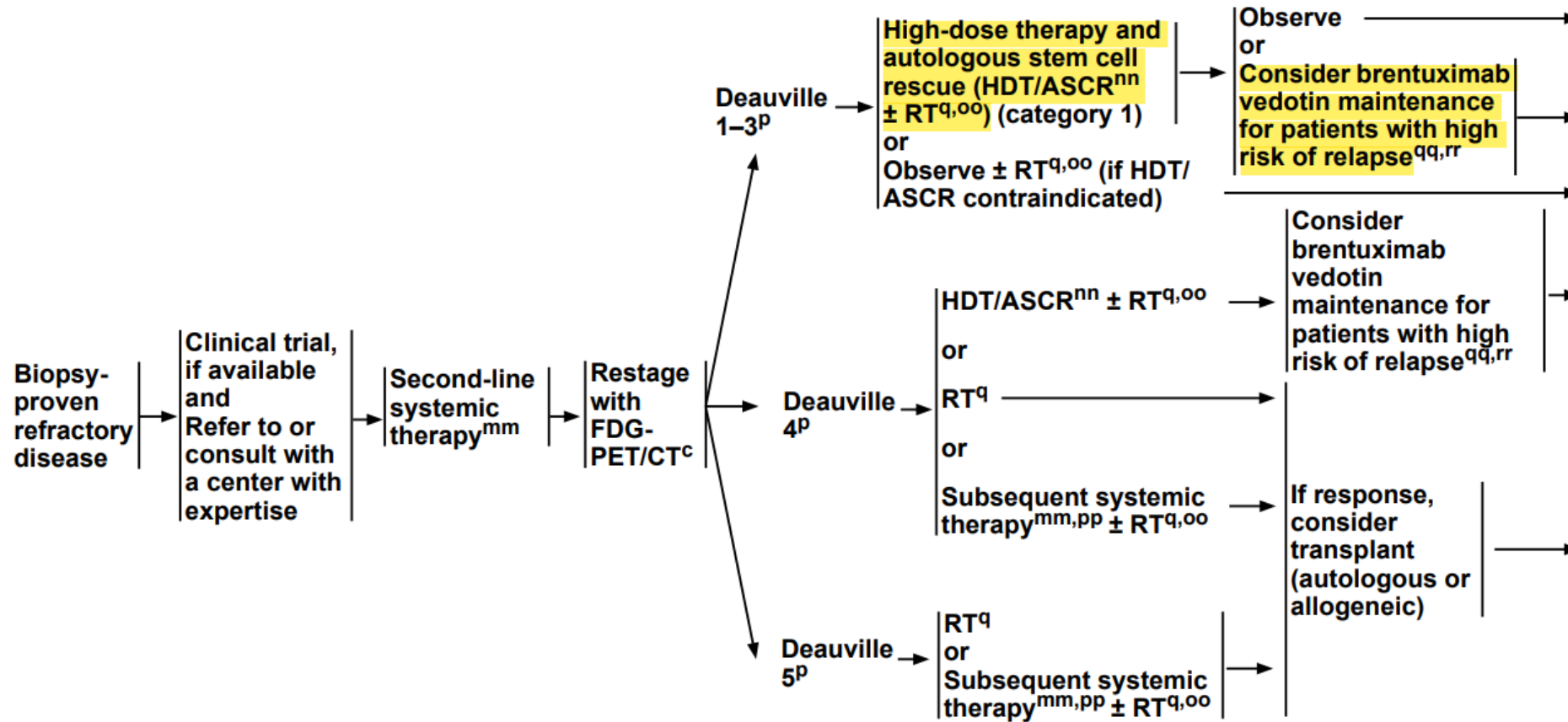
**11.46 Patient relapsed after 6 months, repeat biopsy confirmed cHL. There was presence of extra nodal disease on PET/CT. Best treatment option is:**

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# R/R cHL: NCCN document salvage options

Adults Age 18–60 Years	
Second-Line and Subsequent Therapy <sup>i,j</sup> (in alphabetical order)	Therapy for Disease Refractory to at Least 3 Prior Lines of Therapy (in alphabetical order)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BV<sup>1</sup></li> <li>• BV + bendamustine<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• BV + nivolumab<sup>3</sup></li> <li>• DHAP (dexamethasone, cisplatin, high-dose cytarabine)<sup>4,5</sup></li> <li>• Gemcitabine/bendamustine/vinorelbine<sup>6</sup></li> <li>• GVD (gemcitabine, vinorelbine, liposomal doxorubicin)<sup>7</sup></li> <li>• GVD + pembrolizumab<sup>8</sup></li> <li>• ICE (ifosfamide, carboplatin, etoposide)<sup>5,9,10</sup></li> <li>• ICE + brentuximab vedotin<sup>11</sup></li> <li>• ICE + nivolumab<sup>12</sup></li> <li>• IGEV (ifosfamide, gemcitabine, vinorelbine)<sup>13</sup></li> <li>• Pembrolizumab<sup>14,15</sup></li> <li>• Pembrolizumab + ICE<sup>16</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bendamustine<sup>17</sup></li> <li>• Bendamustine + carboplatin + etoposide<sup>18</sup></li> <li>• Everolimus<sup>19</sup></li> <li>• GCD (gemcitabine, cisplatin, dexamethasone)<sup>20</sup></li> <li>• GEMOX (gemcitabine, oxaliplatin)<sup>21</sup></li> <li>• Lenalidomide<sup>22</sup></li> <li>• Nivolumab<sup>23,24</sup></li> <li>• Vinblastine<sup>25</sup></li> </ul>

# R/R cHL: NCCN document



Patients with 2 or more of the following risk factors are considered to be at high risk: Remission duration <1 year, END, PET positive at transplant, B symptoms, >1 second-line/subsequent therapy

# | Feedback

- Although the first 3 are reasonable options, but considering the early extranodal relapse, BV + Chemotherapy followed by ASCT and BV maintenance is the best possible option. CPI is currently approved in post ASCT relapse setting



# | Follow up

- The patient received BV + chemotherapy based salvage
- Achieved CMR after 3 cycles
- Underwent HDT + ASCT
- Counselling for BV maintenance

**Thank you**