

2021 CONSULTATION GUIDELINES

Recommended Timing for Transplant Consultation



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Intent of guidelines

These guidelines identify appropriate timing of consultation for autologous or allogeneic hematopoietic cell transplantation (HCT) based on disease characteristics. Evaluation and coordination of the timing of HCT for eligible patients is determined in collaboration with the transplant center.

The consideration for HCT includes patient and disease characteristics. HCT consultations include risk-to-benefit consideration based on risk score assessments. Advances in HCT permit older patients with selected comorbidities and good functional status to safely undergo HCT for curative intent with a relatively low and acceptable risk of non-relapse mortality, thus age alone is not a contraindication for HCT.

Early referral is a critical factor for optimal transplant outcomes. In many situations, there may be a narrow window of opportunity to proceed to transplant and delays might preclude transplant or impair transplant outcomes. Research data comparing outcomes by disease status can be found at [BeTheMatchClinical.org/HCTtiming](https://www.bethematchclinical.org/HCTtiming)

If allogeneic transplant is potentially indicated, high resolution HLA typing of the patient and potential family donors should be performed and a preliminary unrelated donor search of the Be The Match Registry® should be completed at diagnosis.

These 2021 guidelines were developed jointly by the National Marrow Donor Program® (NMDP®)/Be the Match® and the American Society for Transplant and Cellular Therapy (ASTCT), and are based on current clinical practice, medical literature, National Comprehensive Cancer Network® (NCCN®) Guidelines for the treatment of cancer and evidence-based reviews.

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Adult Leukemias and Myelodysplasia

Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML)

High-resolution HLA typing is recommended at diagnosis for all patients

HCT consultation should take place early after initial diagnosis, for all patients with AML including:

- Primary induction failure
- Measurable (also known as minimal residual disease after initial therapy
- CR1 - except favorable risk AML [defined as:t(8;21)(q22;q22.1); RUNX1-RUNX1T1, inv(16)(p13.1;q22) or t(16;16)(p13.1;q22);CBFB-MYH11, mutated NPM1 without FLT3-ITD, biallelic mutated. Early referral for allogeneic HCT should also be considered any AML patient in CR1 who are 60-years or older; regardless of cytogenetic or genomic information.
- Antecedent hematological disease (e.g., myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS))
- Treatment-related leukemia
- First relapse
- CR2 and beyond, if not previously evaluated

Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL)

(adult defined as ≥ 40 years)

High-resolution HLA typing is recommended at diagnosis for all patients

HCT consultation should take place early after initial diagnosis for all patients with ALL including:

- Primary induction failure
- Minimal residual disease after initial therapy
- CR1
- First relapse
- CR2 and beyond, if not previously evaluated

Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS)

High-resolution HLA typing is recommended at diagnosis for all patients

Any intermediate or high IPSS or IPSS-R score

Any MDS with poor prognostic features, including:

- Treatment-related MDS
- Refractory cytopenias
- Adverse cytogenetics and molecular features
- Transfusion dependence
- Failure of hypomethylating agents or chemotherapy
- Moderate to severe marrow fibrosis

Chronic Myeloid Leukemia (CML)

- Inadequate hematologic or cytogenetic/molecular response to tyrosine kinase inhibitor (TKI) therapies
- Disease progression
- Intolerance to TKI therapies

- Accelerated phase
- Blast crisis (myeloid or lymphoid)
- T315I mutation

Myeloproliferative Neoplasms (MPN)

(including BCR-ABL-negative myeloproliferative neoplasms and later stages of polycythemia vera and essential thrombocytosis)

High resolution HLA typing is recommended at diagnosis for all patients

Intermediate- or high-risk disease, including:

- High-risk cytogenetics
- Poor initial response or at progression

Myelofibrosis (MF)

- DIPSS Intermediate-2 (INT-2) and high risk disease
- DIPSS Intermediate-1 (INT-1) with low platelet counts, refractory, red blood cell transfusion dependent, circulating blast cells $> 2\%$, complex cytogenetics
- High risk driver mutations (ASXL1, EZH2, TET2, IDH1, IDH2, SRSF2, and TP53) or triple negative (lack of a driver mutation such as JAK2, MPL, or CALR) should be considered in decision making

Adult Leukemias and Myelodysplasia (continued)

Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL)

- Second or greater relapse following chemoimmunotherapy
- Richter's transformation

Pediatric Acute Leukemias and Myelodysplasia

Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML)

High-resolution HLA typing is recommended at diagnosis for all patients

Early after initial diagnosis, all patients with AML including:

- Age < 2 years at diagnosis
- Primary induction failure
- Minimal residual disease after initial therapy
- CR1 — except favorable risk AML [defined as:t(8;21)(q22;q22.1); RUNX1-RUNX1T1, inv(16)(p13.1q22) or t(16;16)(p13.1;q22);CBFB-MYH11, mutated NPM1 without FLT3-ITD or with FLT3-ITDlow, biallelic mutated CEBPA]
- Monosomy 5 or 7
- Treatment-related leukemia
- First relapse
- CR2 and beyond, if not previously evaluated

Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) (age < 15 years)

- Infant at diagnosis
 - unfavorable genetics
 - age < 3 months with any WBC, or < 6 months with WBC > 300,000 at presentation
- Primary induction failure
- Presence of measurable (also called minimal) residual disease after initial therapy
- High/very high-risk CR1 including:
 - Philadelphia chromosome positive slow-TKI responders or with *IKZF1* deletions; Philadelphia-like
 - *iAMP21*
 - 11q23 rearrangement
- First relapse
- CR2 and beyond, if not previously evaluated
- Chimeric Antigen Receptor Therapy (CAR-T)

Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) (adolescent and young adults age 15-39 years)

High-resolution HLA typing is recommended at diagnosis for all patients

- Primary induction failure
- Presence of measurable (also called minimal) residual disease after initial therapy
- High/very high-risk CR1 including:
 - Philadelphia chromosome positive or Philadelphia-like
 - *iAMP21*
 - 11q23 rearrangement
 - B-cell with poor-risk cytogenetics
- First relapse
- CR2 and beyond, if not previously evaluated

Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS)

- At diagnosis for all subtypes

Juvenile Myelomonocytic Leukemia (JMML)

- At diagnosis

Lymphomas

Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma

Follicular

- Poor response to initial treatment
- Initial remission duration < 24 months
- First relapse
- Transformation to diffuse large B-cell lymphoma

Diffuse Large B-Cell

- Primary induction failure, including residual PET avid disease
- First relapse
- CR2 or subsequent remission
- Double or triple hit (MYC and BCL-2 and/or BCL-6) - at diagnosis
- Primary CNS lymphoma at diagnosis PIF or first relapse

High Grade B-Cell

- MYC and BCL-2 and/or BCL-6 rearrangements
- Primary induction failure
- CR1
- First relapse
- CR2 or subsequent remission

Mantle Cell

- At diagnosis
- First relapse
- Bruton's tyrosine kinase (BTK) intolerant or resistant disease

Mature T-cell

- CR1
- First relapse

Other High-Risk Lymphomas

- At diagnosis

Hodgkin Lymphoma

- Primary induction failure
- First relapse
- CR2 or subsequent remission

Other Malignant Diseases

Germ Cell Tumors

- Poor initial response
- Short initial remission

Neuroblastoma

- INSS stage 2 or 3 at diagnosis
 - MYCN amplification (> 4x above reference)
- INSS stage 4 at diagnosis
 - MYCN amplification (> 4x above reference)
 - age > 18 months at diagnosis
 - age 12-18 months with unfavorable characteristics
- Metastatic disease at diagnosis
- Progressive disease while on therapy or relapsed disease

Ewing Family of Tumors

- Metastatic disease at diagnosis
- First relapse or CR2

Medulloblastoma

- First relapse or CR2

Multiple Myeloma

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- At diagnosis
- At first progression

Non-Malignant Disorders

Immune Deficiency Diseases

(including severe combined immunodeficiency syndromes, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome, Omenn syndrome, X-linked lymphoproliferative syndrome, severe congenital neutropenia and others)

- At diagnosis or if detected on newborn screening

Inherited Metabolic Disorders

(including Hurler syndrome, adrenoleukodystrophy, and others)

- At diagnosis or if detected on newborn screening

Hemoglobinopathies

Sickle Cell Disease

- Children with available matched sibling donor
- All patients with aggressive course (stroke, end-organ complications, frequent pain crises)
- All patients with an alternative donor option and any of the following:
- Stroke or silent cerebral infarct or cognitive impairment > 24 hours
- ≥ 2 episodes of acute chest syndrome/2 year period [or 'Recurrent' acute chest syndrome]
- Regular red blood cell transfusion therapy (8 or more per year)
- Tricuspid value regurgitant jet (TRJ) velocity ≥ 2.7 m/sec
- Chronic pain ≥ 6 months (leg ulcers, avascular necrosis)
- BMT CTN 1507 criteria only - in blue
- Abnormal transcranial Doppler (TCD) velocity of ≥ 200 cm/sec or > 185 cm/sec with intracranial vasculopathy
- Silent cerebral infarct
- ≥ 3 severe vaso-occlusive pain crises per 2-year period

Transfusion-Dependent Thalassemias

- At diagnosis

Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis (HLH)

- At diagnosis

Severe Aplastic Anemia and Other Marrow Failure Syndromes

(including Fanconi anemia, Diamond-Blackfan anemia, Shwachman-Diamond syndrome and others)

- At diagnosis

Systemic Sclerosis

- At diagnosis or with diffuse disease, with increasing skin tightness score (modified Rodnan skin score, [mRSS]) and evidence of decrease (< 80%) in % predicted pulmonary function tests: forced vital capacity (FVC) or/and diffusion capacity (DLCO).

Multiple Sclerosis (MS)

- After MS relapse, with ≥ 2 relapse episodes in past 3 years, while on disease modifying therapy. Refer patient prior to progression of severe disability: patient must be able to walk 100 meters (with unilateral assistance: cane, crutch or brace)

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