

Hodgkin Lymphoma

Early stage disease has a cure rate of 90% and hence risk adapted combined modality treatment is the current standard of care. PET / PET-CT scans have an active role to play in reducing treatment for early stage disease. Deauville score to be applied, timing of scan is after 2 (or 3) cycles.

1. **Early Stage Favourable***: ABVD x 2 to 4 cycles +/- local RT
 If Complete Response after Cycle 2 consider ABVD x 4 cycles
 If Partial Response after Cycle 2 consider ABVD x 4 to 6 cycles → local RT
2. **Early Stage Unfavourable****: ABVD x 4 cycles → local RT
 If Complete Response after Cycle 2 consider ABVD x 4 cycles → local RT
 If Partial Response after Cycle 2 consider ABVD x 6 cycles → local RT

Note: EORTC Criteria
Risk Factors : Favourable* : Stage I-II without risk factors
Unfavourable** : Stage I-II with risk factors
Bulky Mediastinal mass
Age > 50 years
Elevated ESR
B symptoms
More than 3 nodal sites

3. **Advanced Stage**: ABVD x 6 cycles → +/- local RT to the original bulky disease or post treatment residual disease.

Elderly patients above the age of 60 years may be treated with COPP instead of ABVD