

COMPENDIA TRANSPARENCY TRACKING FORM

DRUG: Cisplatin

INDICATION: Non-Hodgkin lymphoma, Relapsed or refractory, as part of the DHAP or ESHAP chemotherapy regimen

COMP	ENDIA TRANSPARENCY REQUIREMENTS
1	Provide criteria used to evaluate/prioritize the request (therapy)
2	Disclose evidentiary materials reviewed or considered
3	Provide names of individuals who have substantively participated in the review or disposition of the request and disclose their potential direct or indirect conflicts of interest
4	Provide meeting minutes and records of votes for disposition of the request (therapy)

EVALUATION/PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA: A, C

^{*}to meet requirement 1

CODE	EVALUATION/PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA
Α	Treatment represents an established standard of care or significant advance over current therapies
С	Cancer or cancer-related condition
Е	Quantity and robustness of evidence for use support consideration
L	Limited alternative therapies exist for condition of interest
Р	Pediatric condition
R	Rare disease
S	Serious, life-threatening condition

Note: a combination of codes may be applied to fully reflect points of consideration [eg, therapy may represent an advance in the treatment of a life-threatening condition with limited treatment alternatives (ASL)]



EVIDENCE CONSIDERED:

*to meet requirements 2 and 4

CITATION	STUDY-SPECIFIC COMMENTS	LITERATURE CODE
Velasquez WS, et al. ESHAPan effective chemotherapy regimen in refractory and relapsing ymphoma: a 4-year follow-up study. J Clin Oncol.1994 Jun;12(6):1169-76.	Study methodology comments: This was an open-label, randomized, comparative trial that terminated early. An interim analysis showing significantly greater efficacy with ESHAP (32 patients) compared with ESHA (31 patients) resulted in discontinuing the ESHA arm. Subsequent analyses included 122 patients who received ESHAP. A major strength of the study was that the effect of many potential confounding factors on outcomes was controlled through statistical analyses. Other strengths included 1) had inclusion criteria; 2) defined response; 3) defined tumor burden; 4) had a control group; and 5) randomized patients to study groups. Weaknesses included 1) no exclusion criteria; 2) open-label design without the use of independent reviewers; 3) absence of a power analysis; 4) did not present 95% confidence intervals; 5) did not discuss the method of randomization; and 6) possible selection bias since the patients were not recruited in a random or consecutive manner.	S
Rodriguez-Monge EJ, et al. Long-term follow-up of platinum-based lymphoma salvage regimens. The M.D. Anderson Cancer Center experience. Hematol Oncol Clin North Am. 1997 Oct;11(5):937-47.	Study methodology comments: This paper provided long-term results of the studies reported in Velasquez WS et al. 1988 and Velasquez WS et al. 1994.	S



Soussain C, et al. Intensive chemotherapy with hematopoietic cell transplantation after ESHAP therapy for relapsed or refractory non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Results of a single-centre study of 65 patients. Leuk Lymphoma. 1999 May;33(5-6):543-50.	Study methodology comments: This was an open-label, time-series trial that should be interpreted with caution. A major weakness of the study was the absence of a control group which would have controlled for the effect of potential confounding factors on outcomes. Additional weaknesses included 1) open-label design without the use of independent reviewers; 2) absence of a power analysis; 3) did not present 95% confidence intervals; and 4) possible selection bias since the patients were not recruited in a random or consecutive manner. An additional caveat of the study was that the authors examined the effect of potential confounding factors on outcomes but did not present the data or specify which statistical tests were conducted. Interpret these results with caution. Strengths of the study included 1) defined response; 2) had inclusion and exclusion criteria; 3) a complete response was confirmed at 4 weeks; and 4) the use of a within subject design to control for confounding effects of patient characteristics.	S
Olivieri A, et al. Salvage therapy with an outpatient DHAP schedule followed by PBSC transplantation in 79 lymphoma patients: an intention to mobilize and transplant analysis. Eur J Haematol. 2004 Jan;72(1):10-7.	Study methodology comments: This was an open-label, time-series trial. A major weakness of the study was the absence of a control group which would have controlled for the effect of potential confounding factors on outcomes. Additional weaknesses included 1) no exclusion criteria; 2) open-label design without the use of independent reviewers; and 3) absence of a power analysis. A major strength of the study was that the effect of potential confounding factors on outcomes was statistically examined and controlled. Other strengths included 1) reduced selection bias by enrolling consecutively presenting patients; 2) defined response; 3) analyzed the intent-to-treat population; 4) had inclusion criteria; 5) presented 95% confidence intervals; and 6) the use of a within subject design to control for confounding effects of patient characteristics.	S



Philip T, et al. Autologous bone marrow transplantation as compared with salvage chemotherapy in relapses of chemotherapysensitive non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. N Engl J Med. 1995 Dec 7;333(23):1540-5.	Study methodology comments: This was an open-label, randomized, comparative trial that compared convention therapy with four additional cycles of DHAP with autologous bone marrow transplantation. The results should be interpreted with caution. Strengths of the study included 1) randomized to treatment; 2) had both inclusion and exclusion criteria; 3) examined the effect of some potential confounding factors; 4) defined event; and 5) made statistical adjustments to preserve the type I error rate in the interim analyses. There were three major caveats of the study. First, the study was terminated early due to a low accrual rate. Second, the authors did not discuss the hypothesized effect size or power requirements. Third, 18 patients in the conventional treatment group later received HDCT and BMT. It is unclear how they were handled in the overall survival analyses. Additional weaknesses included 1) partial explanation of randomization procedure; 2) absence of a power analysis; 3) open-label design without the use of independent reviewers; 4) unclear on the intent of the second interim analysis; 5) did not define complete or partial response; 6) did not present 95% confidence intervals for OS and PFS to convey precision of results; 7) unclear if controlled for type I error rate in final analyses; and 8) possible selection bias since patients were not recruited in a random or consecutive manner. It should be noted that additional information on the study methodology and statistical analyses was obtained from a printed correction. The correction discussed 1) the statistical hypothesis and power analysis; 2) results of a cox proportional hazards analysis that included all the main prognosois factors; 3) age and Karnofsky scores of participants; 4) intent of second interim analysis; and 5) type I error rate. In addition, the authors presented the 95% confidence intervals for relative risk which indicated a lack of precision in the results.	S
Velasquez WS, et al. Effective salvage therapy for lymphoma with cisplatin in combination with highdose Ara-C and dexamethasone (DHAP). Blood. 1988 Jan;71(1):117-22.	Study methodology comments: This was an open-label, time-series trial that should be interpreted with caution. A major weakness of the study was the absence of a control group which would have controlled for the effect of potential confounding factors on outcomes. Additional weaknesses included 1) no inclusion or exclusion criteria; 2) open-label design without the use of independent reviewers; 3) absence of a power analysis; and 4) did not present 95% confidence intervals. Strengths of the study included 1) reduced selection bias by enrolling consecutively presenting patients; 2) defined response; 3) responses had to be sustained for 4 weeks; 4) analyzed the intent-to-treat population; 5) examined the effect of potential confounding factors on outcomes; and 6) the use of a within-subject design to control for confounding effects of patient characteristics.	S



Josting A, et al. High-dose sequential chemotherapy followed by autologous stem cell transplantation in relapsed and refractory aggressive non-Hodgkin's lymphoma: results of a multicenter phase II study. Annals of Oncology 2005 Aug;16(8):1359-65. Epub 2005 Jun 6.	Study methodology comments: This was an open-label time-series trial that should be interpreted with caution. A major weakness of the study was the absence of a control group which would have controlled for many potential confounds. Additional weaknesses included 1) absence of a power analysis; 2) open-label study without the use of independent reviewers; 3) did not present 95% confidence intervals; 4) no exclusion criteria; and 5) possible selection bias since the patients were not recruited randomly or in a consecutive manner. The between-group comparisons between the progressive and relapse patients should be interpreted with caution. The authors did not discuss which statistical tests were conducted for these comparisons. Strengths included 1) confirmed diagnosis; 2) had inclusion criteria; 3) defined response; 4) responses were confirmed at 1 (CR) and 3 (PR) months; 5) defined primary and secondary endpoints; 6) examined the effect of some potential confounding factors on outcomes; and 7) the use of a within-subject design to control for confounding effects of patient characteristics.	S
Philip T, et al. Parma international protocol: pilot study of DHAP followed by involved-field radiotherapy and BEAC with autologous bone marrow transplantation. Blood. 1991 Apr 1;77(7):1587-92.	Study methodology comments: This was an open-label, time-series trial that should be interpreted with caution. A major weakness of the study was the absence of a control group which would have controlled for the effect of potential confounding factors. Additional weaknesses included 1) no inclusion or exclusion criteria; 2) open-label design without the use of independent reviewers; 3) absence of a power analysis; 4) did not present 95% confidence intervals; 5) did not examine the effect of potential confounding factors on outcomes; and 6) possible selection bias since the patients were not recruited randomly or in a consecutive manner. Strengths of the study included 1) defined response; 2) histologic slides were assessed centrally by a single pathologist; and 3) the use of a within-subject design to control for confounding effects of patient characteristics.	2



Oztürk MA, et al. Modified ESHAP as salvage chemotherapy for recurrent or refractory non-Hodgkin's lymphoma: results of a single-center study of 32 patients. Modified etoposide, methylprednisolone, cytarabine and cisplatin. Chemotherapy. 2002 Dec;48(5):252-8.	Study methodology comments: This was a retrospective cohort study that should be interpreted with caution. A major weakness of the study was the absence of a control group which would have controlled for the effect of potential confounding factors on outcomes. Additional weaknesses included 1) open-label design without the use of independent reviewers; 2) absence of a power analysis; 3) did not present 95% confidence intervals; 4) no inclusion or exclusion criteria; 5) small sample size; and 6) possible selection bias since the patients were not recruited in a random or consecutive manner. A major strength of the study was that the effect of potential confounding factors on outcomes was statistically examined and controlled. Other strengths were 1) defined response; and 2) complete and partial responses were confirmed at 4 weeks.	3
Wang WS, et al. ESHAP as salvage therapy for refractory non-Hodgkin's lymphoma: Taiwan experience. Jpn J Clin Oncol Jan 1999; Vol 29, Issue 1; pp. 33-37.	Study methodology comments: This was an open-label, time-series trial that should be interpreted with caution. A major weakness of the study was the absence of a control group which would have controlled for the effect of potential confounding factors on outcomes. Additional weaknesses included 1) open-label design without the use of independent reviewers; 2) absence of a power analysis; 3) no exclusion criteria; 4) did not examine the effect of potential confounding factors on outcomes; and 5) possible selection bias since the patients were not recruited in a random or consecutive manner. Strengths of the study included 1) defined response; 2) had inclusion criteria; 3) a complete response was confirmed at 4 weeks; 4) analyzed the intent-to-treat population; 5) presented 95% confidence intervals; and 6) the use of a within-subject design to control for confounding effects of patient characteristics.	3
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ASSIGNMENT OF RATINGS:

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to most requirement 4	EFFICACY	STRENGTH OF RECOMMENDATION	COMMENTS	STRENGTH OF EVIDENCE
MICROMEDEX				В
Edward P. Balaban, DO	Evidence Favors Efficacy	Class IIa Recommended, In Most Cases	I believe the long term data has held up sufficiently – this is efficacious therapy	N/A
Keith A. Thompson, MD	Evidence Favors Efficacy	Class Ilb, Recommended, In Some Cases	None	N/A
James E. Liebmann, MD	Effective	Class I Recommended	DHAP and ESHAP are well accepted salvage regimens, and have been used for over two decades. The data reported in these papers are reproducible and believable. The only change to DHAP/ESHAP in treatment of relapsed lymphomas is the addition of Rituximab in CD-20 (+) disease	N/A
Susan Goodin, PharmD	Effective	Class Ila Recommended, In Most Cases	Few alternatives for relapsed or refractory disease. Data from trials of both DHAP and ESHAP are mature (with long term follow-up) revealing improvements in survival, particularly with ESHAP.	N/A



John M. Valgus, PharmD	Evidence Favors	Class Ila Recommended, In Most Cases	Considered a standard regimen for	
	Efficacy		relapsed disease with strong long term	
			follow up. Only a randomized trial with	N/A
			or without Cisplatin would improve	
			strength of recommendation.	