

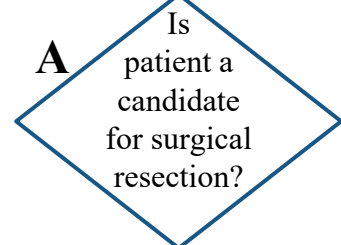
Breast Sarcoma, Clinical Stage I-II¹

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Note: Consider Clinical Trials as treatment options for eligible patients.

INITIAL EVALUATION

- History and physical (H&P), including any history of radiation therapy (RT)
- CBC with differential, CMP, LDH, PT, and PTT
- Imaging
 - Diagnostic mammography with or without tomosynthesis (patients \geq 30 years old) **and**
 - Ultrasound breast **and**
 - Consider MRI breast bilateral with and without contrast²
- Imaging, metastatic
 - CT chest/abdomen/pelvis with and without contrast
- Pre-treatment core needle biopsy
- Lifestyle risk assessment³

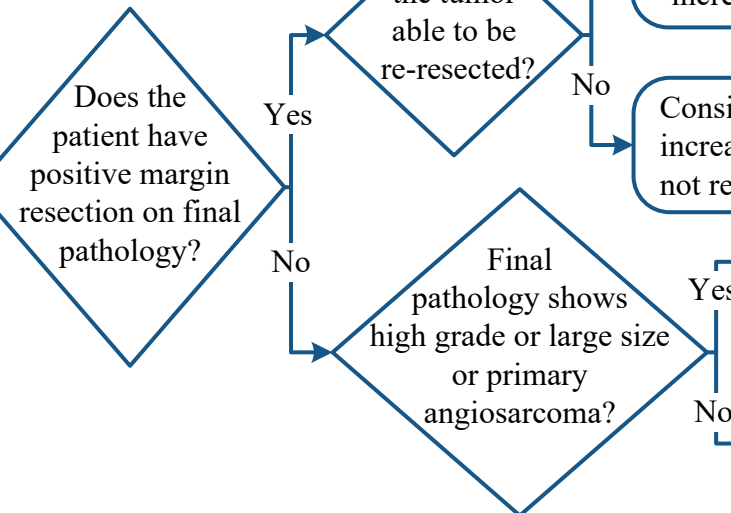


Yes

No

- Discuss Goal Concordant Care (GCC) with patient or if clinically indicated, with Patient Representative⁴
- Surgical resection with attempt towards margin negative surgical resection
- Consider Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery consult to discuss the role of breast reconstruction, if desired, and chest wall coverage, if required
- Consider preoperative radiation therapy in patients known to be at increased risk of local recurrence^{5,6}
- Consider the role of neoadjuvant chemotherapy for patients with increased risk of metastasis

TREATMENT



- Re-excision. Total mastectomy typically required for T2+ tumors⁷.
- Consider postoperative RT if preoperative RT was not given in patients that are at increased risk for local recurrence^{5,6}

Consider postoperative RT in patients at increased risk of local recurrence who did not receive preoperative RT^{5,6}

Discuss at multidisciplinary tumor board the role for adjuvant systemic therapy

SURVEILLANCE⁸

- H&P with mammography **and** breast ultrasound **or** breast MRI with and without contrast to evaluate for local recurrence:
 - Every 6 months for 2 years, then
 - Annually
- Clinical nodal evaluation with physical exam and ultrasound of nodal basin for patients with lymph node involvement
- CBC with differential, CMP and LDH at every visit
- Chest x-ray with H&P as above

CMP = comprehensive metabolic panel

¹ Clinical stage I-II: Patients with low grade tumors \leq 5 cm

² MRI breast can be helpful when lesions are mammographically or sonographically occult and in patients with dense breast tissue

³ See [Physical Activity](#), [Nutrition](#), [Obesity Screening and Management](#), and [Tobacco Cessation Treatment](#) algorithms; ongoing reassessment of lifestyle risks should be a part of routine clinical practice

⁴ GCC should be initiated by the Primary Oncologist. If Primary Oncologist is unavailable, Primary Team/Attending Physician to initiate GCC discussion and notify Primary Oncologist. Patients, or if clinically indicated, the Patient Representative should be informed of therapeutic and/or palliative options. GCC discussion should be consistent, timely, and re-evaluated as clinically indicated. The Advance Care Planning (ACP) note should be used to document GCC discussion. Refer to [GCC home page](#) (for internal use only).

⁵ Scenarios for increased risk of local recurrence include: High risk histology or concern for ability to achieve widely negative surgical margins

⁶ Re-irradiation in patients receiving prior radiation or radiation in patients with secondary radiation-associated sarcoma is generally not recommended but should be discussed in a multidisciplinary setting

⁷ Routine lymph node assessment not indicated

⁸ Surveillance follow-up frequency and imaging type may vary based on a combination of histology, type of surgery, age at diagnosis and breast density. Annual breast MRI can be considered if dense breasts or if diagnosed before age 50; others with personal history of breast cancer should consider annual breast MRI from age at diagnosis.

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- CBC with differential, CMP, LDH, PT, and PTT
- Imaging
 - Diagnostic mammography (patients ≥ 30 years old) **and**
 - Ultrasound breast **and**
 - Consider MRI breast bilateral with and without contrast²
- Imaging, metastatic
 - CT chest/abdomen/pelvis with and without contrast
- If suspicion for axillary involvement (per CT results, physical exam):
 - Axillary ultrasound and fine needle aspiration for suspicious nodes
- Pre-treatment core needle biopsy
- Lifestyle risk assessment³
- Multidisciplinary tumor board discussion

- Discuss GCC with patient or if clinically indicated, with Patient Representative⁴
- Chemotherapy regimens based on patient factors and histologic subtype
- Discuss role of upfront surgical resection if warranted based on histology
- Consider primary surgery if patient is not candidate for systemic therapy

Progression to inoperable or metastasis?

Yes
No

TREATMENT

- Second line chemotherapy **or** clinical trial
- Consider palliative local therapy

Tumor response and adequate performance status per ECOG Performance Status Scale?

Yes
No

Evaluate for local therapy with or without treatment of metastatic disease

- Third line chemotherapy **or**
- Clinical trial **or**
- Supportive care

SURVEILLANCE⁵

- H&P with mammography **and** breast ultrasound **or** breast MRI with and without contrast to evaluate for local recurrence:
 - Every 3 months for 2 years, then
 - Every 6 months for 3 years, then
 - Annually
- Clinical nodal evaluation with ultrasound of nodal basin for patients who had lymph node involvement both on exam and imaging
- CBC with differential, CMP and LDH every visit
- Chest x-ray with H&P as above⁶

ECOG = Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group

¹ Clinical stage III: Patients with intermediate or high-grade tumors > 5 cm. For clinical management of soft-tissue sarcoma, see

[Adult Soft-Tissue Sarcoma for Clinical Stage III Extremity/Superficial Trunk algorithm](#)

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⁶ Consider full body staging imaging (*i.e.*, PET/CT whole body scan or CT chest/abdomen/pelvis with and without contrast) depending on histologic subtype and metastatic patterns

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