BREAST

Fundamentals of Surgery Course

Objectives

Risks for breast cancer Routine screening mammography Describe the diagnostic workup and management for breast conditions. Describe workup for breast mass or nipple discharge. Describe the preop evaulation with breast cancer.

Objectives

- Know differential diagnosis of a breast lump.
- Explain breast conservation treatment
- Describe adjuvant therapy, radiation therapy, and hormonal therapy.
- Describe the expected survival and local recurrence rates.

Breast

211,300 women and 1300 men diagnosed 2003 with breast cancer. 58,000 cases of in-situ breast cancer. 40,000 women die each year. One in eight women develop breast cancer. 10% are related to genetic factors.

1% occur in men

Anatomy

S Glandular, ductal, connective and adipose tissue

- Location superficial to pectoralis major muscle.
- Extends from clavicle superiorly to sixth rib inferiorly.

Midsternal line medially into the axilla laterally.

Anatomy

15 to 20 lobes that radiate from the nipple area.



Blood supply Arteries

Perforating branches of paired internal mammary arteries.
 Lateral thoracic artery

Blood supply veins

Axillary, subclavian, and intercostal veins



Nerves

Long thoracic- surface of serratus anterior muscle and motor innervation to serratus anterior muscle.

Abducts and laterally rotates the scapula and holds against the chest wall.



Thoracodorsal nerve is located posteriorly in axillary space
Innervates the latissimus dorsi muscle
Adducts, extends and medially rotates the arm.



Medial pectoral nerve pierces pectoralis minor en route to pectoralis major innervates both.



Intercostobrachial nerves are lateral cutaneous branches of the first and second intercostal nerves.

Innervation to inner aspect of upper arm and axilla

Anatomy

- Primary drainage (75%) is to axilla.
- Internal mammary nodes.
- Level I- lateral to pectoral minor
- Level II- centralLevel III- medial



Physiology

Modified apocrine gland

- Estrogen stimulates proliferation of the breast ductal system.
- Postmenopausal- breast tissue is replaced with adipose tissue.

Gynecomastia

- Enlarged tender breasts in males.
- Physiologic/pubertal gynecomastia occurs in over 50% adolescent males.
- Physiologic/senescent gynecomastia in elderly.
- Bilateral or unilateral
- Digoxin, estrogens, thiazides and theophylline

Diagnosis

Complete history
Physical
Diagnostic studies



History

Current problems
History of biopsies
Mammography
Family history cancer.
Age at onset menses and natural or surgical menopause.

History

 Age at first full-term pregnancy, number pregnancies
 Use of birth control pills, hormone replacement therapy
 Current medications

Risk Factors

Female sex

Increasing age

Family history- BRCA-1 and BRCA-2
 Proliferative pathology with atypia on biopsy.

Physical

Inspection and palpation Sitting arm at side, elevated, on waist. Inspect nipples Palpate breast and axillae. Palpate from sternum to the axilla and from the clavicle to below the inframammary crease.



Physical

- Strip method, "spokes of a wheel" or a spiral pattern.
- Mass size
- Tender or nontender
- Mobile or nonmobile
- Texture 🕅
- Nipple discharge: color, spontaneous, bloody, or bilateral.

Diagnostic Evaluation

Monthly self breast examinationYearly mammography for women

aged 40 and older

Yearly breast physical examination by a health care professional.

Ultrasound

MRI- BRCA early detection, sensitivity of >90% for invasive cancer.

Mammography

10% false-negative rate
 Suspicious mass: irregular or spiculated margins
 Microcalcifications: pleomorphic, linear, or branching

Ultrasound

Noninvasive

Characterize palpable lesions or suspicious areas on mammography.
 Solid vs cystic
 Simple vs complex

Ultrasound

Benign: sharp borders, central enhancement, absence of internal echoes.

Suspicious: poorly defined margins, heterogeneous internal echoes, taller than wide", irregular internal shadowing.

MRI

High risk patients.
Dense breast, breast implants, scars
BRCA : early detection
Invasive lobular carcinoma.
Sensitivity >90% for invasive cancer, <60% for DCIS.







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Tissue-sampling techniques Cytology- individual cells Histology- individual cells and their relationship to each other.

Biopsy

FNA-fine needle aspiration, cells are aspirated and smeared on a slide.
 Core-needle: small thin cores of tissue.

Open: excisional biopsy, needle localized excisional biopsy.



Fibroadenoma

Benign tumor
 Young women
 Freely movable, discrete, firm, rounded mass.
 FNA or core biopsy



- MCC mass in women 4th and 5th decade.
- Fluctuates with the menstrual cycle
- **Ultrasound**
- Aspiration on large or symptomatic cysts.
- Complex mammogram and core biopsy.



Nipple Discharge

 MCC- duct ectasia
 Color- clear, milky, or green-brown.
 10% to 15% unilateral bloody discharge is malignant.
 Intraductal papilloma

Abscess and Mastitis

Chronic inflammation and fistula in nonlactating women. Abx and drainage. Mastitis –pain and erythema in lactating women. Staphylococci or streptococci Tx: dicloxacillin or clinadamycin

Noninvasive Epithelial Cancers

 Lobular carcinoma insitu (LCIS)
 Ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS) or intraductal carcinoma- papillary, cribriform, solid and comedo type.
Invasive Epithelial Cancers

 Invasive lobular carcinoma
 Invasive ductal carcinoma: IDC, tubular, mucinous or colloid, medullary, invasive cribriform, invasive papillary, adenoid cystic and metaplastic carcinoma.

Mixed Connective and Epithelial

Phyllodes tumor
 Carcinosarcoma
 angiosarcoma





Marker for IDC or ILC Bilateral Incidentally identified with excision.



DCIS

 Preinvasive form of ductal carcinoma.
 Mammogram- microcalcifications.
 Types- solid, cribriform, micropapillary, and comedo-type.
 Higher- grade: solid and comedo types.

ILC

10% of breast cancers
 Multicentricity-contralateral breast
 Difficult to detect on mammogram and physical exam.

IDC

70% of breast cancers
Firm irregular mass
Mammogram- well defined



Paget's Disease of nipple

- <1% of breast cancers</p>
- Nipple erythema and irritation.
- Itching, burning, or sticking pain in the nipple.
- Tx: mastectomy with axillary staging or wide excision of the nipple and areola, axillary staging, and radiation.

Inflammatory Carcinoma

- 3% of breast cancers.
- Erythema and edema (Peau d'orange)
- Tx: aggressive neoadjuvant chemotherapy, mastectomy, and radiation therapy, with hormonal therapy in estrogen-responsive tumors.
- Poor prognosis- 25% alive at 5 years.

Staging

- 🕅 Tis insitu
- 🕅 T1 <2cm
- I T2 >2cm, <5cm
- ∭ T3 >5cm
- T4 any size with extension to chest wall or skin.

 N0 – no lymph node mets
 N1 – 1 to 3 ALN
 N2 – 4 to 9 ALN
 N3 - > 10 ALN

Staging

M0 – no distant metastasis
 M1 – distant metastasis



Stage Grouping

0	Tis	NO	MO
I	T1	NO	MO
IIA	Т0	N1	MO
	T1	N1	MO
	T2	NO	MO
IIB	T2	N1	MO
	T3	NO	MO

Stage Grouping

IIIA	T0	N2	MO
	T1	N2	MO
	T2	N2	MO
	T3	N1	MO
	T3	N2	MO
IIIB	T4	NO	MO
	T4	N1	MO
	T4	M2	MO
IIIC	Any T	N3	MO
IV	Any T	Any N	M1

5 – Year Relative Survival Rate

0	100%
I	100%
IIA	92%
IIB	81%
IIIA	67%
IIIB	54%
IIIC	*
IV	20%

🕅 * not available

Surgical treatment

 Lumpectomy, wide local excision or partial mastectomy- excision of a malignancy with 2 to 3 mm clear margins, sentinel lymph node biopsy
 Preservation of the breast- breast conserving surgery



Surgical Treatment

Simple or total mastectomy- complete removal of the mammary gland including nipple and areola.
 Modified radical mastectomy - complete removal of the mammary

gland including nipple and areola with axillary dissection.



Nodal biopsy

 Axillary dissection -level I and II for presence of lymph node metastasis.
 Sentinel LNB – clinically negative axilla

Eligibility for Breast Conservation

Tumor size: < 5 cm with clear margins and cosmetic result.
 Margins- 2 to 3 mm clear margins.
 Radiation therapy

Prophylactic Mastectomy

Bilateral simple mastectomy
High-risk lesions
Atypical ductal hyperplasia, LCIS
Strong family history
BRCA-1 or BRCA-2
Reduces risk of breast cancer by 90%

Chemotherapy

- MC cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, and 5-fluorouracil
- Doxorubicin, cyclophosphamide, and taxane
- Indications- premenopausal and postmenopausal patients with node positive disease and tumors >1cm.



Hormonal Therapy

 Tamoxifen- estrogen-receptor-positive (ER+) tumors
 Decreases incidence of contralateral

breast cancer by 40%

5 years

Treatment for Recurrent and Metastatic Breast Cancer

- Local recurrence after breast conserving surgery- mastectomy /radiation
- Local recurrence after mastectomylocal excision and radiation
- Metastatic disease- chemotherapy
 Brain metastases- radiation

Complications

- Infection, bleeding, and seroma
- **Flap necrosis**
- Lymphedema and decreased ROM arm.
- Winged scapula
- Loss of sensation to the skin of the inner upper arm.



Complications

Chemotherapy- N/V, leukopenia, thrombocytopenia, and alopecia. Doxarubicin- cardiotoxicity Sepsis and hemorrhagic cystitis. Tamoxifen- hot flashes, fluid retention, vaginitis, and thrombocytopenia.

Complications

Radiation- breast edema progress to fibrosis and hyperpigmentation.

Prognosis

Stage	Survival rate (%)
I	96
II	82
111	53
IV	18

Axillary lymph node status-disease-free and overall survival.



Follow Up

 Physical exam- 3 to 6 months x 3 years then yearly
 Bilateral mammogram 6 months after radiation therapy following lumpectomy.

Mammogram yearly after mastectomy