Lymphoma in Remission

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Lymphoma

About Lymphoma and Lymphoma Subtypes

Lymphoma is the most common type of blood cancer. Specifically, lymphoma is a cancer that affects lymphocytes, which are a type of white blood cell. Lymphocytes travel through the blood and lymphatic system to defend the body against foreign invaders like bacteria and viruses. Lymphomas usually develop when a change, or mutation, occurs within a lymphocyte, causing the abnormal cell to replicate faster than, or live longer than, a normal lymphocyte. Like normal lymphocytes, cancerous lymphocytes can travel through the blood and lymphatic system and spread and grow in many parts of the body, including the lymph nodes, spleen, bone marrow, and other organs.

https://lymphoma.org/understanding-lymphoma/aboutlymphoma/

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Goals of Lymphoma Treatment

- For some **types of lymphoma, treatment** aims to get rid of all the lymphoma and send it into **complete remission** (no evidence of lymphoma in **tests and scans**). This is usually the case with **Hodgkin's Lymphoma** and **high-grade non-Hodgkin's lymphoma**.

- For other types of lymphoma, such as some types of skin lymphoma, treatment aims to control the lymphoma and send it into **partial remission**. This means that there's less lymphoma in your body than there was before you had treatment.

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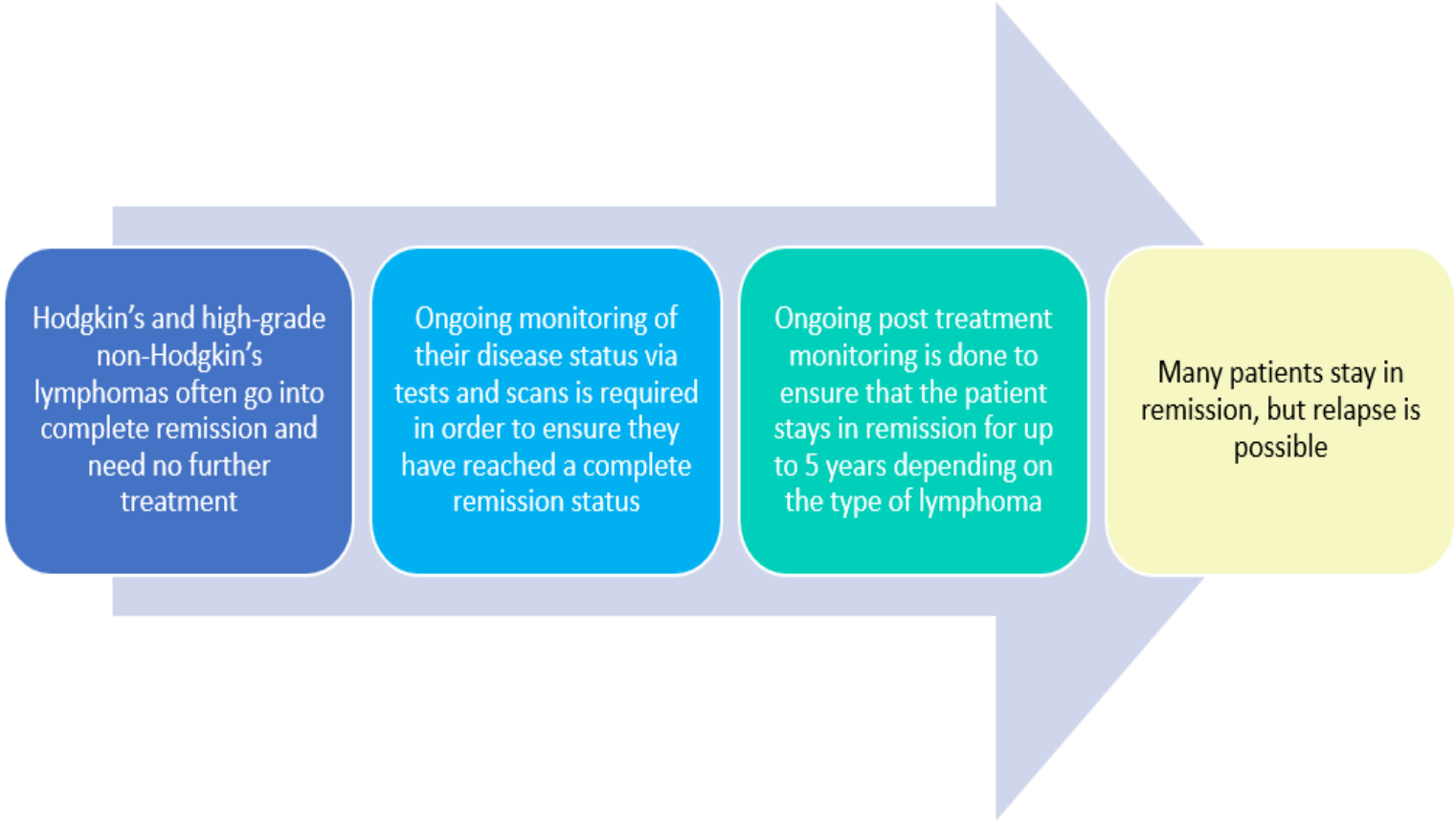
Management /Monitoring of Lymphoma



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Summary

- A new ICD-10-CM code for Lymphoma in remission will provide a code that reflects the current status of the patient's disease
- The absence of lymphoma in remission codes will hinder the ability to make meaningful comparisons to assess and evaluate differences in patient care, statistical data, and accurate clinical outcomes of lymphoma cases