Chronic Graft-versus-Host Disease: Utilizing the NIH Consensus Guidelines

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- Both inflammatory and fibrotic components

 Symptoms vary
 - 50% have 3 or more involved organs
- Treatment is prolonged and may contribute to morbidity and mortality
 - Median duration of treatment is 2-3 years
 - 15% still require treatment after 7 years
 - Infections cause 60-85% of deaths



Outline

- Overview of chronic GVHD
- Chronic GVHD Consensus conference
- Organ-specific and global severity scoring
- Two clinical examples
- Treatment
- Information resources



Chronic GVHD

- Most common long-term complication of allogeneic hematopoietic cell infusion
 - Affects 30-70% of allogeneic recipients
 - Median onset 4-6 months
 - 90-95% of cases diagnosed within 1 year
 - Leading cause of non-relapse mortality
 - 25% of deaths in 2 year survivors
 - 11% of deaths in 5 year survivors

Impetus for the NIH Consensus Conference

- No change in first line therapy since 1980's
- No standard second line therapy
- No FDA approved therapies
- Literature sparse, heterogeneous
- Difficult to interpret clinical trials
 - Diagnosis not standardized
 - Severity scale dichotomous
 - Response measures not defined

NIH Consensus Development Project on **Criteria for Clinical Trials** in Chronic GVHD (June 6, 2005) Chairs: Steve Pavletic & Georgia Vogelsang

- Diagnosis and scoring (Filipovich et al)
- Pathology (Shulman et al)
- · Biomarkers (Schultz et al)
- Response criteria (Pavletic et al)
- Supportive care (Couriel et al)
- Clinical trials (Martin et al)



Diagnosis and Scoring

- Criteria for chronic GVHD diagnosis
 - 1 Diagnostic finding OR 1 Distinctive finding plus biopsy/test confirmation
- Categories of organ-specific severity (0-3)
 - Skin, Mouth, Eyes, Lung, GI tract, Liver, Joints and Fascia, Genital Tract
- · Calculation of overall (global) severity - Mild, Moderate, Severe

Filipovich et al, BBMT 2005; 11: 945

BBMT 2005; 11: 945 2006; 12: 31 12: 126

12: 120 12: 252 12: 375

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SKIN Poikiloderma

- Lichen-planus
- Sclerosis
- Morphea . Lichen sclerosis

MOUTH

- Lichen-planus Hyperkeratotic plaques
- Sclerosis

Lung

Bronchiolitis obliterans on bx

- GI Esophageal web, stricture
- Joints 1
 - Fasciitis Contractures

Genital

Lichen planus
Stenosis







0	1	2	3
□ No Symptoms	Mild symptoms (shortness of breath after climbing one flight of steps)	□ Moderate symptoms (shortness of breath after walking on flat ground) □ FEV1 40-59% OR LFS 6-9	□ Severe symptoms (shortness of breath at rest; requiring O ₂) □ FEV1 ≤39% OR LFS 10-12
□ FEV1 <u>></u> 80% OR LFS=2	□ FEV1 60-79% OR LFS 3-5		
LFS = FEV1 score + D	LCO score > 80%	= 1	



NIH Eye Score				
0	1	2	3	
□ No Symptoms	☐ Mild dry eye symptoms not affecting ADL (requiring eyedrops <3 x per day) OR asymptomatic signs of kerato- conjunctivitis sicca	Definition of the symptoms partially affecting ADL (requiring drops > 3 x per day or punctal plugs) WITHOUT vision impairment	□ Severe dry eye symptoms significantly affecting ADL (special eyeware to relieve pain) OR unable to work because of ocular symptoms OR loss of vision caused by kerato-conjunctivitis sicca	
		Symptoms	and interventions	





Liver

- Total bilirubin, alkaline phosphatase, ALT/AST
- Gastrointestinal
 - Dysphagia, anorexia, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, weight loss
- · Joint and fascia
 - Tightness, contractures, range of motion, ADLs
- Genital
 - Physical findings, pain

Example 1

- Diane, a 36 y/o woman
 - Maculopapular rash on her face and upper chest
 - Food sensitivity, lichen-planus-like oral changes
 - Dry eyes, using eyedrops twice a day

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		 Symptoms 	and interventions



Example 2

- Mark, a 49 y/o man
 - Sclerosis involving his arms
 - $-\operatorname{Oral}$ ulcers, unable to eat spicy foods
 - No other organs involved













- Eyes 0
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Pavletic et al, BBMT 2006; 12: 252





Mouth Ulcers Mucocele (of lower labia and of or labia and and are only)	Erythema	None	 Mild erythema OR Moderate erythema (<25%) 	Moderate (225%) OR Severe erythema (<25%)	Severe erythema (225%)
	Lichenoid	None	Hyperkeratotic changes (<25%)	Hyperkeratotic changes (25-50%)	Hyperkeratotic changes (>50%)
	Ulcers	None	None	Ulcers involving (≤20%)	Severe ulcerations (>20%)
	Mucoceles (of lower labia and soft palate only)	None	1-5 mucoceles	6-10 scattered mucoceles	Over 10 mucoceles

BMT-Clinical Trials Network 0801 (Pls: Paul Carpenter / Mukta Arora) • Phase II/III design (N=400) – any chronic GVHD within 4 months of diagnosis – prednisone + sirolimus +/- CNI Prednisone + Sirolimus Prednisone + Sirolimus + CNI Phase II: CR/PR after 6 mos Phase III: Complete resolution of all GVHD after 2 yrs

Initial Therapy

- Steroids at 1 mg/kg/day
 - Data do not support the need for a calcineurin inhibitor (Koc Blood 2002; 100:49)
 - About 30% of people respond and never need additional treatment (Flowers Blood 2002; 100: 415)
 - No evidence that initial therapy should be modified based on anticipated response or risk of recurrent malignancy
 - Consider a clinical trial: Clinical Trials Network Protocol 0801

Summary

- Chronic GVHD diagnosis requires at least one diagnostic manifestation OR one distinctive finding plus biopsy/test confirmation
- Scoring criteria (0-3) are available to record chronic GVHD severity in 8 organ systems
- Overall mild, moderate and severe categories – Are calculated from severity scoring
 - Predict non-relapse mortality and survival
 - The terms "limited" and "extensive" are no longer used







How to Conduct a Comprehensive Chronic GVHD Assessment www.fhcrc.org/science/clinical/gvhd/

How I conduct a comprehensive chronic graft-versus-host disease assessment Carpenter PA. Blood. 2011; 118:2679-87.

Ancillary and Supportive Care

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