

Chemotherapy alone in early stage Hodgkin's lymphoma

Quimioterapia sin radioterapia en el tratamiento de los estadios iniciales del linfoma de Hodgkin

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The paper by Radford *et al* clearly shows that treatment with ABVD chemotherapy (CT) is noninferior to treatment with radiotherapy (RT) in early-stage Hodgkin's lymphoma.¹ Equipments which deliver RT worldwide are heterogeneous in its features, efficacy and conditions, and outdated radiotherapy equipments are still operating in underprivileged circumstances, such as those prevailing in developing (middle income) countries.² With this idea in mind we published a study assessing the efficacy of CT alone in the treatment of early stage Hodgkin's lymphoma and we found that "it is better a conventional CT than a suboptimal RT in the treatment of early-stage Hodgkin's disease".^{2,3}

In certain conditions, therapeutic choices are based not only on scientific data, but also in economic circumstances which lead into differentiated efficacy of the therapeutic approaches.⁴ The data in the paper by Radford *et al*, scientifically support the decision to use CT alone in the treatment of early-stage Hodgkin's lymphoma, in circumstances in which RT is less than optimal and in other scenarios.

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