

# When Cells Die: Recognition and Management of Tumour Lysis Syndrome (TLS)

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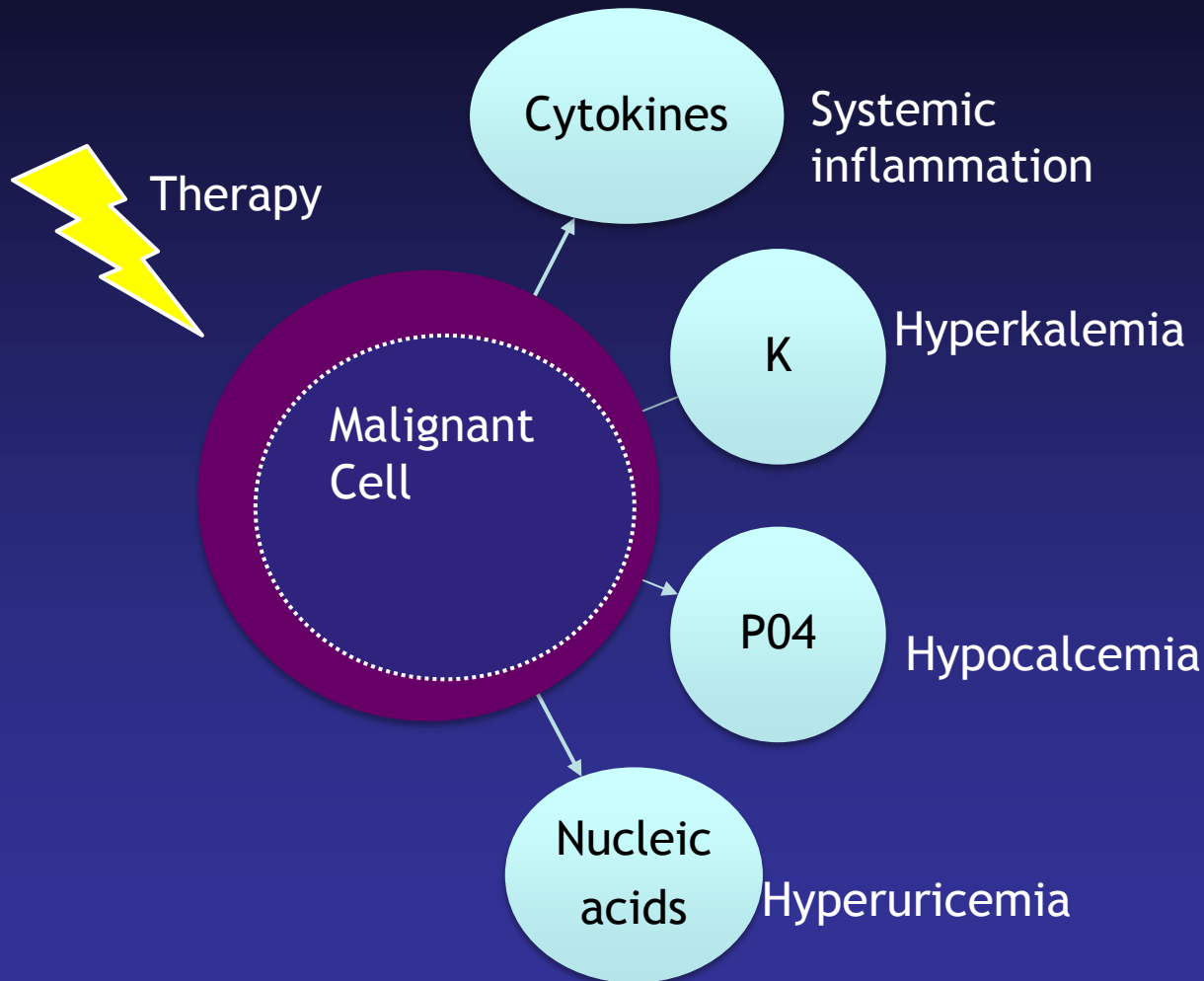
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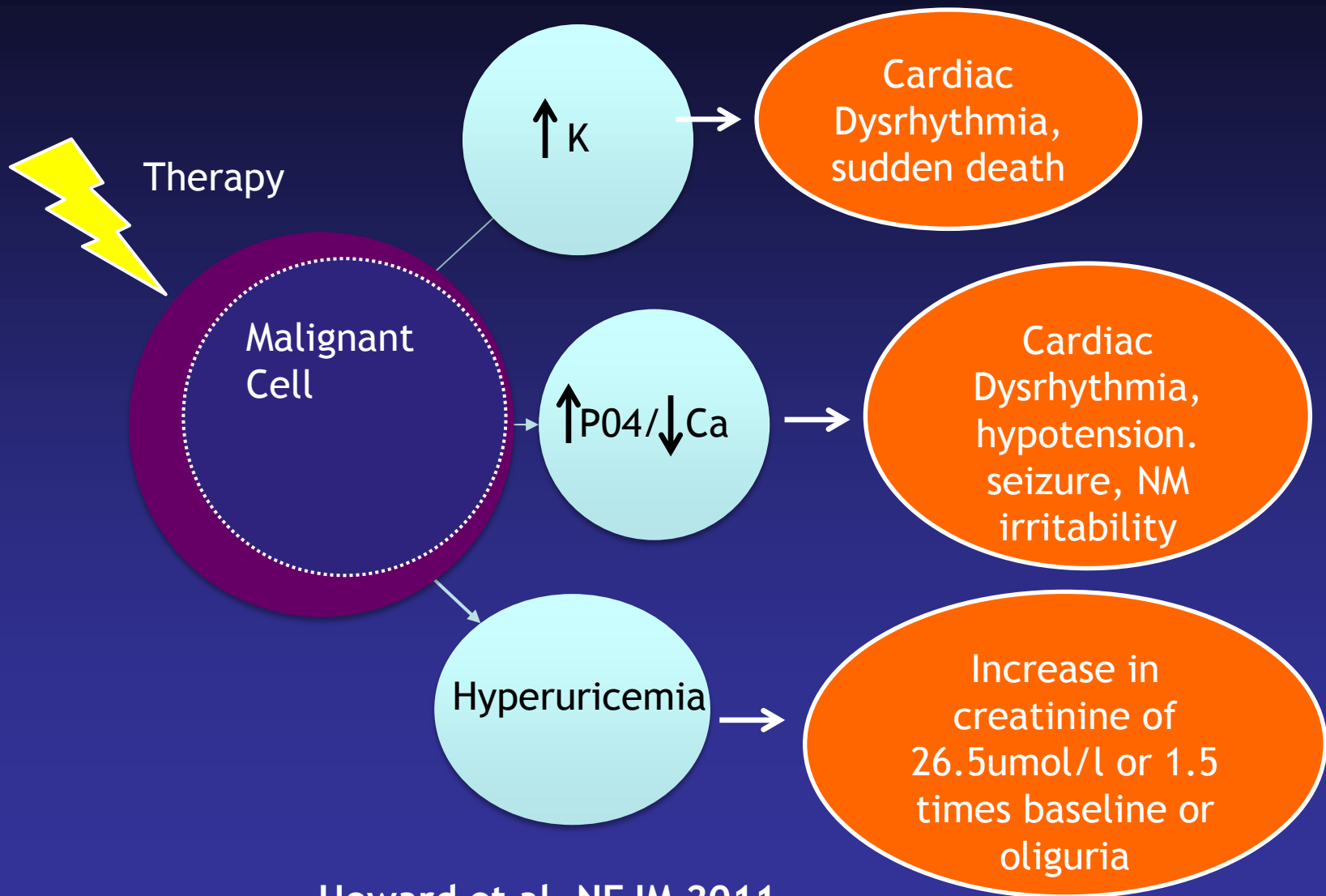
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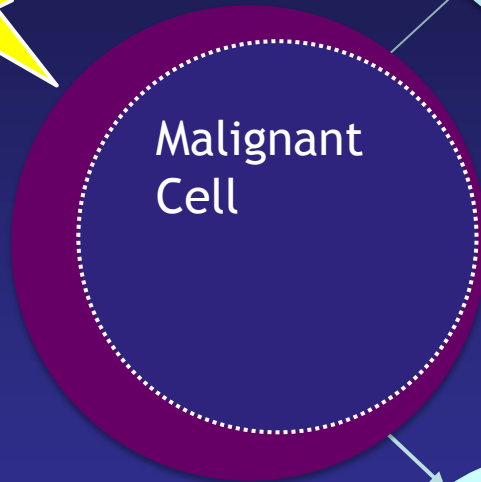
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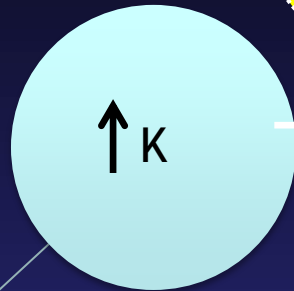
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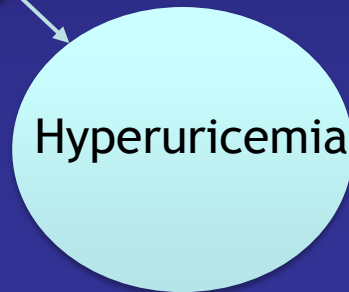


Malignant Cell

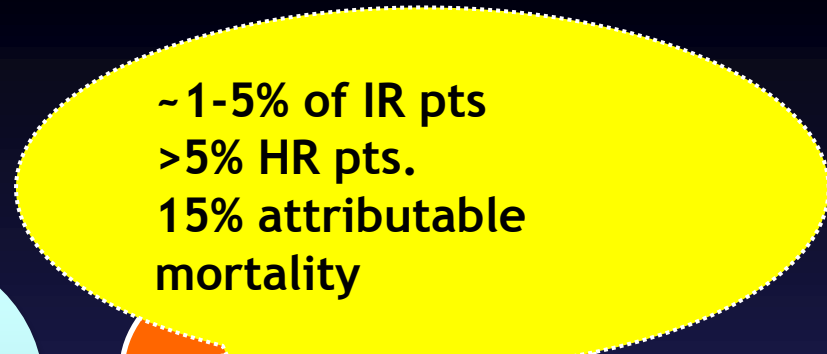


↑K

↑P04/↓Ca



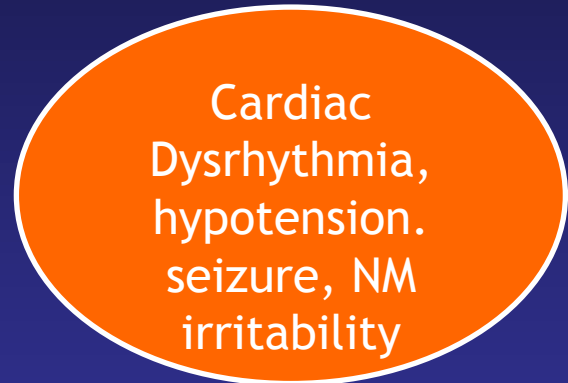
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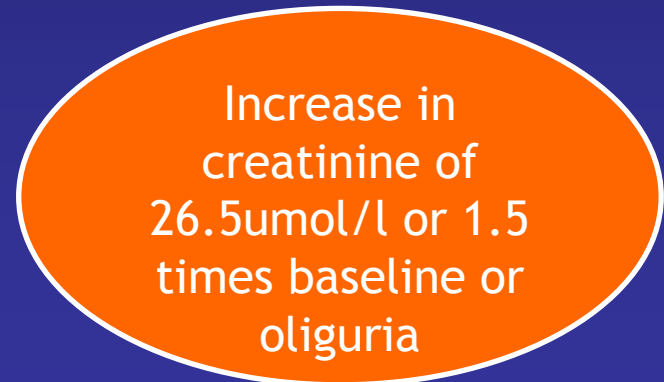
~1-5% of IR pts  
>5% HR pts.  
15% attributable mortality



Dysrhythmia,  
sudden death



Cardiac  
Dysrhythmia,  
hypotension.  
seizure, NM  
irritability



Increase in  
creatinine of  
26.5umol/l or 1.5  
times baseline or  
oliguria

# Laboratory TLS

Cairo-Bishop criteria	
	25% change or out of normal range for $\geq 2$ values within 3d before or 7ds after Rx
Uric acid	$\geq 476$ umol or 25% increase from baseline
K	$\geq 6$ or 25% increase from baseline
P04	$\geq 1.45$ or 25% increase from baseline
Ca	$\leq 1.45$ or 25% decrease from baseline

Cairo et al BJH 2004; Howard et al NEJM 2011

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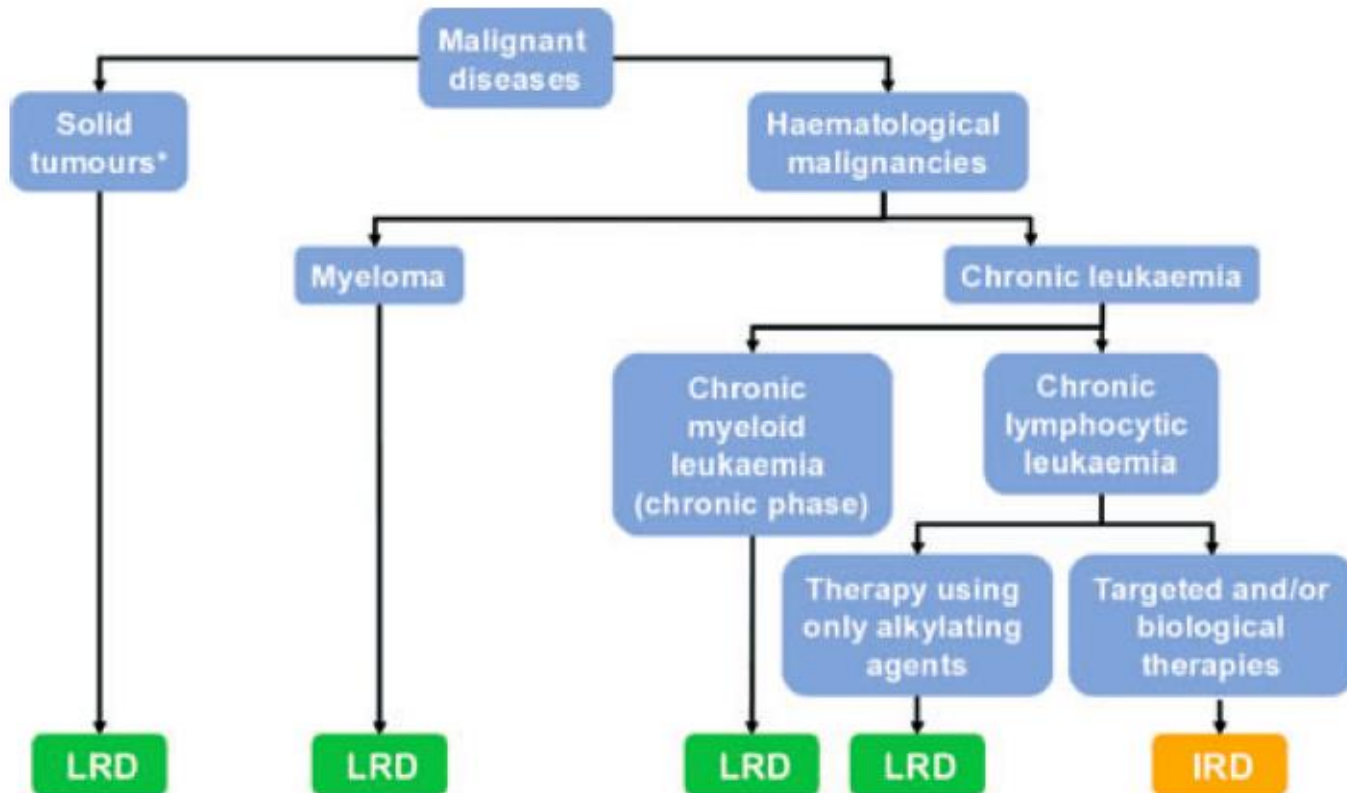
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# Risk Factors for TLS

Risk Factor	Example
Tumor Burden	Lymph Nodes WBC Organ infiltration BM involvement
Cell Lysis Potential	Sensitivity to chemo (hem) Chemo intensity (hem) LDH
Other features on Presentation	Impaired Renal function/age Dehydration Other nephrotoxins Hypotension
Supportive Care	Hydration Exogenous K or Ca Thiazides; ASA; Caffeine; Vit C; Alcohol; Cisplatin Allopurinol/rasburicase

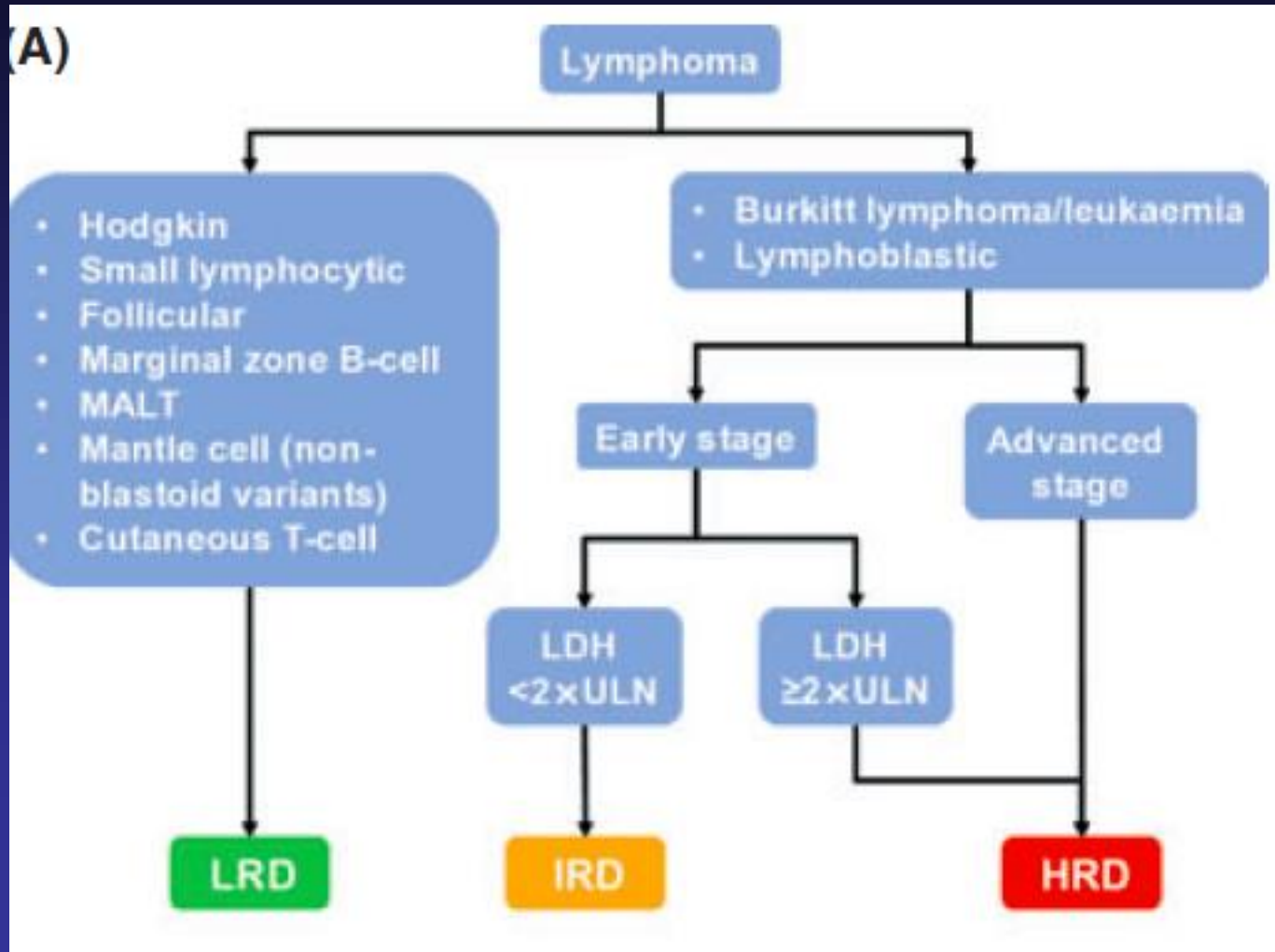
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## Solid tumours and “indolent” HM

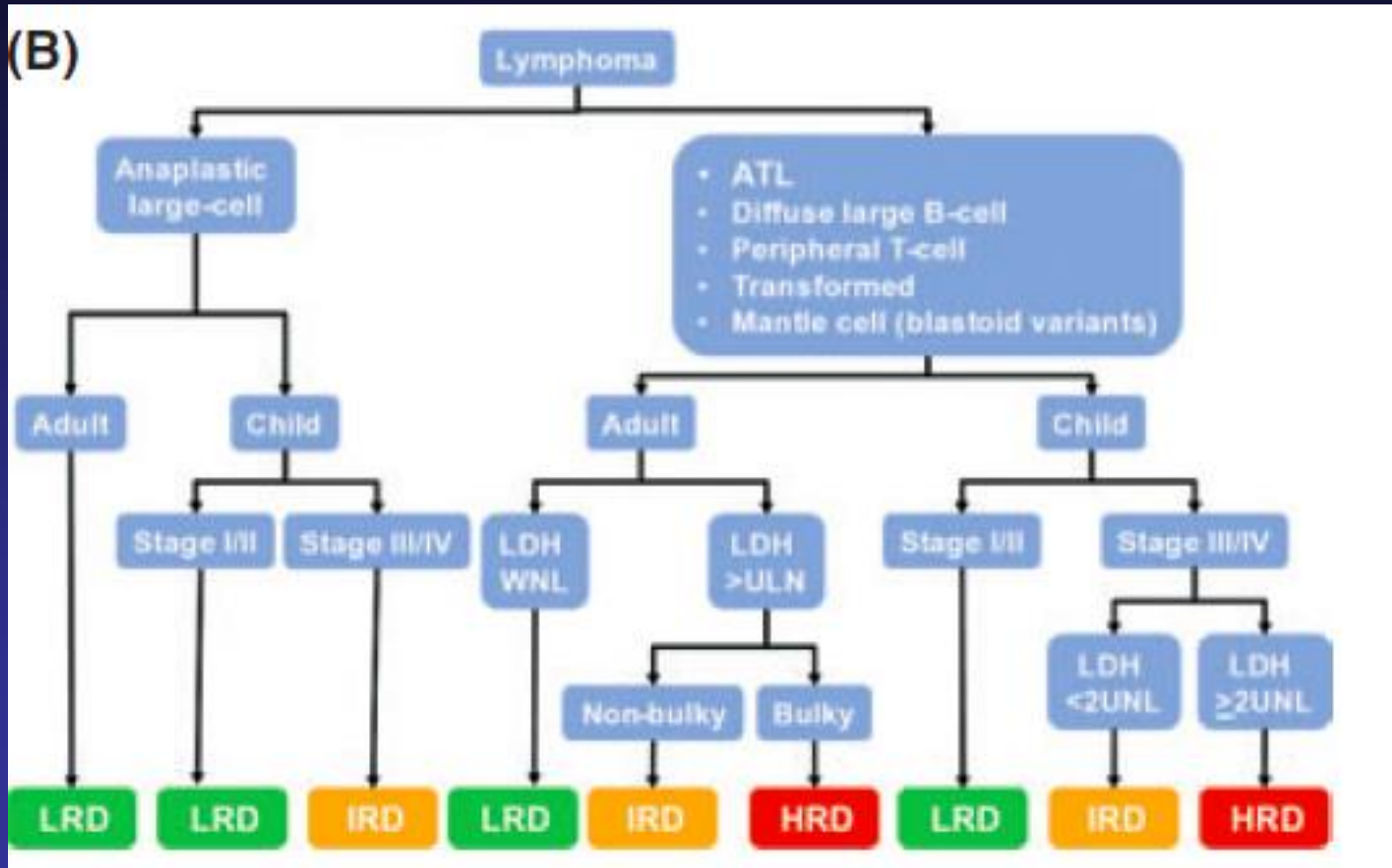


\*Bulky, solid tumours, sensitive to chemotherapy, such as neuroblastomas, germ-cell tumours and small-cell lung cancer are IRD.

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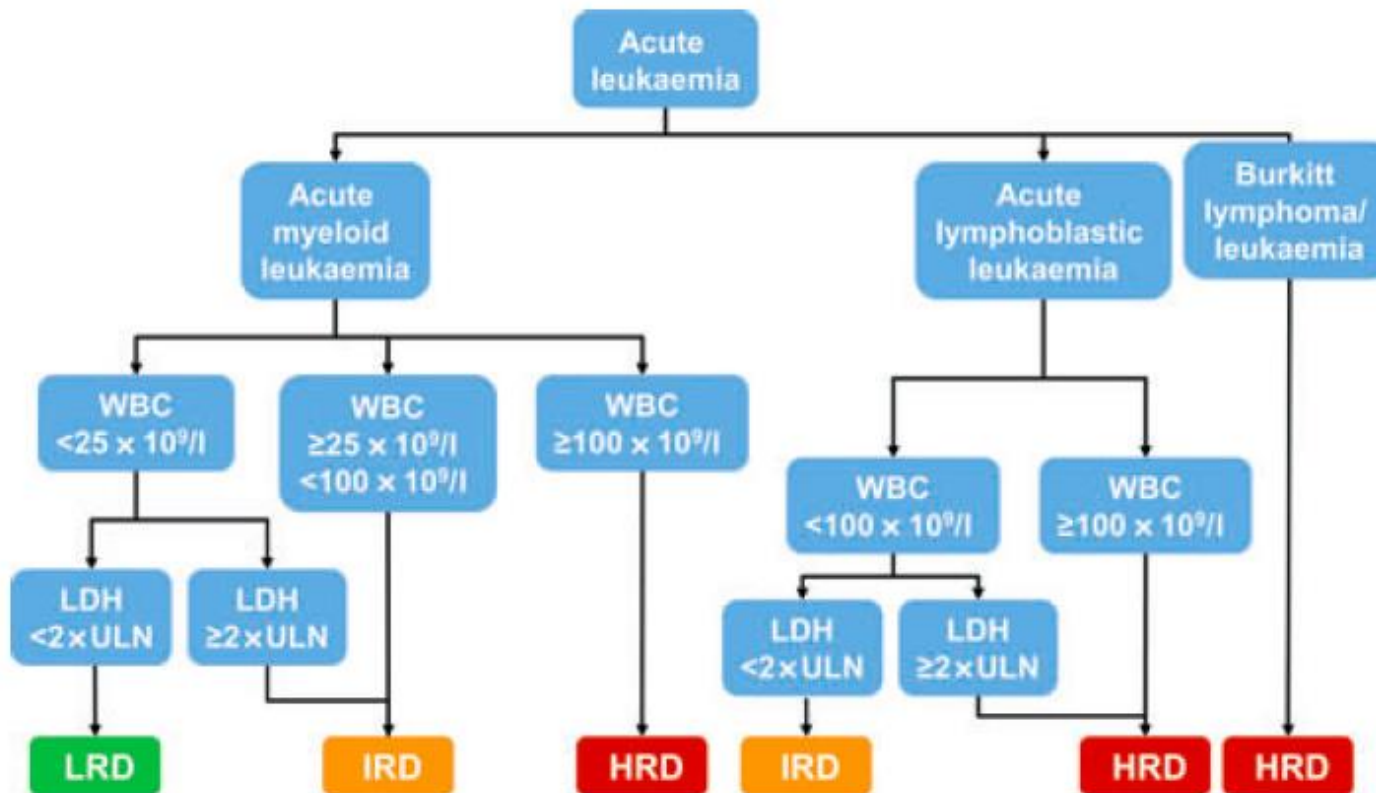


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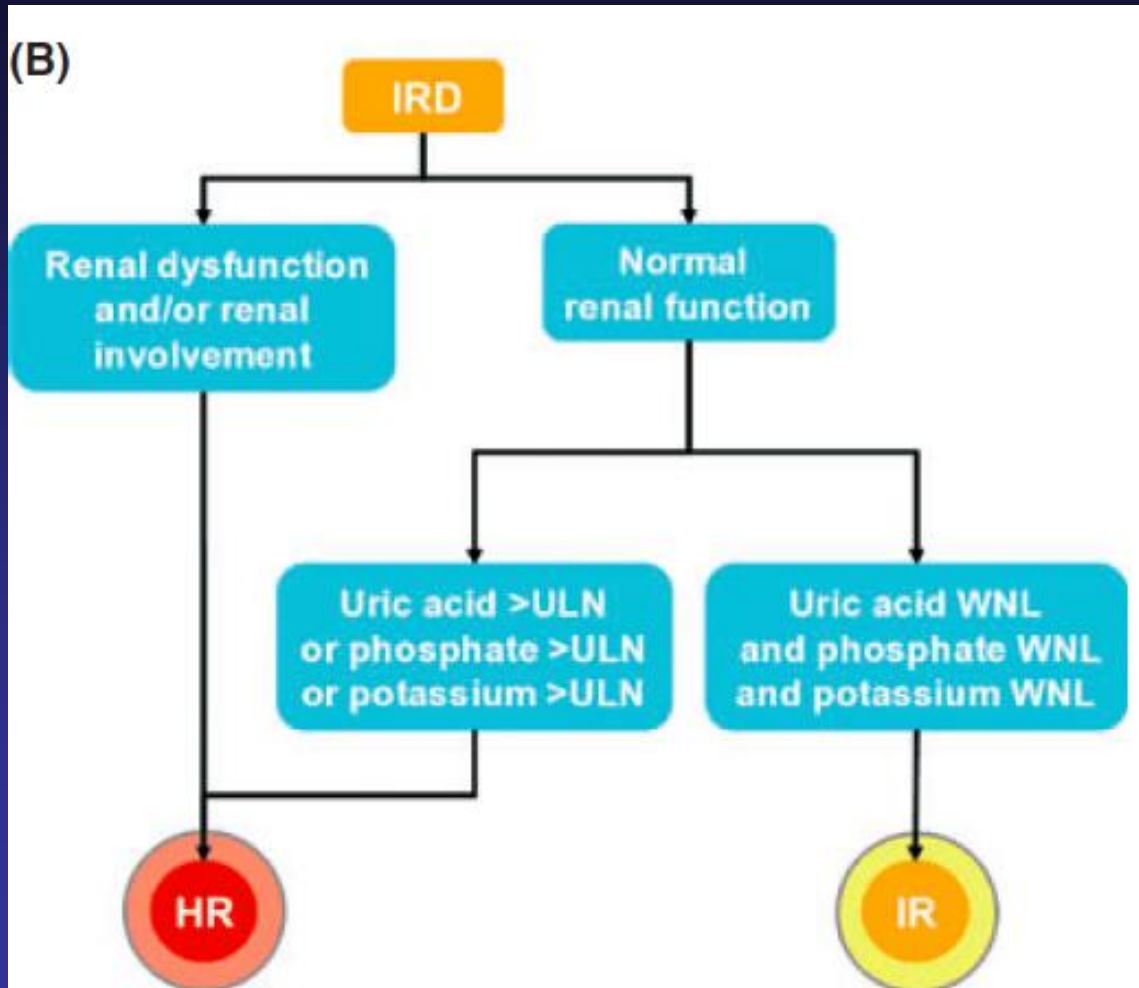




# Risk Factors for TLS Acute Leukemias



# Risk Factors for TLS: The role of renal impairment



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DISINTEGRATION OF CELLULAR NUCLEI  
WITH RELEASE OF NUCLEIC ACIDS

EXCESS PURINE CATABOLISM  
(Adenosine and guanine)

HYPOXANTHINE  
(more soluble than uric acid)

*Xanthine Oxidase*

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URIC ACID

pH~5-6  
URATE (insoluble)  
pH~7-3

*Urate Oxidase* (absent in humans)

ALLANTOIN  
(Much more soluble than uric acid)

Crystallize  
at high pH

So avoid  
alkalization  
of urine

Sites of action  
of  
oxipurinol (the  
active metabolite  
of allopurinol)

Site of action of  
Rasburicase

# Uric Acid & TLS

Jones et al BJH 2015

# TLS prophylaxis: Risk-based

TLS Risk			
	Low	Intermediate	High
Monitoring	Y	Y	Y
Hydration	N	Y	Y
Allopurinol	+/-	Y	Y
Rasburicase	N	+/-	Y

# Clinical TLS treatment

Intravenous fluids 3l/m<sup>2</sup>/day

Rasburicase 7.5mg x 1, then allopurinol

Frequent ECGs

Laboratory tests q4-6 hrs

+/- Cardiac monitoring/ICU

+/- Hemodialysis

Chemistry  
tube on ice

Caution in  
G6PD def

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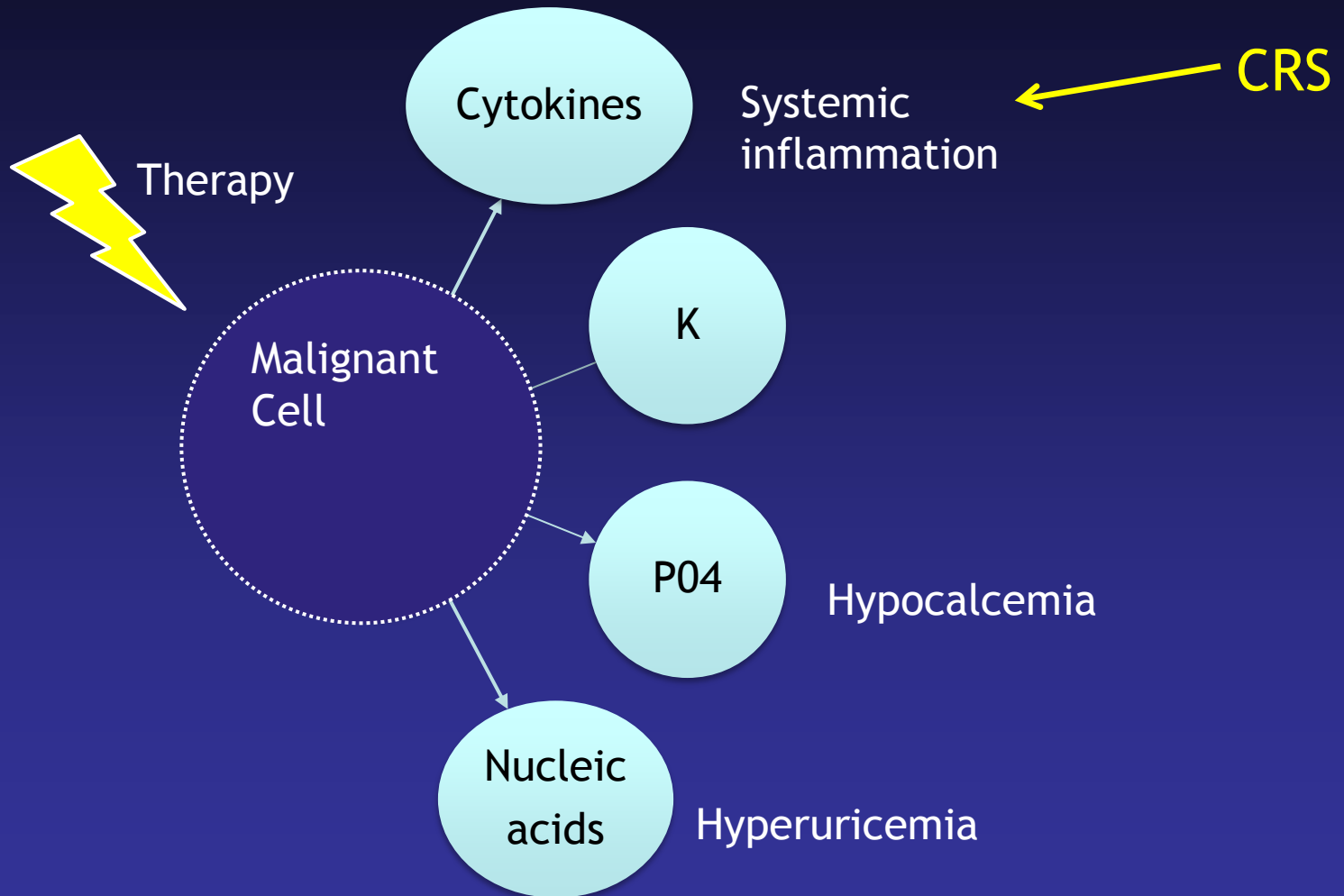
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# Cytokine Release Syndrome

Activated lymphocytes and/or myeloid cells release inflammatory cytokines (eg IL-6)

General	Fever, malaise, fatigue, anorexia, myalgias, arthralgias, nausea, vomiting, headache
Skin	Rash
GI	Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
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- Corticosteroids
- +/-Tocilizumab

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# Extra slides

Measure serum potassium, phosphorus, calcium, creatinine, uric acid and urine output

< 1 Abnormal value

> 2 Abnormal values

No TLS at diagnosis

Assess cancer mass

Small or resected  
localized tumor

Medium-size  
cancer mass

Large cancer mass  
Bulky tumor or organ  
infiltration  
Bone marrow replaced  
with cancer

Assess cell-lysis potential

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Low

Medium / unknown

High

Low

Medium / unknown

High

Assess patient  
Presentation  
Preexisting nephropathy  
Dehydration  
Acidosis  
Hypotension  
Nephrotoxin exposure

No

Yes

**Negligible Risk of  
Clinical TLS**  
No prophylaxis  
No monitoring

**Low Risk of Clinical  
TLS**  
Intravenous fluids  
Allopurinol  
Daily laboratory tests

**Intermediate Risk of Clinical  
TLS**  
Intravenous fluids  
Allopurinol or rasburicase  
Inpatient monitoring  
Laboratory tests every 8-12 hrs

**High Risk of Clinical TLS**  
Intravenous fluids  
Rasburicase  
Cardiac monitoring  
Laboratory tests every 6-8  
hrs

**Established Clinical TLS**  
Intravenous fluids  
Rasburicase  
Cardiac monitoring  
Intensive Care Unit  
Laboratory tests every 4-6 hrs

**Laboratory LTS**  
>Abnormal laboratory –  
test values  
No symptoms

**Clinical TLS**  
Acute kidney injury  
Symptomatic hypo-  
calcemia  
Dysrhythmia

# Criteria for rasburicase in MB

ALL	Clinical TLS OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Initial WBC &gt; 100</li><li>• Lymphomatous presentation and high tumor burden</li></ul>
AML	Clinical TLS, OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Initial WBC &gt; 50</li></ul>
Lymphoma  “Very Aggressive” Histology (BL or Lymphoblastic Lymphoma)	Clinical TLS <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stage III /IV disease, OR</li><li>• Any stage disease with LDH &gt; than 2x ULN and uric acid <math>\geq</math> 476 <math>\mu</math>mol/L</li></ul>
Germ Cell Tumour	Clinical TLS, OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stage III/IV disease and LDH greater than 2 times ULN and Uric acid <math>\geq</math> to 476 <math>\mu</math>mol/L</li></ul>

Classification	Cairo-Bishop criteria [11]	Howard criteria [12]	Key difference in Howard criteria
Primary TLS	25% change or level above or below defined values for any 2 or more serum values defined below within 3 days before or 7 days after initiation of therapy	Two or more metabolic abnormalities must be present during the same 24-hour period within 3 days before to 7 days after initiation of therapy	Removed 25% change and added that both abnormalities be present in 24-hour period
Acid	$\geq 476 \mu\text{mol/L}$ or 25% increase from baseline	$\geq 475.8 \mu\text{mol/L}$ (adults) or above ULN range for age (children)	Lowered threshold value and removed 25% increase from baseline
Sodium	$\geq 6.0 \text{ mmol/L}$ or 25% increase from baseline	$\geq 6.0 \text{ mmol/L}$	Removed 25% increase from baseline
Phosphorous	$\geq 2.1 \text{ mmol/L}$ (children), $\geq 1.45 \text{ mmol/L}$ (adults), or 25% increase from baseline	$\geq 2.1 \text{ mmol/L}$ (children), $\geq 1.5 \text{ mmol/L}$ (adults)	Raised threshold value for adults and removed 25% increase from baseline
Calcium	$\leq 1.75 \text{ mmol/L}$ or 25% decrease from baseline	$< 1.75 \text{ mmol/L}$ corrected calcium <sup>a</sup> or $< 0.3 \text{ mmol/L}$ ionized calcium	Amended values with distinction between corrected and ionized calcium



# Clinical TLS

Cardiac dysrhythmia or sudden death probably or definitely caused by hyperkalemia

Cardiac dysrhythmia, sudden death, seizure, neuromuscular irritability (tetany, paresthesias, muscle twitching, carpopedal spasm, Trousseau's sign, Chvostek's sign, laryngospasm, or bronchospasm), hypotension, or heart failure probably or definitely caused by hypocalcemia

Increase in the serum creatinine level of 0.3 mg/dl (26.5  $\mu$ mol/liter) (or a single value >1.5 times the upper limit of the age-appropriate normal range if no baseline creatinine measurement is available) or the presence of oliguria, defined as an average urine output of <0.5 ml/kg/hr for 6 hr

Howard et al. NEJM 2011

# Immunotherapy Targets in ALL/NHL

