

INFLAMMATORY BREAST CANCER – OVERVIEW

Symptoms and Diagnosis

IBC presents **differently** from other breast cancers. A lump is not necessary although some patients have a lump along with classic skin changes.

Symptoms of IBC may include:

- ❖ Skin redness (due to dermal lymphatics blocked with IBC cells)
- ❖ Breast swelling
- ❖ Breast pain
- ❖ Itching
- ❖ Nipple retraction
- ❖ Peau d'orange

IBC presents quickly – duration of symptoms = less than 6 months (to distinguish from T4b LABC)

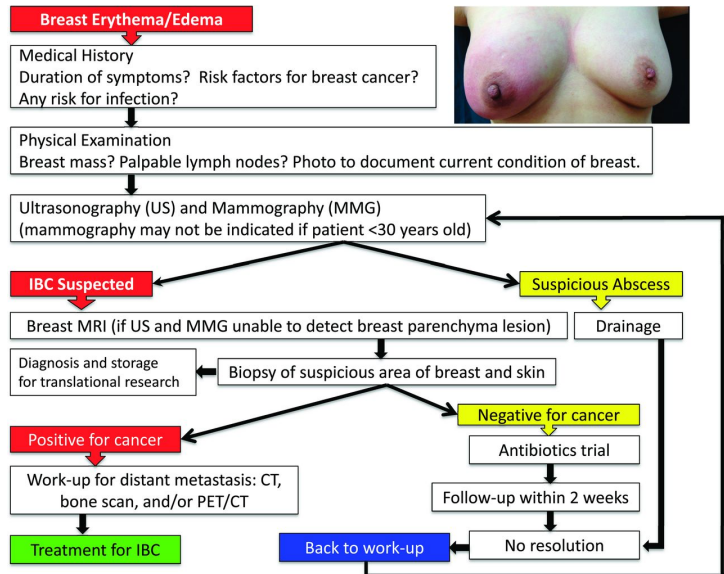
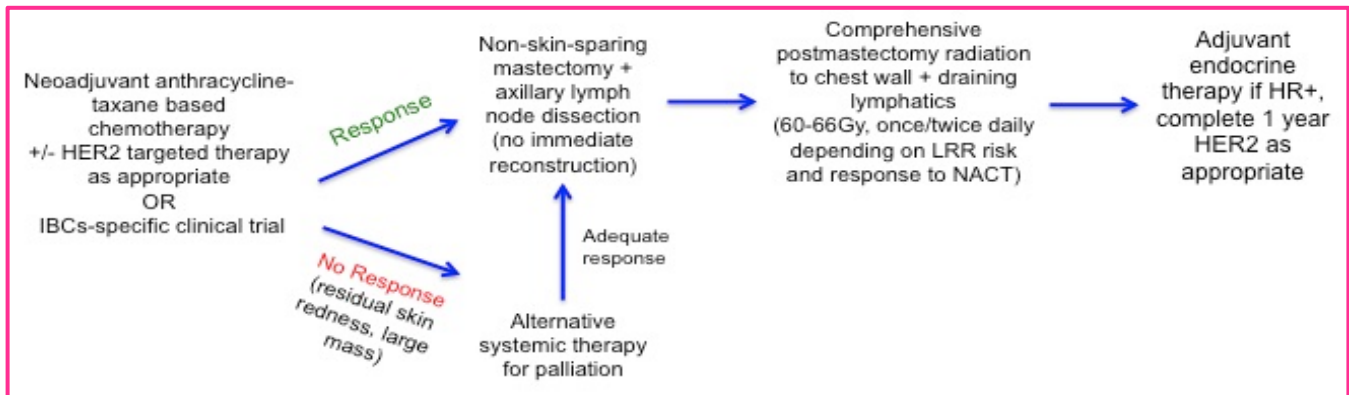


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Treatment

IBC requires tri-modal treatment as depicted in the flow chart below, ideally by a multi-disciplinary team who evaluate the patient upfront and throughout treatment



For more information

- ❖ Yamauchi et al. "Inflammatory Breast Cancer: What We Know and What We Need to Learn" *The Oncologist* 2012; 17:891-899
- ❖ Dawood et al, "International expert panel on inflammatory breast cancer: Consensus statement for standardized diagnosis and treatment", *Annals of Oncology* 2011; 22:515-523
- ❖ University of Texas MD Anderson Morgan Welch Inflammatory Breast Cancer Program - <https://www.mdanderson.org/patients-family/diagnosis-treatment/care-centers-clinics/breast-center/inflammatory-breast-cancer-clinic.html>
- ❖ Contact the IBC Network Foundation: terry@theibcnetwork.org; website: www.ibcnetwork.org
- ❖ Download our IBC Educational Mobile app (for patients and medical professionals) – <http://bit.ly/IBCAppApple> (for iOS) or <http://bit.ly/IBCAppAndroid> (for Android)

