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Recommendations for the use of chemoembolization in patients with hepatocellular carcinoma: Usefulness of scoring system?

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Abstract

Several hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) staging systems have been established, and a variety of country-specific treatment strategies are also proposed. The BCLC (Barcelona - Clinic Liver Cancer) system is the most widely used in Europe. The HKLC (Hong Kong liver Cancer) is a new prognostic staging system; it might become the reference system in Asia. Transarterial chemoembolization (TACE) is the most widely used treatment for HCC worldwide; but it showed a benefit only for intermediate stage HCC (BCLC B), and there is still no consensus concerning treatment methods and treatment strategies. In view of the highly diverse nature of HCC and treating a scoring system designed to assist with decision making before

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