

# Oncology Clinical Pathways

## Oligodendroglioma

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# Oligodendroglioma – Presumptive Conditions

VA automatically presumes that certain disabilities were caused by military service. This is because of the unique circumstances of a specific Veteran's military service. If a presumed condition is diagnosed in a Veteran within a certain group, they can be awarded disability compensation.

## Atomic Veterans Exposed to Ionizing Radiation

- Brain Cancer

## Gulf War and Post 9/11 Veterans

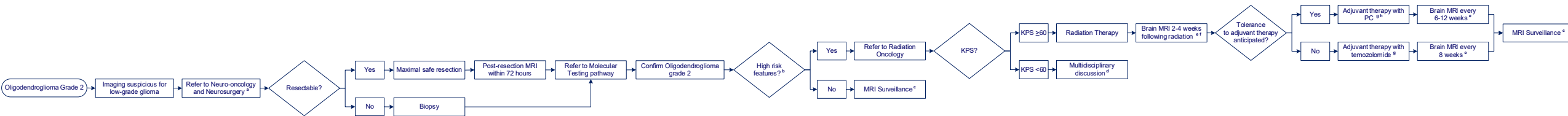
If the patient served on or after Sept. 11, 2001, in Afghanistan, Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Uzbekistan, or Yemen or if you served in the \*Southwest Asia theater of operations, or Somalia, on or after Aug. 2, 1990, specific conditions include:

- Brain Cancer

\* The Southwest Asia theater of operations refers to Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the neutral zone between Iraq and Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, the Gulf of Aden, the Gulf of Oman, the Persian Gulf, the Arabian Sea, the Red Sea, and the airspace above these locations.

For more information, please visit [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs - Presumptive Disability Benefits \(va.gov\)](https://www.va.gov)

# Oligodendroglioma – Grade 2



Clinical trial(s) always considered on pathway. For assistance finding a clinical trial, email [CancerClinicalTrialsNavigation@va.gov](mailto:CancerClinicalTrialsNavigation@va.gov).

<sup>a</sup> **Refer to Neuro-oncology** via National TeleOncology consult if local VA Neuro-oncology unavailable

<sup>b</sup> **High Risk Features** to include >40 years old and residual tumor, neurologic symptoms to include uncontrolled seizures, or atypical neuroimaging to include contrast enhancement; take into account high risk features as determined by Neuropathologist

<sup>c</sup> **MRI Surveillance** at least every 4 months for first 5 years, every 6 months for years 5-10, at least annually >10 years

<sup>d</sup> **Multidisciplinary Discussion** through local tumor board or National TeleOncology CNS Virtual Tumor Board

<sup>e</sup> **Imaging** MRI with and without contrast; CT with contrast if MRI contraindicated

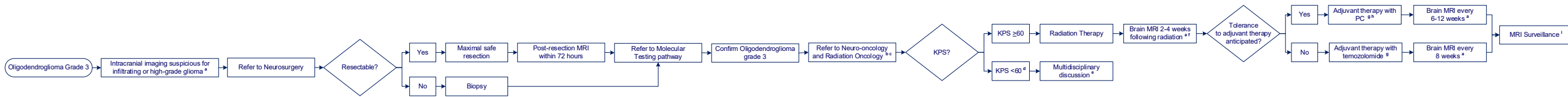
<sup>f</sup> **Pseudo Progression** can occur inside the radiation field (defined as within the 80% isodose line) up to 12 weeks post-radiation

<sup>g</sup> **Adjuvant Therapy** PC cycles repeat every 6 weeks: Cycle 1- CCNU (Lomustine) 90mg/m<sup>2</sup> orally day 1 and procarbazine 60mg/m<sup>2</sup> orally days 8-21 of a 42-day cycle; Cycle 2- CCNU 100mg/m<sup>2</sup> orally day 1 (if no myelosuppression) and procarbazine 60mg/m<sup>2</sup> orally days 8-21; Cycles 3-6- CCNU 110mg/m<sup>2</sup> orally day 1 (if no myelosuppression) and procarbazine 60mg/m<sup>2</sup> orally days 8-21; ondansetron 8mg orally prior to each dose of CCNU; CBC prior to day 1 of each cycle; if low tolerance anticipated use temozolomide 150mg/m<sup>2</sup> days 1-5 of a 28-day cycle for cycle 1, then (if no myelosuppression) increase dose to 200mg/m<sup>2</sup> days 1-5 of a 28-day cycle for subsequent cycles up to cycle 12 with a CBC between day 22 and day 28, ondansetron 8mg daily before each temozolomide dose

<sup>h</sup> **PC** is the procarbazine and CCNU of PCV; vincristine is omitted due to the lack of efficacy and increased toxicity

**CCNU** Lomustine  
**KPS** Karnofsky Performance Status  
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# Oligodendroglioma – Grade 3



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<sup>b</sup> **Refer to Neuro-oncology** via National TeleOncology consult if local VA Neuro-oncology unavailable

<sup>c</sup> **Refer to Genetic Counseling** for patient with personal history of other primary cancers particularly if diagnosed ≤ 45 years or first or second degree relative with cancer ≤ 55 years, clinician discretion for those >55 years

<sup>d</sup> **Life expectancy** ≤ 6 months refer to Hospice

<sup>e</sup> **Multidisciplinary Discussion** through local tumor board or National TeleOncology CNS Virtual Tumor Board

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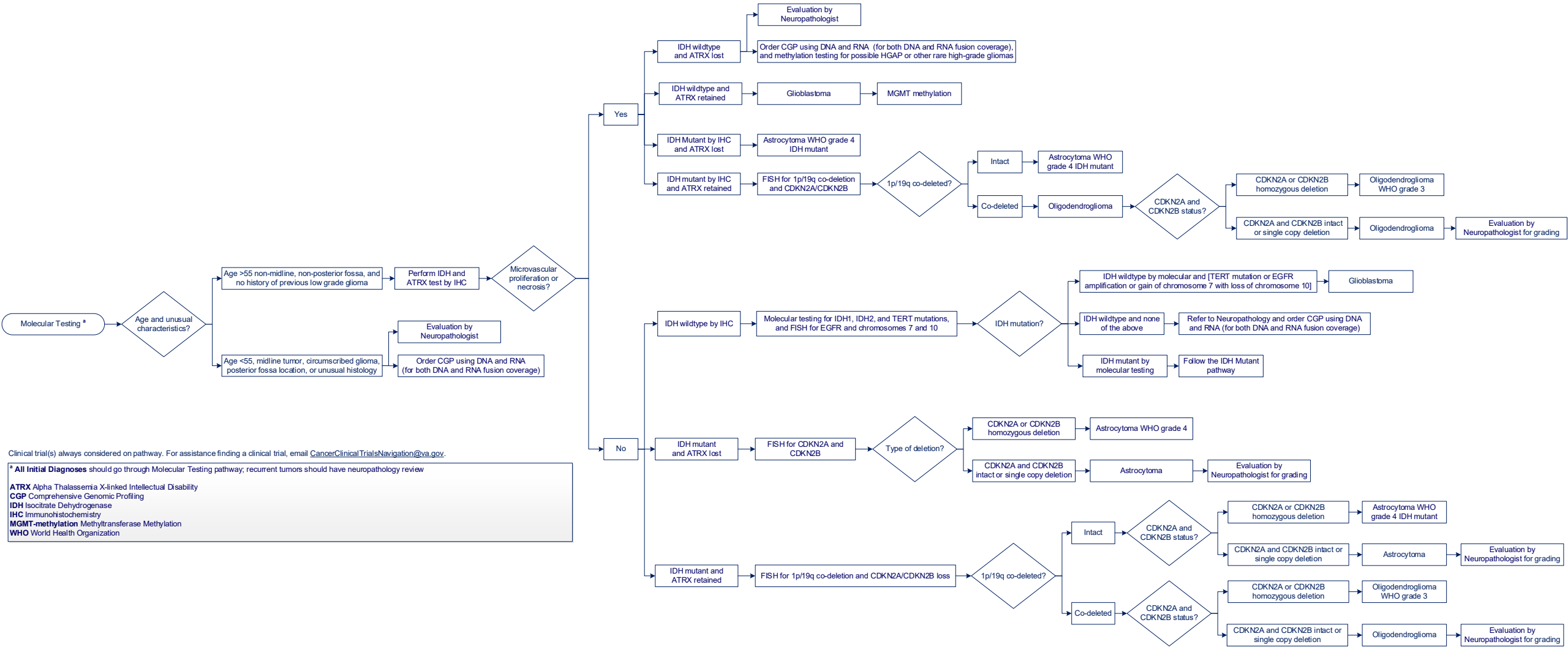
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# Oligodendroglioma – Molecular Testing



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**\* All Initial Diagnoses** should go through Molecular Testing pathway; recurrent tumors should have neuropathology review

**ATRX** Alpha Thalassemia X-linked Intellectual Disability  
**CGP** Comprehensive Genomic Profiling  
**IDH** Isocitrate Dehydrogenase  
**IHC** Immunohistochemistry  
**MGMT-methylation** Methyltransferase Methylation  
**WHO** World Health Organization

# Oligodendroglioma – Molecular Testing Table

Glial Neoplasms	IHC	IDH1 R132 mutation ATRX TP53	Local VA or locally contracted vendor	No	Tumor Tissue
	FISH	1p/19q FISH for codeletion CDKN2A/B homozygous loss	Local VA or locally contracted vendor	No	Tumor Tissue, Blood
	Molecular Testing	Mutation testing for ATRX, BRAF, H3-3A, IDH1, IDH2, TERT promoter, TP53	Tempus Foundation Medicine	Yes	Tumor Tissue
	Molecular/Cytogenetic	Chromosomal microarray	Local VA or locally contracted vendor	No	Tumor Tissue
	Methylation Testing	MGMT promoter methylation testing	Local VA or locally contracted vendor	No	Tumor Tissue

