VOD/SOS Diagnostic Criteria OVERVIEW

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Diagnostic Criteria for Veno-Occlusive Disease/Sinusoidal Obstruction Syndrome (VOD/SOS)

VOD/SOS is a potentially life-threatening complication following HCT

- A >80% mortality rate is associated with the most severe forms of the disease1-3
- · Incidence varies by age, primary disease, conditioning regimen, type of transplant, underlying disease, and diagnostic criteria used3,4

VOD/SOS is estimated to occur in4:



-10% OF ADULTS



Obstruction of hepatic sinusoidal flow results in sinusoidal hypertension and VOD/SOS symptoms

Clinical presentation of VOD/SOS may include⁴⁻⁸:

- Hepatomegaly
- · Edema and ascites
- · Weight gain
- Unexplained consumptive and transfusion-refractory thrombocytopenia
- · Abdominal discomfort and pain
- · Elevated bilirubin
- · Portal hypertension
- · Decrease in velocity or reversal of flow via Doppler ultrasound (late clinical manifestation)



Limitations of classical **VOD/SOS** diagnostic criteria may exclude some VOD/SOS patients

Classical criteria8-10:

- Only recognize VOD/SOS up to Day 21 post-HCT
- Require the presence of hyperbilirubinemia (Baltimore criteria only)b

Late-onset VOD/SOS (beyond Day 21 post-HCT) has been reported to occur in:





Classical criteria for VOD/SOS diagnosis include the Baltimore and Modified Seattle criteria

Baltimore criteria (1987)9

Liver dysfunction developing by Day 21 with hyperbilirubinemia (≥2 mg/dL), plus at least 2 of the following:

- Ascites
- Hepatomegaly (usually painful)
- Weight gain ≥5% over baseline

Modified Seattle criteria (1993)¹⁰

Incidence of ≥2 events within 20 days of HCT:

- Hyperbilirubinemia (>2 mg/dL)
- · Hepatomegaly or right upper quadrant pain of hepatic origin
- Sudden weight gain due to fluid accumulation (>2% weight gain)

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	Baltimore ⁹ 1987	Modified Seattle ¹⁰ 1993	EBMT criteria ¹³ 2023	EBMT ⁴ 2018	Mahadeo ⁷ 2019	Cairo/Cooke criteria ^a 2020
Patient population	Age agnostic	Age agnostic	Adult	Pediatric	Pediatric	Age agnostic
No time constraint to diagnose VOD/SOS (>21 days)			V	~	~	~
Recognizes anicteric VOD/SOS		V	V	V	V	V
Includes refractory thrombocytopenia				~	V	V
Includes abdominal ultrasound ^c			V	V	V	V
Includes Doppler ultrasound imaging ^d			(probable VOD/SOS)		Not recommended	V
Hepatic wedge pressure			V		Not recommended	✓e
Biopsy			V		Not recommended	✓e

VOD/SOS without hyperbilirubinemia has been reported to occur in:





In addition, classical criteria do not capture⁸⁻¹⁰:

- Recent clinical descriptions of VOD/SOS (eq. refractory thrombocytopenia)
- Newer imaging capabilities, which may be more sensitive and have specific indicators for VOD/SOS

Abbreviations: EBMT, European Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation; HCT, hematopoietic cell transplantation; VOD/SOS, veno-occlusive disease/sinusoidal obstruction syndrome

tes: *These features may not always be present. *This was addressed, in part, by the Modified Seattle criteria. Hepatomegaly and/or ascites. Reversal of portal venous flow not recommended, if conducted, this can be diagnostic independent of any other findings.

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