Extranodal NK/T-cell Lymphoma (ENKTL, nasal type)

Extranodal NK/T-cell lymphoma (ENKTL, nasal type) is a type of lymphoma that is characterized by the presence of nasal polyps, adenopathy, and disease involving the upper aerodigestive tract. It is more common in populations from South and Southeast Asia, the Middle East, and Latin America, with fewer cases reported in patients of Caucasian and African descent. In patients with ENKTL, Epstein-Barr virus is detected in most patients, often with nasal or oral symptoms.

Patients with ENKTL may present with symptoms such as nasal congestion and nasal polyps, nasopharyngitis, paranasal sinus, oral cavity, larynx. Typically, these symptoms may be accompanied by facial pain, fever, or general malaise.

According to the International Peripheral T-cell Lymphoma (ITC) Consortium, 32% of patients had stage 2 disease, with an overall survival (OS) of 5 years.


