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Burkitt Lymphoma1*†

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Repeat cycle every 3 weeks for at least 4 cycles, or for 2 cycles after complete response.  
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### NON-HODGKIN LYMPHOMA TREATMENT REGIMENS: AIDS-Related B-Cell Lymphomas (Part 3 of 3)

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#### Primary CNS Lymphoma\(^1\)*

- Initiate highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART)
- Even with poorly controlled HIV and/or marginal performance status, consider high-dose methotrexate.
- Consider RT alone for palliation of patients who are not candidates for systemic therapy.
- For select patients with good performance status on HAART, see NCCN Guidelines for CNS cancers.
- Best supportive care.

* Granulocyte colony-stimulating factor (GCSF) should be given to all patients. If patients are CD20-negative, rituximab is not indicated. If CD4 <100, consider eliminating rituximab.
† Antiretroviral can be administered safely with chemotherapy, but consider changing HAART to non-protease inhibitor-based or CYP3A4-neutral regimen to minimize interactions with chemotherapy. Any change in antiretroviral therapy should be done in consultation with HIV specialist. Concurrent HAART is associated with higher complete response rates.\(^{16}\)
‡ Standard CHOP is not adequate therapy.\(^1\)

### References