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Acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) is a rare malignancy in adults, with generally poor prognosis despite applying intensive and elaborate protocols. This thesis comprises four population-based studies on ALL characteristics and treatment of: relapsed, T-, B-ALL with minimal residual disease evaluation, and ALL in older/elderly patients. Some prognostic factors for survival were defined, and it was concluded that the therapy results were unsatisfactory mainly in elderly patients, those with relapsed disease, and T-ALL. The obtained knowledge should contribute to further treatment guidelines development.

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