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A case-based discussion on the management of breast cancer

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Featuring a clinical investigator's perspective on a day spent visiting patients with breast cancer in the clinic of a community oncologist EDITOR

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OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITY

Individualized treatment decisions for patients with early, locally advanced or metastatic breast cancer are driven by disease- and patient-specific characteristics. The numerous therapeutic agents and regimens with significant activity in the management of breast cancer provide ample opportunity to deliver tailored care. However, the multiplicity of alternatives may also yield clinical scenarios in which several acceptable treatment options are available, with the optimal strategy being highly debatable and dependent on a thorough understanding of each agent's unique benefits and risks.

To provide clinicians with therapeutic strategies to address the disparate needs of patients with breast cancer, the *Visiting Professors* audio series employs an innovative case-based approach that unites the perspectives of leading breast cancer investigators and community oncologists as they explore the intricacies of making treatment decisions. Upon completion of this CME activity, medical oncologists should be able to formulate an up-to-date and more complete approach to the care of patients with breast cancer.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Apply case-based learning, innovative communication strategies and shared clinical insight to provide comprehensive and compassionate oncology care.
- Use currently available tissue-based genomic assays to assist with therapeutic decisionmaking in the management of node-negative and node-positive early breast cancer.
- Construct an evidence-based treatment algorithm integrating anti-HER2 therapies for the treatment of HER2-positive breast cancer in the neoadjuvant, adjuvant and metastatic settings.
- Effectively integrate biologic, hormonal and cytotoxic therapy into the multifaceted management of metastatic breast cancer.
- Apply the results of emerging research to effectively and safely integrate bevacizumab into the first- and second-line treatment of HER2-negative metastatic breast cancer.
- Counsel appropriately selected patients about the availability of ongoing clinical trial participation.

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QUESTIONS (PLEASE CIRCLE ANSWER):

- 1. Analysis of patients with HER2-positive early breast cancer receiving trastuzumab versus lapatinib in combination with neoadjuvant anthracycline/taxanebased chemotherapy in the GeparQuinto GBG 44 study revealed a higher pathologic complete response (pCR) rate with chemotherapy/trastuzumab than with chemotherapy/lapatinib.
 - a. True
 - b. False
- The neoadjuvant Phase III Neo-ALTTO trial, which evaluated lapatinib, trastuzumab and the combination with paclitaxel for patients with HER2positive primary breast cancer, reported the highest pCR rate on the paclitaxel/ lapatinib arm.
 - a. True
 - b. False
- 3. The NEOSPHERE trial found that the combination of pertuzumab, trastuzumab and docetaxel was associated with the highest response rate in comparison to docetaxel with either biologic agent alone.
 - a. True
 - b. False
- 4. Which of the following side effects are associated with bevacizumab?
 - a. Hypertension
 - b. Headache
 - c. Increased incidence of congestive heart failure
 - d. All of the above
- 5. What is the mechanism of action of eribulin?
 - a. Microtubule inhibitor
 - b. Anti-VEGF
 - c. HER2 inhibitor
 - d. Pyrimidine analog

- 6. In the Phase III EMBRACE trial, single-agent eribulin ______ overall survival when compared to physician's choice of monotherapy or supportive care alone for patients with previously treated locally recurrent or metastatic breast cancer.
 - a. Failed to improve
 - b. Significantly improved
- 7. Which of the following has been shown to be a predictor of chemotherapy benefit in ER-positive, node-negative breast cancer?
 - a. Recurrence Score®
 - b. Recurrence Score-Pathology-Clinical
 - c. Both of the above
 - d. None of the above
- 8. T-DM1 is a novel agent that combines a maytansine derivative with
 - a. Docetaxel
 - b. Trastuzumab
 - c. Bevacizumab
 - d. None of the above
- Patients with HER2-positive metastatic disease previously treated with HER2directed therapies had a response rate of approximately ______ percent when treated with T-DM1.
 - a. Five
 - b. 10
 - c. 30
 - d. 60
- 10. A Phase II study of the irreversible tyrosine kinase inhibitor neratinib published by Burstein and colleagues reported an approximate 25 percent response rate among patients with heavily pretreated advanced breast cancer.
 - a. True
 - b. False

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