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Conversations with Oncology Investigators
Bridging the Gap between Research and Patient Care

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OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITY

Management of ovarian cancer (OC) includes optimal surgical debulking followed by postoperative chemotherapy and, in most cases, subsequent medical management when the disease recurs. Although many single-agent and combination chemotherapy regimens have been studied, only recently have antibody and small-molecule growth-inhibitory targeted agents been integrated into the OC research milieu. It is hoped that the results from these trials will lead to the emergence of new therapeutic agents and changes or enhancements in the indications for existing treatment strategies, ultimately improving the duration and quality of life for patients with metastatic OC. To bridge the gap between research and patient care, this issue of *Ovarian Cancer Update* features one-on-one discussions with leading gynecologic oncology investigators. By providing information on the latest research developments in the context of expert perspectives, this activity assists medical and gynecologic oncologists with the formulation of therapeutic strategies, which in turn facilitates optimal patient care.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Apply the results of emerging research with angiogenesis inhibition to the development of front-line and maintenance therapeutic strategies for patients with OC.
- Develop an understanding of the unique mechanisms of action and emerging efficacy and toxicity profiles of investigational agents in OC to effectively prioritize clinical trial opportunities for appropriate patients.
- Summarize available research data on the activity of PARP inhibitors in patients with advanced OC with or without BRCA mutations.
- Determine the utility of CA125 serum levels in monitoring disease progression and making treatment recommendations for patients.
- Communicate the benefits and risks of maintenance chemotherapy and/or biologic therapy to patients with advanced OC in first remission.

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SELECT PUBLICATIONS

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QUESTIONS (PLEASE CIRCLE ANSWER):

1. The Phase III AURELIA study of bevacizumab and chemotherapy for platinum-resistant recurrent OC reported statistically significant improvements in _____ for patients receiving bevacizumab.
 - a. Overall survival
 - b. Progression-free survival
 - c. Both a and b
2. Long-term follow-up results from the Phase III JGOG 3016 trial evaluating conventional paclitaxel/carboplatin versus dose-dense weekly paclitaxel and carboplatin in women with advanced epithelial OC confirmed the primary analysis that dose-dense paclitaxel/carboplatin improves progression-free survival and overall survival.
 - a. True
 - b. False
3. In the Phase III GOG-0218 trial, which of the following regimens resulted in a significant 28% reduction in the risk of disease progression compared to chemotherapy alone for patients with newly diagnosed, advanced OC?
 - a. Chemotherapy/bevacizumab
 - b. Chemotherapy/bevacizumab followed by maintenance bevacizumab
 - c. Neither a nor b
4. The MRC OV05/EORTC-55955 randomized trial demonstrated no evidence of a survival benefit with early treatment of relapsed OC on the basis of a raised CA125 concentration alone.
 - a. True
 - b. False
5. The incidence of bevacizumab-associated bowel complications is lower in patients with OC who have received multiple lines of prior therapy than in those who have received only 1 or 2 prior regimens.
 - a. True
 - b. False
6. Results from a Phase II study of olaparib in combination with paclitaxel/carboplatin followed by olaparib maintenance for patients with platinum-sensitive recurrent serous OC reported no advantage for patients receiving olaparib-containing therapy versus those receiving paclitaxel/carboplatin alone.
 - a. True
 - b. False
7. The Phase III JCOG 0505 trial evaluating paclitaxel/carboplatin versus paclitaxel/cisplatin in Stage IVb persistent or recurrent cervical cancer reported which of the following?
 - a. Paclitaxel/cisplatin was equivalent to paclitaxel/carboplatin in terms of survival and response rate in the overall patient population
 - b. Paclitaxel/cisplatin was associated with higher toxicity compared to paclitaxel/carboplatin
 - c. Paclitaxel/cisplatin was superior to paclitaxel/carboplatin in patients without prior exposure to cisplatin-based chemoradiation therapy
 - d. All of the above
8. Which of the following side effects is/are exhibited with the multitargeted tyrosine kinase inhibitor (TKI) BIBF 1120?
 - a. Diarrhea
 - b. Dermatitis
 - c. Stomatitis
 - d. All of the above

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Multitargeted TKIs — BIBF 1120 and cediranib — in OC: Early study results, common side effects and ongoing clinical trials	4 3 2 1	4 3 2 1
Utility of bevacizumab for palliation of ascites and pleural effusion	4 3 2 1	4 3 2 1
Available results and ongoing clinical trials evaluating dose-dense paclitaxel/carboplatin — with and without bevacizumab — for patients with OC	4 3 2 1	4 3 2 1
Phase II study results with olaparib in platinum-sensitive recurrent serous OC	4 3 2 1	4 3 2 1

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