

Cases from the Community

Clinical Investigators Provide Their Perspectives on Emerging Research and Actual Patients with Gastrointestinal Cancers

CME Information

TARGET AUDIENCE

This program is intended for medical oncologists, hematology-oncology fellows and other allied healthcare professionals involved in the treatment of colorectal, gastroesophageal, pancreatic and hepatocellular cancer.

OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITY

Given the prevalent nature of the disease, extensive resources are allocated to colorectal cancer (CRC) research and education. Interestingly, however, although individually less frequently encountered, the collection of other “non-CRC” gastrointestinal (GI) cancers accounts for more per annum cancer-related deaths than those attributed to tumors of the colon and rectum combined. Among this collection of distinct tumor types, a few areas in particular — namely gastric, pancreatic and hepatocellular cancer — have witnessed several recent advances that have altered or have the potential to drastically alter current treatment considerations and approaches.

These video proceedings from a CME symposium held during the 2017 ASCO Annual Meeting feature discussions with leading researchers regarding cases submitted on video by practicing general oncologists and review of the published literature surrounding the clinical situations explored. By providing information on the latest research developments and their potential impact on routine practice, this activity is designed to assist medical oncologists, hematology-oncology fellows and other healthcare providers with the formulation of up-to-date clinical management strategies for both CRC and select non-CRC GI cancers.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Appraise recent data on therapeutic advances and changing practice standards in colorectal, gastric, pancreatic and hepatocellular cancer, and integrate this information, as appropriate, into current clinical care.
- Develop a long-term care plan for individuals diagnosed with metastatic CRC, considering factors such as biomarker profile, exposure to prior systemic therapy, symptomatology, performance status and personal goals of treatment.
- Use HER2 status, clinical factors and patient perspectives to optimize the selection and sequence of systemic therapy

for patients with locally advanced or metastatic gastric or gastroesophageal cancer.

- Consider age, performance status and other clinical and logistical factors in the selection of systemic therapy for patients with locally advanced or metastatic pancreatic cancer.
- Communicate the benefits and risks of existing and emerging systemic interventions to patients with locally advanced or metastatic hepatocellular cancer.
- Counsel patients regarding the incidence and manifestation of side effects and toxicities associated with commonly used systemic agents and regimens in the management of advanced colorectal, gastric, pancreatic and hepatocellular cancer.
- Appraise the rationale for and clinical data with anti-PD-1 and/or anti-PD-L1 antibodies for patients with GI cancers.
- Describe the proposed mechanisms of action of and recall new data with investigational agents demonstrating promising activity in colorectal, gastric, pancreatic and hepatocellular cancer, and use this information to refer appropriate patients for participation in ongoing trials.

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