

Hepatocellular Carcinoma Update

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CME Information

TARGET AUDIENCE

This activity is intended for medical oncologists, radiation oncologists and other healthcare providers involved in the treatment of hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC).

OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITY

HCC, the most common form of liver cancer, is the third leading cause of cancer-related death worldwide. The rising incidence, multiple etiologies, genetic heterogeneity and concurrent chronic liver disease challenge the selection of treatment for patients with this cancer. HCC is often diagnosed in the advanced stage and as such is associated with a poor prognosis. Recent breakthroughs in the understanding of the etiology and pathogenesis of HCC have led to the advent of new treatment modalities and investigational therapies, and in order to offer optimal patient care, the practicing oncologist must be well informed of these advances. To bridge the gap between research and patient care, this issue of *Hepatocellular Carcinoma Update* uses one-on-one discussions with leading oncology investigators. By providing access to the latest research developments and expert perspectives on the disease, this CME program will assist medical oncologists and gastroenterology specialists in the formulation of up-to-date clinical management strategies for HCC.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Appraise available clinical trial data guiding the use of systemic therapies for patients with advanced HCC.
- Review the efficacy and safety data with regorafenib, and formulate a plan to incorporate this information into the treatment of HCC in patients who experience disease progression on sorafenib.
- Understand the scientific rationale for and recall available clinical data with investigational immune checkpoint inhibitors in the treatment of HCC.
- Recall available and emerging data with other investigational agents currently in clinical trials for HCC, and counsel appropriately selected patients about trial participation.

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Adobe Flash Player 10.2 plug-in or later
Adobe Acrobat Reader
(Optional) Sound card and speakers for audio

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