

What Urologists Want to Know: Addressing Current Questions and Controversies Regarding the Role of Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors in the Management of Bladder Cancer

CME Information

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This activity has been designed to meet the educational needs of urologists and other allied healthcare professionals involved in the treatment of bladder cancer.

OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITY

The American Cancer Society estimates that 79,030 new cases of bladder cancer will be diagnosed in 2017 and 16,870 deaths will be attributable to this disease. Bladder cancer incidence and death rates in women have actually seen a slight decline, whereas for men, while incidence rates are also falling, mortality rates have remained relatively stable. The disease remains the fourth most common cancer in the United States and is 3 times as likely to be found in men as in women. Although bladder cancer is a heterogeneous collection of diseases, more than 90% of patients are diagnosed with its most common form, urothelial carcinoma, and the remaining 10% present with less prevalent phenotypes, including squamous, small cell and adenocarcinomas. For those patients with metastatic lesions beyond the bladder, cure is not attainable, and therapeutic options for these individuals have historically been limited to cytotoxic approaches, which confer marginal benefits. However, this trend appears to have shifted due to the success of various immune checkpoint inhibitors in the treatment of advanced or metastatic disease. This success will likely create an environment in which expert perspectives and ongoing discussion are needed to help tease out whether these agents are more similar than they are different or if, in fact, one may be more appropriate for use over the others.

These video proceedings from a live CME symposium feature discussions with leading investigators in the management of bladder cancer regarding actual patient cases and related clinical research findings. By providing information on important therapeutic developments, this activity will assist medical and radiation oncologists, urologists and other healthcare professionals to address existing management uncertainties for patients with bladder cancer.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Develop a basic understanding of the human immune response, and identify the underlying mechanisms by which various tumors evade this process to proliferate and grow.
- Analyze the biologic basis for the development of immune checkpoint inhibitors designed to boost an individual's immune response for the treatment of urothelial bladder carcinoma (UBC).
- Compare and contrast the mechanisms of action, efficacy and safety of approved and investigational immune checkpoint inhibitors for the treatment of advanced UBC to determine the current and/or potential utility of each in clinical practice.
- Recognize immune-related adverse events and other common side effects associated with approved and developmental checkpoint inhibitors used in the management of UBC, and offer supportive management strategies to minimize and/or manage these side effects.
- Review ongoing research to assist in the identification of biomarkers, tumor characteristics and other clinical features that are indicative of response to immune checkpoint inhibitors in patients with UBC.
- Describe ongoing clinical trials evaluating novel applications of immune checkpoint inhibitors alone or in combination with other systemic approaches, and counsel appropriately selected patients with UBC about trial availability and potential participation.

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Adobe Acrobat Reader

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