Addressing Current Questions and Controversies in the Management of Multiple Myeloma, Waldenström Macroglobulinemia and Amyloidosis

CME Information

TARGET AUDIENCE

This activity is intended for hematologists, medical oncologists, hematology-oncology fellows and other healthcare providers involved in the treatment of multiple myeloma (MM), Waldenström macroglobulinemia (WM) and amyloidosis (AL).

OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITY

Hematologic cancers include the lymphomas, the leukemias, MM and other related disorders stemming from lymphoid and myeloid progenitor cell lines. Taken together, it is estimated that approximately 174,250 new lymphoid, myeloid and leukemic cancer cases will be identified in the United States in the year 2018, and 56,100 individuals will die from these diseases. Importantly, nearly 70 drug products are currently labeled for use in the management of hematologic cancers with more than 120 distinct FDA-approved indications. Although this extensive list of available treatment options is reassuring for patients and oncology healthcare professionals, it poses a challenge to the practicing clinician who must maintain up-to-date knowledge of their appropriate application across a vast spectrum of tumor types. This is particularly true within the realm of myeloma, where the past several years have yielded a staggering number of important clinical and research advances.

These proceedings from a CME symposium during the ASH Annual Meeting use the perspectives of a group of community oncologists gathered during a daylong working group to establish and subsequently address some of the most frequently encountered questions and controversies facing clinicians involved in the management of this disease. By providing information on the latest research developments and their potential application to routine practice, this activity is designed to assist hematologists, medical oncologists, hematology-oncology fellows and other healthcare providers involved in the treatment of MM, WM and AL with the formulation of up-to-date clinical management strategies.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

 Customize the use of induction, consolidation and maintenance therapeutic approaches for patients with MM in the transplant and nontransplant settings, considering patientand disease-related factors, including cytogenetic profile.

- Consider published research data and other clinical factors in the best-practice selection, sequencing or combining of available therapies in the nonresearch care of patients with relapsed/refractory (R/R) MM.
- Appreciate the mechanisms of action of, supportive research database with and FDA-endorsed indications for monoclonal antibodies directed at CD38 and SLAMF7, and effectively identify where and how these agents should be integrated into the clinical management of R/R MM.
- Design and implement a plan of care to recognize and manage side effects and toxicities associated with the use of existing and recently approved systemic therapies to support quality of life and continuation of treatment.
- Develop an evidence-based algorithm for the use of stem cell transplant, chemotherapy and/or novel targeted agents for the management of primary AL.
- Consider clinical and other patient-related factors in the sequence and selection of systemic therapy for patients with WM requiring active treatment.
- Assess the ongoing clinical trials evaluating novel investigational approaches for MM, WM and AL, and obtain consent from appropriate patients for study participation.

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