

Addressing Current Questions and Controversies in the Management of Lymphoma and Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia

CME Information

TARGET AUDIENCE

This activity is intended for hematologists, medical oncologists, hematology-oncology fellows and other healthcare providers involved in the treatment of lymphoma and chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL).

OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITY

Hematologic cancers include the lymphomas, the leukemias, multiple myeloma 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 Hodgkin and non-Hodgkin lymphoma, including CLL, 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 these diseases. 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 Hodgkin and non-Hodgkin lymphoma, including CLL, with the formulation of up-to-date clinical management strategies.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Individualize the selection and sequence of systemic therapy for patients with newly diagnosed and relapsed/refractory (R/R) CLL, considering the patient's clinical presentation, biomarker profile and psychosocial status.

- Consider existing and emerging clinical research data in the formulation of therapeutic recommendations for patients with newly diagnosed and R/R diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, follicular lymphoma and mantle cell lymphoma.
- Incorporate new therapeutic strategies into the best-practice management of newly diagnosed and R/R Hodgkin lymphoma (HL).
- Assess the benefits and risks of evidence-based systemic treatment options to individualize and optimize the care of patients with T-cell lymphoma.
- Compare and contrast the mechanisms of action, efficacy and safety of approved and investigational immune checkpoint inhibitors for the treatment of HL and non-Hodgkin lymphoma (NHL) to determine the current and/or potential utility of each in clinical practice.
- Develop an understanding of the biologic rationale for and appreciate available efficacy and safety data with chimeric antigen receptor T-cell therapy, and identify patients with R/R B-cell cancers for whom this approach may be appropriate.
- Assess the ongoing clinical trials evaluating other novel investigational approaches for HL, NHL and CLL, and obtain consent from appropriate patients for study participation.

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