

Molecular Tumor Board

Biomarker Assessment and Clinical Practice Implications for Patients with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia Treated in a Large Regional Oncology Provider

CME Information

TARGET AUDIENCE

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

OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITY

The clinical course of CLL and outcomes for patients with the disease vary widely, largely based on the presence of individual predictive and other risk factors. This heterogeneity has created a need to identify molecular markers that can be used for prognostication and to guide therapeutic decision-making. Current information on how community-based oncologists approach biomarker testing and how they act on the results is limited. This unique CME activity endeavors to develop a more accurate portrait of how practicing clinicians approach biomarker assessment for patients with CLL. This program features expert perspectives on the state of the art of biomarker analysis in CLL and implications for treatment. Upon completion of this CME activity, medical oncologists should be able to formulate an up-to-date and more complete approach to the care of patients with CLL.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Recall the incidence, prognostic significance and clinical implications of biomarkers and genetic alterations that may be associated with a diagnosis of CLL, and use this information to develop evidence-based testing algorithms in general oncology practice.
- Consider current and emerging clinical research data in the formulation of therapeutic recommendations for patients with newly diagnosed and relapsed/refractory CLL.
- Recall published data and the perspectives of clinical investigators on the management of del(17p) CLL, and use this information to guide first- and later-line treatment decision-making.
- Appraise the frequency with which biomarker transformation has been observed in patients with R/R CLL, and consider this information as part of therapeutic decision-making for these individuals.

- Appreciate the recent FDA approval of several novel therapies for newly diagnosed and relapsed/refractory CLL, and discern how these agents can be appropriately integrated into routine clinical practice.

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Adobe Flash Player 27 plug-in or later
Adobe Acrobat Reader
(Optional) Sound card and speakers for audio

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Select Publications

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