

# Year in Review

## On Demand — Significance and Relevance of Recent Data Sets and Publications in the Management of Acute Leukemias

### CME Information

#### TARGET AUDIENCE

This activity is intended for medical oncologists, hematologists, hematology-oncology fellows and other healthcare professionals involved in the treatment of acute leukemias.

#### OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITY

The treatment of acute leukemias remains a challenge for many healthcare professionals and patients despite recent gains made in the management of this group of diseases. Determining which treatment approach is most appropriate requires careful consideration of patient-specific characteristics, physician expertise and available health-system resources. Published results from ongoing trials continually lead to the emergence of new therapeutic targets and regimens, thereby altering management algorithms. In order to offer optimal patient care, including the option of clinical trial participation, the practicing cancer clinician must be well informed of these advances.

To bridge the gap between research and patient care, this video program features a one-on-one discussion with leading hematology-oncology investigator Dr Richard M Stone. By providing information on the latest clinical developments in the context of expert perspectives, this CME activity assists medical oncologists, hematologists, hematology-oncology fellows and other healthcare professionals with the formulation of evidence-based and current therapeutic strategies.

#### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Evaluate the clinical relevance of recent pivotal research evidence specific to acute myeloid leukemia (AML), acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) and acute promyelocytic leukemia (APL) as published in peer-reviewed journals and/or presented at major oncology conferences.
- Review current data on recent treatment advances and updated practice standards, including FDA approvals, in acute leukemias, and integrate this information into current clinical care.
- Identify the clinical and prognostic significance of specific cytogenetic and molecular abnormalities, and use this information to develop, adapt or refine current diagnostic testing algorithms for patients with AML.
- Consider demographic and disease-related factors to guide the identification of patients with AML appropriate for treatment with induction therapy and/or stem cell transplantation.

- Determine an evidence-based approach to the management of AML in elderly patients, considering the role of single-agent or combination therapy.
- Assess available research evidence with existing and emerging FLT3-inhibiting agents, and use this information to guide clinical care and protocol opportunities for appropriate patients with AML.
- Use the results of emerging clinical research in the optimization of treatment for young adult and adult patients with newly diagnosed and recurrent ALL.
- Appraise existing efficacy and safety data from trials leading to the approval of chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy in young adult patients with relapsed/refractory B-cell precursor ALL, and recall the scientific rationale supporting the ongoing investigation of novel applications of this treatment approach.
- Understand the biological and clinical presentations associated with a diagnosis of APL, and develop an evidence-based approach to the management of low/intermediate- and high-risk disease in the up-front and relapsed settings.
- Identify the mechanisms of action of and recall new data with promising investigational agents in acute forms of leukemia, and refer appropriate patients for participation in ongoing trials using these approaches.

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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

- Abaza Y et al. **Long-term outcome of acute promyelocytic leukemia treated with all-*trans*-retinoic acid, arsenic trioxide, and gemtuzumab.** *Blood* 2017;129(10):1275-83.
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- Kantarjian HM et al. **Inotuzumab ozogamicin versus standard therapy for acute lymphoblastic leukemia.** *N Engl J Med* 2016;375(8):740-53.
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- Maude SL et al. **Tisagenlecleucel in children and young adults with B-cell lymphoblastic leukemia.** *N Engl J Med* 2018;378(5):439-48.
- Olson NE et al. **Tumor gene signature associated with neurotoxicity in R/R B-ALL patients treated with JCAR015, a CD19-directed CAR T cell product.** *Proc ASCO* 2018;Abstract 7007.
- Park JH et al. **Long-term follow-up of CD19 CAR therapy in acute lymphoblastic leukemia.** *N Engl J Med* 2018;378(5):449-59.
- Perl AE et al. **Selective inhibition of FLT3 by gilteritinib in relapsed or refractory (R/R) AML: A multicentre, first-in-human, open-label, phase 1-2 study.** *Lancet Oncol* 2017;18(8):1061-75.
- Platzbecker U et al. **Minimal-residual disease guided treatment with azacitidine in MDS/AML patients at imminent risk of relapse: Results of the prospective RELAZA2 trial.** *Proc ASH* 2017;Abstract 565.
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- Ravandi F et al. **Phase 2 study of combination of cytarabine, idarubicin, and nivolumab for initial therapy of patients with newly diagnosed acute myeloid leukemia.** *Proc ASH* 2017;Abstract 815.
- Rollig C et al. **The addition of sorafenib to standard AML treatment results in a substantial reduction in relapse risk and improved survival. Updated results from long-term follow-up of the randomized-controlled Soraml trial.** *Proc ASH* 2017;Abstract 721.
- Shah BD et al. **Outcomes of patients treated with prior blinatumomab in ZUMA-3: A study of KTE-C19, an anti-CD19 chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T cell therapy, in adult patients with R/R ALL.** *Proc ASCO* 2018;Abstract 7006.

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- Shah NN et al. **CD4/CD8 T-cell selection enhances CD22 CAR-T cell transduction and in-vivo CAR-T expansion: Updated results on phase I anti-CD22 CAR dose expansion cohort.** *Proc ASH 2017*;Abstract 809.
- Stein EM et al. **Enasidenib in mutant *IDH2* relapsed or refractory acute myeloid leukemia.** *Blood* 2017;130(6):722-31.
- Stein EM et al. **Ivosidenib or enasidenib combined with standard induction chemotherapy is well tolerated and active in patients with newly diagnosed AML with an *IDH1* or *IDH2* mutation: Initial results from a phase 1 trial.** *Proc ASH 2017*;Abstract 726.
- Stone RM et al. **Midostaurin plus chemotherapy for acute myeloid leukemia with a *FLT3* mutation.** *N Engl J Med* 2017;377(5):454-64.
- Wang ES et al. **Low relapse rate in younger patients  $\leq$  60 years old with newly diagnosed *FLT3*-mutated acute myeloid leukemia (AML) treated with crenolanib and cytarabine/anthracycline chemotherapy.** *Proc ASH 2017*;Abstract 566.
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