CNS TUMOR PANEL AND JOURNAL CLUB

Clinical Investigators Provide Perspectives on Current Cases and Key Presentations and Publications

CME INFORMATION

TARGET AUDIENCE

This activity is intended for neuro-oncologists, neurosurgeons and other neuro-oncology specialists involved in the treatment of primary and metastatic central nervous system (CNS) cancers.

OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITY

Brain tumors are a diverse group of neoplasms arising from different cells within the CNS or from systemic tumors that have metastasized to the CNS. Primary brain tumors include a number of histologic types with markedly different tumor growth rates and are divided into anaplastic gliomas (anaplastic astrocytoma, anaplastic oligodendroglioma and anaplastic oligoastrocytoma) and glioblastoma multiforme (GBM) based on their histopathologic features. Despite treatment, the median survival for anaplastic oligodendroglioma is 2 to 3 years, and patients with GBM can succumb to their disease within a year of onset. Thus, clinical education regarding standard and evolving best-practice therapeutic management of these neoplasms is essential to improving patient outcomes. To bridge the gap between research and patient care, these proceedings from a case-based CME symposium during the 18th Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuro-Oncology use the perspectives of leading neuro-oncologists and neurosurgeons to apply evidence-based concepts to routine practice. By providing information on the latest research developments in the context of expert perspectives, this activity assists medical oncologists with the formulation of state-of-the-art clinical management strategies, which in turn facilitates optimal patient care.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Ensure delivery of appropriate treatment for primary brain cancer through the facilitation of a multidisciplinary care plan.
- Apply the results of existing and emerging research to the evidence-based use of chemotherapy and adjuvant chemoradiation therapy for patients with Grade IV GBM.
- Communicate the benefits and risks of bevacizumab, both with and without chemotherapy, to patients with newly diagnosed or recurrent GBM.

- Describe the scientific rationale and recent research results that support ongoing investigation of novel treatments for patients with brain cancer.
- Incorporate key recent clinical trial data into treatment planning for patients with primary CNS lymphomas.
- Recall the design and eligibility criteria for ongoing clinical trials, and consider appropriate patients for study participation.

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