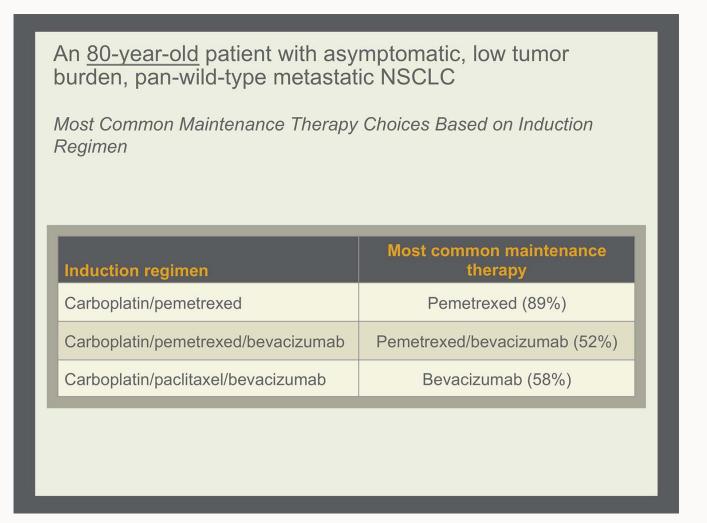
Maintenance treatment for metastatic adenocarcinoma in the elderly (age 80)



EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Nearly all survey respondents who would employ carboplatin/pemetrexed as induction therapy for an 80-year-old patient would go on to offer pemetrexed maintenance. Both faculty members endorse this strategy, and although Dr Ramalingam finds pemetrexed to be well tolerated in elderly patients, he individualizes the decision about maintenance and for how long to use it based on many factors, including the extent of the disease and related symptomatology, the severity of toxicities and the patient's goals and expectations.

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