Dissecting the Decision

Investigators Discuss the Available Data and Clinical Factors That Shape the Management of Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

CME Information

TARGET AUDIENCE

This activity is intended for hematologists, medical oncologists and other healthcare providers involved in the treatment of non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC).

OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITY

Lung cancer is a devastating disease with broad-reaching impact on public health, as it accounts for 14% of all new cancer cases in the United States and the most cancer-related deaths among both men and women. The number of available cytotoxic chemotherapies exhibiting activity in lung cancer has increased substantially over the past several years, and the development of new therapeutic strategies beyond cytotoxic chemotherapy has been the focus of extensive research and has led to an explosion in lung cancer genetic and biologic knowledge. In addition to the significant strides made in understanding and targeting specific mutations responsible for the pathogenesis of lung cancer, recent insights into how to harness the body's own immune system are now being applied to the management of this lethal disease. The advent of these treatment options presents new promise of both efficacy and enhanced safety for patients with lung cancer but also challenges practicing oncologists and their support staff to appropriately select individuals who may benefit from these agents and to determine how to integrate such therapies, as they become available, into standard lung cancer treatment algorithms.

These video proceedings from a CME symposium held during the 2016 ASCO Annual Meeting feature renowned lung cancer clinical investigators weighing in on challenging questions and cases from a panel of community-based general oncologists and reviewing data relevant to the issues raised. By providing information on the latest research developments and their potential application to routine practice, this activity is designed to not only improve clinicians' knowledge related to the rapidly evolving oncology treatment landscape but also to provide them with practical perspectives to help them become better and more effective caregivers.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Design evidence-based strategies for the diagnosis and management of Stage I to III NSCLC, considering the potential contributions of systemic and/or local therapeutic modalities.
- Compare and contrast expert perspectives on the indications for mutation analysis in patients with localized and metastatic NSCLC, and, when appropriate, use validated testing platforms to obtain this information.
- Consider age, performance status and other patient- or disease-related factors to guide the selection of induction and maintenance systemic therapy for patients with metastatic nonsquamous NSCLC without an identifiable driver mutation.
- Assess available research evidence with existing and emerging therapeutic options for patients with advanced squamous cell carcinoma of the lung, and use this information to guide clinical care and protocol opportunities for these individuals.
- Consider published safety and efficacy data with available and emerging therapeutic strategies, and appropriately incorporate targeted therapies into the care of patients with identified tumor driver mutations or alterations.
- Describe existing and emerging data on the efficacy and safety of tumor immunotherapy, including approaches directed at the PD-1 and PD-L1 pathways in lung cancer, and consider this information when counseling patients regarding protocol and clinical treatment options.
- Recall the scientific rationale for ongoing investigation of novel agents or therapeutic approaches in NSCLC, and counsel appropriately selected patients about study participation.

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