# **Oncology Grand Rounds Series:** Part 7 — Melanoma

# **CNE Information**

# TARGET AUDIENCE

This activity has been designed to meet the educational needs of oncology nurses, nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists involved in the treatment of melanoma.

# **OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITY**

Despite increased awareness and extensive attempts to publicize risk factors and screening, current estimates suggest that 76,380 men and women will be diagnosed with melanoma and 10,130 individuals will die from the disease in 2016 within the United States alone. Because of its cutaneous location and its high metastatic potential, melanoma management remains a major clinical challenge, and, until recently, treatments for advanced disease had been relatively limited in their overall effectiveness. More recently, unprecedented strides have been made in defining molecular mechanisms of critical importance to melanoma development, progression and metastasis, knowledge which has ultimately yielded a number of new agents that have been heralded as major breakthroughs by the melanoma community.

This "opening of Pandora's box" with regard to the availability of new therapies has challenged practicing clinicians to quickly understand how best to safely integrate them into current management algorithms. This is particularly true among oncology nurses and nurse practitioners, who play an integral role in the successful delivery of systemic anticancer therapy and in the preservation of patient physical and psychosocial well-being. These video proceedings from the seventh part of an 8-part integrated CNE curriculum originally held at the 2016 ONS Annual Congress feature discussions with leading dermatologic oncology investigators and their nursing counterparts regarding actual patient cases and recent clinical research findings affecting the optimal therapeutic and supportive care for each patient scenario.

## **PURPOSE STATEMENT**

By providing information on the latest research developments in the context of expert perspectives, this CNE activity will assist oncology nurses, nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists with the formulation of state-of-the-art clinical management strategies to facilitate optimal care of patients with melanoma.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Discuss the benefits and risks associated with systemic therapies used in the evidence-based treatment of adjuvant and metastatic melanoma, including immunotherapeutic strategies and targeted biologic agents.
- Recognize the FDA approvals of nivolumab, pembrolizumab and the combination of nivolumab and ipilimumab for the management of metastatic melanoma, and understand how these approaches fit into current treatment algorithms.
- Recall existing and emerging research information demonstrating the impact of combining BRAF and MEK inhibitors for patients with BRAF mutation-positive metastatic melanoma, and use this information to guide treatment planning for these individuals.
- Develop a plan to manage the side effects associated with immune checkpoint inhibitors and novel targeted agents to support quality of life and continuation of treatment.
- Appreciate the novel mechanism of action, endorsed clinical role and practical administration requirements of talimogene laherparepvec to support the safe and effective integration of this agent into current patient care.

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# Select Publications

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