

WHAT ONCOLOGY CLINICIANS WANT TO KNOW

Addressing Current Questions and Controversies in the Management of Breast Cancer

CME INFORMATION

TARGET AUDIENCE

This activity is intended for medical oncologists and other healthcare providers involved in the treatment of breast cancer.

OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITY

Breast cancer remains the most frequently diagnosed cancer in women, and in 2014 in the United States alone the disease culminated in an estimated 232,670 new cases and 40,000 deaths. Advances in screening and prevention have resulted in a steady down-stage migration at the time of disease presentation, such that only 5% of women have identifiable distant metastases at primary diagnosis. Consequently, the number of individuals living with breast cancer has increased substantially, as has the population “at risk” for recurrent disease.

The current clinical management of breast cancer is multidisciplinary and includes surgical resection of local disease with or without radiation therapy and the treatment of systemic disease (micro- or macroscopic) with cytotoxic chemotherapy, endocrine therapy, biologic therapy or combinations of these approaches. The indication and/or utility of these local and systemic treatment options is largely based on a number of prognostic and predictive risk factors present within the patient or her tumor at the time of diagnosis. In fact, as the field of oncology is challenged to improve the precision with which it therapeutically targets malignant cells, biomarker-driven treatment algorithms have become the “norm” for many tumor types, including breast cancer.

These proceedings from a CME symposium during the 37th annual San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium explore the most significant therapeutic advances during the previous year by using the perspectives of leading breast cancer experts on challenging cases and questions submitted by clinicians in the community to frame a relevant discussion of how this information has aided in the refinement of current routine clinical practice and ongoing research. This CME activity will help medical oncologists integrate these findings into best-practice disease management strategies.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Appreciate the similarities and differences between existing genomic assays, and use this information to select an appropriate platform or platforms to assess risk and individualize therapy for patients with invasive and noninvasive early breast cancer.

- Develop an evidence-based algorithm for the initial and long-term treatment of localized hormone receptor-positive pre- and postmenopausal breast cancer.
- Individualize the selection of evidence-based neoadjuvant and adjuvant chemobiologic regimens for patients with HER2-overexpressing early breast cancer.
- Implement a long-term clinical plan for the management of metastatic HER2-positive breast cancer, incorporating existing, recently approved and investigational targeted treatments.
- Develop an evidence-based algorithm for the treatment of advanced hormone receptor-positive breast cancer, including the use of endocrine, biologic and chemotherapeutic agents.
- Apply the results of current clinical research to the selection and sequencing of available therapeutics for patients with localized and advanced triple-negative breast cancer.
- Recall emerging research data with next-generation sequencing, and determine the clinical and/or research application for patients with metastatic breast cancer.
- Counsel appropriately selected patients about participation in ongoing breast cancer clinical research.

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