

# Cancer Conference Update



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Discussion of 44 Presentations and Posters from the 2012 American Society of Hematology Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia

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#### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Apply emerging clinical research data to the rational selection of treatment for patients with hematologic cancers.
- Evaluate the safety profiles and response outcomes observed in studies of next-generation proteasome inhibitors, immunomodulatory agents, histone deacetylase inhibitors, elotuzumab and other novel agents alone or in combination with approved systemic treatments for relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma.
- Appropriately incorporate ruxitinib into the treatment of JAK2 mutation-positive or mutation-negative myelofibrosis, with consideration of dosing based on platelet counts.
- Integrate new therapeutic strategies into the best-practice management of Hodgkin lymphoma.
- Recall potentially practice-changing clinical research on the care of patients with newly diagnosed, nonhigh-risk acute promyelocytic leukemia.
- Develop an understanding of emerging efficacy and side-effect data with novel agents and combination regimens under evaluation for indolent and aggressive B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphomas.

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**QUESTIONS (PLEASE CIRCLE ANSWER):**

1. Final results from a Phase II study of R<sup>2</sup> (lenalidomide/rituximab) demonstrated that this combination produces high complete response rates and durable remissions in patients with FL.
  - a. True
  - b. False
2. Patients with MF must have a JAK2 mutation to respond to treatment with ruxolitinib.
  - a. True
  - b. False
3. Which of the following is an approved treatment for CML?
  - a. Omacetaxine
  - b. Bosutinib
  - c. Ponatinib
  - d. All of the above
4. Carfilzomib is approved for use as single-agent therapy for patients with MM refractory to bortezomib and an IMiD.
  - a. True
  - b. False
5. A Phase I/II trial of carfilzomib and pomalidomide with dexamethasone in patients with relapsed/refractory MM demonstrated an overall response rate of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. 30%
  - b. 50%
  - c. 70%
6. A Phase III study of homoharringtonine-based induction regimens for patients with de novo AML demonstrated that these regimens are associated with higher response rates and improved survival compared to an anthracycline and cytarabine regimen.
  - a. True
  - b. False
7. The side effects associated with quizartinib when used to treat FLT3-ITD-positive or negative relapsed/refractory AML include:
  - a. Gastrointestinal toxicities
  - b. QT prolongation
  - c. Myelosuppression
  - d. All of the above
8. A study on the long-term outcomes of ruxolitinib in patients with MF on the COMFORT-I study demonstrated \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. A continued survival advantage
  - b. Sustained reductions in spleen volume
  - c. Continued improvement in symptoms and quality of life
  - d. All of the above
9. High cereblon protein expression correlates with response in patients with MM treated with lenalidomide.
  - a. True
  - b. False
10. A study evaluating single-agent ibrutinib in treatment-naïve and relapsed/refractory CLL or SLL reported high response rates for \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Treatment-naïve patients
  - b. Patients with relapsed/refractory disease
  - c. Patients with high-risk disease (those with deletion 17p)
  - d. All of the above



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