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### OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITY

Non-Hodgkin lymphoma (NHL) comprises a heterogeneous group of lymphoproliferative disorders and is one of the most rapidly evolving fields in hematology and oncology. In contrast, Hodgkin lymphoma (HL) is a rarer disease that is relatively chemosensitive and often curable when treated appropriately. However, care for patients who do not respond to primary treatment or those with relapsed or refractory HL remains a significant challenge for oncology clinicians. Published results from ongoing clinical trials lead to the continual emergence of new therapeutic agents and changes in the use of existing treatments. To offer optimal patient care — including the option of clinical trial participation — practicing medical oncologists, hematologists and hematology-oncology fellows must be well informed of these advances. This program uses a roundtable discussion with leading clinical investigators to assist practicing clinicians in formulating up-to-date clinical management strategies for NHL, HL and chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL).

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Use case-based learning to formulate individualized strategies for the care of patients with lymphoma.
- Integrate practice-changing clinical trial results recently reported with the antibody-drug conjugate brentuximab vedotin into the evidence-based treatment algorithm for patients with relapsed/refractory HL and systemic anaplastic large cell lymphoma.
- Utilize available research evidence on the use of CNS prophylaxis to guide treatment decision-making for patients with diffuse large B-cell lymphoma.
- Appraise recent data on therapeutic advances and changing practice standards in follicular lymphoma, and apply this information to clinical practice.
- Develop an algorithm for the evaluation and treatment of newly diagnosed and relapsed/refractory CLL.
- Devise an approach for the sequential systemic treatment of cutaneous T-cell lymphoma.
- Communicate the existing and emerging roles of proteasome inhibitors and IMiDs to patients with mantle-cell lymphoma.
- Facilitate patient access to clinical trial participation through communication of ongoing research opportunities.

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## SELECT PUBLICATIONS

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A multi-center, randomized, phase III study of rituximab versus iodine I 131 tositumomab therapy for patients with relapsed follicular non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. [NCT00078598](#)

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**QUESTIONS (PLEASE CIRCLE ANSWER):**

1. The RESORT trial demonstrated that at 3 years more than 80% of patients with previously untreated, low tumor burden FL who received 4 doses of rituximab on the control arm had not received chemotherapy for relapse.
  - a. True
  - b. False
2. The SAKK-35/98 clinical trial, which evaluated a short course (4 weekly doses) of rituximab versus prolonged rituximab for patients with newly diagnosed or relapsed FL, did not report an improved progression-free survival for patients who received prolonged rituximab.
  - a. True
  - b. False
3. Brentuximab vedotin is an antibody-drug conjugate that targets \_\_\_\_\_ tumor cells.
  - a. CD20-positive
  - b. CD30-positive
  - c. CD5-positive
4. What is the mechanism of action of romidepsin?
  - a. Antimetabolite
  - b. Alkylating agent
  - c. Histone deacetylase inhibitor
  - d. None of the above
5. Data from the pivotal trial that led to the approval of brentuximab vedotin in the treatment of HL after failure of ASCT reported a 75% response rate for patients undergoing treatment in this setting.
  - a. True
  - b. False
6. Results from a Phase II study of lenalidomide and rituximab in patients with previously untreated indolent lymphomas indicated a response rate of approximately 90% with this combination.
  - a. True
  - b. False
7. The Phase II ECOG-E2408 trial is evaluating BR with or without \_\_\_\_\_ followed by rituximab with or without lenalidomide for patients with high-risk Stage II to Stage IV FL.
  - a. Bortezomib
  - b. Carfilzomib
  - c. Both of the above
8. The GAUSS study evaluated obinutuzumab (GA101) versus \_\_\_\_\_ for patients with relapsed CD20-positive indolent B-cell NHL.
  - a. Bortezomib
  - b. Brentuximab vedotin
  - c. Rituximab
9. A trial evaluating maintenance rituximab after induction therapy with R-CHOP or R-FC for elderly patients with MCL reported a benefit in remission duration for patients receiving rituximab maintenance versus interferon maintenance.
  - a. True
  - b. False
10. In the Phase III FIT trial of consolidation therapy with ibritumomab tiuxetan after first remission in patients with advanced FL, patients who received consolidation therapy experienced \_\_\_\_\_ compared to patients who received no additional therapy.
  - a. A progression-free survival (PFS) advantage
  - b. An overall survival (OS) advantage
  - c. No PFS or OS advantage



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Activity and toxicity of brentuximab vedotin in HL/sALCL	4 3 2 1	4 3 2 1
Maintenance rituximab for patients with FL	4 3 2 1	4 3 2 1
Response to sequential HDAC inhibitor therapy in CTCL	4 3 2 1	4 3 2 1
Role of RIT as initial treatment and consolidation therapy for FL	4 3 2 1	4 3 2 1
Awareness of the possibility of tumor flare and tumor lysis in the treatment of CLL	4 3 2 1	4 3 2 1
Intergroup study of BR versus BVR with rituximab with or without lenalidomide maintenance therapy for older patients with newly diagnosed MCL	4 3 2 1	4 3 2 1

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- Integrate practice-changing clinical trial results recently reported with the antibody-drug conjugate brentuximab vedotin into the evidence-based treatment algorithm for patients with relapsed/refractory HL and systemic anaplastic large cell lymphoma. .... 4 3 2 1 N/M N/A
- Utilize available research evidence on the use of CNS prophylaxis to guide treatment decision-making for patients with diffuse large B-cell lymphoma. .... 4 3 2 1 N/M N/A
- Appraise recent data on therapeutic advances and changing practice standards in follicular lymphoma, and apply this information to clinical practice. .... 4 3 2 1 N/M N/A
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