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Conversations with Oncology Investigators
Bridging the Gap between Research and Patient Care

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OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITY

Management of ovarian cancer (OC) includes optimal surgical debulking followed by postoperative chemotherapy and, in most cases, subsequent medical management when the disease recurs. Although many single-agent and combination chemotherapy regimens have been studied, only recently have antibody and small-molecule growth-inhibitory targeted agents been integrated into the OC research milieu. It is hoped that the results from these trials will lead to the emergence of new therapeutic agents and changes or enhancements in the indications for existing treatment strategies, ultimately improving the duration and quality of life for patients with metastatic OC. To bridge the gap between research and patient care, this issue of *Ovarian Cancer Update* features one-on-one discussions with leading gynecologic oncology investigators. By providing information on the latest research developments in the context of expert perspectives, this activity assists medical and gynecologic oncologists with the formulation of evidence-based therapeutic strategies, which in turn facilitates optimal patient care.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Utilize case-based learning to develop individualized management strategies for optimally debulked Stage II to III OC, including the use of intraperitoneal versus intravenous chemotherapy.
- Determine the utility of CA125 serum levels in monitoring disease progression and making treatment recommendations for patients.
- Apply the results of emerging research with angiogenesis inhibition to the development of front-line and maintenance therapeutic strategies for patients with OC.
- Develop an understanding of the emerging efficacy data and toxicity profiles of investigational agents in OC to effectively prioritize clinical trial opportunities for appropriate patients.
- Identify potential later-line treatment options for patients with multiply recurrent, platinum- and taxane-refractory OC.

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QUESTIONS (PLEASE CIRCLE ANSWER):

1. Which of the following was observed in the Armstrong study of IV paclitaxel combined with IV versus IP cisplatin?
 - a. Quality of life was worse with IP versus IV cisplatin during and immediately after treatment
 - b. Quality of life was equivalent 1 year after treatment
 - c. Both a and b
2. The OCEANS study demonstrated that the addition of bevacizumab to carboplatin/gemcitabine for patients with recurrent platinum-sensitive epithelial OC resulted in improvements in _____.
 - a. Overall survival
 - b. Progression-free survival
 - c. Response rate
 - d. All of the above
 - e. Both b and c
3. Which of the following issues are being addressed in the adjuvant GOG-0252 study?
 - a. IV versus IP chemotherapy
 - b. IP cisplatin versus IP carboplatin
 - c. Adjuvant and maintenance bevacizumab
 - d. All of the above
4. Both the GOG-0218 and ICON7 trials demonstrated an improvement in progression-free survival with the addition of bevacizumab to adjuvant chemotherapy for patients with newly diagnosed OC.
 - a. True
 - b. False
5. The EORTC trial conducted by Dr Rustin and colleagues demonstrated that early treatment based on CA125 levels in asymptomatic women who completed adjuvant platinum-based therapy resulted in an improvement in long-term outcomes compared to patients who received treatment at clinical or symptomatic relapse.
 - a. True
 - b. False
6. _____ is commonly associated with IP compared to IV chemotherapy.
 - a. Increased nausea
 - b. Increased abdominal pain
 - c. Increased electrolyte abnormalities
 - d. All of the above
7. Which of the following are common side effects associated with pegylated liposomal doxorubicin?
 - a. Nausea and vomiting
 - b. Peripheral neuropathy
 - c. Alopecia
 - d. None of the above
8. Basing treatment decision-making for recurrent OC on rising CA125 levels may result in premature discontinuation of effective therapy.
 - a. True
 - b. False

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Clinical implications of the GOG-0218 and ICON7 trial results on the use of bevacizumab as front-line and maintenance therapy for OC	4 3 2 1	4 3 2 1
Use of CA125 for treatment decision-making	4 3 2 1	4 3 2 1
Results of the OCEANS study of combining anti-VEGF therapy to chemotherapy for platinum-sensitive, recurrent OC	4 3 2 1	4 3 2 1
Efficacy of capecitabine for recurrent platinum- and taxane-refractory OC	4 3 2 1	4 3 2 1

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