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Novel Insights into Soft Tissue Sarcoma

Message from the Guest Editor

Soft tissue sarcomas (STSs) comprise 1% of adult malignant tumors (7% of childhood malignancies). Sarcomas encompass a heterogeneous group of malignancies of mesenchymal origin and may occur in any site of the body, which represents an additional challenge when it comes to therapy. While the prognosis is good for patients diagnosed at an early stage and treated by adequate surgery, unresectable or metastatic diseases shrink the overall survival at 5 years to less than 10%, creating an unmet medical need. The medical treatment of adult soft tissue sarcomas is more and more dictated by the histological subtype; this applies to both cytotoxic and target therapies. Anthracycline- and ifosfamide-based chemotherapies are the main therapeutic agents in the neoadjuvant, adjuvant, and metastatic adult-type STS disease settings, primarily for high-grade tumors, with the best-established response rates in adult soft tissue sarcomas for several years. Multidisciplinary approach is mandatory in all cases (involving pathologist, radiologist, surgeons, radiation therapists, medical oncologists), and it should be carried out in reference centers for sarcomas.

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