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Clinical Applications of Tumor Immunotherapy

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The advent of tumor immunotherapy had a significant impact on the treatment landscape of several hematological and solid tumors. The use of immune checkpoint inhibitors (ICIs) is by far the strategy with the most dramatic impact and widest adoption in tumor immunotherapy. These agents block inhibitory interactions between cancer and immune cells, thus prompting antitumor immunity and averting tumor evasion of the immune response...Irrespective of the type considered, tumor immunotherapies yielded unprecedented benefits in hard-to-treat tumors in terms of long-lasting responses and the prolongation of survival outcomes, with a peculiar toxicity profile that can be insidious. Research on tumor immunotherapy is brisk and active, currently focusing on how to increase the proportion of patients that benefit from different immunotherapy approaches and on identifying predictive biomarkers of response; thus, it is critical to understand how available evidence and findings, as well as future perspectives, translate into resources for clinical practice.

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