



# Advances in the Management of **Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia**

Educational Concepts Group, LLC (ECG) is sponsoring this continuing education (CE) initiative that will be available November – December 2009 in selected academic institutions nationwide. Vital, up-to-date clinical information will be presented by well-respected, key opinion leaders.

This **CE Program** has been planned and will be implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Educations (ACCME) and the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). ECG is an ACCME and ACPE accredited provider.

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The **Target Audience** for the program includes hematologists, hematologist-oncologists, medical oncologists, oncology specialty pharmacists, and allied healthcare professionals charged with the care of patients with APL.

**Learning Objectives** established for this program should help participants be better able to:

- Recognize biologic pathways of significance in APL pathogenesis and resistance
- Compare and contrast the methods and results of studies available for the treatment of patients with APL with respect to efficacy and toxicity parameters
- Debate the optimal treatment approach when given a series of patient case scenarios representing a range of APL prognostic markers and clinical presentations

**Statement of Need:** Acute promyelocytic leukemia enjoys the highest overall survival rate of all the adult acute myeloid leukemia variants. Treatment issues regarding disseminated intravascular coagulation, retinoic acid syndrome, and therapy differentiation requires careful attention during patient care. Determining which approach is most appropriate for a given patient requires an evaluation of patient-specific characteristics, physician expertise, and available health system resources. While difficult, these decisions require knowledge of current clinical data for appropriate integration of novel

therapeutics into clinical practice. Healthcare professionals need to understand the basis for therapies most commonly encountered so that this knowledge in turn can assist patients in making better informed decisions.

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