

Accreditation Information

This continuing medical education (CME) activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME).

This activity has been reviewed and is acceptable for up to 1 Prescribed Credit hour by The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). Term of approval is for one year from beginning distribution date of February 1, 2010. AAFP Prescribed Credit is accepted by The AMA as equivalent to *1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* for The Physicians' Recognition Award. When applying for AMA PRA, Prescribed hours earned must be reported as Prescribed hours, not as Category 1. (This statement applies to all Physicians, not just Family Physicians.)

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Statement of Need

Iron overload (IO) is a serious issue in transfused myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) patients, influencing morbidity and mortality. Clinicians have options for managing IO, but treatment is often overlooked despite potential impact on organ complications. For clinicians to implement best treatment and improve outcomes they need to better understand: (1) the pathology, morbidity, and mortality, and (2) the need for monitoring MDS patients, data, guidelines, and practical information relative to available therapies.

Target Audience

This supplement to *Cancer Control* is specifically designed for hematologists, oncologists and other health care professionals who wish to review and update their knowledge regarding the clinical considerations in the management of IO in MDS patients.

Learning Objectives

In compliance with ACCME guidance, action-oriented educational learning objectives have been developed to:

- Define pathologic, epidemiologic, and clinical data to monitor transfused MDS patients to identify those with IO issues.
- Utilize guidelines to develop clinical plans for IO to minimize complications, and extend survival.
- Discuss implementation of current management approaches for IO to achieve set treatment goals.
- Describe the safe and effective administration of IO treatments and monitoring to assure outcomes.
- Identify clinical data and trials relevant to the management of IO.

How to Obtain CME Credit

- To successfully complete this activity, ERS requires that you review the learning objectives, read the monograph, and take the posttest on page 10.
- Correctly answer 5 questions to receive 1 Prescribed Credit hour (*1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*). Upon successful completion of the CME exercise, a certificate will be mailed to you in approximately 4 to 6 weeks.
- Complete the answer sheet, evaluation and registration form and fax to:
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