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Target Audience

This activity has been designed to meet the educational needs of US hematologists and oncologists, and other clinicians involved in iron overload.

Program Description

In this activity, an expert in iron overload discusses the differences between hereditary and transfusional hemochromatosis, and evaluates the role of iron chelation in the management of the latter, including both single-agent and combination approaches. New data on the ability of chelators to reduce cardiac iron burden in patients with transfusional iron overload are also discussed.

Educational Objectives

Upon completion of this activity, participants should be better able to:

- Distinguish between hereditary and transfusional hemochromatosis through a review of the characteristics of these syndromes
- Assess the safety and efficacy of iron chelation in patients with nonmalignant blood disorders who develop transfusional hemochromatosis
- Recommend iron chelation for patients with MDS diagnosed with hemochromatosis after careful consideration of recent safety and efficacy data

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