Soft Tissue Sarcoma: What is best practice?

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With Angelo Paolo Dei Tos, Peter Hohenberger and Robin Jones

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Learning objectives

After attending this symposium, learners will be able to:

- Describe the biological pathways involved in STS and discuss their implications for the pathology of STS
- Assess the new treatment and diagnosis paradigms for advanced-STS and explain how to best apply them to their daily practice
- Explain the current best practice for providing treatment for STS within the context of the multidisciplinary team

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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to Lisbon and thank you for attending this satellite symposium entitled ‘Soft Tissue Sarcoma: What is best practice?’ at the Connective Tissue Oncology Society Annual Meeting 2016.

Lisbon provides a soulful, captivating and picturesque host backdrop for this conference that brings together a unique community of medical professionals from across Europe. The aim of this symposium is to facilitate the management of soft tissue sarcoma, and the implementation of new discoveries in clinical practice. It will also address the challenges facing clinicians in an increasingly complex treatment landscape.

During the session, the expert Faculty will guide us through this complexity by also placing the latest developments in soft tissue sarcoma into the context of treatment. They will also provide their insights into how we can best use these latest developments in sarcoma treatment and how to implement them within the context of a multidisciplinary care team.

I hope that you find this symposium a valuable educational experience and that it will further your understanding of this evolving field. Accordingly, this symposium will aim to provide maximum interaction and discourse between Faculty and audience so that we may work together to optimize patient outcomes.

We would be grateful if you would kindly provide your feedback by completing the evaluation form provided with this booklet.

Yours faithfully,

Alessandro Gronchi

Alessandro Gronchi – Chair
Alessandro Gronchi
(Symposium Chair)
Fondazione IRCCS, Istituto Nazionale dei Tumori, Milan, Italy

Alessandro Gronchi MD received his MD degree from Milan University with honours in 1992 and completed his residency training in General Surgery at the San Raffaele General Hospital, Milan.

He completed his training with a fellowship in Surgical Oncology at the National Cancer Institute, Milan in 1998 and later joined the faculty in the Department of Surgery at the National Cancer Institute, as attending surgeon in the Sarcoma Service. He has been Chair of the Sarcoma Service at the National Cancer Institute in Milan since 2001 and runs their Sarcoma database, which gathers clinical and biological information on over 8000 patients affected by soft tissue sarcomas (STS), desmoid-type fibromatosis (DF) and gastrointestinal stromal tumours (GIST), treated over the past three decades in Milan.

As Principal Investigator on several international trials on STS, DF and GIST, Dr Gronchi’s research has focused on neoadjuvant therapies in extremity and retroperitoneal sarcomas, new targets for specific STS subtypes, different telomere maintenance mechanisms in STS subtypes, genomic characterization of DF and mechanisms of resistance to therapy in GIST.

He currently serves as Chairman of the Soft Tissue Sarcoma Committee of the Italian Sarcoma Group (ISG), Chair of the European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC) Soft Tissue and Bone Sarcoma Group and President of the Connective Tissue Oncology Society (CTOS) for 2016. Dr Gronchi is a member of the Board of Directors of the Italian Society of Surgical Oncology (SICO), the European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO), the European Society of Surgical Oncology (ESSO), the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) and the Society of Surgical Oncology (SSO). Dr Gronchi has authored more than 240 scientific publications, serves as Associate Editor of the Sarcoma Journal and was Sarcoma Section Editor of the Annals of Surgical Oncology 2009-2014.
Angelo Paolo Dei Tos
Treviso General Hospital, Italy

Angelo Paolo Dei Tos, MD, is Professor of Pathology at the University of Padua School of Medicine, Director of the Department of Oncology and Director of Pathology at the General Hospital in Treviso, Italy. He is also a Consultant Pathologist at the Istituto Ortopedico Rizzoli in Bologna. Professor Dei Tos is a past Chairman and founder of the Working Group on Soft Tissue Tumour Pathology of the European Society of Pathology (ESP), past President of the International Society of Bone and Soft Tissue Pathology (ISBSTP), panel member for the WHO Working Group for the Classification of Tumours of Soft Tissue and Bone, member of the Board of Directors and Past President of CTOS, member of the Soft Tissue and Bone Group of the EORTC, and a faculty member of ESMO.

Professor Dei Tos is a member of the editorial boards of several scientific journals, including the *Journal of Pathology*, the *American Journal of Clinical Pathology*, the *Journal of Clinical Pathology*, *Advances in Anatomic Pathology*, *Seminars in Diagnostic Pathology*, *Virchows Archiv*; and *Surgical Oncology*. He is also co-editor in chief of the Open Access Journal *Clinical Sarcoma Research*.

He has published more than 250 peer-reviewed articles, mainly focused on soft-tissue and tumour pathology/biology and oncological pathology. His main clinical interest is focused on sarcoma morphologic and molecular diagnosis.
Peter Hohenberger
University of Heidelberg, Germany

Peter Hohenberger, MD, is Head of the Division of Surgical Oncology and Thoracic Surgery at the Medical Faculty Mannheim, University of Heidelberg. He is a board-certified surgeon in visceral and vascular surgery as well as in thoracic surgery and surgical intensive care. His professional education was received at the University of Erlangen including training in psychology and pathology. Dr Hohenberger’s surgical qualifications were received at the University of Heidelberg, including a senior position at the Department of Surgery followed by a Professorship in Surgical Oncology at Charité, Berlin.

Having specialized in the treatment of GIST and sarcoma, he became Chairman of the EORTC Soft Tissue and Bone Sarcoma Group. Having worked with the EORTC (GI, melanoma and STBSG) since the 1980s, he was member of the Protocol Review Committee as well as to the Board for nine years each. He served on the faculty of the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR)/ASCO/Federation of European Cancer Societies (FECS)/ESMO course on Methods of Clinical Cancer Research for seven years and is member to the advisory board of Sarcoma Patients Euronet (SPAEN), Das LEBENSHAUS and SOS-DESMOID. Dr Hohenberger chairs the German Interdisciplinary Sarcoma Group (GISG) and the Interdisciplinary Working Party on Sarcoma (IAWS) of the German Cancer Society (DKG).

The Mannheim Sarcoma Centre is a major contributor to multinational randomized studies on the treatment of GIST and sarcoma, hosts the Data Center of GISG and was co-founder of the German Sarcoma Conference. Trial activities also include EU-funded EUROSARC, CONTICANET. MITIGATE and, most recently, as part of a research network pursuing the treatment of imatinib-resistant GIST.
Robin Jones  
The Royal Marsden Hospital, UK

Dr Robin Jones is a medical oncologist specializing in the treatment of bone and soft tissue sarcomas and is Head of the Sarcoma Unit at The Royal Marsden Hospital.

He completed his medical training at Guy’s and St Thomas’ Hospital, and his oncology training at The Royal Marsden. His postgraduate research degree, with Professor Dowsett at the Institute of Cancer Research (ICR), evaluated potential predictive and prognostic factors in breast cancer patients treated with neoadjuvant chemotherapy.

In January 2010, he was appointed Associate Professor and Director of the Sarcoma Program at the University of Washington and Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle. He led a successful, grant funded program and continued his translational and clinical trial-based research.

The laboratory work with Dr Seth Pollack evaluated novel immunotherapeutic targets in bone and soft tissue sarcoma, and has led to a number of early-phase immunotherapeutic clinical trials in sarcoma. Dr Jones returned to The Royal Marsden and ICR in December 2014, as Sarcoma Clinical Trials Team Leader and Consultant Medical Oncologist.

He has experience in conducting Phase I, II and III trials, as well translational studies in sarcoma. He is continuing a number of trials of investigational agents as well as laboratory-based immunotherapy studies.

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