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Impact of Tumor Microenvironment on Cancer Progression and Treatment Response.

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Introduction

The tumor microenvironment (TME) is a highly dynamic and complex milieu surrounding cancer cells, comprising stromal cells, immune cells, blood vessels, extracellular matrix (ECM), and signaling molecules. Far from being a passive bystander, the TME actively participates in tumorigenesis by regulating cancer cell proliferation, invasion, angiogenesis, immune evasion, and metastasis. Interactions between malignant cells and the TME are bidirectional—cancer cells can remodel the surrounding environment, while the altered TME in turn influences tumor behavior. Recent advances in molecular oncology have highlighted the TME's role in mediating resistance to chemotherapy, targeted therapy, and immunotherapy. Hypoxia, chronic inflammation, and aberrant signaling pathways within the TME can create a pro-tumorigenic niche, making the understanding of these interactions essential for designing more effective and personalized cancer treatment strategies [1, 2, 3, 4, 5].

Conclusion

The tumor microenvironment is not merely a structural scaffold but a central driver of cancer progression and a critical determinant of therapeutic outcomes. Targeting the TME—whether by modulating immune responses, normalizing vasculature, or altering stromal interactions—offers a promising avenue to enhance the efficacy of conventional and novel treatments. As research continues to unravel the intricate crosstalk between cancer cells and their microenvironment, integrating TME-targeted strategies into clinical practice will be essential for improving patient prognosis and overcoming treatment resistance.

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