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Advances in the therapeutic management of Pancreatic Cancer - Current and future perspectives

The overall 5-year survival rate for pancreatic cancer (8%) has changed little over the past few decades, and this tumour is predicted to be the second leading cause of cancer-related mortality in the next decade in Western countries. During the past few years, however, clinically relevant improvements in first-line and second-line palliative therapies and significant progress in increasing survival with adjuvant treatment have been achieved. The potential of neoadjuvant therapies also offers opportunities to improve outcomes. This review will bring together information on achievements to date, and where successes are likely to be achieved in the future. The questions of how we should approach the development

of pancreatic cancer treatments, including those for patients with metastatic, locally advanced and borderline resectable pancreatic cancer, as well as for patients with resected tumours will be addressed.

Speaker Biography

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