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Abstract: Ovarian cancer is only one tenth as common as breast cancer, but the mortality associated with ovarian cancer is higher. There are 250,000 new cases diagnosed each year in the US, and at least 15,000 women die each year in the US from ovarian cancer. While the 5-year survival for non-metastatic disease is 75%, only 20% of metastatic patients live this long. Thus there is an urgent unmet need for improved treatment strategies for ovarian cancer.

This report summarizes the perspectives of 7 highly regarded ovarian cancer specialists (all US-based). In this report they provide their opinions on standards of care today and their expectations for experimental therapeutics. The "next big thing" will be Avastin, so the Panel evaluates inhibitors of PARP and mTOR/PI3K/AKT (& MEK) in a world where oncologists have moved from platinum doublets to a triplet containing bevacizumab, carboplatin and (paclitaxel / gemcitabine / doxorubicin). The Panel identifies strengths and weaknesses for lead compounds amongst the most important mechanisms in development for ovarian cancer.

Pharmacotherapies/Companies Discussed in This Report (Alphabetical by Target):

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Angiogenesis inhibitors (VEGF / PDGF /FGF / VDA)
  Avastin; bevacizumab (Genentech)
  aflibercept; VEGF Trap (Sanofi-Aventis)
  Nexavar; sorafenib (Bayer-Schering/Onyx), Sutent; sunitinib (Pfizer)
  Recentin; cediranib (AstraZeneca)
  brivanib (Bristol-Myers Squibb)
  Votrient; pazopanib (GlaxoSmithKline)
  BIBF-1120 (Boehringer Ingelheim)
  fosbretabulin; CA4P (OxiGene)
  ASA404 (Novartis)
  AMG-386 (Amgen)
EGFR
  Tarceva; erlotinib (OSI Pharmaceuticals / Genentech)
alpha-folate receptor inhibitors
  Farletuzumab (Morphotek /Eisai)
  EC-145 (Endocyte)
Hedgehog Pathway Inhibitors
  GDC-0449 (Genentech)
  IPI-504; cyclopamine (Infinity)
Immunology Approaches
  abagovomab (Menarini)
MEK
  AZD-6244; ARRY-142886 (AstraZeneca)
mTOR / PI3K / AKT
  perifosine; KRX-0401 (Keryx)
  Torisel; temsirolimus (Pfizer)
  Afinitor; everolimus (Novartis)
  MK-2206 (Merck) / AZD-6244 (AstraZeneca)
  AZD8055 (AstraZeneca)
  PI3K
PARP
  olaparib; AZD2281 (AstraZeneca)
  BSI201 (BiPar Sciences / Sanofi-Aventis)
  ABT-888 (Abbott)
  MK-4827 (Merck), AG014699 (Pfizer)
Platinum
  cisplatin, carboplatin, Eloxatin; oxaliplatin
  mitaplatin (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
  Sprycel; dasatinib (Bristol-Myers Squibb)
Superoxide
  Yondelis; trabectedin (Ortho; Johnson & Johnson / Zeltia)
Taxane / Epothilone
  Taxol; paclitaxel (Bristol-Myers Squibb)
  Abraxane (Abraxis)
  Xyotax; a.k.a. Opaxio (Cell Therapeutics)
  patupilone (Novartis)
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