Molecular characterization and response to cetuximab in a patient with refractory squamous cell anal carcinoma

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ABSTRACT

There are no standard chemotherapeutic options for patients with squamous cell anal carcinoma, relapsing and progressing on palliative cisplatin-based regimens. Similarly to other malignant conditions, monoclonal antibodies directed against the epidermal growth factor receptor may represent an attractive therapeutic strategy. Here we describe a patient who, based on molecular profile, benefited from the combination of irinotecan and cetuximab. Free full text available at www.tumorionline.it

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