Contemporary Role of Ultrastructure in Tumor Diagnosis: Potential Contribution to Targeted Therapy

The symposium will provide an overview of and highlight recent developments in the diagnosis of sarcomas and newly diagnosed renal tumors, emphasizing a multimodality and multidisciplinary approach. In the current practice of surgical pathology, the small tissue sample sizes received for diagnostic workup may be insufficient for all modalities. In this setting ultrastructural pathology should be viewed as an important tool to narrow a differential diagnosis, and its contribution may assist pathologists in making more accurate diagnoses of tumors, particularly crucial in the current era of targeted molecular and immune-based therapies. The symposium will touch on the potential role of electron microscopy in developing and monitoring targeted therapies at the cellular level.

Course Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this educational activity, the learner will be able to:

- Describe the different technical modalities used for diagnoses of selected tumors
- Describe the ultrastructural features and relevance thereof in narrowing a differential diagnosis of selected tumors
- Describe for selected cancers the multidisciplinary approach to therapy
- Discuss potential contributions of electron microscopy in targeted therapies

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