

New Research by Cardinal Health Specialty Solutions Explores Oncologists' Views on Emerging Therapies

Growing interest in biosimilars, caution about CAR T, and increased use of genetic testing for AML patients are among the key findings.

DUBLIN, Ohio, Dec. 7, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Cardinal Health Specialty Solutions today introduced the second edition of *Oncology Insights*, a research-based report outlining the views of more than 200 U.S. oncologists on the latest medical advances that have the potential to transform cancer treatment.

Some of the key findings in the report include:

- Most oncologists (51 percent) see CAR T-cell therapy as a game-changing approach to cancer treatment, but barriers such as cost, toxicity and complex administration could lead to slow uptake.
- As more biosimilars enter the U.S. market, oncologists are open to prescribing them in place of their reference products – and most (66 percent) have high expectations about the cost savings biosimilars will deliver for their practices.
- With three targeted therapies recently approved for acute myeloid leukemia (AML), most oncologists (85 percent) are routinely prescribing genetic tests for AML patients – and a growing number (31 percent) are now referring AML patients to academic medical centers for treatment.

"This has been a landmark year for FDA approvals with the emergence of several innovative targeted therapies, new biosimilars, and the first two CAR T-cell therapies," said Joe DePinto, president of Cardinal Health Specialty Solutions. "Some of these advances have the potential to fundamentally alter how cancer will be treated. As more novel drugs come to market in the year ahead, understanding the changing views of oncologists and the potential barriers to adoption for new therapies will be critical for all stakeholders."

The findings in *Oncology Insights* are based on research conducted at four Cardinal Health Oncology Summits earlier this year. In total, the summits brought together more than 200 U.S. oncologists, representing a diverse mix of community and hospital-based practices. The report also includes viewpoints from Chief Medical Officers Chadi Nabhan, MD, MBA, FACP, and Bruce Feinberg, DO.

Request a copy of the *Oncology Insights* report at www.cardinalhealth.com/oncologyinsights.

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