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1. Unlike conventional chemotherapy, targeted therapies attack tumor cells with little damage to normal cells.
2. Targeting MAPK and AKT pathways leads to growth inhibition and cell death in conjunctival melanoma.
3. Elevated levels of EZH2 are relevant to tumorigenesis and progression of conjunctival melanoma, making EZH2 a potential therapeutic target for patients with conjunctival melanoma metastases.
4. When considering immunotherapy to a conjunctival melanoma patient, one should keep the variable expression of HLA class I and PD-L1 in mind.
5. The establishment of a murine model for human CM helps to understand the disease and to test new treatments.
6. Characterizing conjunctival melanoma at the genetic level is essential for the management of conjunctival melanoma. (JR Wong, Expert Rev Ophthalmol, 2014)
7. Prospective long-term multicenter studies with standardized protocols are needed to improve the management of conjunctival melanoma patients. (LA Lim, Clin Ophthalmol, 2013)
8. The “soft” (reversible) and “hard” (irreversible) loss of HLA class I expression occurred in many malignancies, is caused by various mechanisms. (F Garrido, Cancer Immunol Immunother, 2010)
9. A 100-mile journey is never completed till after the traveler finishes the last single step.
10. More haste, less speed.