



# Hepatocellular carcinoma: current state and future horizons

In this special series of *Chinese Clinical Oncology* on Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC) we are pleased to present timely and concise reviews by international experts. Hepatocellular carcinoma is one of the most common cause of cancer related mortality globally and has a dismal survival. Successful management of HCC requires a multidisciplinary approach including care team members with expertise in diagnostic techniques, management of viral hepatitis, surgical treatment modalities, liver transplantation, innovative ways to deliver radiation therapy, liver-directed therapy approaches, and finally cutting-edge systemic therapy modalities. In this special series, international experts provide an in-depth review of all the aforementioned topics. Despite nearly a decade of negative studies after approval of sorafenib, several new systemic therapy options have emerged in advanced HCC. The clinical trials which led to approval of several recently approved targeted therapy and immunotherapy agents are summarized. Potential systemic therapy options on the horizon and ongoing critical clinical trials are eloquently reviewed here. We hope that this in-depth review of the literature will be instrumental for guiding the multidisciplinary care of patients with hepatocellular carcinoma.

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