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Watch and wait policy in advanced neuroendocrine tumors: What does it mean?

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Abstract

Neuroendocrine neoplasms (NENs) are a group of rare and heterogeneous malignancies, which can develop in various organs. The clinical course of NENs is quite heterogeneous, with different spontaneous growth rates after diagnosis, and different degrees of sensitivity to the same therapy even when they have similar characteristics. Watch and wait (W&W) is a term coined to indicate observation being conducted to assess the evolution of
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