

AstraZeneca

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AstraZeneca reports positive results from trial of pancreatic cancer treatment

AstraZeneca PLC (LON:AZN) said its Lynparza treatment nearly doubled the life-span of patients with metastatic pancreatic cancer in a phase III trial.

The trial tested Lynparza tablets as an initial maintenance treatment for metastatic pancreatic cancer patients, whose disease had not progressed after chemotherapy.

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Results showed "statistically significant and clinically meaningful improvement" in the time patients could live without their disease getting worse by an average of 7.4 months on Lynparza, compared to 3.8 months for those on placebo.

More than twice as many patients showed no disease progression both at one year and two years after starting to take Lynparza.

José Baselga, executive vice president of oncology research and development, said: "These unprecedented results raise new hope for patients that have seen little progress over a long period of time."

He said AstraZeneca is now working with regulatory authorities to bring Lynparza to patients "as quickly as possible".

Pancreatic cancer has the worst survival rate of the most common cancers with less than 3% of patients surviving more than five years after diagnosis.

Early diagnosis of pancreatic cancer is difficult because there are usually no symptoms until it is too late. About 80% of patients are diagnosed at the metastatic stage.

In 2018, there were 458,918 new cases of pancreatic cancer worldwide.

Price: 7354

Market Cap: £96.45 billion

1 Year Share Price Graph



Share Information

Code: AZN

Listing: LSE

52 week High Low
8227.88 109.511

Sector: Pharma & Biotech

Website: www.astrazeneca.com

Company Synopsis:

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