FDA oncology approvals

July 2018—FDA granted in June accelerated approval to pembrolizumab (Keytruda, Merck) for the treatment of adult and pediatric patients with refractory primary mediastinal large B-cell lymphoma or for patients who have relapsed after two or more prior lines of therapy.

The FDA also approved bevacizumab (Avastin, Genentech) for patients with epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer in combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel, followed by single-agent bevacizumab, for stage III or IV disease after initial surgical resection.

The FDA granted regular approval to venetoclax (Venclexta, AbbVie and Genentech) for patients with chronic lymphocytic leukemia or small lymphocytic lymphoma, with or without 17p deletion, who have received at least one prior therapy.