Detecting and managing IO related toxicities wisely

Synopsis

With the increasing use of immunotherapy, multidisciplinary breast cancer teams have to get used to recognising and managing immune-related side effects. Although immune checkpoint inhibitors are generally well tolerated, they can cause a wide range of side effects which often differ from those commonly seen with other types of cancer treatment. These include inflammatory or autoimmune reactions as well as side effects affecting the endocrine system. Side effect patterns can be highly variable in terms of timing, severity and organ manifestation. Early recognition and intervention are critical for the effective management which often includes the use of corticosteroids.