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## BÖLÜM

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### GİRİŞ

Melanom, melanositlerin malign tümörü olup morbiditesi ve mortalitesi yüksek bir hastaliktır. İnsidansı tüm dünyada hızla artmaktadır. İnsidansın en yüksek olduğu yerler gelişmiş ülkelerdir. Sağlık Bakanlığı verilerine göre ülkemizde 2014 yılında yeni olgu hızı 100.000 kişide erkeklerde 1.8, kadınlarda ise 1.2 dir. Hastalıkın etyolojisinde suçlanan temel faktör, yürütücü mutasyonlarının oluşmasını sağlayarak karsinogenez yolaklarının ilerlemesine neden olan UV ışınlardır.

Melanom tedavisinin temelini erken tanı ve cerrahi eksizyon oluşturmaktadır. Erken evrede uygun cerrahi ile uzun süreli sağ kalım beklenmekle birlikte ileri evre hastalıkta sonuçlar yüz güldürücü değildir. İçinde bulunduğu on yılda malign melanomda kullanılmıştır. İmmun kontrol noktası inhibitörleri ile MAPK yolunda görevli enzimleri hedefleyen BRAF ve MEK inhibitörleri son dönemde metastatik hastalıkta sağkalım avantajı göstermiştir.

### YAŞLI MALİGN MELANOM HASTASINDA EPİDEMİYOLOJİ VE ONKLERİYATRİK DEĞERLENDİRME

Malign melanom vakalarının % 40'ından fazlası farklı klinikopatolojik özellikler ile birlikte  $\geq 65$  yaş üzerinde teşhis edilir (1). Yaşlı hastalar sıklıkla daha büyük breslow kalınlığı, artmış ülserasyon sıklığı, artmış mitotik index gibi iyi tanımlanmış negatif prognostik faktörler ile birlikte hastalık ileri evrelerinde teşhis edilir (2). Hatta yukarıda belirtilen özelliklerle ilişkisi dikkate alınarak ileri yaş, melanomda bağımsız bir kötü prognostik faktör olarak ele alınır (3). Son otuz yılda malign melanomlu genç erişkinlerde görülen mortalitede iyileşmenin aksine yaşlıarda mortalite sabit kaldı. Farklı biyolojik ve moleküler profiller, im-

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