

## AstraZeneca and Merck ink a collaboration

28 July 2017 | News

**Under the terms of the agreement, AstraZeneca and Merck will share the development and commercialisation costs for Lynparza and selumetinib monotherapy and non-PD-L1/PD-1 combination therapy opportunities.**



AstraZeneca and Merck & Co., Inc. have entered a global strategic oncology collaboration to co-develop and co-commercialise AstraZeneca's Lynparza (olaparib) for multiple cancer types. Lynparza is an innovative, first-in-class oral poly ADP ribose polymerase (PARP) inhibitor currently approved for BRCA-mutated ovarian cancer in multiple lines of treatment.

Lynparza's pipeline has grown significantly in the last few years, with 14 indications currently being developed across several tumour types, including breast, prostate and pancreatic cancers. The strategic collaboration is expected to further increase the number of treatment options available to patients.

The companies will develop and commercialise Lynparza jointly, both as monotherapy and in combination with other potential medicines. Independently, the companies will develop and commercialise Lynparza in combination with their respective PD-L1 and PD-1 medicines, Imfinzi (durvalumab) and Keytruda (pembrolizumab).

The companies will also jointly develop and commercialise AstraZeneca's selumetinib, an oral, potent, selective inhibitor of MEK, part of the mitogen-activated protein kinase (MAPK) pathway, currently being developed for multiple indications including thyroid cancer.

Under the terms of the agreement, AstraZeneca and Merck will share the development and commercialisation costs for Lynparza and selumetinib monotherapy and non-PD-L1/PD-1 combination therapy opportunities. Gross profits from Lynparza and selumetinib Product Sales generated through monotherapies or combination therapies will be shared equally.