

The Roche Group, including its members Genentech in the United States and Chugai in Japan, is the world's leading provider of cancer care products, including anti-cancer treatments, supportive care products and diagnostics. Its oncology business includes an unprecedented five products proven to provide survival benefit in different major tumour indications: Avastin, Herceptin, and Xeloda in advanced-stage breast cancer, Herceptin in early-stage HER2-positive breast cancer, MabThera in non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Avastin and Xeloda in colorectal cancer, Avastin and Tarceva in non-small cell lung cancer and Tarceva and Xeloda in pancreatic cancer.

Roche's supportive care medicines include NeoRecormon (anaemia in various cancer settings), Bondronat (metastatic bone disease), Kytril (for chemotherapy and radiotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting) and Neupogen (for cancer-related neutropenia).

In addition to the medicines, Roche is developing new diagnostic tests that will have a significant impact on disease management for cancer patients in the future. With a broad portfolio of tumour markers for prostate, colorectal, liver, ovarian, breast, stomach, pancreas and lung cancer, as well as a range of molecular oncology tests, Roche will continue to be one of the leaders in providing cancer-focused treatments and diagnostics.

Its unmatched oncology portfolio as well as an extensive external innovation base through collaborations with companies and academia are what makes it possible for Roche to provide more effective cancer therapies.

In the United States Herceptin, MabThera (Rituxan), Avastin and Tarceva are marketed either by Genentech alone or together with its partners Biogen Idec Inc. (MabThera) and OSI (Tarceva). Outside of the United States, Roche and its Japanese partner Chugai are responsible for the marketing of these medicines.