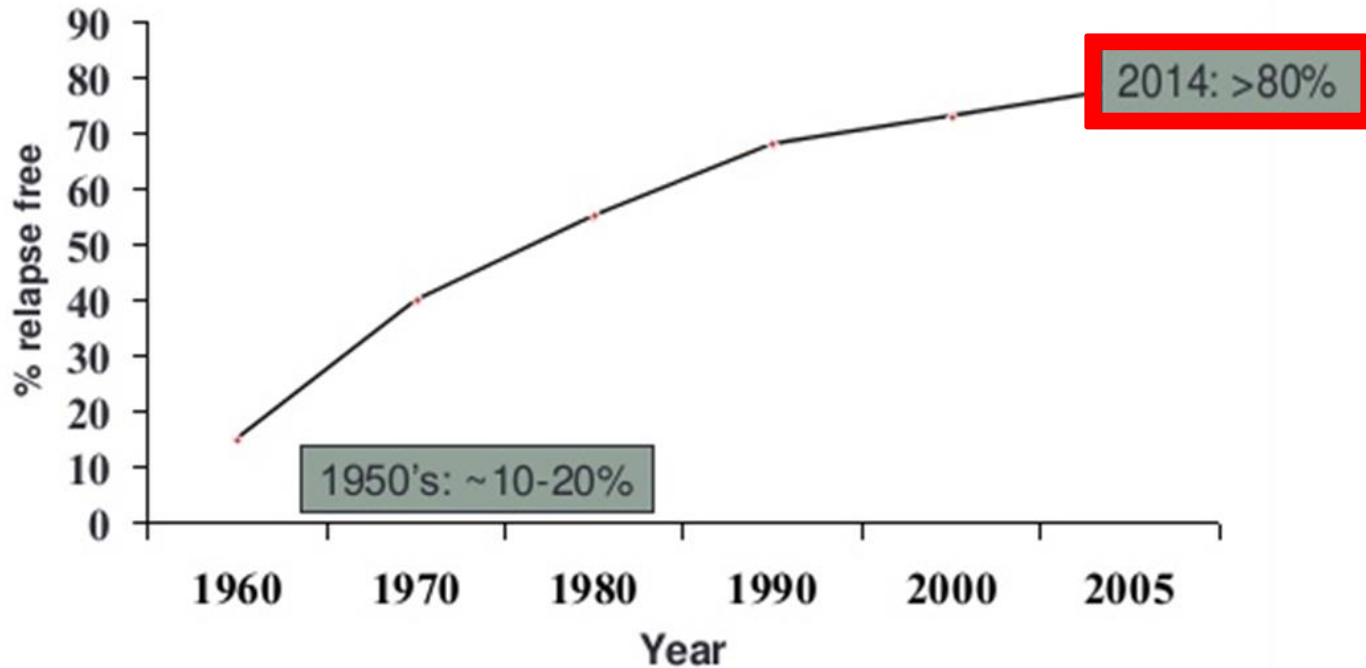
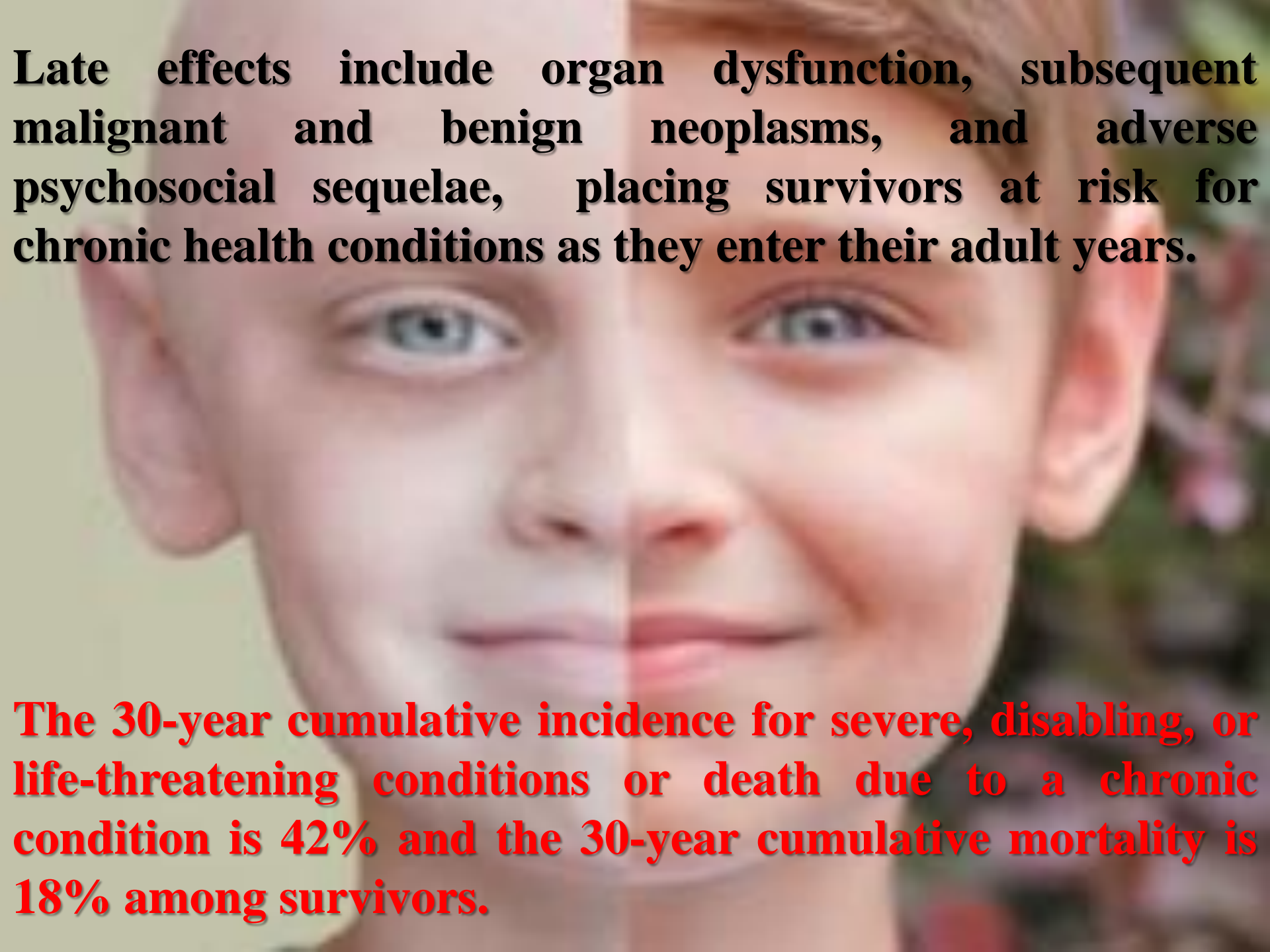


Protonterapia e tumori pediatrici



The outcome of children with tumors has improved dramatically over the past few decades with the use of multimodality therapy.



A close-up photograph of a young child's face, split vertically down the middle. The left side of the face is pale and appears to be in shadow, while the right side is brightly lit and shows a slight smile. The child has light-colored eyes and is looking directly at the camera.

Late effects include organ dysfunction, subsequent malignant and benign neoplasms, and adverse psychosocial sequelae, placing survivors at risk for chronic health conditions as they enter their adult years.

The 30-year cumulative incidence for severe, disabling, or life-threatening conditions or death due to a chronic condition is 42% and the 30-year cumulative mortality is 18% among survivors.



“Cure is not enough”

G. J. D’Angio

Minimizing the RT morbidity

Avoiding RT

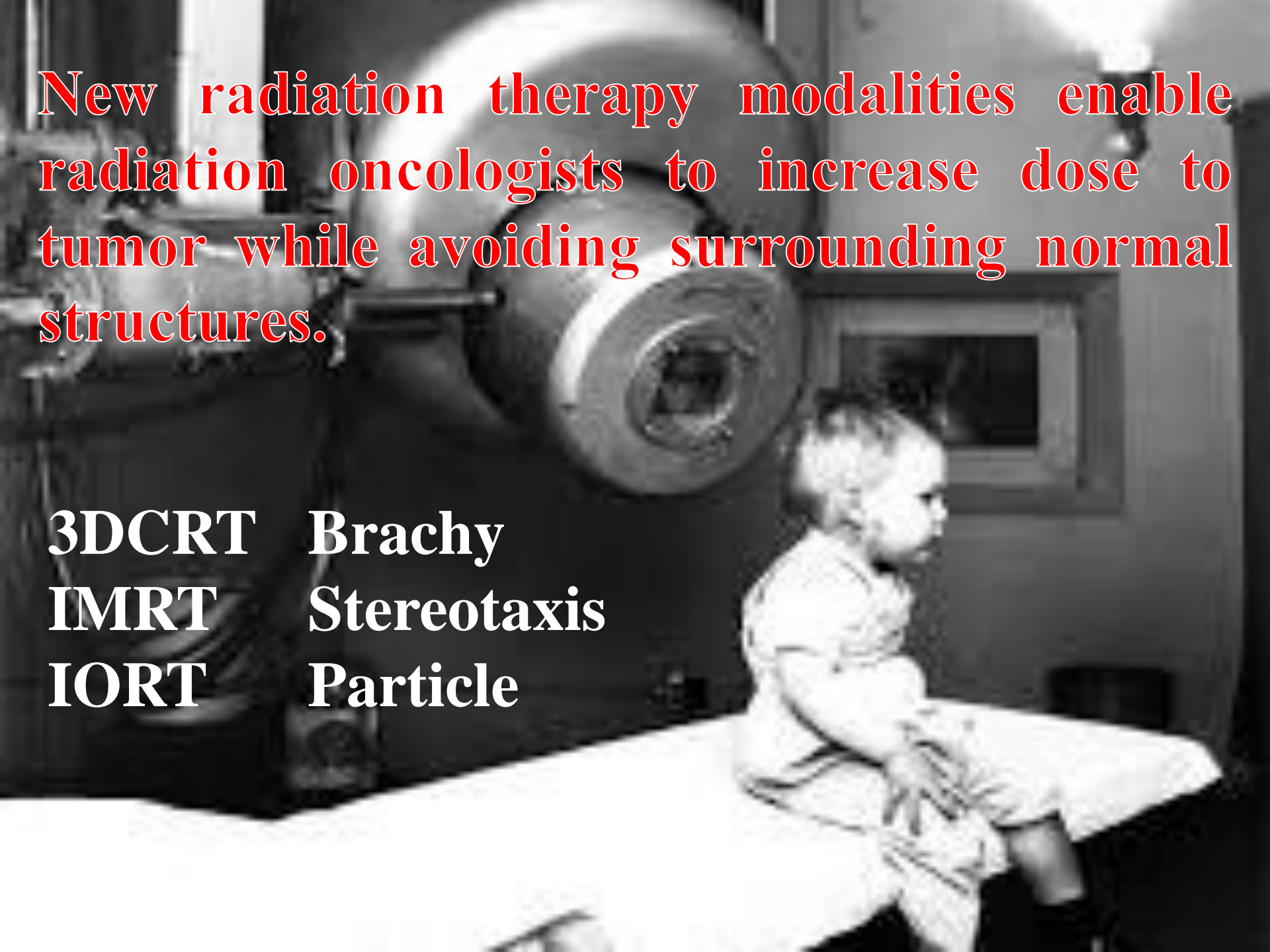
Postponing RT

Reducing dose

Reducing target volume

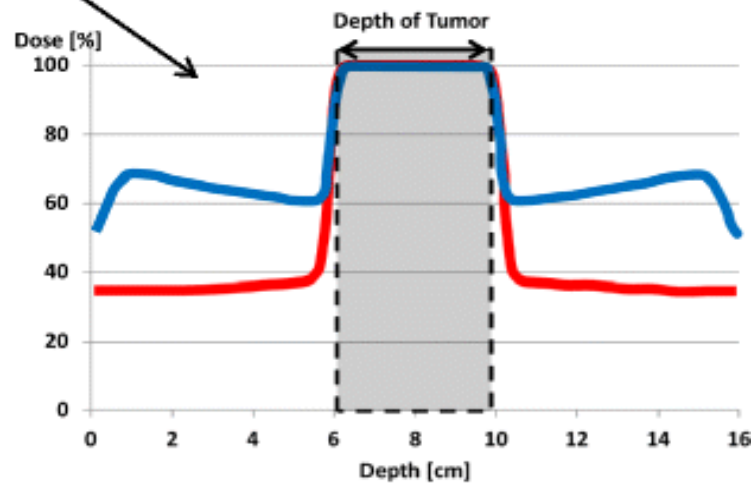
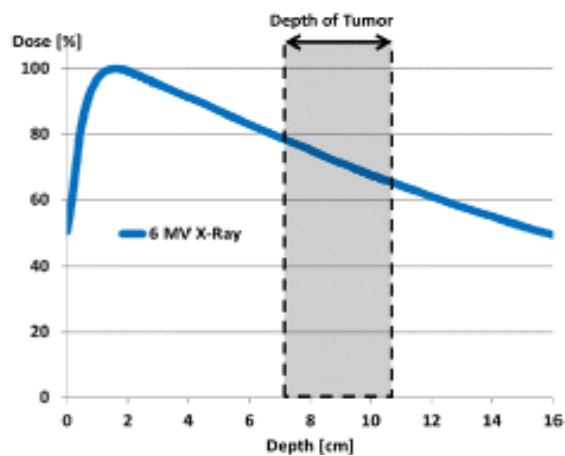
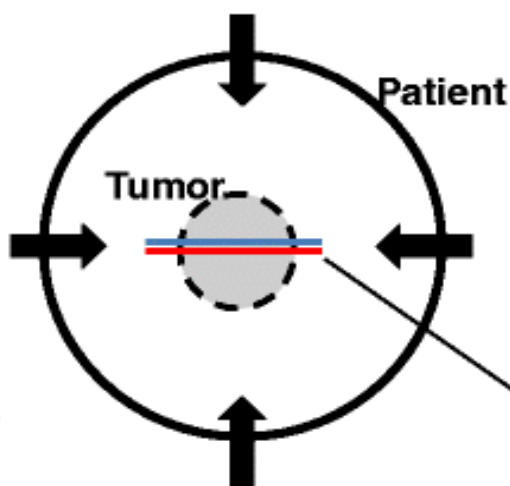
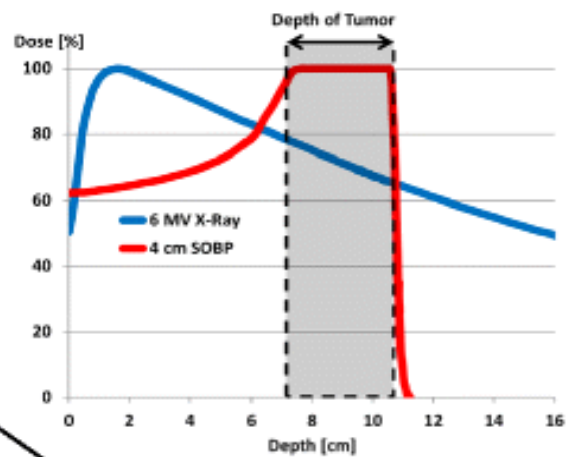
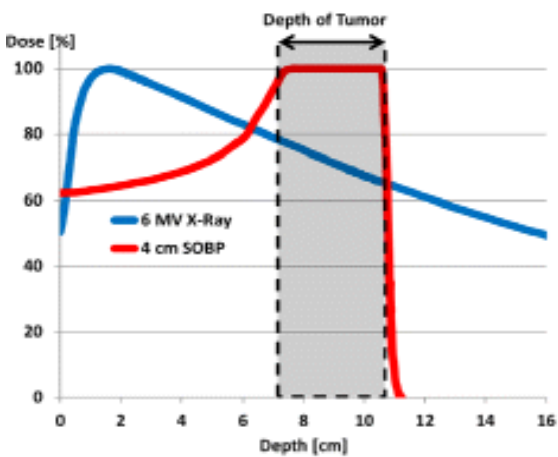
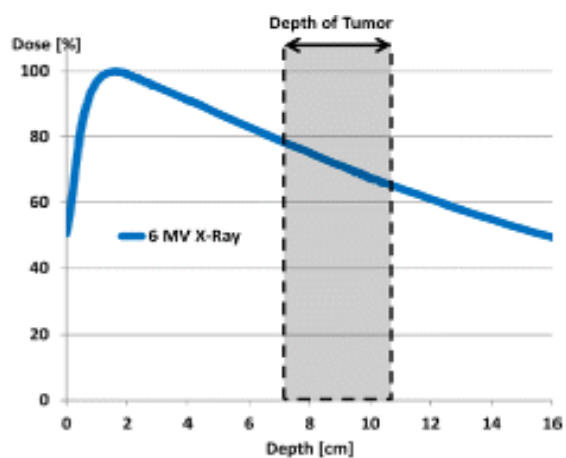
Improving technique

Investigating novel fractionation



New radiation therapy modalities enable radiation oncologists to increase dose to tumor while avoiding surrounding normal structures.

3DCRT Brachy
IMRT Stereotaxis
IORT Particle



A “different” dose distribution is not the same as an improved clinical outcome.

We often hear a classic circular argument:

A different dose distribution = a different clinical outcome, because protons give a different dose distribution = a different clinical outcome,

then protons are better because they give a better dose distribution...and around and around.

J Med Ethics 35:684-7, 2009 B. Hoffmann

Disease	Number of cases in USA per year	% of cases irradiated	Number of cases irradiated
Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia	2400	10	240
Acute Non-Lymphocytic Leukemia	850	5	43
Lymphoma	1700	30	510
Medulloblastoma	460	90	400
Astrocytoma, including brainstem	1140	50	570
Ependymoma	200	60	120
Neuroblastoma	650	10	65
Wilms	500	10	50
Ewing	200	60	120
Rhabdomyosarcoma	350	60	210
NRSTS	550	50	275
	9000	29	2603

Cancer Incidence & Survival among Children and Adolescents JACR 1:488,2004

Critical Review

Proton Therapy in Children: A Systematic Review of Clinical Effectiveness in 15 Pediatric Cancers



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Most suffered from serious methodologic limitations, yielding a very low level of clinical evidence for the outcomes in all indications.

Craniopharyngioma (3)

At present very low-level clinical evidence that PT compared with IMRT does not result in significant differences in 3-year OS, 3-year CFFS, 3-year NFFS, toxicity or cyst dynamics.

Retinoblastoma (2)

At present very low level clinical evidence that PT results in lower risk of developing RT induced in-field secondary malignancies.

Treatment of common pediatric CNS malignancies with proton therapy

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Conclusions

... the ultimate hope is to complete a well controlled prospective trial comparing proton and photon radiation therapy. In the interim, PRT should be strongly considered when treating pediatric CNS tumors in an effort to allow children to live and mature with minimal treatment sequelae.

A Systematic Review of the Cost and Cost-Effectiveness Studies of Proton Radiotherapy

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BACKGROUND: Economic analyses of new technologies, such as proton-beam radiotherapy (PBT), are a public health priority. To

Careful patient selection is absolutely critical to assess cost-effectiveness. Together with increasing PBT availability, clinical trial evidence, and ongoing major technological improvements, cost-effectiveness data and conclusions from this analysis could change rapidly.

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KEYWORDS: cost-effectiveness, health care economics, operational costs, proton radiation therapy.

Original Report

Practice patterns of photon and proton pediatric image guided radiation treatment: Results from an International Pediatric Research Consortium



Our results suggest that IGRT is commonly used for radiation delivery in the management of pediatric tumors but that there is notable variability in when and how it is employed among institutions for a given treatment site.

These data highlight the need for consensus recommendations to guide clinical decision making for IGRT in the treatment of children.

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

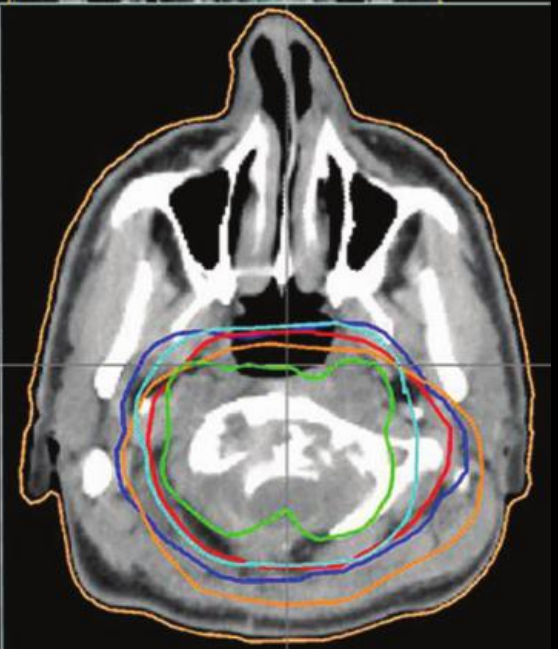
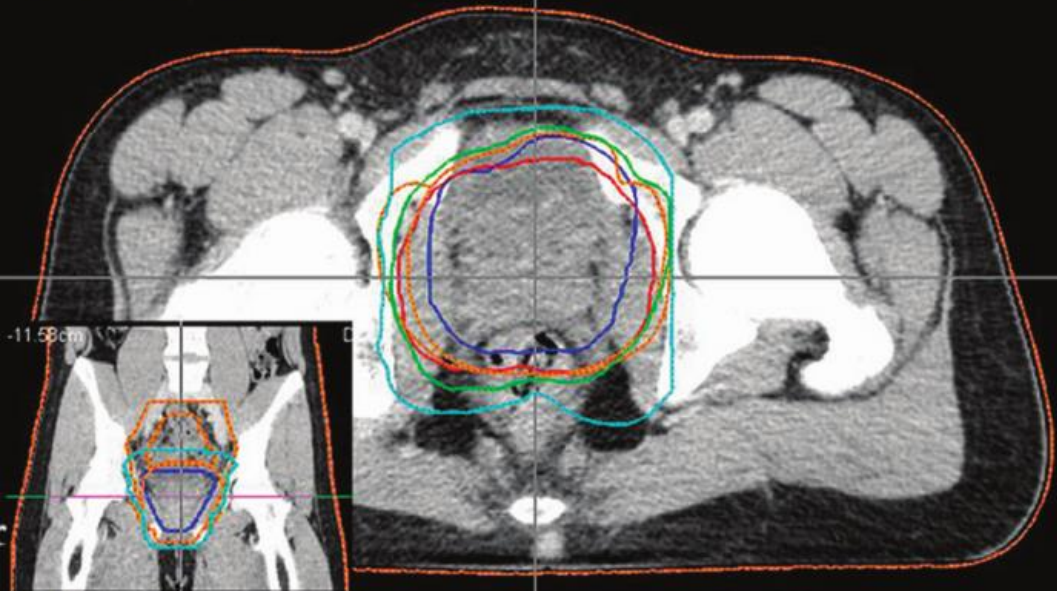
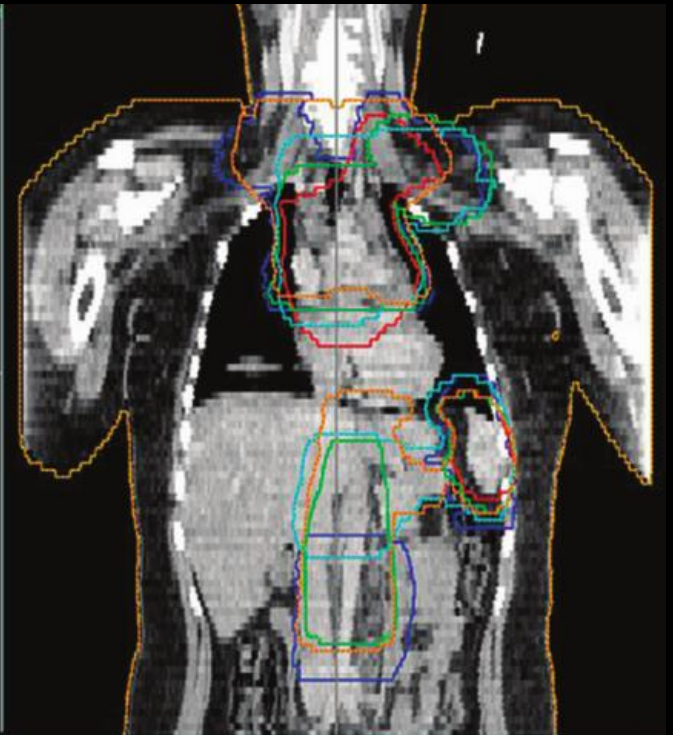
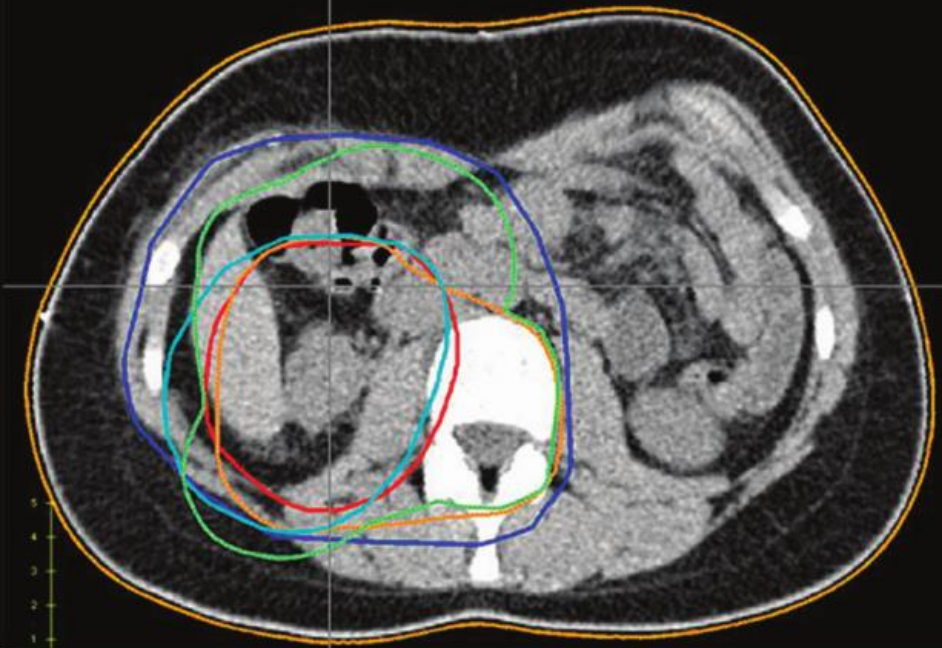
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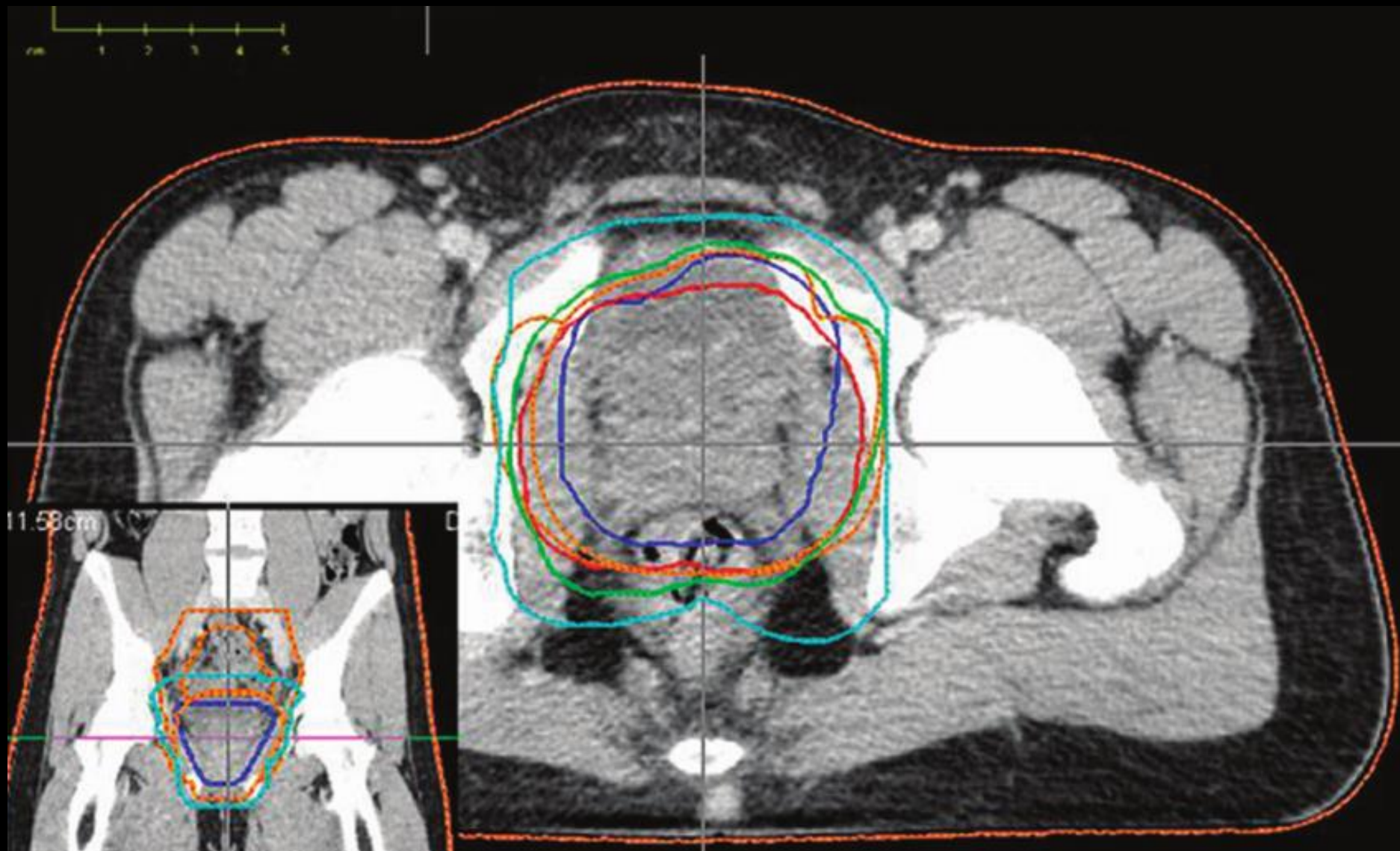
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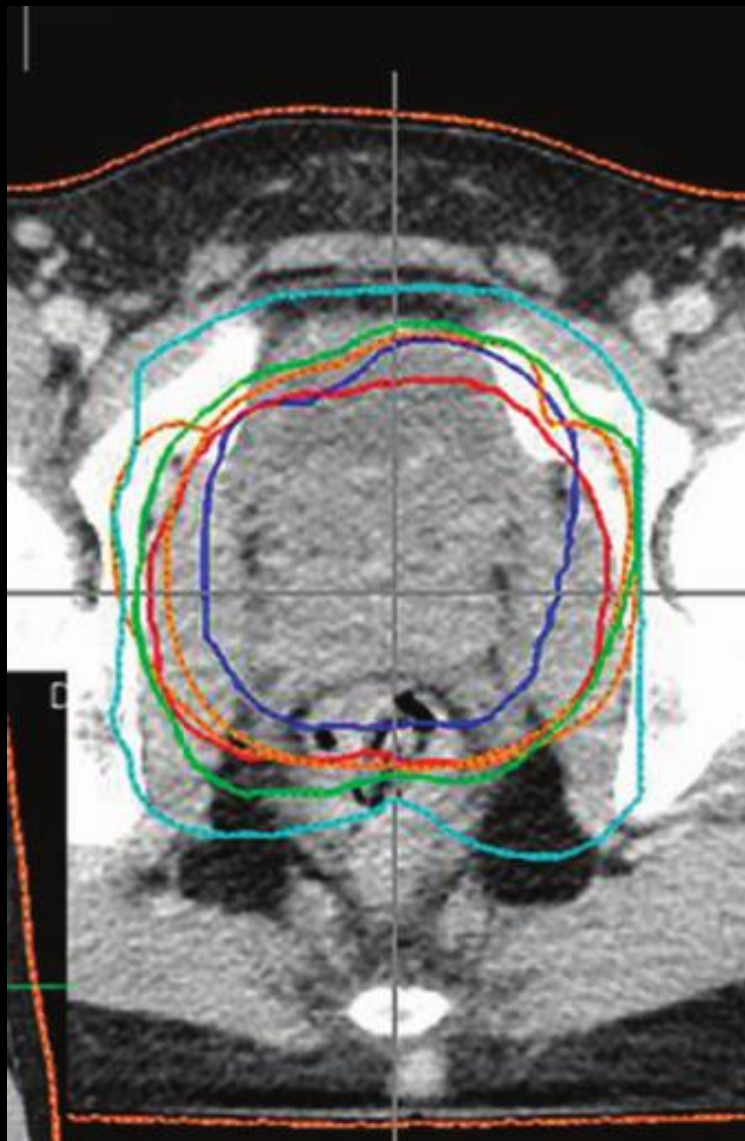
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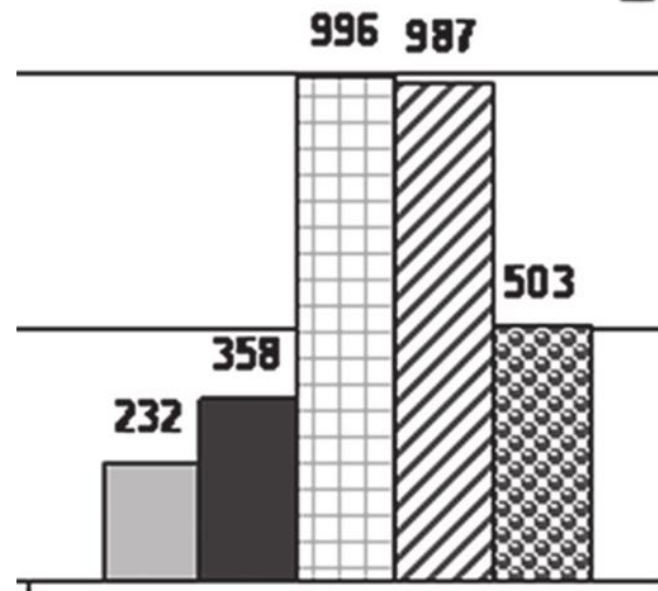




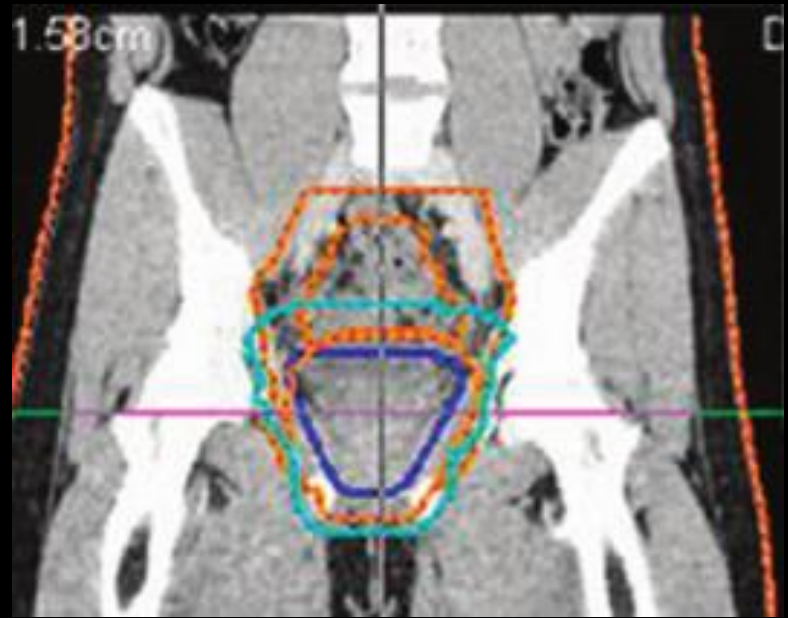
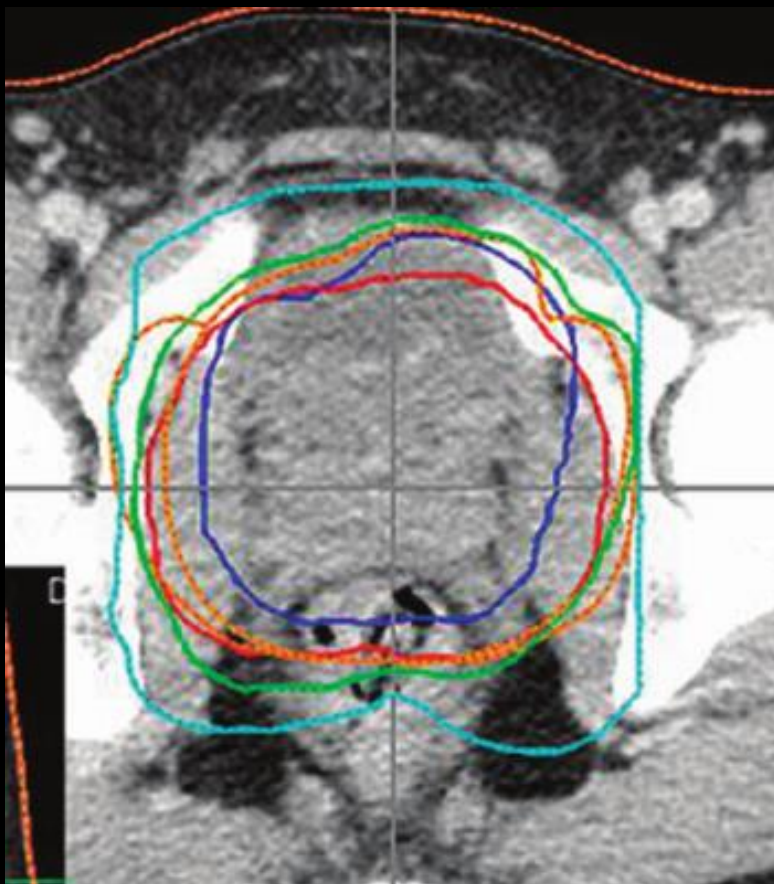


PTV volumes

- Centre 1
- Centre 2
- Centre 3
- ▨ Centre 4
- ⊞ Centre 5



Rhabdomyosarcoma



	Dose (Gy)	Dose constraints* (protocol)	Treated volume V _{95%} (litres)	Irradiated Volume V _{50%} (litres)
Case 3 <i>Bladder</i>	43.6 (37.2–51.7)	–		
<i>Rectum</i>	33.2 (24.6–48.2)	–		
<i>Body</i>			0.48 (0.20–1.11)	3.20 (1.43–5.96)

**To provide high level reproducible RT for all children
prospective RTQA**

EpSSG

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SIOP Brain tumors

Hodgkin's lymphoma

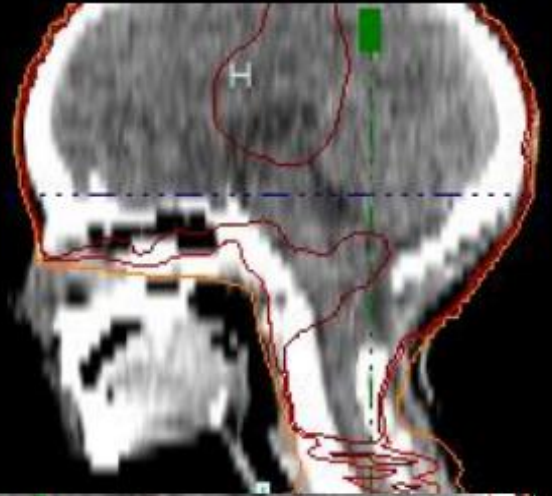
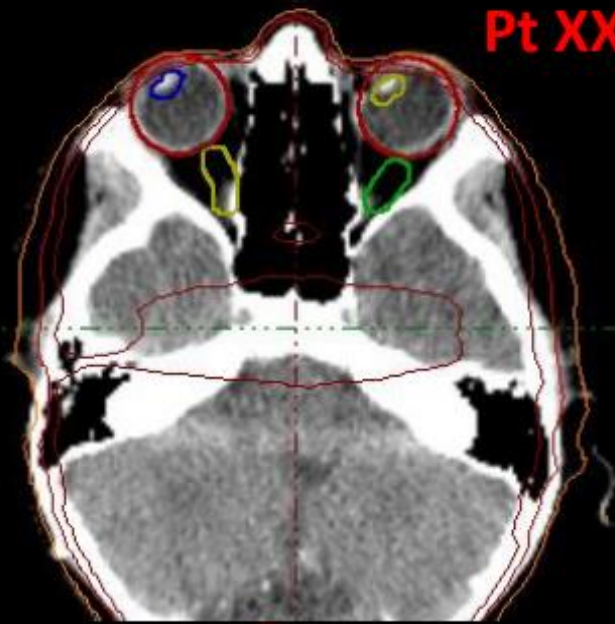
Wilms' tumor

**SIOP Brain tumors
PNET 5**

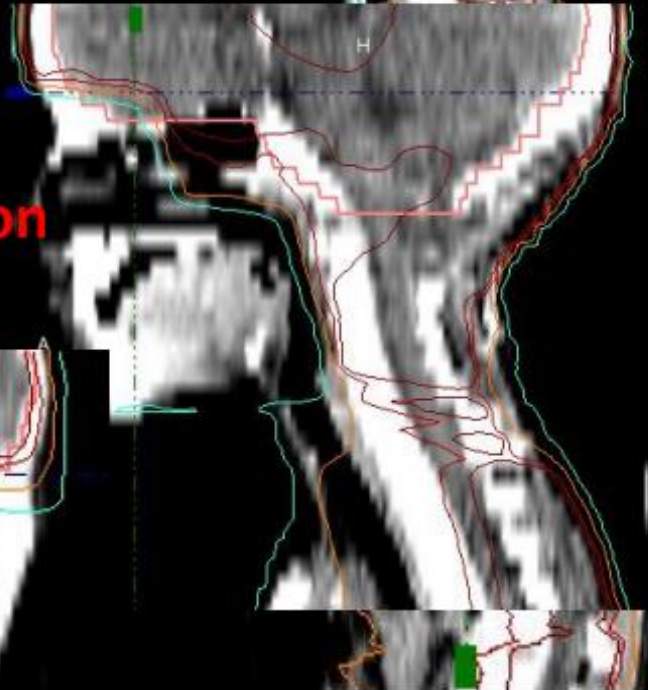
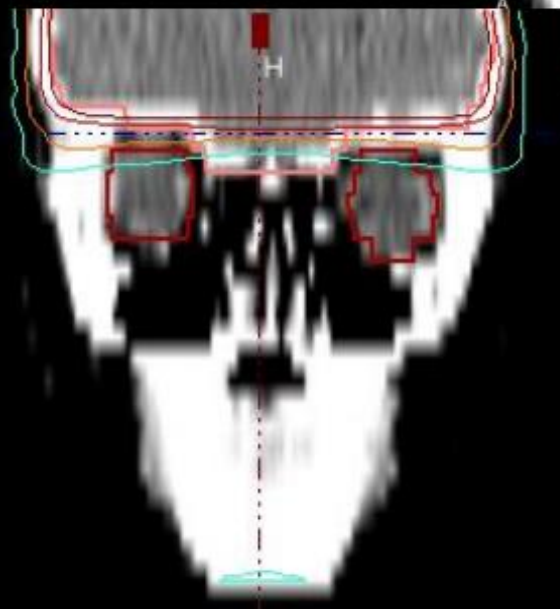
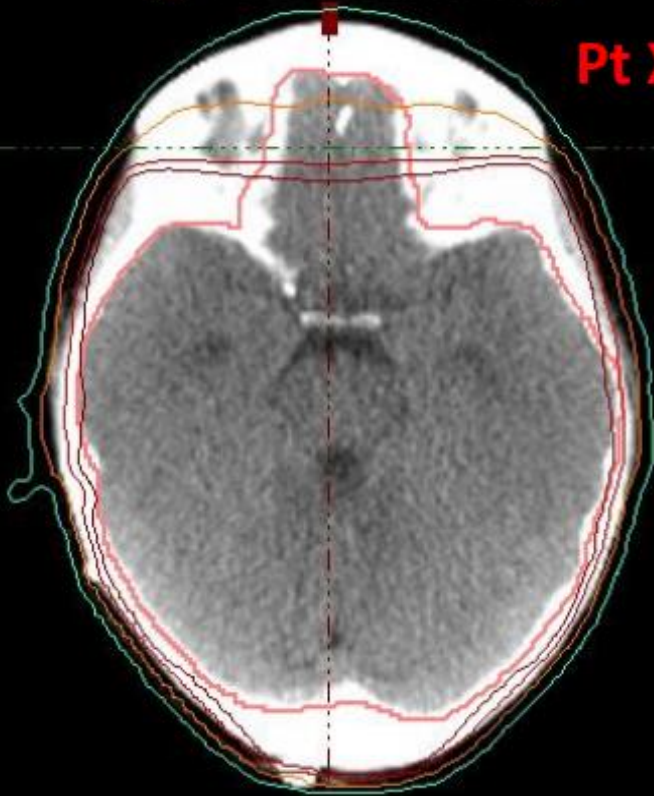
**of QA and its influence
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To establish funding for as many trials as possible

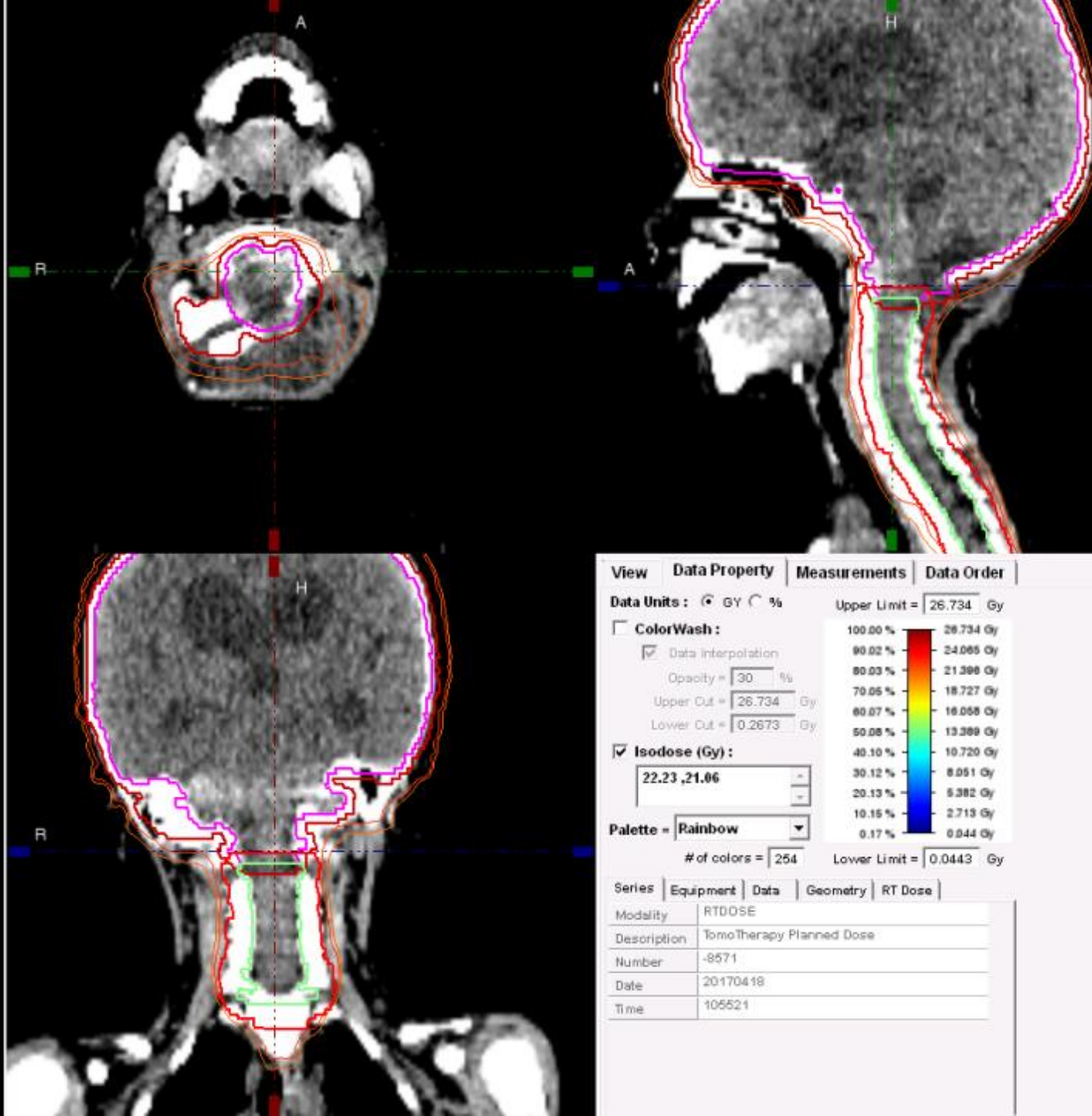
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Pt XX: after first revision



CTV → PTV



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- Lower Cut = 0.2673 Gy

Isodose (Gy):

22.23, 21.06

Palette: Rainbow

of colors = 254

Upper Limit = 26.734 Gy

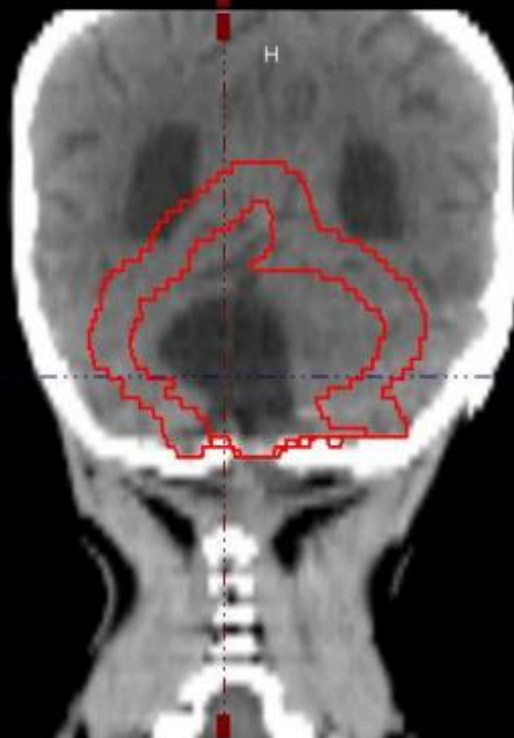
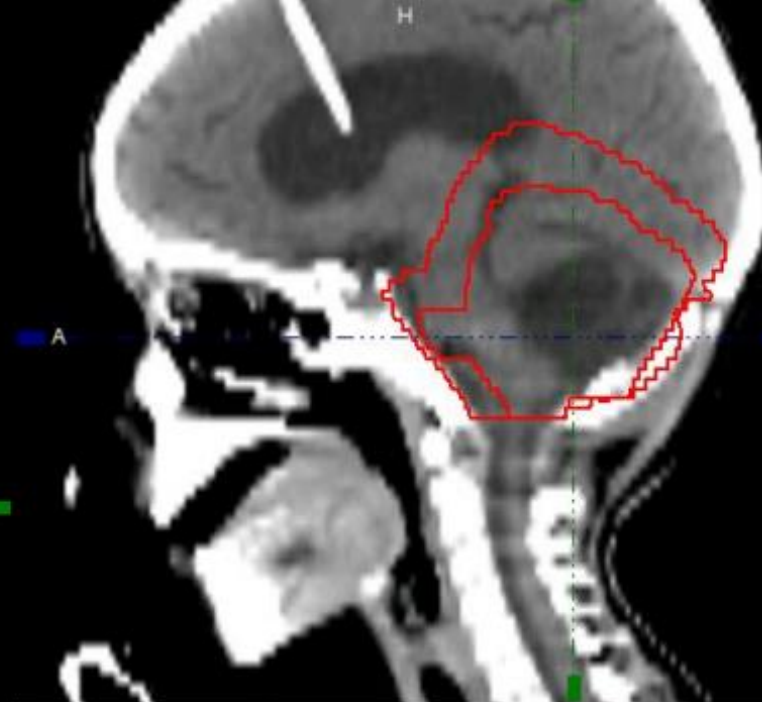
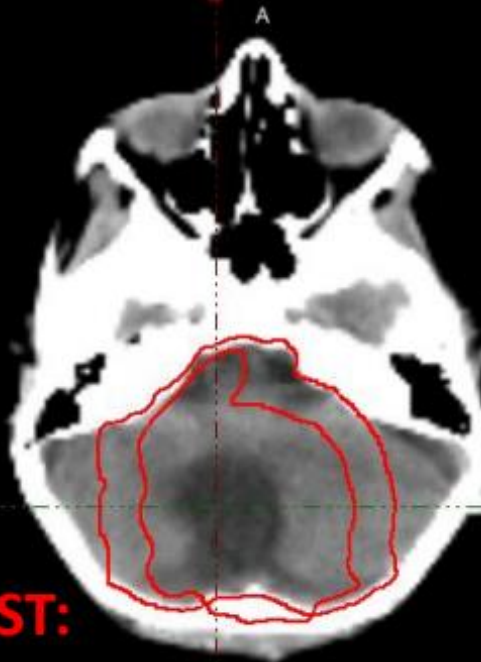
Lower Limit = 0.0443 Gy

Percentage	Dose (Gy)
100.00 %	26.734 Gy
90.02 %	24.065 Gy
80.03 %	21.396 Gy
70.05 %	18.727 Gy
60.07 %	16.058 Gy
50.08 %	13.389 Gy
40.10 %	10.720 Gy
30.12 %	8.051 Gy
20.13 %	5.382 Gy
10.15 %	2.713 Gy
0.17 %	0.044 Gy

Series | **Equipment** | **Data** | **Geometry** | **RT Dose**

Modality	RTDOSE
Description	TomoTherapy Planned Dose
Number	-8571
Date	20170418
Time	105521

**TUMOR BED BOOST:
CTV and PTV**



View | Data Property | Measurements | Data Order

Data Units: HU Window = 60

ColorWash:

- Data Interpolation
- Opacity = 100 %
- Upper Cut = 3071
- Lower Cut = -1000

Isodose:

Palette = Grayscale # of colors = 254 Level = 40

Series	Equipment	Data	Geometry	CT
Modality		CT		
Description		2.5mm		
Number		2		
Date		20170628		
Time		115840		
Patient Position		HFS = Head First-Supine		
Patient Orientation		L/P		

UNESPECTED!!!



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Dosimetric verifications

Dosimetric aims: 90 % of prescribed dose to 100 % of PTV
 95 % of prescribed dose to 95 % of PTV
 107 % of prescribed dose to ≤5 % of PTV

Brain

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95% isodose to **99.3** % of PTV

- Correct
- Minor deviation (95% isodose between 90 and 95% of PTV)
- Major deviation (95% isodose to less than 90% of PTV)

Deviation site: Frontal lobe Cribriforme plate Temporal lobe Other: 107% isodose to **0.0** % of PTV

- Correct
- Minor deviation (107% isodose between 5 and 10% of PTV)
- Major deviation (107% isodose to more than 10% of PTV)

Deviation site: Frontal lobe Cribriforme plate Temporal lobe Other:

Comments

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Spine

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95% isodose to **97.1** % of PTV

- Correct
- Minor deviation (95% isodose between 90 and 95% of PTV)
- Major deviation (95% isodose to less than 90% of PTV)

Deviation site: Cervical spine Thoracic spine Lumbar spine Other: 107% isodose to **0.0** % of PTV

- Correct
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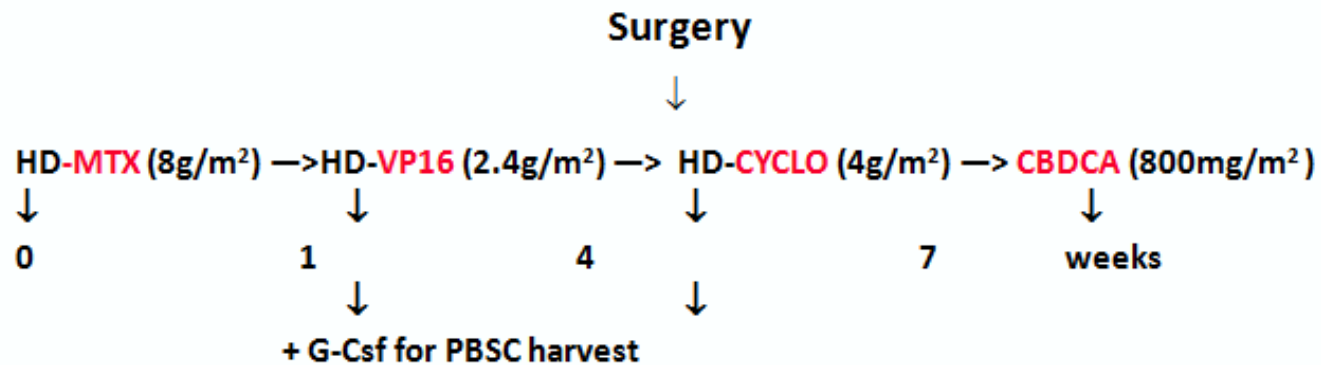
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Milan protocol

Metastatic medulloblastoma

(and LCA histology since 2/2009)



HART 3-4 wks after CBDCA

Arm A. 4 weeks after HART:
 VCR (1.4 mg/m²) any 3 sett x 18
 CCNU (80 mg/m²) any 9 sett x 6

.... if CR pre HART

Arm B. 4 weeks after HART:
 Thiotepa 900 mg/m² in 3 days for 2
 courses (4-6 wks interval)

.... if ED pre HART

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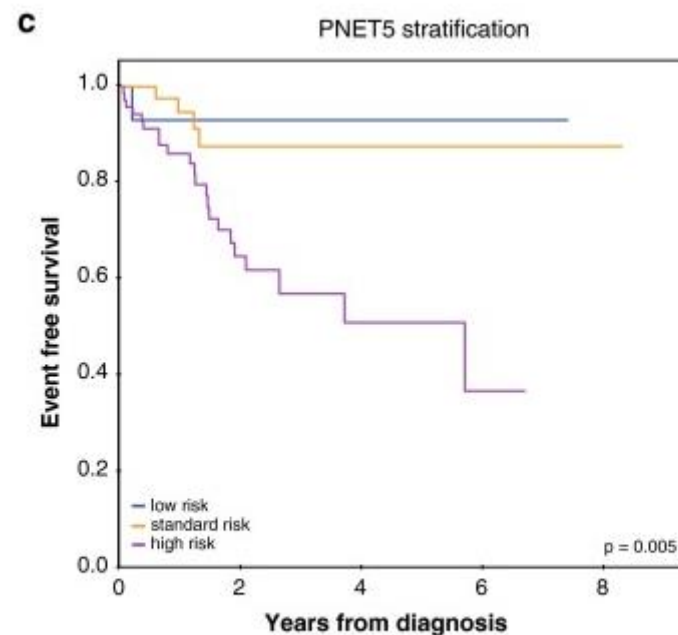
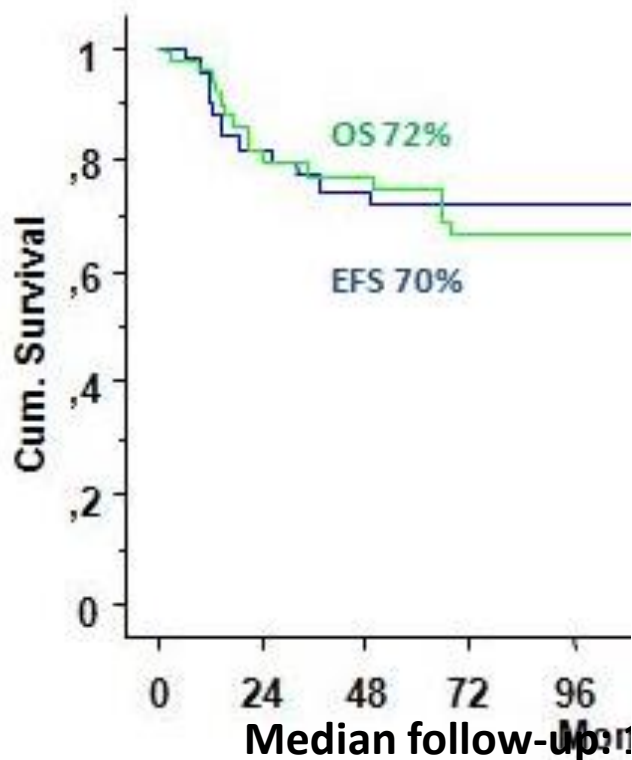
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Hyperfractionated Accelerated Radiotherapy (HART)

	Neuraxis	Posterior fossa
	39 Gy	60 Gy
3 - 10 yrs*	31.2 Gy	59.7 Gy
Fractionation	1.3 Gy x 2/day	1.5 Gy x 2/day
Total treatment days: 22		
Boost to metastases: 9 Gy in 6 fractions of 1.5 Gy, 3 treatment days		
* If CR or PR before HART		

Milan series of 54 metastatic medulloblastoma patients

EFS and OS were 70%/67% and 72%/64% at 5/10 yrs, respectively



low risk	16	7	2	1	1
standard risk	52	18	6	5	1
high risk	70	23	8	5	0
			Numbers at risk		

SIOP Brain Tumor Working Group

High Risk Medulloblastoma Study

- ❑ **October 2012: active discussion began**
- ❑ **“Milan strategy”**: experimental arm of the randomized study
- ❑ **April/May 2014: some European Centers reported cases of *unexpected* neurotoxicity and suspended the use of the HART protocol**
- ❑ **SIOP PNET WG Meeting in Singapore, July 2014:**

Decisions:

- **European survey on grade 3-4 neurotoxicity in all the recent/ongoing clinical trials for HR MBL**
- **Estimate of total number of patients treated according to the Milan strategy and of number of severe neurotoxicities**
- **2 days meeting in Milan: 1 day for Radiation Oncologists and Physicists only to collegially review the radiotherapy plans of children showing severe neurotoxicity after combined intensive treatments to highlight possible correlations with radiotherapy technique and dosimetry**

SIOP-Europe Brain Tumor Working Group - High Risk Medulloblastoma Meeting

Radiation Oncologists and Physicists Meeting, Milan 6 November 2014

- Period of study: 2009-2014**
- Estimated number of children treated according to the HART strategy: 240**
- Reported grade 3-4 neurotoxicity : 27 cases**
 - 18 global neuro-functional impairments**
 - 4 myelitis**
 - 5 brainstem/cerebellum radionecrosis**
- 17/27 radiotherapy treatment plans were reviewed and discussed**

□ Global neuro-functional impairment

- **Children younger than 10**
- **High-dose Thiothepa administered after HART**
- **No correlation with radiotherapy technique and dosimetry**

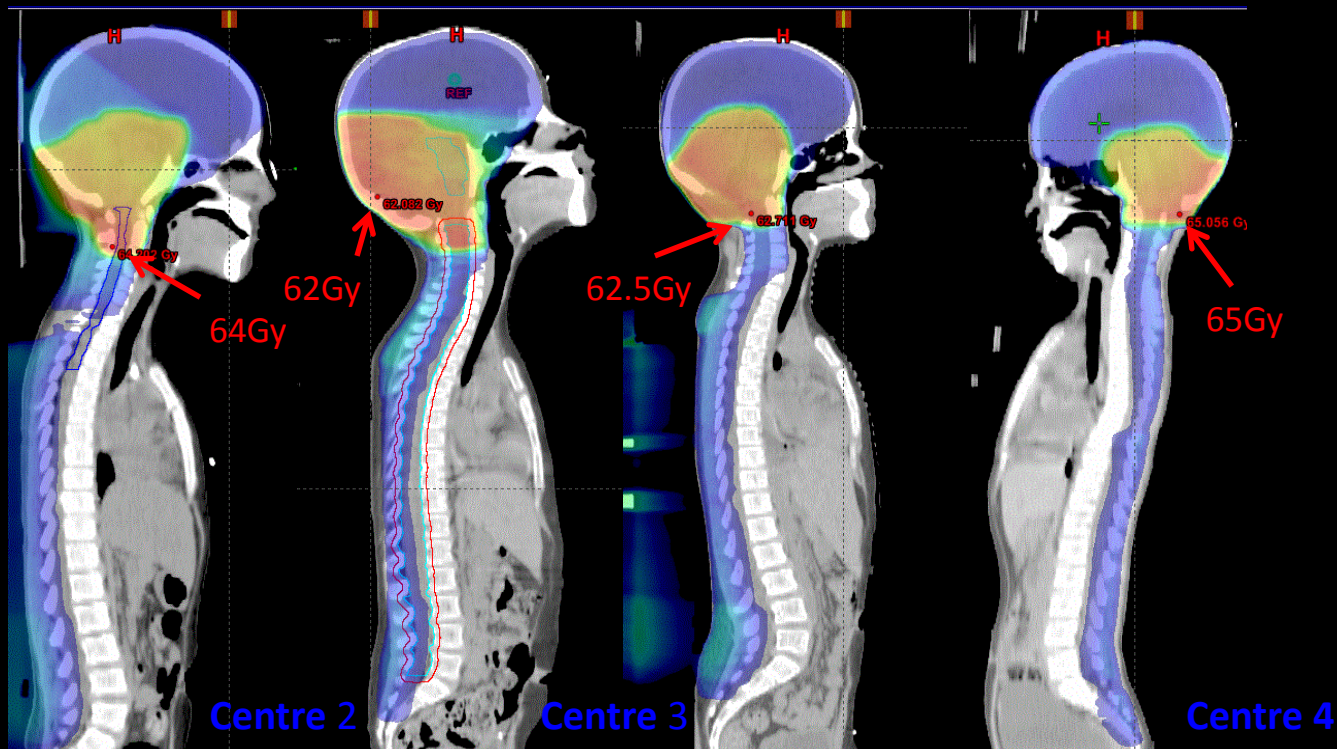
Milan series of 60 High Risk Medulloblastoma children:

- **5 severe global neurotoxicity**
- **all 5 children younger than 8 years, all received 2 cycles of HD Thiothepa**
- **3/5 poor neurological conditions after surgery, 2/5 progressive disease**
- **median time to worsening 6 months (6-36 months) after treatment end**
- **worsening reaches a clinical plateau with some improvement**
- **4/5 received CSI 39 Gy only without posterior fossa boost, 1/5 CSI 31,2 Gy with posterior fossa boost**

□ Myelitis

- High-dose Thiothepa administered after HART in all cases
- Upper cervical cord included in the posterior fossa boost volume

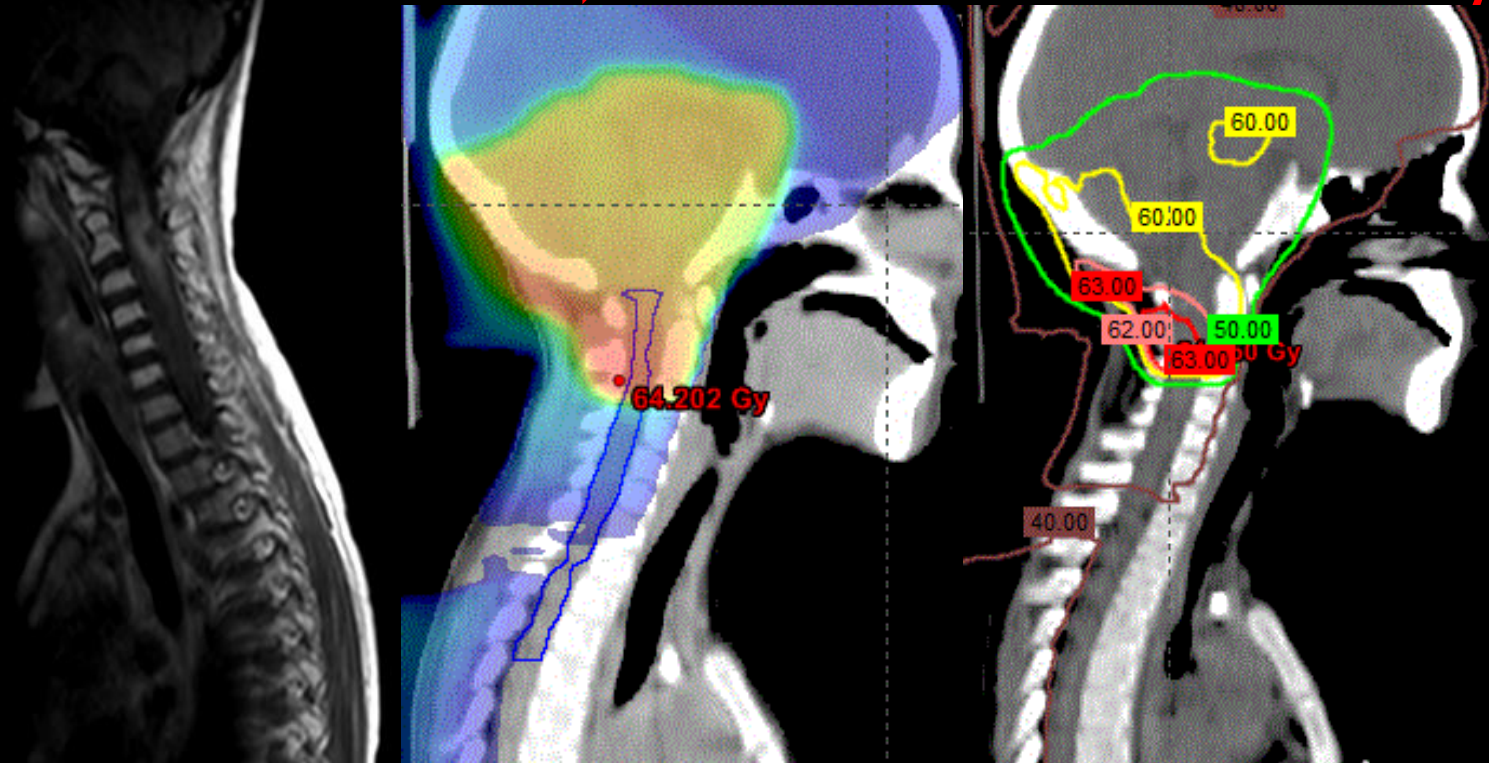
The summed doses all showed that the hot volumes were at the base of the brain within the head fields.



□ Myelitis

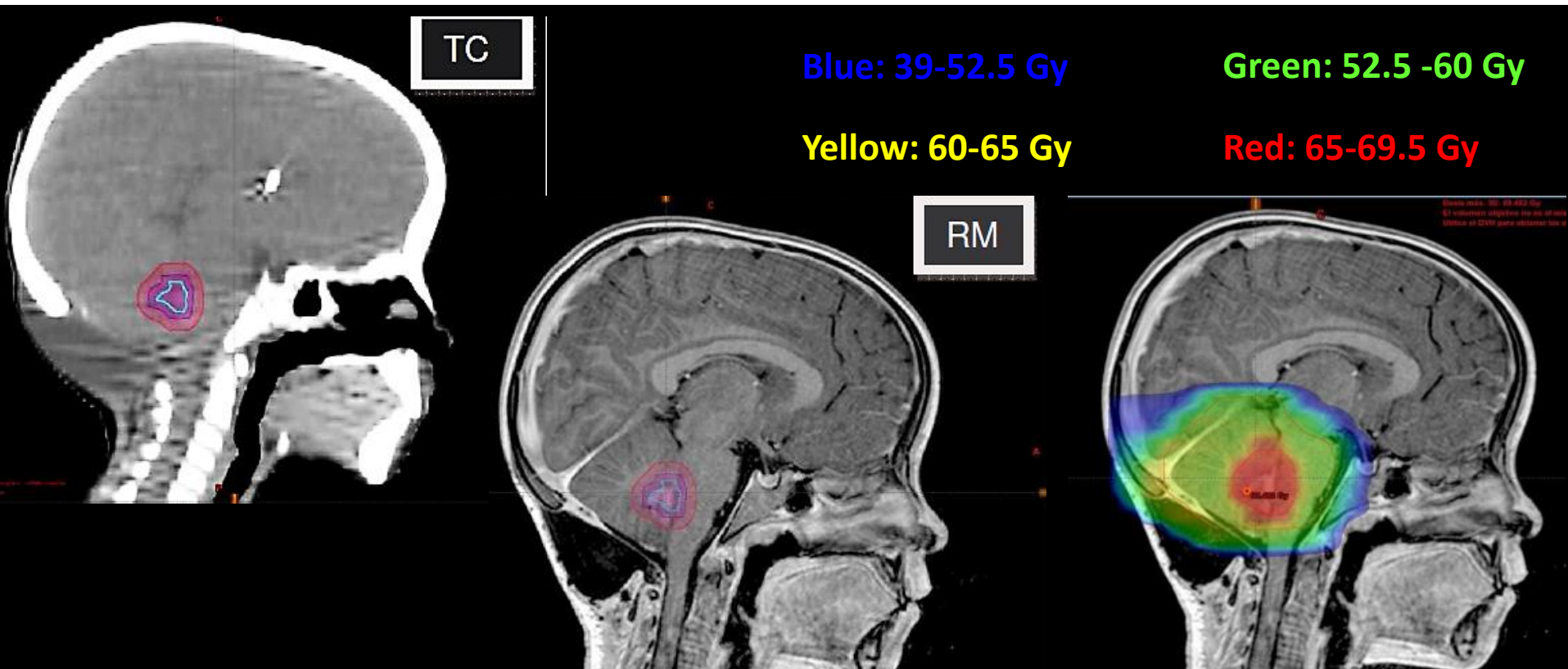
- High-dose Thiothepa administered after HART in all cases
- Upper cervical cord included in the posterior fossa boost volume

Sum of Phase 1 and Phase 2 ➡ Maximum dose to cord was 63 Gy



□ **Brainstem/cerebellum radionecrosis**

- **Additional 9 Gy boost to posterior fossa residuum (not contemplated in the original HART approach)**



RIUNIONE PROTONTERAPIA

Torino, 07 giugno 2016

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Tutti i presenti concordano che solo stabilendo delle modalità comuni di gestione del paziente, in centri di consolidata alta specializzazione e competenza, sia possibile proporre il trattamento radiante più idoneo, contenendo campagne mediatiche che possano influenzare negativamente l'iter terapeutico.

Il 70-80% dei pazienti è arruolato in protocolli diagnostico-terapeutici nazionali o internazionali che prevedono direttive radioterapiche precise per dose, frazionamento e timing, presupponendo una strettissima collaborazione del team multidisciplinare che ha in carico il paziente.

Sono stati identificati i Centri autorizzati al trattamento mediante questionari di valutazione e visite ispettive sulla base dei criteri di Good Clinical Practice (GCP) e secondo la normativa Europea.

Sono stati anche identificati i professionisti esperti che possono essere coinvolti nel percorso di cura del paziente.

Attualmente nessun protocollo pediatrico è aperto nei due Centri di Protonterapia Italiani, ne consegue che il trattamento con particelle implica l'esclusione del paziente dal protocollo in cui è stato precedentemente arruolato.

In Europa esistono centri in cui il radioterapista pediatrico della struttura di oncoematologia pediatrica, segue il paziente nel centro di protonterapia garantendo la continuità di cura.

Review article

Paediatric brain tumours: A review of radiotherapy, state of the art and challenges for the future regarding protontherapy and carbontherapy



Tumeurs cérébrales pédiatriques : revue de la littérature en radiothérapie, état de l'art et défis pour l'avenir en ce qui concerne la protonthérapie et la carbonothérapie

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Proposta di istituzione di una figura di radioterapista pediatrico esperto che possa svolgere attività di consulenza presso il centro di protonterapia.

Tutelare la prosecuzione del percorso diagnostico-terapeutico all'interno del protocollo.

Promuovere la crescita specifica in ambito pediatrico dei due centri italiani di protonterapia mediante la stipula di una consulenza a costo zero (eventuale copertura delle spese di trasferta da parte di AIEOP) tra il centro di protonterapia ed un radioterapista pediatrico esperto e certificato.