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## HYPOFRACTIONATION & PROSTATE CANCER

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# From radiobiology to technology: what is changing in radiotherapy for prostate cancer

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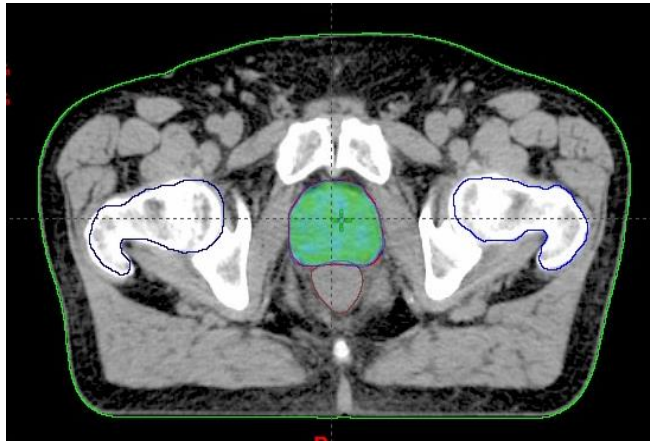
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In the last decades, new technologies have been introduced in the daily clinical practice of the radiation oncologist: 3D-Conformal radiotherapy (RT) became almost universally available, thereafter, intensity modulated RT (IMRT) gained large diffusion, due to its potential impact in improving the clinical outcomes, and more recently, helical and volumetric arc IMRT with image-guided RT are becoming more and more diffused and used for prostate cancer patients. The conventional dose-fractionation results to be the best compromise between the efficacy and the safety of the treatment, but combining new techniques, modern RT allows to overcome one of the major limits of the 'older' RT: the impossibility of delivering higher total doses and/or high dose/fraction. The evidences regarding radiobiology, clinical and technological evolution of RT in prostate cancer have been reported and discussed.

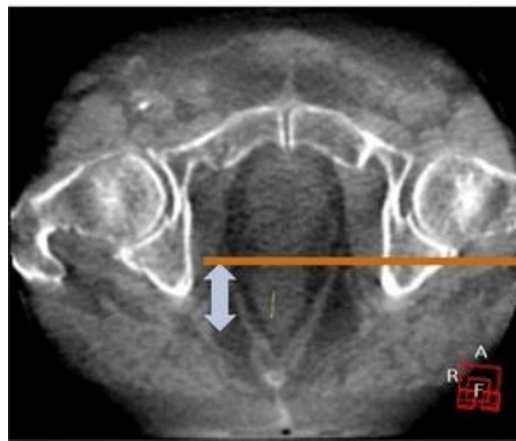
**KEYWORDS:** outcome • prostate cancer • radiobiology • radiotherapy • technique • technology

# HYPOFRACTIONATION & PROSTATE CANCER: TECHNOLOGY: HIGH CONFORMAL DOSE & IMAGING ON BOARD

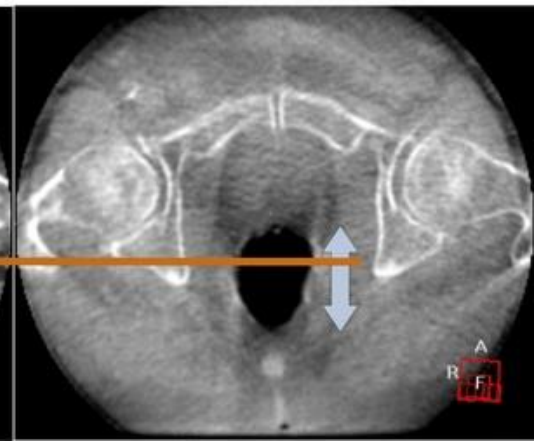
Planning



Treatment day one



Treatment day two



IMRT and similar



> TARGET DOSE  
< OARs TOXICITY  
*DURING PRESCRIPTION*

DAILY IGRT



> TARGET DOSE  
< OARs TOXICITY  
*DURING DELIVERY*

## HYPOFRACTIONATION & PROSTATE CANCER:

### TECHNOLOGY:

## PROSTATE MOTION MANAGEMENT BY REAL TIME TUMOR TRACKING



**LINAC INTEGRATED DEVICES**



**DEDICATED ROBOTIC LINAC WITH  
INTEGRATED TRACKING SYSTEMS**



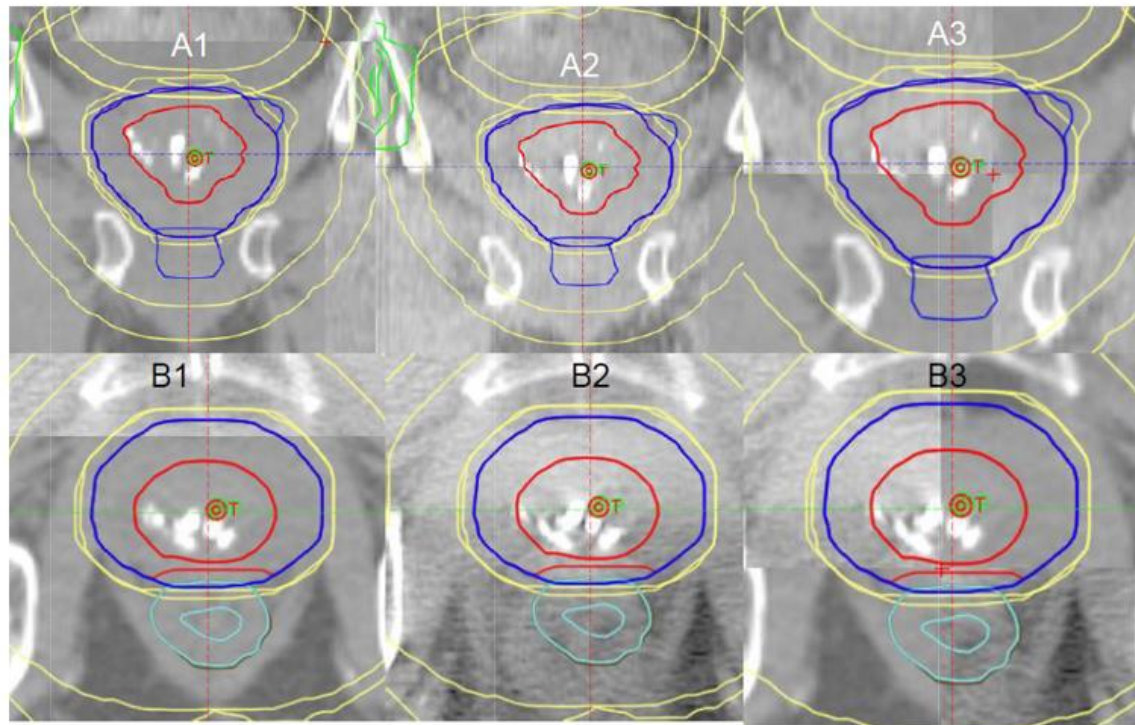
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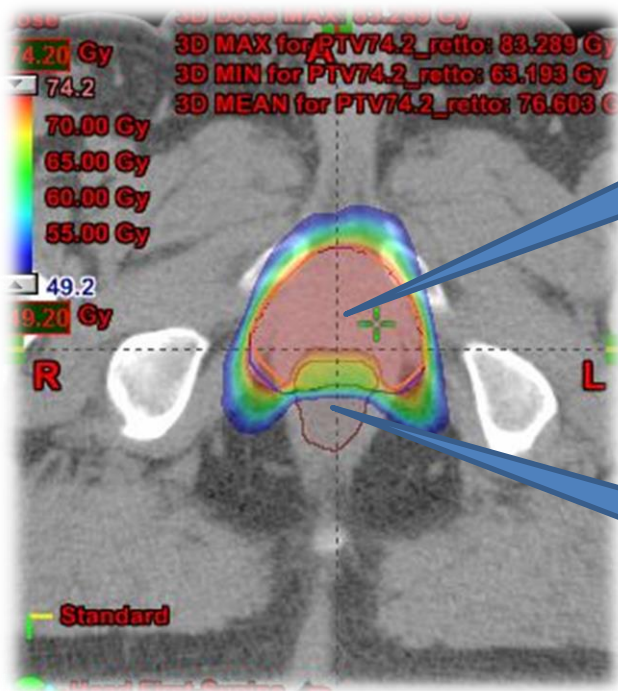
*Intraprostatic calcifications as natural fiducial markers in image-guided radiotherapy for prostate cancer*

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# HYPOFRACTIONATION & PROSTATE CANCER: RADIOBIOLOGICAL CONSIDERATION

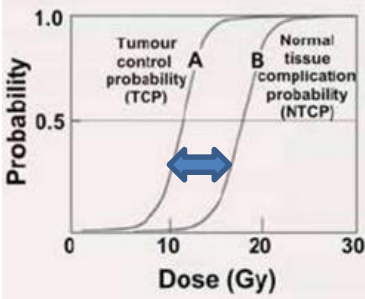
✓ Prostate cancer seems particularly suitable for hypofractionated RT having unique sensitivity to increased radiation dose fractions compared to surrounding healthy tissues



Prostate,  $\alpha/\beta$   
RATIO= 1.5(?)

Rectum,  $\alpha/\beta$   
RATIO= 3

**HYPOFRACTIONATION**  
=  
ENLARGING  
THERAPEUTIC WINDOW



# HOW WE TREAT PROSTATE CANCER?

## MODERATE HYPOFRACTIONATION: OWN BACKGROUND

Prostate, seminal vesicles, pelvic lymph node in 28 fractions with VMAT(RAPIDARC)/IGRT on TRILOGY™

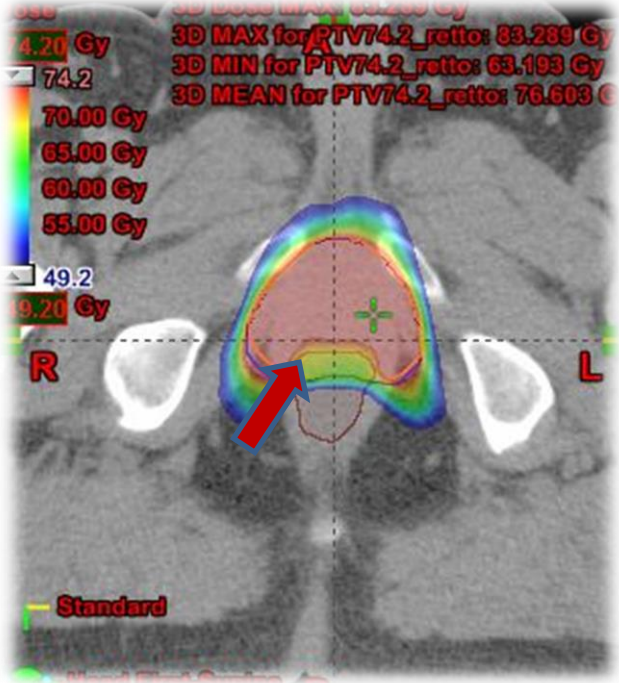
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### Moderate hypofractionation and simultaneous integrated boost with volumetric modulated arc therapy (RapidArc) for prostate cancer

Report of feasibility and acute toxicity



The margin between CTV and PTV were 8 mm in all direction (including posteriorly) but....  
**In several cases constraining the rectal region** overlapping the PTV to receive no more than 65.5 Gy.

## MODERATE HYPOFRACTIONATION & PROSTATE CANCER

- ✓ Trials investigating clinical and toxicity outcomes of moderate hypofractionation schedules **have sufficient follow-up** data to show that efficacy and toxicity of these schedules are similar to those of conventionally fractionated regimens  
(**non inferiority of Hypo arms**)
- ✓ More specifically, based on **evidence level 1B**, dose-escalated conventionally fractionated RT with IMRT appears to have similar outcomes and toxicities to hypofractionated RT with IMRT.





## MODERATE HYPOFRACTIONATION & PROSTATE CANCER



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**Moderate Hypofractionation (from 35-42 fractions to 20-28)?**

**YES!!**

## EXSTREME HYPOFRACTIONATION & PROSTATE CANCER

*What about Extreme hypofractionation, especially  
...the most common 5 session SBRT approach also called...*



**FAST & FURIOUS 5**

## EXTREME HYPOFRACTIONATION & PROSTATE CANCER



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Critical Reviews in Oncology/Hematology xxx (2012) xxx–xxx

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Will SBRT replace conventional radiotherapy in patients with low-intermediate risk prostate cancer? A review

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Original research article

**SBRT and extreme hypofractionation: A new era in prostate cancer treatments?**

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- Low a/B ratio could justify the significant reduction of fractions to increase the therapeutic window
- A Potential technology gain derives from the use of upgraded IGRT, IMRT or integration of both.
- Modern SBRT adopts static, dynamic or volumetric IMRT techniques to provide sharper dose fall-offs and better dose conformity

## EXTREME HYPOFRACTIONATION & PROSTATE CANCER



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**Extreme Hypofractionation (from 35-42 fractions to 3-5)?  
YES, but in selected cases and inside protocols!!**



## RADIATION ONCOLOGY DEPARTMENT

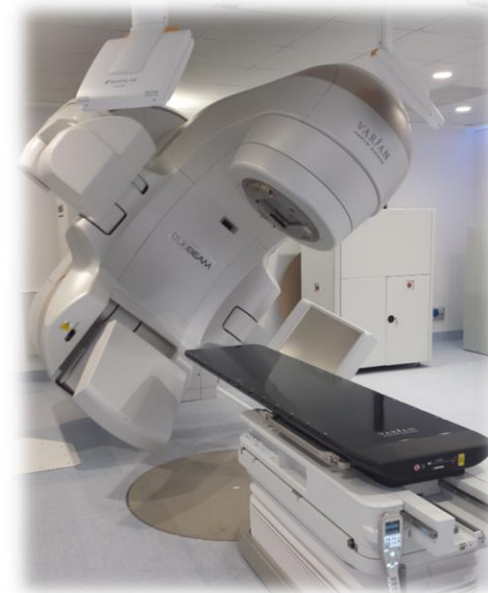
**VARIAN TRILOGY**



**VARIAN TRILOGY**  
*(BrainLab Equipped)*



**TRUEBEAM 2.0**  
*(Brain Lab & Calypso Equipped)*



## HOW WE TREAT PROSTATE CANCER?

### MODERATE HYPOFRACTIONATION

#### Volumes:

Prostate, seminal vesicles, pelvic lymph nodes

#### Fractions:

20 or 28 fractions

#### Technique:

VMAT(RAPIDARC)/IGRT  
on TRILOGY™

#### Inclusion Criteria:

- low, intermediate, high risk
- prostate gland >80cc
- IPSS: from 0-20

### EXTREME HYPOFRACTIONATION

#### Volumes:

Prostate only or prostate plus vesicles

#### Fractions:

5 fractions

#### Technique:

SBRT by VMAT(RAPIDARC)/IGRT and FFF delivery  
on TRUE BEAM with or without Calypso System<sup>T</sup>

#### Inclusion Criteria:

- low, intermediate risk
- Prostate gland <80 cc
- IPSS:0-7

#### 2 Protocols:

- 37.5Gy in 5 fractions intermediate risk, urethral sparing (Phase II Trial ethical committee approval)
- 35 Gy in 5 fractions (out of trial)

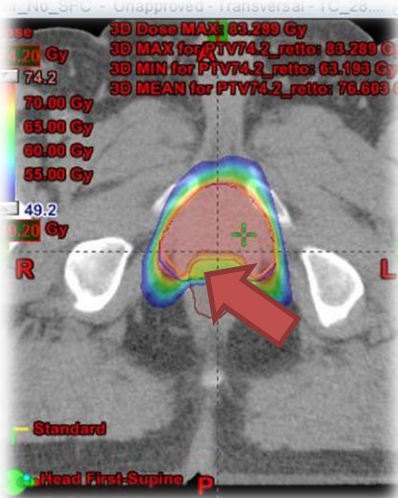
SPACE OAR IN SELECTED CASES

## HOW WE TREAT PROSTATE CANCER?

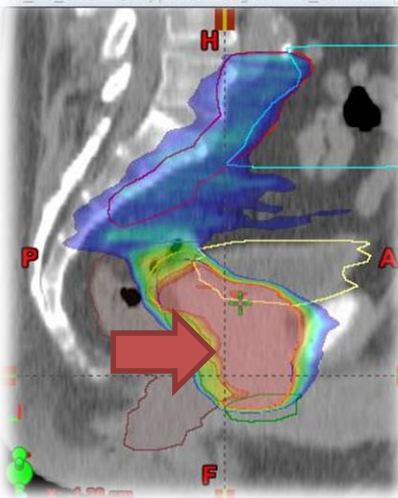
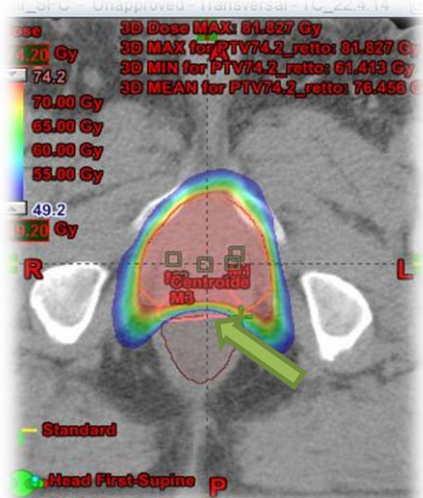
CAN **SPACEOAR™** IMPROVE RECTAL  
SPARING WHEN USED IN **MODERATE**  
HYPOFRACTIONATION REGIMEN?

# USEFUL OF SPACEOAR™ IN MODERATE HYPOFRACTIONATION:

**NO SPACER**



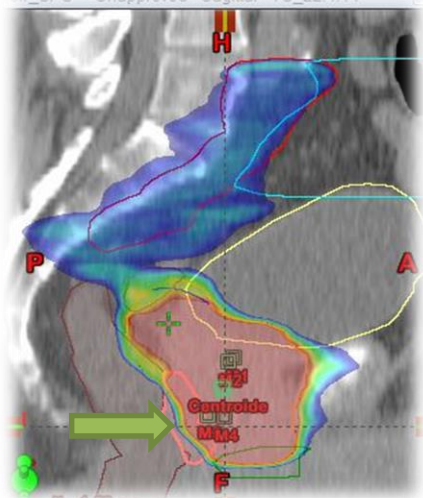
**SPACER**



**MODERATE HYPOFRACTIONATION  
PLAN COMPARISON WITHOUT AND WITH  
SPACEOAR**

**NO HIGH DOSE  
IN ANTERIOR RECTAL WALL**

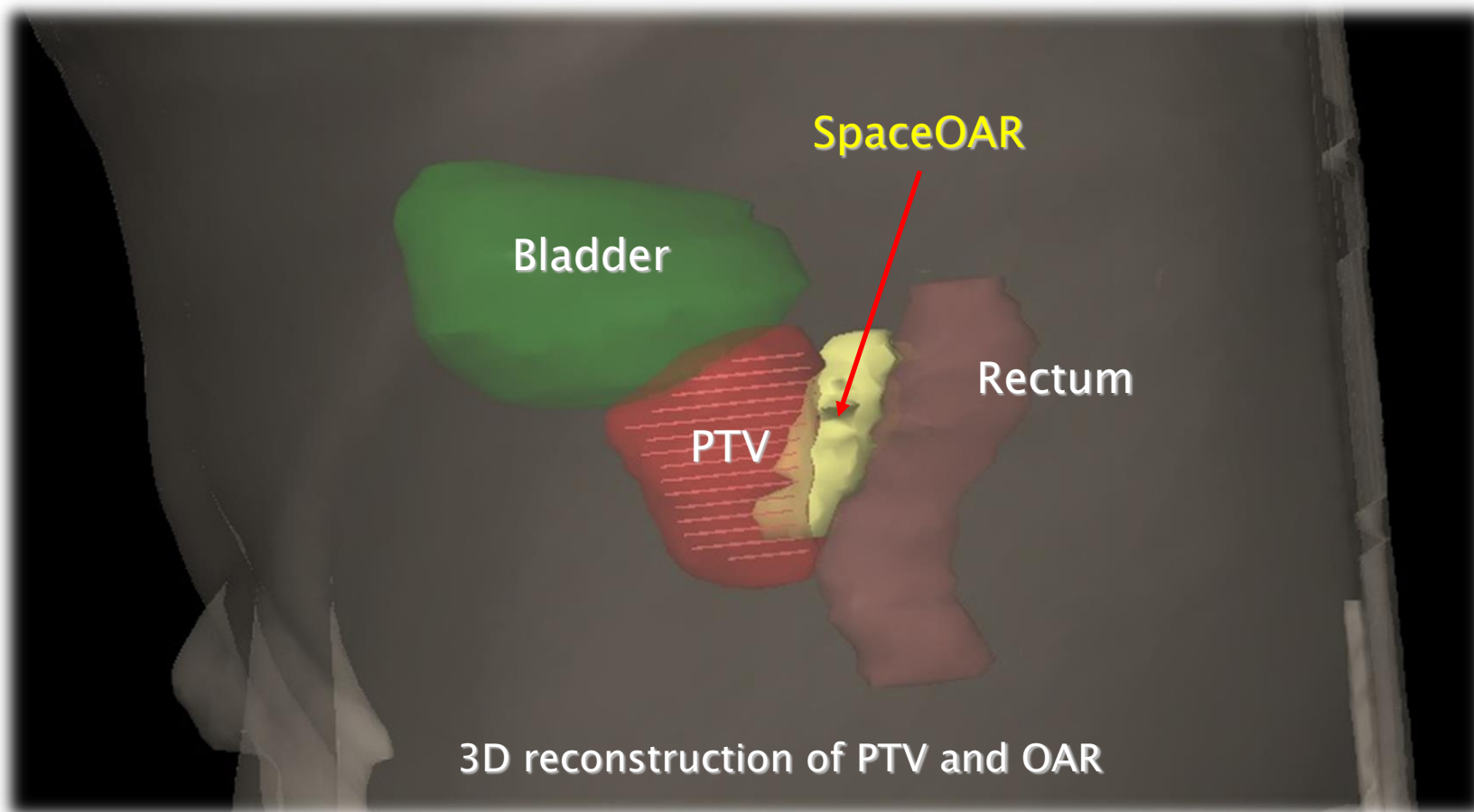
**NO NEED OF REDUCTION OF DOSE IN THE OVERLAP  
BETWEEN RECTUM AND PROSTATE PTV**





# SPACEOAR IN PROSTATE PLANNING

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## HOW WE TREAT PROSTATE CANCER?

CAN **SPACEOAR™** IMPROVE RECTAL  
SPARING WHEN USED IN **EXTREME**  
HYPOFRACTIONATION REGIMEN?

## HOW WE TREAT PROSTATE CANCER?

### EXTREME HYPOFRACTIONATION: OWN BACKGROUND

Prostate plus or minus seminal vesicles, 5 fractions with VMAT(RAPIDARC FFF DELIVERY)/IGRT  
on TRUEBEAM™

Alongi et al. *Radiation Oncology* 2013, 8:171  
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### Linac based SBRT for prostate cancer in 5 fractions with VMAT and flattening filter free beams: preliminary report of a phase II study

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### Stereotactic body radiotherapy with flattening filter-free beams for prostate cancer: assessment of patient-reported quality of life

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Stefano Tomatis · Elisa Villa · Luca Cozzi

# HOW TO TREAT PROSTATE CANCER?

## EXTREME HYPOFRACTIONATION: Rectal Damage??

Clinical Investigation: Genitourinary Cancer

### Predictors of Rectal Tolerance Observed in a Dose-Escalated Phase 1-2 Trial of Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy for Prostate Cancer

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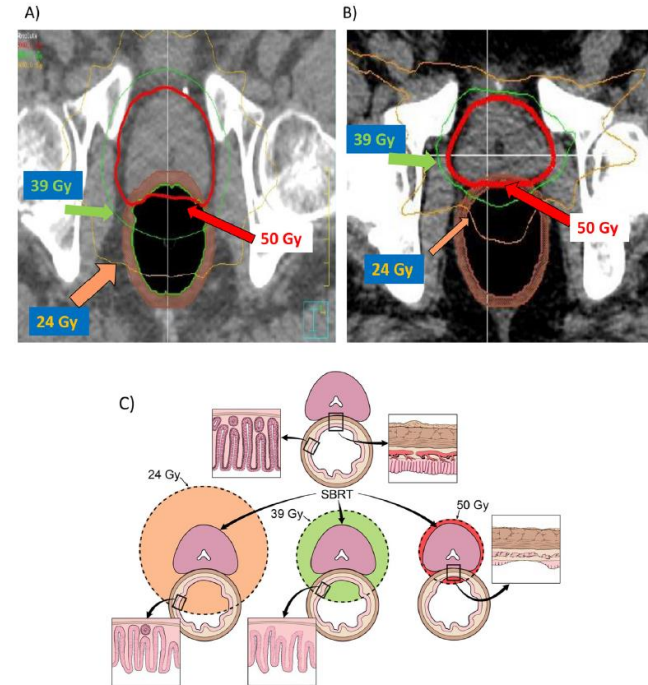


Fig. 2. Representative treatment plans of patients treated to 50 Gy in 5 fractions, with (A) grade 2 acute and grade 3 delayed rectal toxicity, and (B) grade 1 acute/delayed rectal toxicity only. (C) Representation of biologic consequence of rectal wall irradiated to 24 Gy, 39 Gy, and 50 Gy.

One potential strategy is to distance the anterior rectum from the prostate, to reduce dose to the rectum, such as that afforded by injectable rectal spacers (26-29). These spacers would likely be particularly effective at reducing the high dose associated with vascular/stromal injury and will likely lead to significant reduction of HGDRT.



## IMPACT OF SPACER IN SBRT: PUBLISHED REPORT

### Volumetric-modulated arc stereotactic body radiotherapy for prostate cancer: dosimetric impact of an increased near-maximum target dose and of a rectal spacer

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2015

#### *Study analysis of the first 11 patient*

#### Clinical Results

All patients finished the treatment with a minimum FUP of 60 days after the end of the treatment.

Acute rectal toxicity was recorded as follow:

-2 patients experienced rectal G1 toxicity (tenesmus),

-1 patient complain G2 rectal pain needing drugs.

**In 8 cases no rectal toxicity was documented within 6 months**

## IMPACT OF SPACER IN SBRT: PLANNING COMPARISON

**2015**

$(d_{pr})$  = at midglan slice, the distance in mm from the posterior edge of the prostate to the inner rectal wall

### Study analysis of the first 11 patient

No spacer	Spacer
7.00	11.00
7.00	11.00
8.00	18.00
4.00	17.00
3.00	19.00
6.00	19.00
4.00	16.00
7.00	15.00
5.00	15.00
4.00	8.00
3.00	10.00

"Further, as a result of spacer insertion, mean (sd)  $d_{pr}$  values were increased from 5.3 (1.8) mm to 14.5 (3.9) mm ( $p=.000005$ )"

## USEFUL OF SPACEOAR™ IN EXTREME HYPOFRACTIONATION:

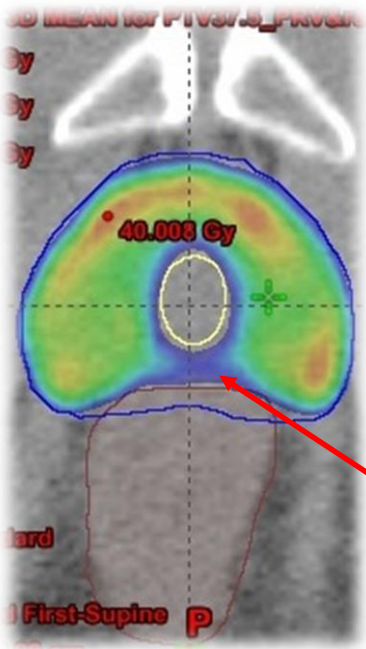
SPACEOAR: pt. #1 in Negrar Cancer Care Center



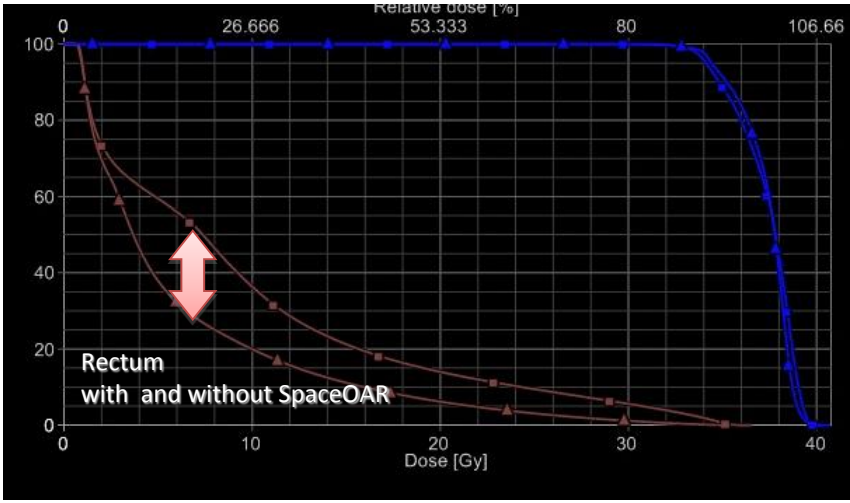
**USEFUL OF SPACEOAR™ IN EXTREME HYPOFRACTIONATION:**

**SPACEOAR™ PROTOCOL: 37.5 Gy in 5 fractions, urethral sparing**

NO SPACER

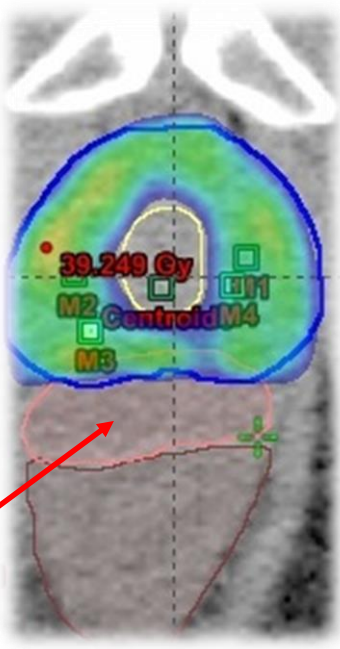


NO SPACEOAR  
Dose Distribution  
Isodose 95%



Anterior  
Rectal wall

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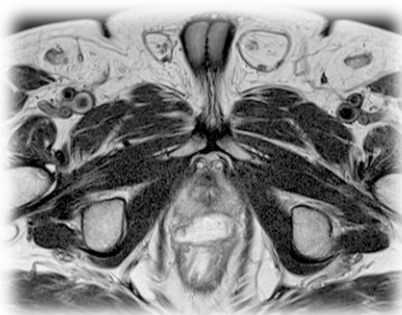
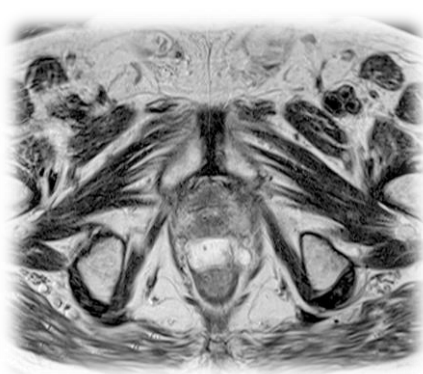


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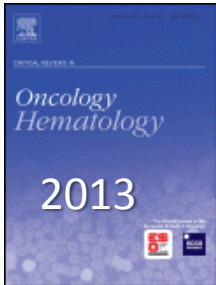


## USEFUL OF SPACEOAR™ IN EXTREME HYPOFRACTIONATION:

### SPACEOAR: other cases in Negrar Cancer Care Center



## SBRT REIRRADIATION: A NEW FRONTIER?



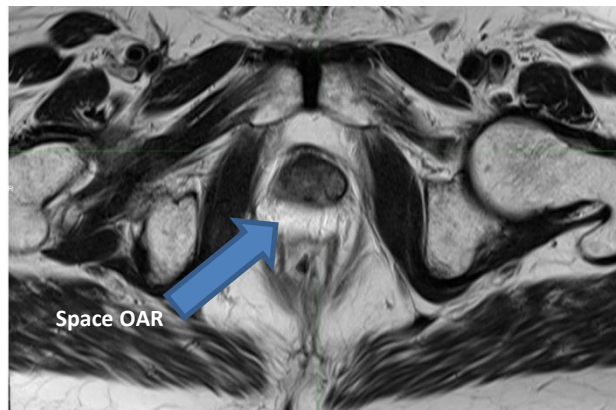
### Salvage therapy of intraprostatic failure after radical external-beam radiotherapy for prostate cancer: A review

Filippo Alongi <sup>a</sup>, Berardino De Bari <sup>b,\*</sup>, Franco Campostrini <sup>c</sup>, Stefano Arcangeli <sup>d</sup>,  
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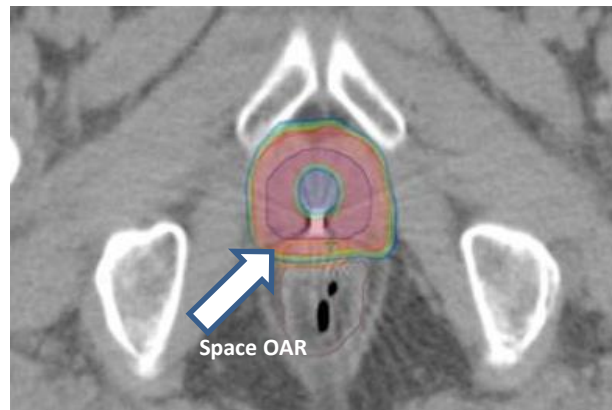
SBRT and hydrogel temporary spacer between prostate and rectum: a salvage re-irradiation strategy for prostate cancer recurrence

## SBRT REIRRADIATION: CLINICAL EXPERIENCE WITH SPACEOAR™

First course RT :76Gy in 2010 with 3DCRT  
ADT for 3 years and still ongoing



Pre treatment MRI  
Pre-RT PSA: 6.2ng/ml



Re-SBRT : 30Gy in 5 fractions  
With VMAT FFF  
Every other daydays



Post treatment MRI  
Post-RT PSA: 2.68ng/ml

# STEREOTACTIC BODY RT(SBRT): LIMPH NODE OLIGOMTS

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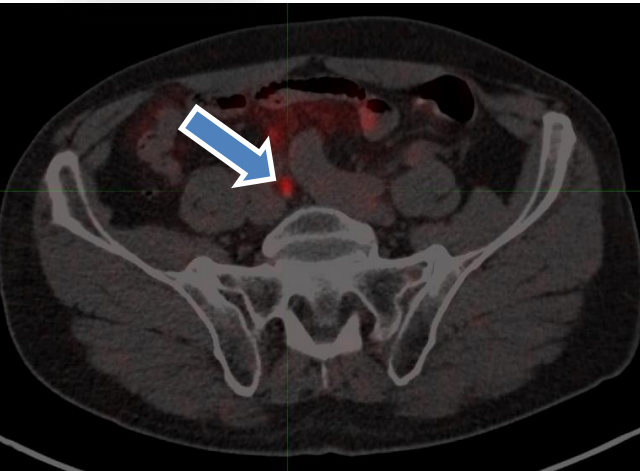
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## Volumetric modulated arc therapy with flattening filter free beams for isolated abdominal/pelvic lymph nodes: report of dosimetric and early clinical results in oligometastatic patients

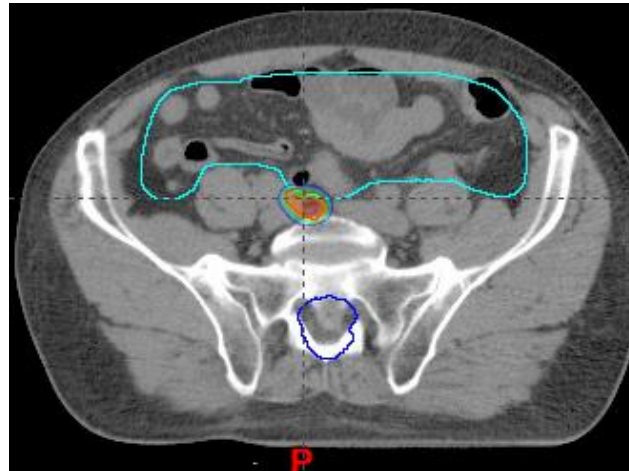
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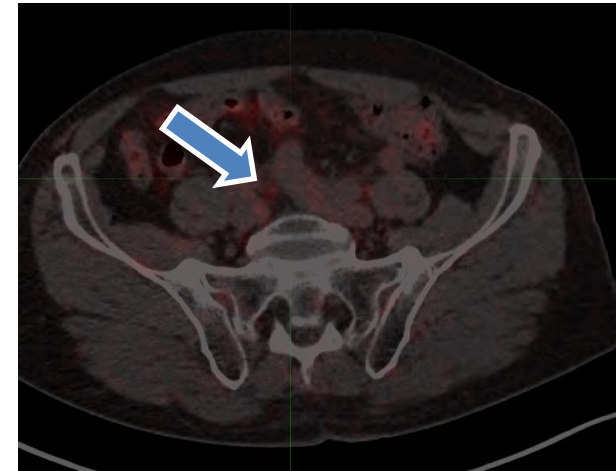
## *Criteria di Valutazione della risposta in Oncologia:* Monitoring Response after SABR PSMA



PET/CT PSMA  
before SBRT  
PSA value: 0.14 ng/mL



SBRT PET/CT PSMA  
Guided  
30 Gy in 5 Fr



PET/CT PSMA  
Post-SBRT  
PSA value: 0.04 ng/mL



# Conclusions

## MODERATE HYPOFRACTIONATION

- ✓ Phase III Trials of moderate hypofractionation **have sufficient follow-up** data to confirm that efficacy and tolerability are similar to those of conventionally fractionated regimens (Level I b).
- ✓ Using **IMRT for Hyfractionation** is possible to reduce potential minimal risks of greater late toxicities.

## EXTREME HYPOFRACTIONATION

- ✓ Phase I-II Trials are promising but **have not sufficient follow-up** data to confirm that efficacy and tolerability are similar to those of conventionally fractionated regimens.
- ✓ Appropriate selection is crucial to reduce potential minimal risks of greater late toxicities.

**SPACEOAR™** seems is feasible, useful and able to take advantage in: *moderate /extreme hypofractionation (and reirradiation)* prostate cancer RT