

# SBRT alone or with Immunotherapy

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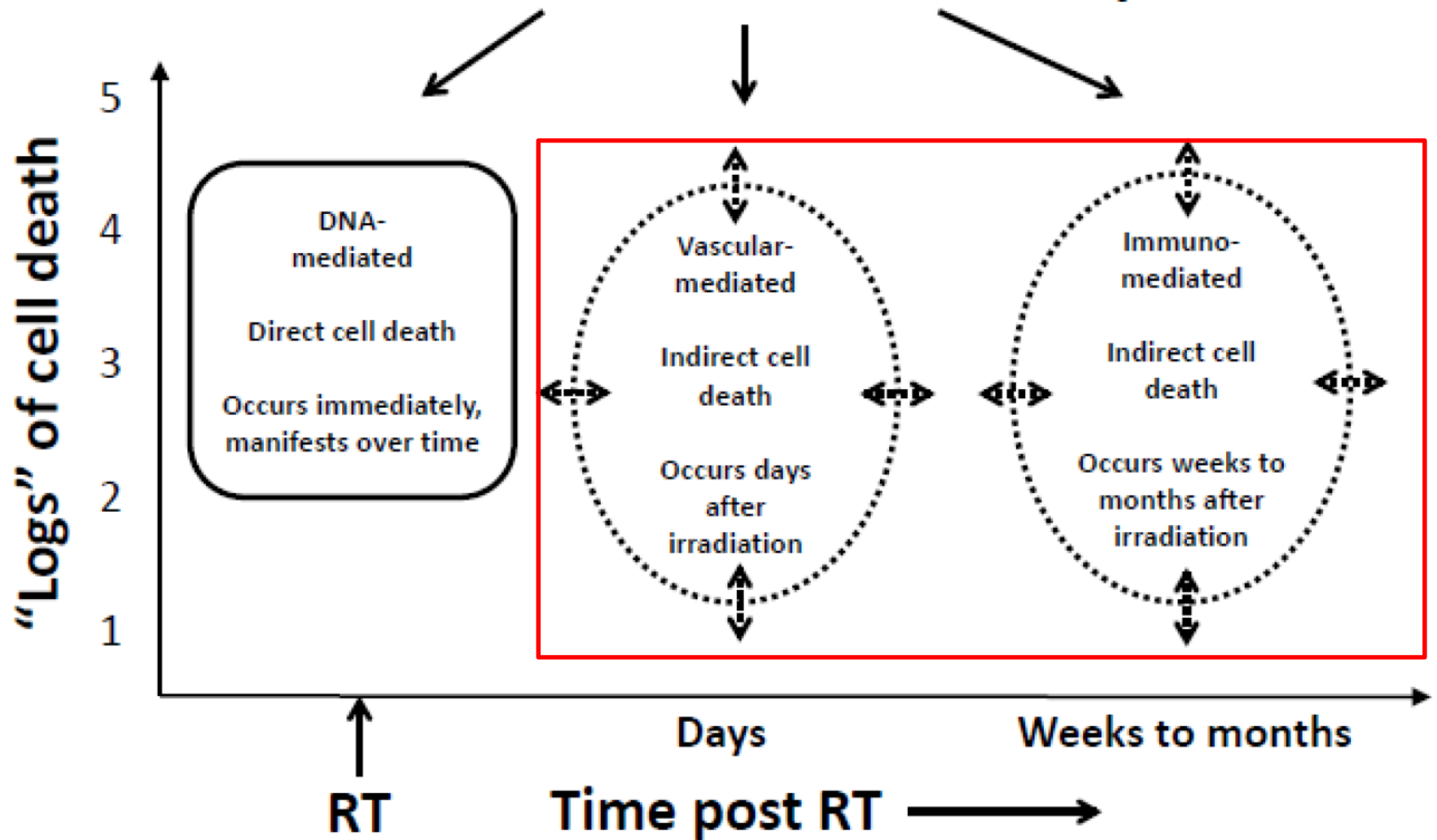
# Stereotactic Body RadioTherapy - Definition

The American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO) & the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) define ultrahypofractionated (UHF) radiotherapy as doses per treatment of 5.0 Gy/day or higher (Morgan et al, JCO 2018)

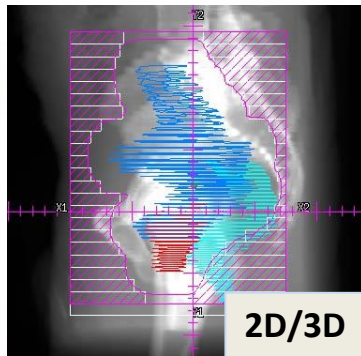
- $d > 5$  Gy
- $< 10$  fxs
- only GTV
- intensity modulation



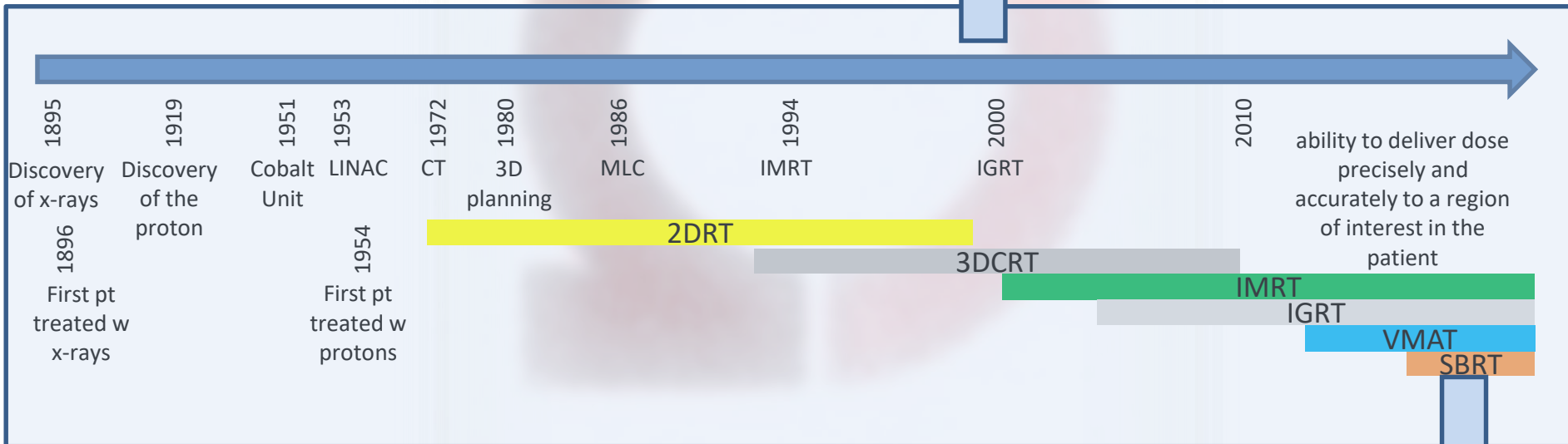
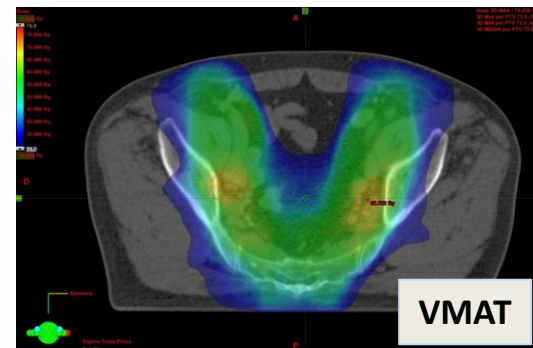
# Anti-Cancer Effects of SBRT/SRS



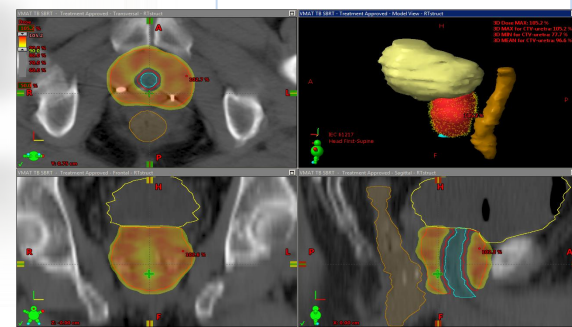
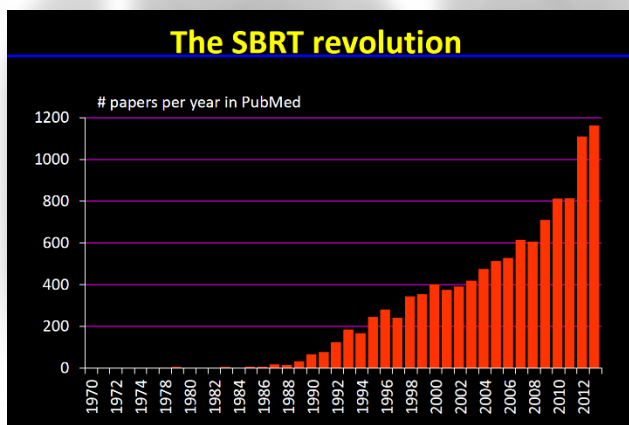
# Development of RT



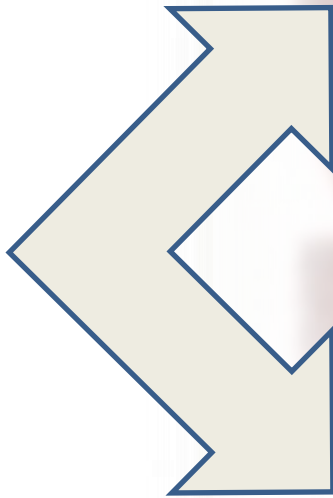
Large volumes



SMALL volumes



**DEFINITIVE, RADICAL, CURATIVE.... Setting**  
i.e. LR/IR PCA, early stage lung, ...  
...as an alternative to Surgery



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SBRT in 3 fxs for LR PCA  
SBRT in 3 fxs for early stage glottic ca

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SBRT & IT for early stage NSCLC



SRS  
SBRT  
SABR  
....





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PRINCIPLES OF RADIATION THERAPY

Table 1: Regimens that have shown acceptable efficacy and toxicity. The optimal regimen for an individual patient warrants evaluation of comorbid conditions, voiding symptoms and toxicity of therapy. Additional fractionation schemes may be used as long as sound oncologic principles and appropriate estimate of BED are considered.

Regimen for Definitive Therapy	NCCN Risk Group (✓ indicates an appropriate regimen option if radiation therapy is given)					
	Very Low <sup>a</sup>	Low <sup>a</sup>	Favorable or Good Prognostic <sup>b</sup> Intermediate	Unfavorable or Poor Prognostic <sup>b</sup> Intermediate	High and Very High <sup>c</sup>	Node Positive
<b>Beam Therapies</b>						
72–80 Gy at 2 Gy per fraction	✓	✓	✓	✓ with 4 mo ADT	✓ with 1.5–3 y ADT	✓ with ADT
75.6–81.0 Gy at 1.8 Gy per fraction	✓	✓	✓	✓ with 4 mo ADT	✓ with 1.5–3 y ADT	✓ with ADT
70.2 Gy at 2.7 Gy per fraction	✓	✓	✓	✓ with 4 mo ADT	✓ with 1.5–3 y ADT	✓ with ADT
70 Gy at 2.5 Gy per fraction	✓	✓	✓	✓ with 4 mo ADT	✓ with 1.5–3 y ADT	✓ with ADT
60 Gy at 3 Gy per fraction	✓	✓	✓	✓ with 4 mo ADT	✓ with 1.5–3 y ADT	✓ with ADT
51.6 Gy at 4.3 Gy per fraction	✓	✓	✓			
37 Gy at 7.4 Gy per fraction	✓	✓	✓			
40 Gy at 8 Gy per fraction	✓	✓	✓			
36.25 Gy at 7.25 Gy per fraction	✓	✓	✓			
<b>Brachytherapy Monotherapy</b>						
Iodine 125 implant at 145 Gy	✓	✓	✓			
Palladium 103 implant at 125 Gy	✓	✓	✓			
Cesium implant at 115 Gy	✓	✓	✓			
HDR 27 Gy at 13.5 Gy in 2 implants	✓	✓	✓			
HDR 38 Gy at 9.5 Gy BID in 2 implants	✓	✓	✓			
<b>Combined EBRT and Brachytherapy (EBRT 45–50.4 Gy at 1.8–2.0 Gy/tx, unless otherwise noted)</b>						
Iodine 125 implant at 110–115 Gy				✓ ± 4 mo ADT	✓ with 1–3 y ADT	
Palladium 103 implant at 90–100 Gy				✓ ± 4 mo ADT	✓ with 1–3 y ADT	
Cesium implant at 85 Gy				✓ ± 4 mo ADT	✓ with 1–3 y ADT	
HDR 21.5 Gy at 10.75 Gy x 2				✓ ± 4 mo ADT	✓ with 1–3 y ADT	
EBRT 37.5 Gy at 2.5 Gy + 12–15 Gy single HDR				✓ ± 4 mo ADT	✓ with 1–3 y ADT	

**SBRT is acceptable in practices with appropriate technology, physics, and clinical expertise.**

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Regimen	Preferred Dose/Fractionation	NCCN Risk Group (✓ indicates an appropriate regimen option if radiation therapy is given)					
		Very Low and Low	Favorable Intermediate	Unfavorable Intermediate	High and Very High <sup>c</sup>	Regional N1	Low Volume M1 <sup>d</sup>
<b>EBRT</b>							
Moderate Hypofractionation (Preferred)	3 Gy x 20 fx	✓	✓		✓	✓	
	2.7 Gy x 26 fx						✓
	2.5 Gy x 28 fx						✓
Conventional Fractionation	2.75 Gy x 20 fx	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Ultra-Hypofractionation	1.8–2 Gy x 37–45 fx	✓	✓	✓	✓		
	7.25–8 Gy x 5 fx	✓	✓	✓	✓		
	6.1 Gy x 7 fx						✓
	6 Gy x 6 fx						✓
<b>Brachytherapy Monotherapy</b>							
LDR	Iodine 125	✓	✓				
	Palladium 103						
	Cesium						
HDR	Iridium-192	✓	✓				
		13.5 Gy x 2 implants 9.5 Gy BID x 2 implants					
<b>EBRT and Brachytherapy (combined with 45–50.4 Gy x 25–28 fx or 37.5 Gy x 15 fx)</b>							
LDR	Iodine 125			✓	✓		
	Palladium 103						
	Cesium						
HDR	Iridium-192			✓	✓		
		15 Gy x 1 fx 10.75 Gy x 2 fx					

# SBRT - Evidence

Trial	To Be Accured	Population	Endpoint	Dose Arms
HEAT NCT 01794403	456	Low and Int Risk	PSA-RFS  <b>NON-INFERIORITY</b>	36.25 Gy/5 fx vs 70.2Gy/26 fx
HYPO-RT-PC ISRCTN45905321	1200	Int and High Risk	PSA-RFS  <b>NON-INFERIORITY</b>	42.7 Gy/7 fx vs 78 Gy/39 fx
NRG-GU005	606	Intermediate Risk	QOL  <b>SUPERIORITY</b>	36.25 Gy/5 fx vs 70Gy/28fx
PACE B NCT01584258	858	Low and Int Risk	PSA RFS  <b>NON-INFERIORITY</b>	36.25 Gy/5 fx vs 78 Gy/39 fx

## Open issues:

- PT SELECTION (LR vs IR vs HR)
- # fxs per week
- D/# fxs (1-8)
- Dose distribution (homo vs hetero)
- Role of Androgen Deprivation

## Five-Year Outcomes of a Phase 1 Dose-Escalation Study Using Stereotactic Body Radiosurgery for Patients With Low-Risk and Intermediate-Risk Prostate Cancer

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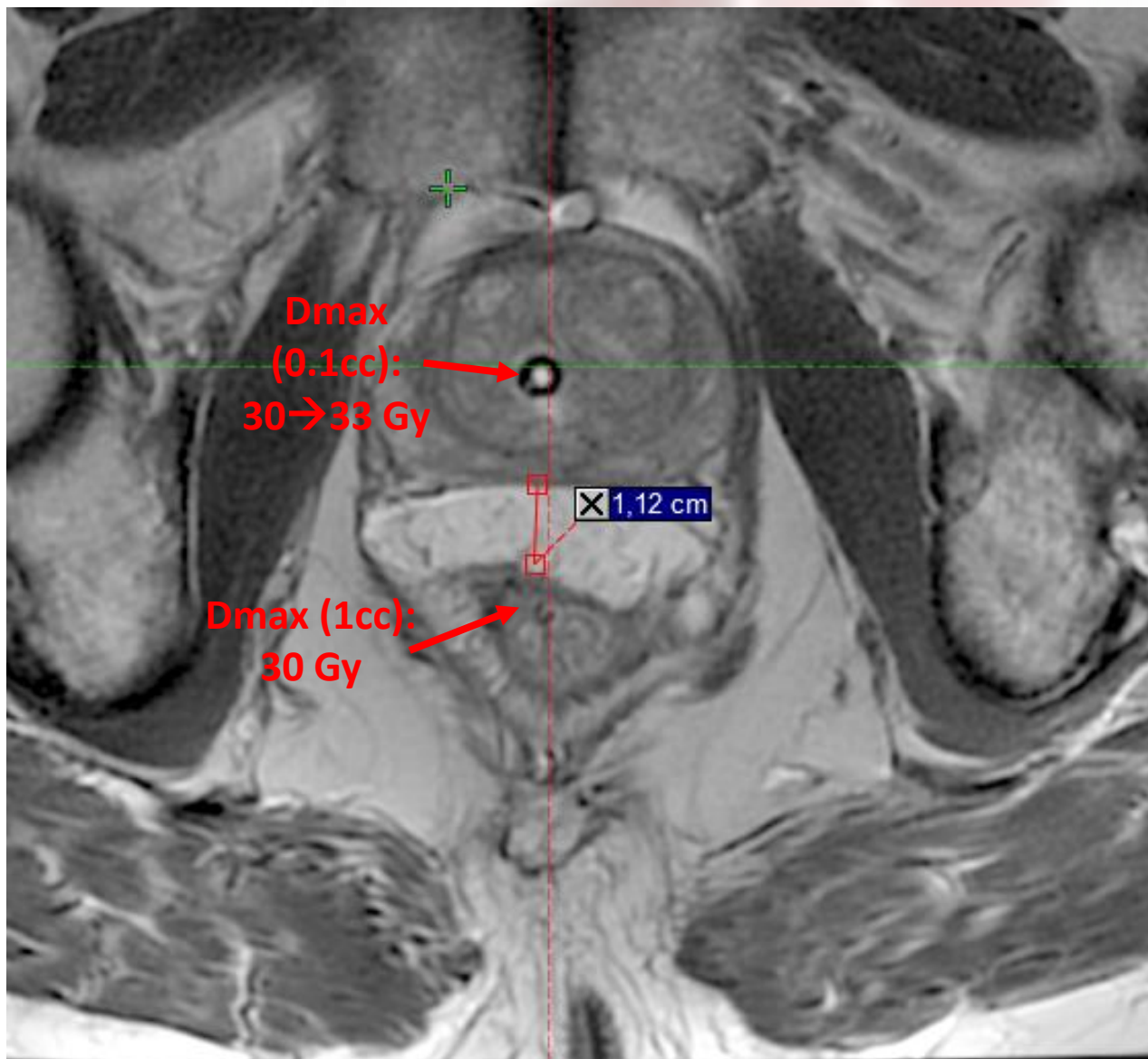
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d	n	D	# pts	bFAIL	2-yr pos bx
6.5 Gy	5	32.5 Gy	30	15%	47.6%
7.0 Gy	5	35.0 Gy	35	6%	19.2%
7.5 Gy	5	37.5 Gy	36	0%	16.7%
8.0 Gy	5	40.0 Gy	35	0%	7.7%

Every other day; CTV to PTV 5 mm (except post); Calipso

**Dose/response detected**



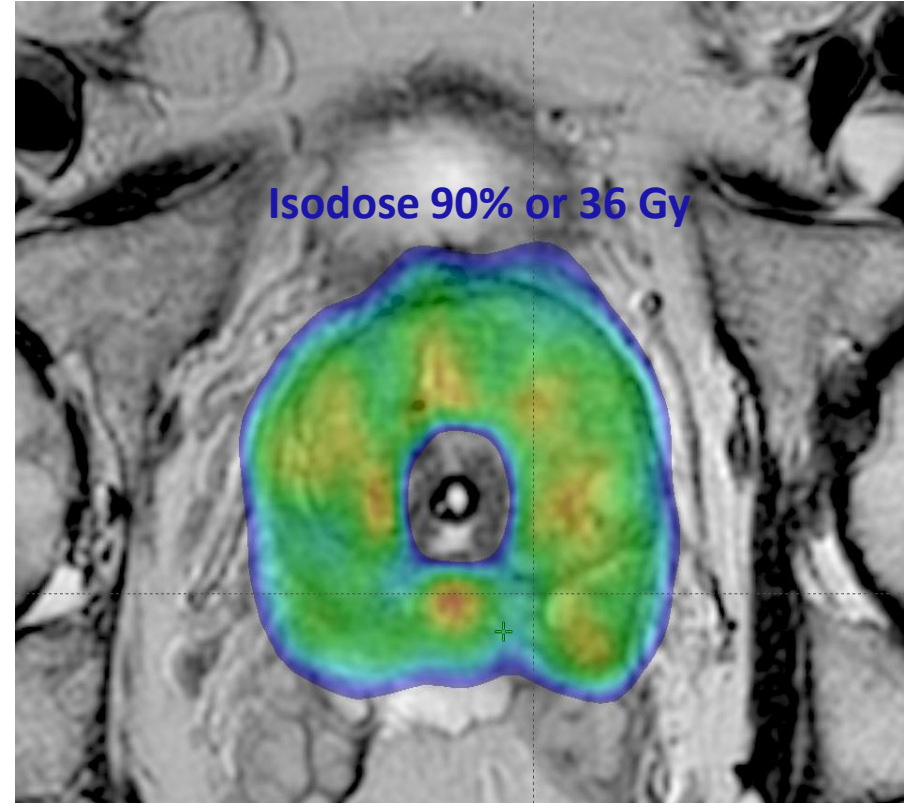
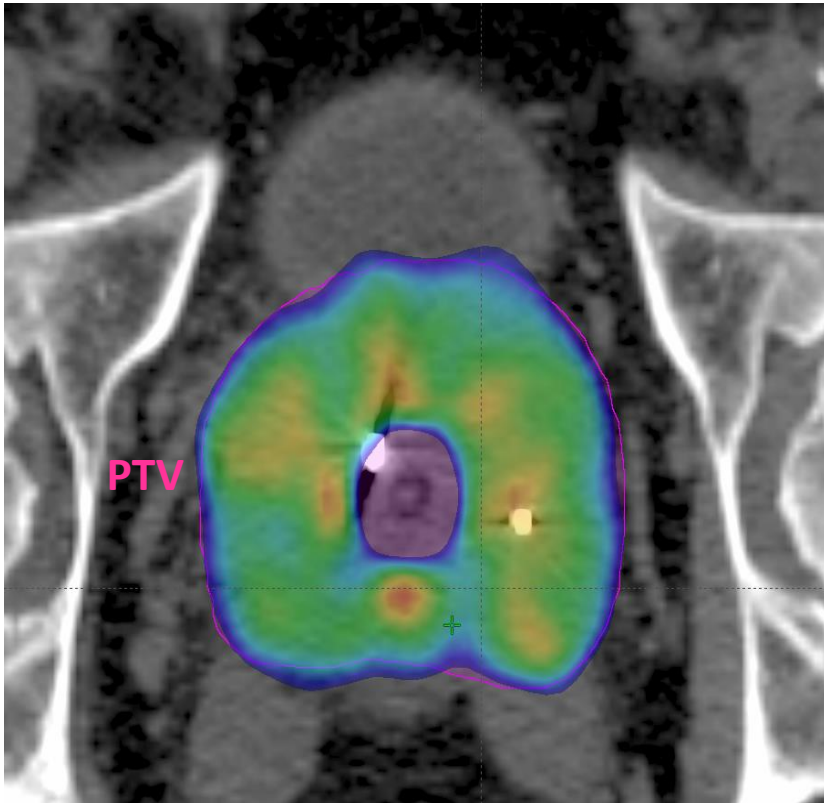


Coverage goals:

PTV-urethra  
D93<sub>≥</sub>36 Gy

CTV-urethra  
D95<sub>≥</sub>36 Gy

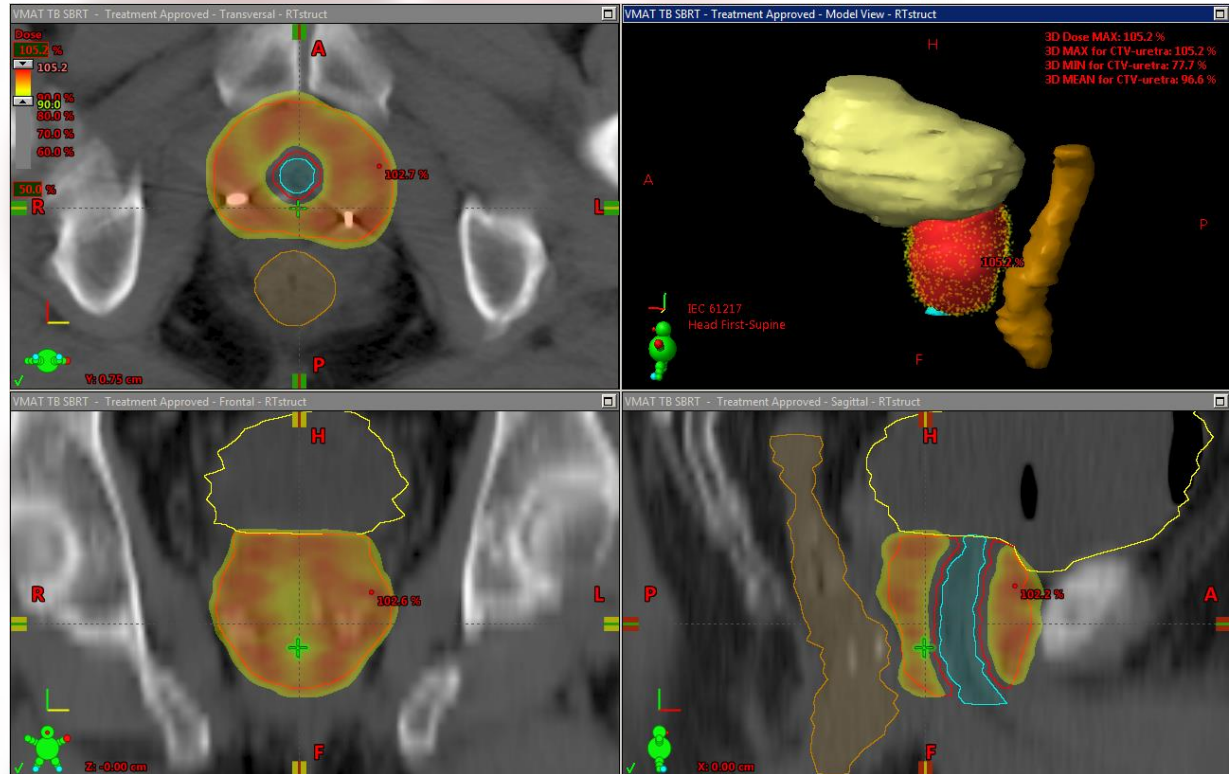






# SBRT protocol

- Low and fav int risk PCA
- mpMR (no ECE)
- **Spacer**, fiducials
- pIMR, urinary catheter
- Target: prostate
- OAR: rectum, urethra (+2 mm), bladder neck...
- CTV to PTV exp: 4 mm
- Px: 40 Gy / 3 fxs



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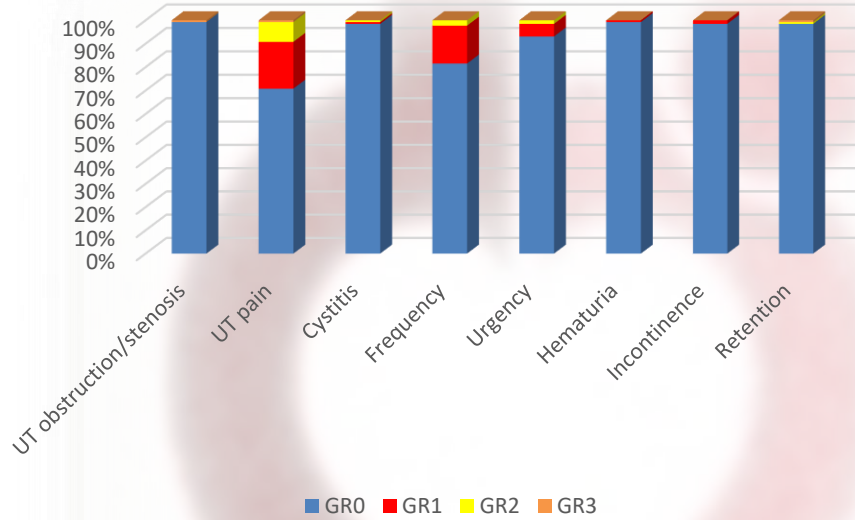
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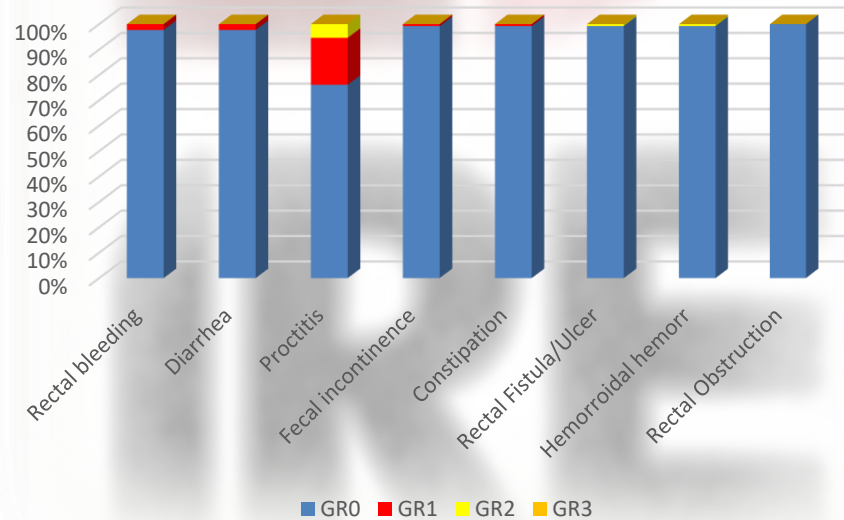
**Target/accrued: 59 pts**

<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Strata</b>	<b>Median/#</b>	<b>IQR/%</b>
Age (yrs)		73	68-75.5
GGG	1	42	71.2%
	2	17	28.8%
T stage	1	26	44.1%
	2	33	55.9%
PSA (ng/ml)		7.0	5.0-8.9
Prostate volume (cc)		45	35.5-62.5
Androgen Deprivation	No	55	93.2%
	Yes	4	6.8%
IPSS		7	2-10

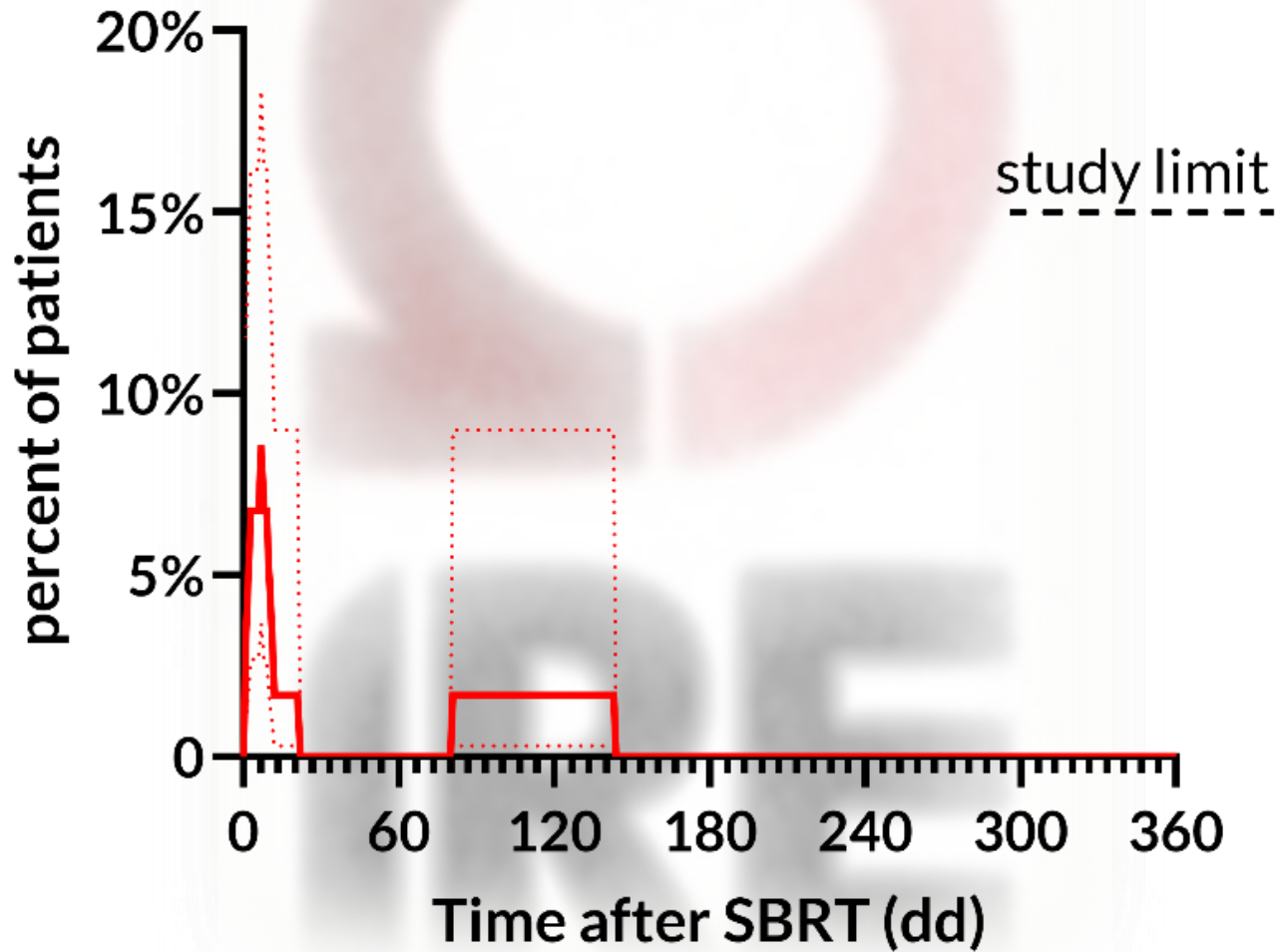
# Incidence of ACUTE GU tox



# Incidence of ACUTE GI tox



# Prevalence of GR2+ GU tox



# Conclusions

SBRT to 40 Gy in 3 fxs is feasible....

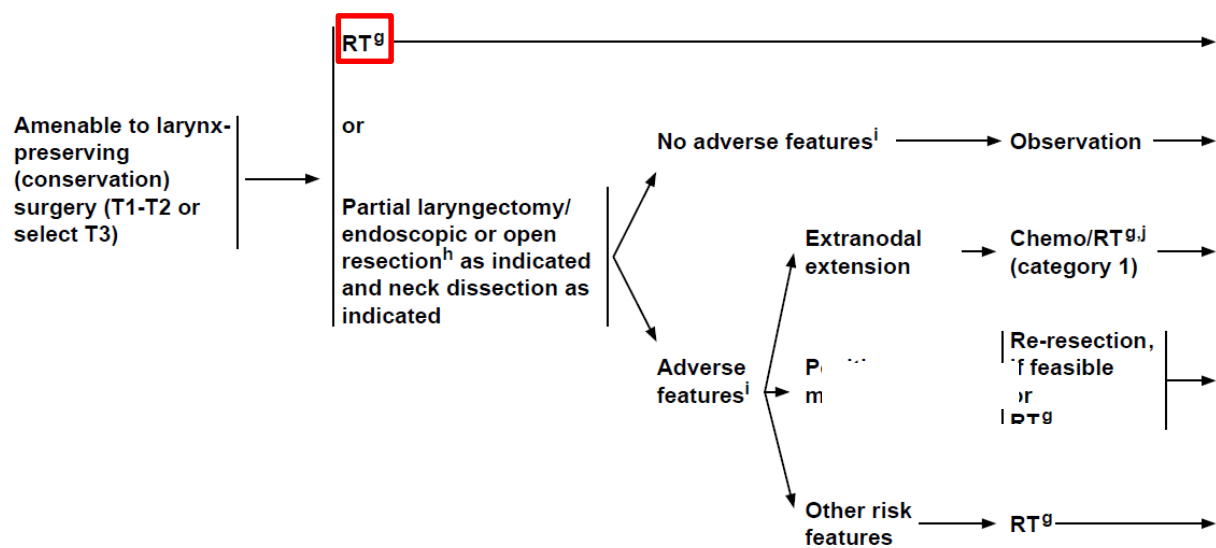
...accrual of phase II is almost completed

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**SBRT in 3 fxs for  
early glottic ca**

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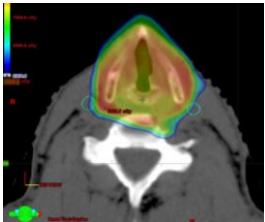
# Cancer of the Glottic Larynx



**Expect:  
85-90% local control rate**

**Volume: Larynx**  
**Doses:**  
 T1:63 Gy@2.25 Gy or 66 Gy@2 Gy  
**Tech: 3DCRT or IMRT**

**IMRT**

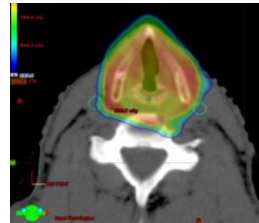


Less (high) dose to surrounding tissues (carotids)



# Management of Early Stage Glottic Cancer

**IMRT**



Less (high) dose to  
surrounding tissues  
(carotids)

STANDARD OF CARE

RESEARCH

**Single Cord (or GTV)  
Irradiation**



**Extreme HYPO**

To allow ext HYPO

To cut # tmt sessions

d x n	D over t	T stage	EQ D ( $\alpha/\beta=3$ )	Volume	Institution
2 Gy x 35 fxs	70 Gy over 7 wks	T1-2	ref	Whole Larynx	SOC
2.25 Gy x 29 fxs	65.25 Gy over 6 wks	T2	$\approx 69$ Gy	Whole Larynx	SOC
2.75 Gy x 20 fxs	55 Gy over 4 wks	T1-2	$\approx 63$ Gy	Whole Larynx	James's Institute of Oncology
3.28 Gy x 16 fxs	52.5 Gy over $\approx 3$ wks	T2	$\approx 66$ Gy	Whole Larynx	Christie NHS Foundation Trust
3.33 Gy x 15 fxs	50 Gy over 3 wks	T1-2	$\approx 63$ Gy	SC or GTV	UT Southwestern, Dallas
3.63 Gy x 16 fxs	58.1 Gy over $\approx 3$ wks	T1a	$\approx 77$ Gy	SC	Erasmus, Rotterdam
3.5/2.8 Gy x 17 fxs	59.5/47.6 Gy in 3.5 wks	T1-2	$\approx 77$ Gy	GTV/larynx	Soul Univerisity, Korea
4.5 Gy x 10 fxs	45 Gy over 2 wks	T1-2	$\approx 67$ Gy	SC or GTV	UT Southwestern, Dallas
5/3.7 Gy x 11 fxs	55/40.7 Gy in $\approx 2$ wks	T1-2	$\approx 88$ Gy	GTV/larynx	Soul Univerisity, Korea
8.5 Gy x 5 fxs	42.5 Gy over 1 wk	T1-2	$\approx 98$ Gy	SC or GTV	UT Southwestern, Dallas
12/10 Gy x 3 fxs	36/30 Gy over 1 wk	T1	108 Gy	SC	IRCCS Regina Elena, Rome

BED: Biological Equivalent Dose  
GTV: Gross Tumor Volume

↑ BIOLOGICAL DOSE TO LATE RESP (cartilage) TS

**A** Anterior Commissure

Anterior Third

Middle Third

Posterior Third

TRUE VOCAL CORD

**B**

**C**

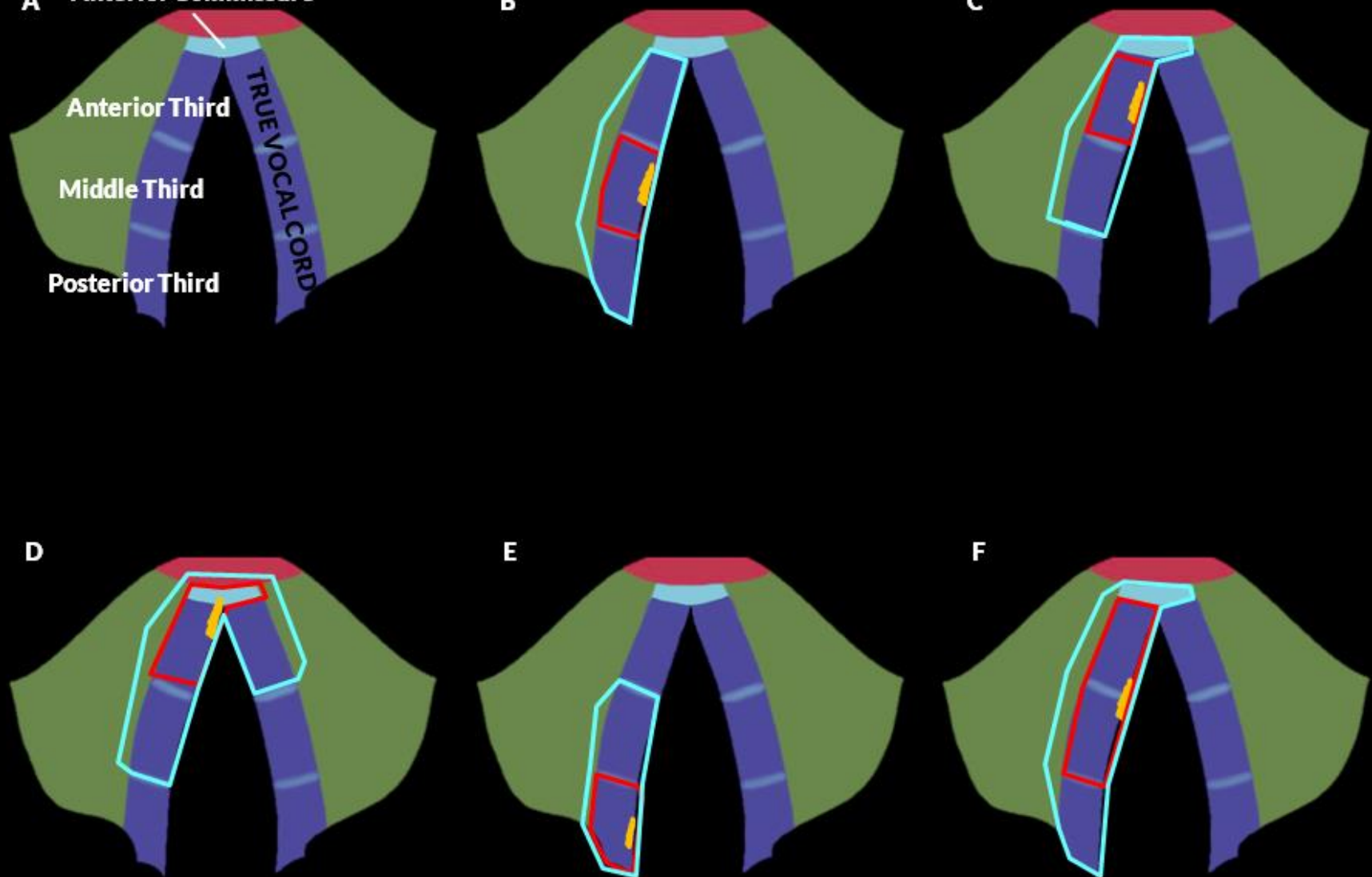
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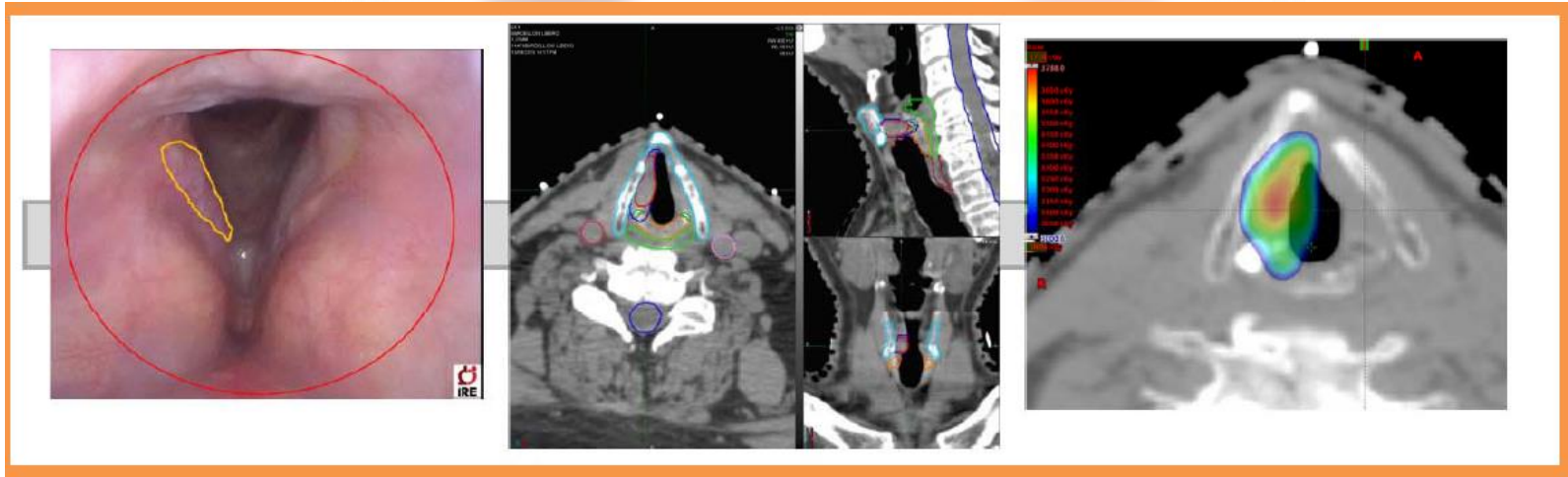
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CTV30

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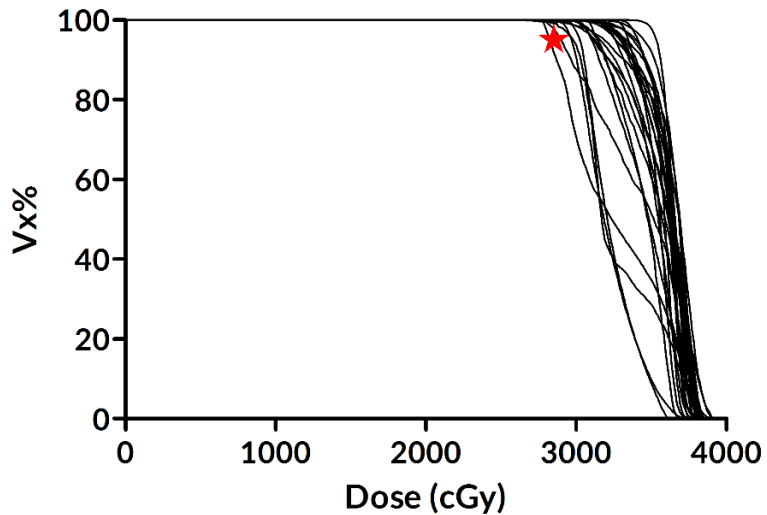


# DOSIMETRIC & PRELIMINARY RESULTS IN 27 CONSECUTIVE PATIENTS

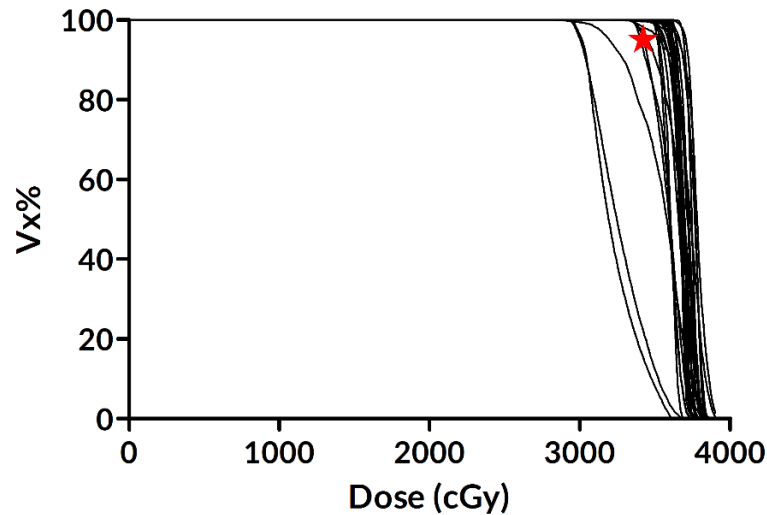


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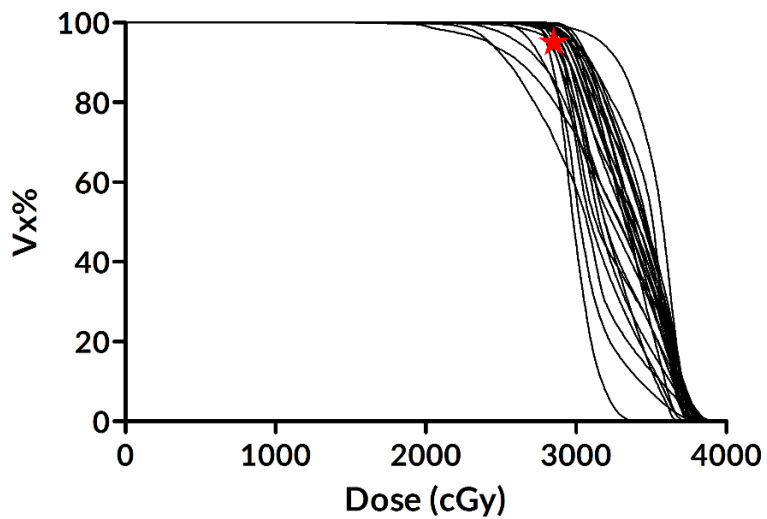
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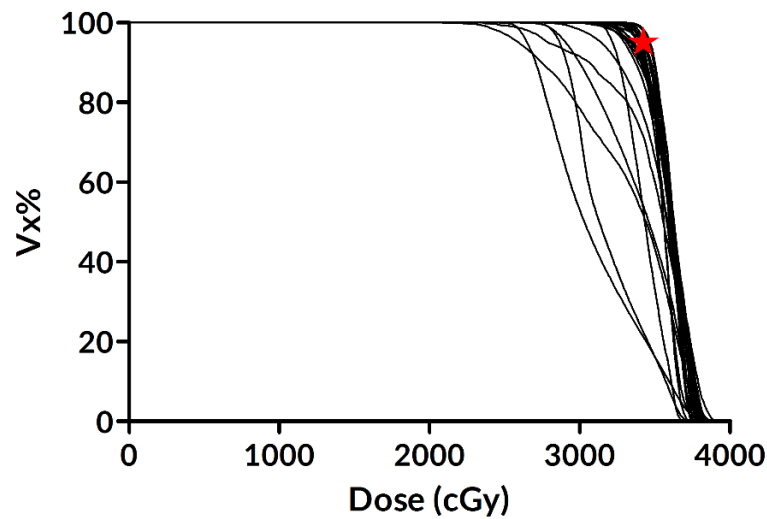
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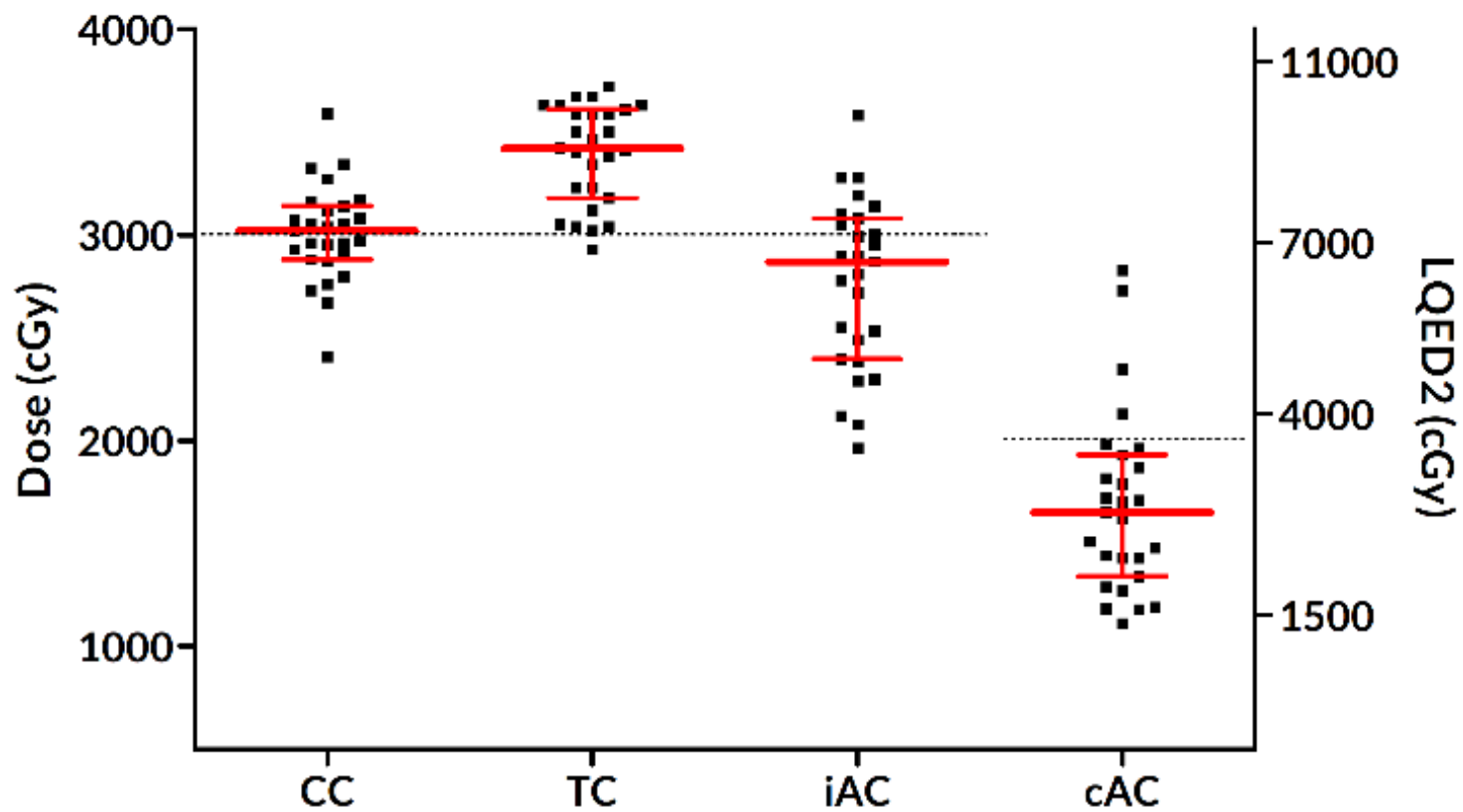
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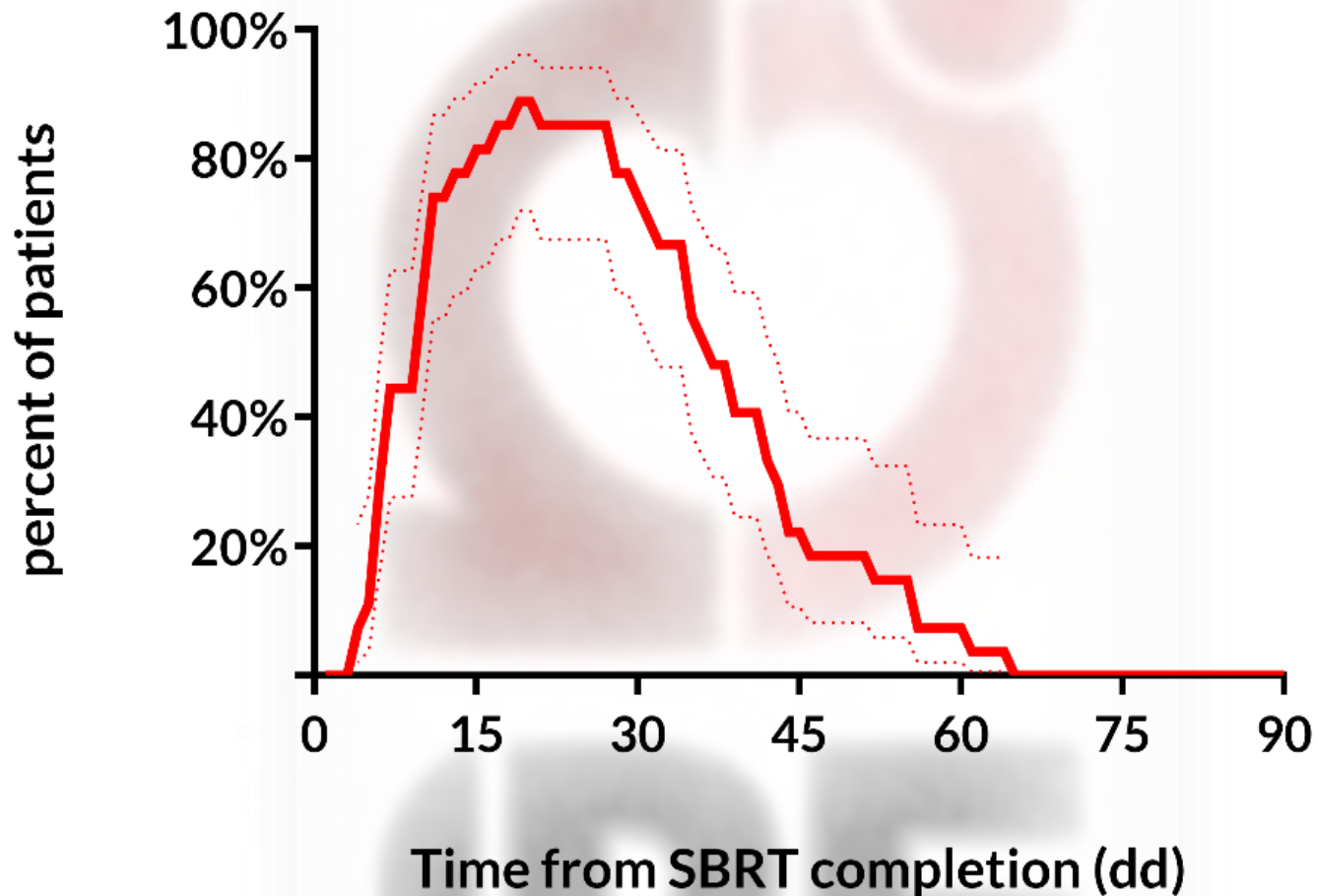
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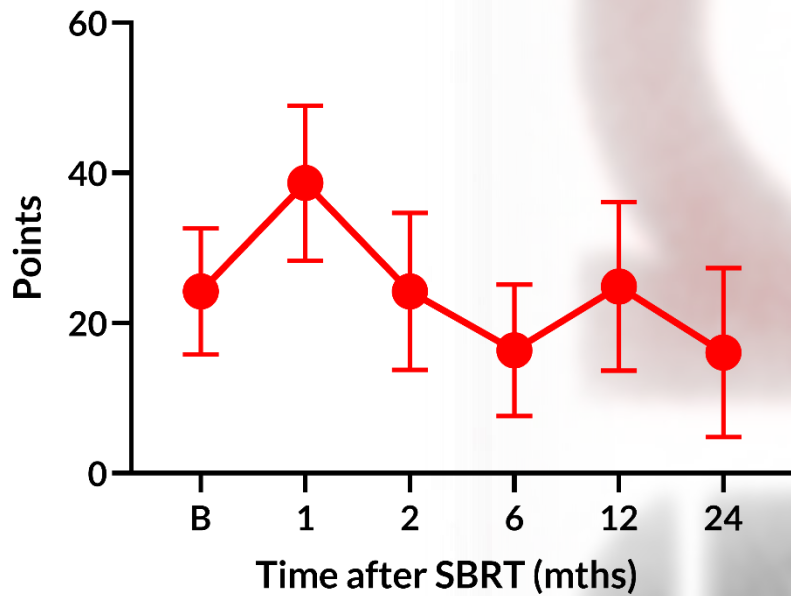


## PREVALENCE of Any CTCAE GR2+ tox

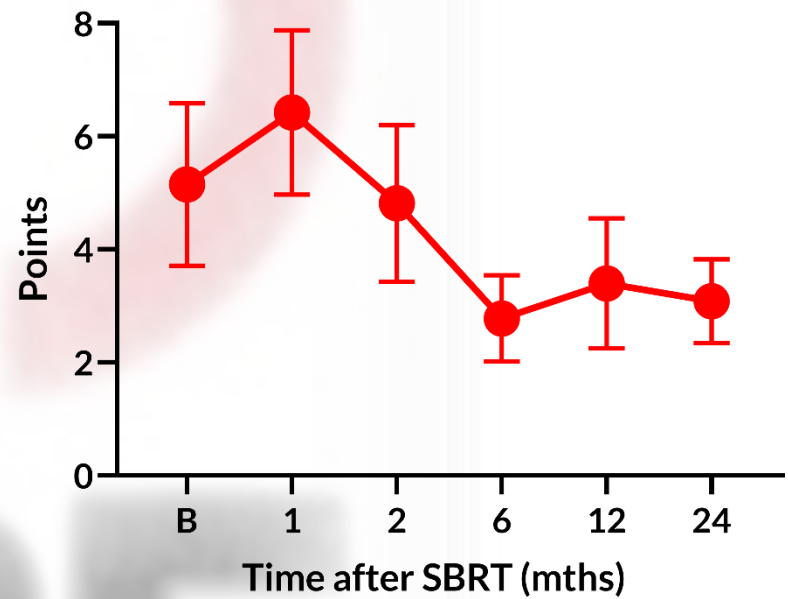


At 30 days after SBRT 74.1% (55.3-86.8%) of patients had GR2 toxicity. Acute toxicity resolved after a median time of 38 days (33.3-43.5) from the end of treatment.

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### GBRAS



Median follow up of 17.2 months (IQR: 10.2-23.7 mths)




- At a median follow up of 17.2 months (IQR: 10.2-23.7 mths) all patients are without evidence of disease;
- 1 pt had chondronecrosis of the iAE, which resolved after conservative S
- 1 pt had soft tissue necrosis with cartilage exposure that resolved after medical therapy



# Conclusions

- SBRT to 36 Gy in 3 fxs is dosimetrically challenging
- Acute toxicity is mild
- Preliminary functional & oncologic outcomes are encouraging



**SBRT & IT for  
early NSCLC**

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# EARLY STAGE NSCLC

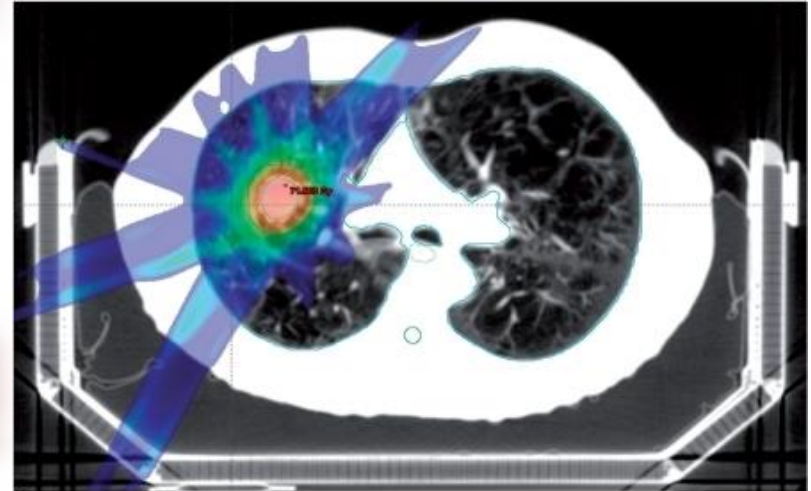
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Preliminary Report

Extracranial Stereotactic  
Radioablation<sup>\*</sup>: Results of a  
Phase I Study in Medically  
Inoperable Stage I Non-small  
Cell Lung Cancer

Timmerman, Robert MD<sup>a</sup>   ... Williams, Mark  
MD<sup>b</sup>



Early SBRT Data for Inoperable IA/B NSCLC

Author	Dosing	Local control	3-year OS
Onishi <i>et al.</i>	Multiple	84% (3 yr)	57%
Nyman <i>et al.</i>	15 Gy x3	80% (3.5 yr)	55%
Uematsu <i>et al.</i>	50-60 Gy in 5-10	94% (5 yr)	66%
Timmerman <i>et al.</i>	T1: 20 Gy x3 T2: 22 Gy x3	88% (3 yr)	43%

# EARLY STAGE NSCLC

RADIATION THERAPY ONCOLOGY GROUP

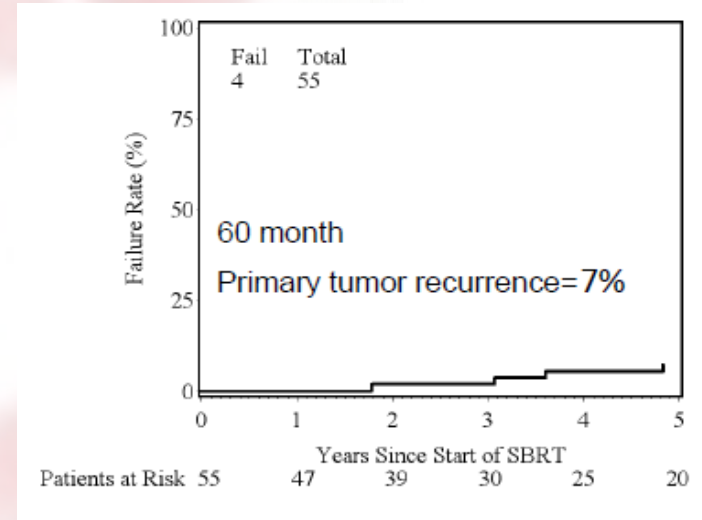
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A Phase II Trial of Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy (SBRT) in the Treatment of Patients with Medically Inoperable Stage I/II Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

- **Patients with T1, T2 ( $\leq 5$  cm), T3 ( $\leq 5$  cm), N0, M0 medically inoperable**
- **no CENTRAL TUMORS**
- **18 Gy x 3 over 1.5-2 wks**
- **Primary endpoint: T control**
- **55 pts, 44 T1 and 11 T2**

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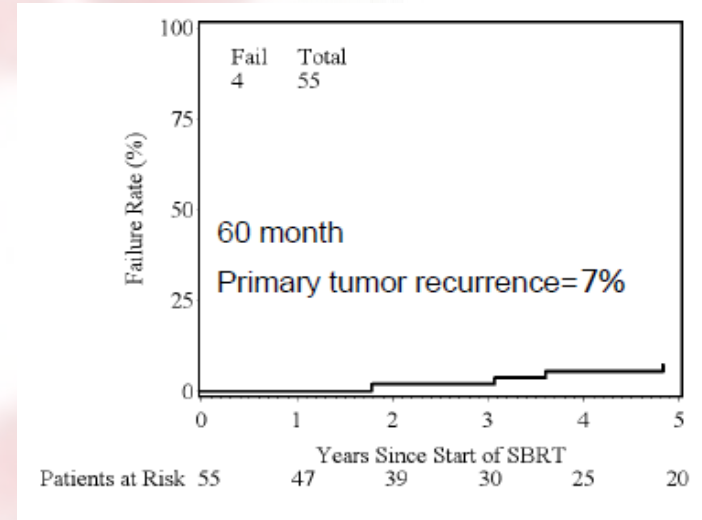
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Timmerman et al, ASTRO 2014

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- 5-yr OS: 40%

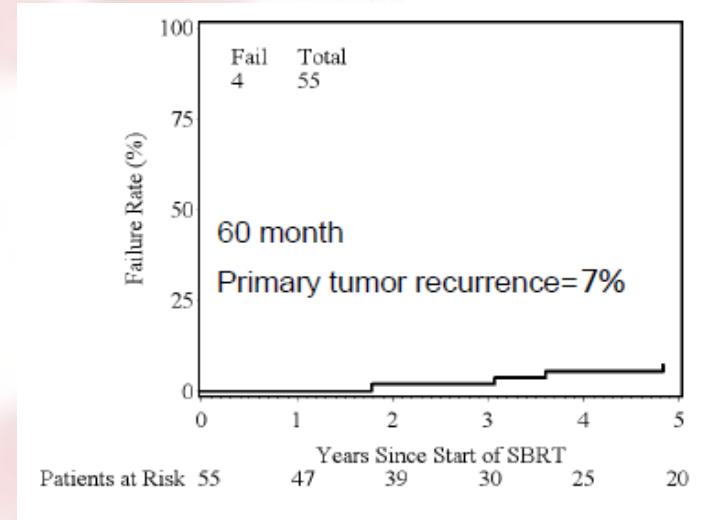


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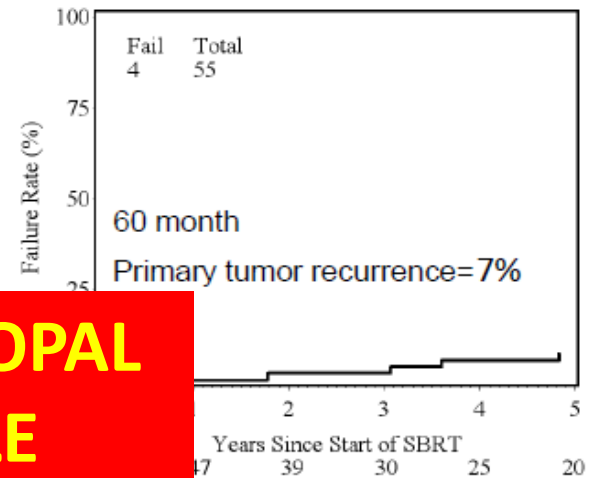
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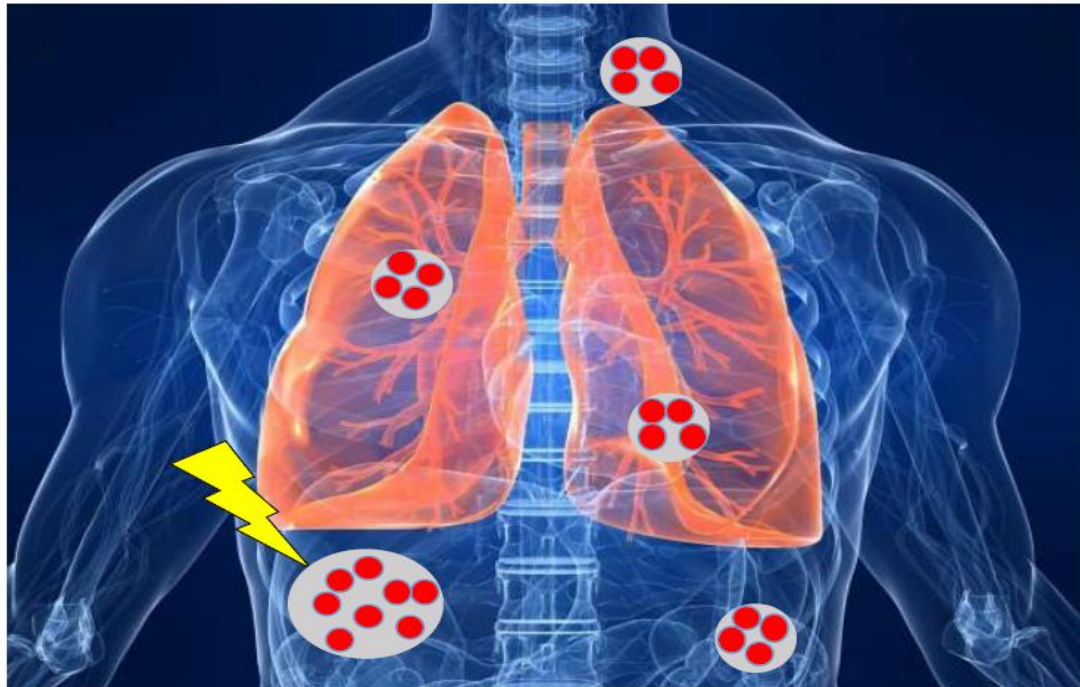
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# From local to abscopal

Local control or curing the patient?

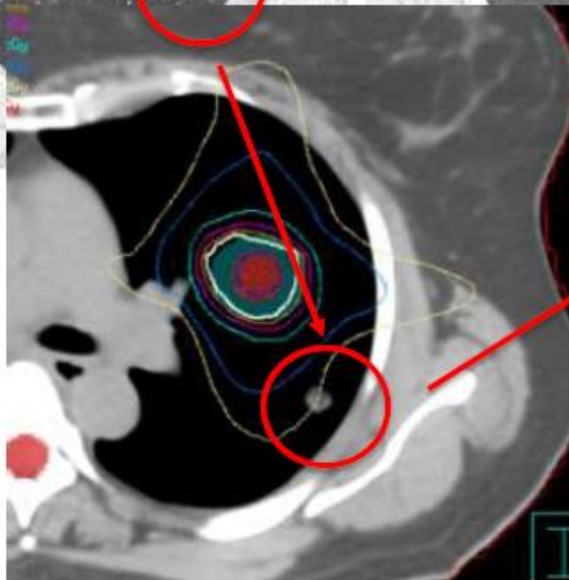




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Tumor got low dose scatter



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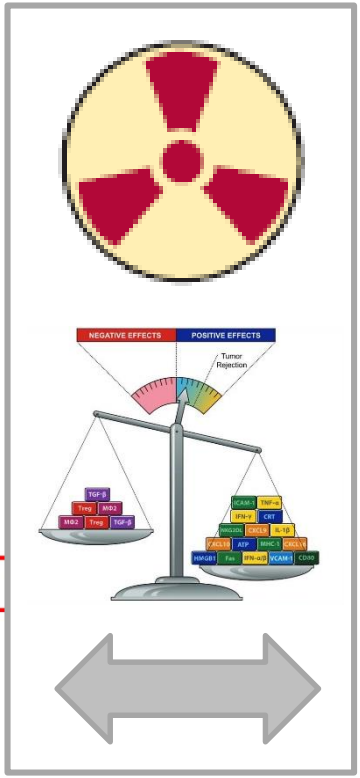
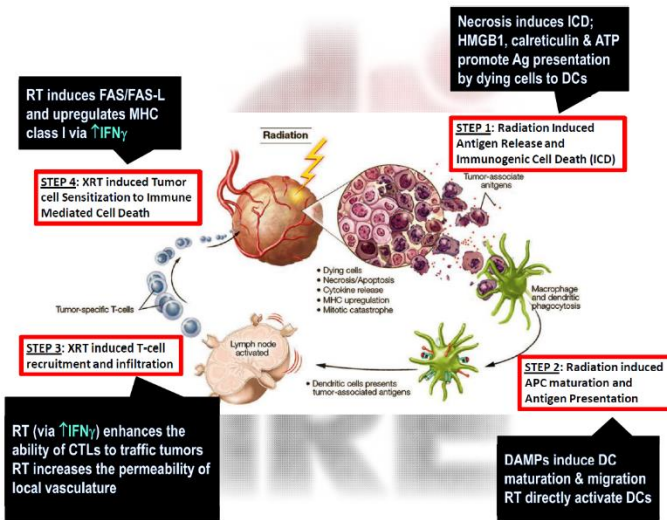


## Systematic review of case reports on the abscopal effect



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- 2 cases of NSCLC (adenoca) out of 46 cases from 1969 to 2014



- Microenvironment
  - Cytokine/chemokines
  - Infiltrating cells
  - Irradiated volume
  - Dose/fractionation
- PD-L1 upregulated by RT by tumor cells through IFN $\gamma$  produced by CD8 $^+$  cells TGF $\beta$  activated by RT involved in any step of cancerogenesis.... Suppresses CD8 $^+$  and polarize TAM to M2**
- TAM M2-polarized are upregulated by RT  
-Myeloid-Derived Suppressor Cells  
-Tregs induced by TGF- $\beta$  (and then ...)**
- ICD is dose-dependent in vitro with higher doses being more immunogenic DNA exonuclease Trex1 induced by RT single doses > 12-18 Gy, degrading dsDNA and reducing the immunogenic effect of RT**
- Irradiated volume, inclusion of regional nodes...modal irradiation, while reducing tumor infiltrating CD8 $^+$ T cells, may increase T-cell chemoattractants and antigen specific CD8 $^+$  T cells in the tumor microenvironment.**

# IMMUNOSTIMULATION vs IMMUNOSUPPRESSION



## Pembrolizumab with or without radiotherapy for metastatic non-small-cell lung cancer: a pooled analysis of two randomised trials

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Adding radiotherapy to pembrolizumab immunotherapy significantly increased (abscopal) responses and outcomes (PFS & OS) in patients with metastatic non-small-cell lung cancer.

## Conclusions

- IT&RT combos is a promising strategy in early stage NSCLC