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IONIZING RADIATION FOR CANCER TREATMENT

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Hungarian Government Cancer is anarchic, autonom, progressive tissue, built of body identical, but pathologic cells on the basis of genetic error accumulation



Cancer treatment prior to 1895



Surgery



Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen



Discovery of the ionizing radiation



COMPLEX TUMOR THERAPY



10 million patients/year receive radiotherapy

Local therapy modalities

Surgery (minimal invasive/endoscopic)

Radiotherapy

Intraarterial chemotherapy

Electro-chemotherapy





Thermo-ablative methods



Microwave coagulation therapy(MCT)

Radiofrecvention ablation (RFA)

Laser interstitial thermo therapy (LITT)

High Intensity Focused Ultrasound (HIFU)



COMPLEX ONCOLOGICAL PATIENT MANAGEMENT



Ionizing radiation for treatment radiotherapy (RT)



Loco-regional treatment method

Directed energy deposition in the human body

Dosis =	energy
	mass
Unit Gy (Gray): 1Gy=1	J/kg

Physical process



Radioactive isotope

Brachytherapy

Teletherapy (percutaneous)



damage to cell membranes

*Free radicals are highly reactive fragments of molecules having unpaired electrons





Radiation effects



Radiation effects



CHARACTERISTICS OF RADIATION

- Quality (particle)
- Energy (mean)

photon, electron, proton...

- Intensity
- Dose rate (dose/time)
- linear energy transfer LET (keV/µm)
- relative biological effectivity RBE

Linear energy transfer LET

(High LET)

Very dense ionisation

Low LET

Mainly inidrect action ⁻OH





Clustered lesions

High RBE Low OER

Radiation		Linear Energy Transfer (keV/µm
Cobalt-60 y-rays		0.2
250-kV x-rays		2.0
10-MeV protons		4.7
150-MeV proton		0.5
14-MeV neutrons	Track Avg. 12	
2.5-MeV α-particles		166
2-GeV Fe ions (space radiation)		1000

Isolated lesions

BIOLOGICAL EFFECTS DEPEND ON

micr.

- cell cycle
- oxygenisation
- regeneration
- intrinsic radiosensitivity

macr.

•tumour size, -type, -vasc.

•age, nutrition, perf. status

•anaemia, co-morbidity,

medication

Radiaton quality, dosis, fractionation, combination

RT

AIMS

Tumour elimination

- Curation
- Organ/function preserv.
- Palliation

Side effects

- Acute reactions
 - General /Local -Inflammation
- Late sequales (irreversibile)
 - Scar tissue, ulcus, organ function
- (second) tumor induction

Therapeutic index

Tumour response

CR, PR, MC, SD, PD LC, TFS, TTP, OS side effects

Toxicity (grade. duration impact on QL)



Radiosensitisation



Concomittant radio-chemotherapy NSCLC



Concomittant radio-chemotherapy Glioblastoma

Irradiation

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

Concomittant anti-EGFr-radiotherapy Head and neck



OPTIMISATION IN TIME

Fractionation

- daily dose (conventional, hyperfr., adapted-dinamic, chronobiology guided)
- weekly dose
- Overall treatment time
- Timing in relationship to other treatment modalities in combined scheme (pre-, intra, peri, postoperative, sequential, altered, concomittant)

Fractionation schemes

DOSE-FRACTIONATION IN RADIOTHERAPY

TYPE	TIME->	DOSE	SCHEDULE
Conventional	т	D	200 cGy/doy
Hyperfractionation	т	D+d	115 cGy X 2 / doy
Accelerated MDF	T/ 2 3	D-d	150-200 cGy X 2 /day
Modified Accelerated Fractionation	т	D+d	BOOST
Split Course	T+REST	D	REST> >250 cGy/day
Hypofractionation	T-t	D-d	500 cGy/day



Increased selectivity

Target volume Selective homogeneous painted RT (concomittant boost, hypoxic areas)

Normal tissues

Decrease of the dose to the normal tissues

TCP † NTCP ↓

Increased therapeutic index

FORMS OF RADIOTHERAPY

- Radioactive isotope
- Brachytherapy
- Teletherapy (percutanious)



¹⁰⁶Ru/¹⁰⁶Rh application









PROSTATE ¹²⁵IODINE SEED

Radioactivev izotóp





Teletherapy

After 1895





Abb. 51. Einrichten des Einfallswinkels der Strahlenkegel durch Vergleich aus einem entfernten Standpunkt mit den auf der Visierpappe aufgezeichneten Richtungslinien.


Linear accelerators

TRUE Beam



Rapid arc FFF Integrated micromultileaf

kV-CBCT

IMRT/SRS/SABR SIB IGRT/Adaptive RT



Photons 3-15 MeV, dose rate: 10 Gy/min

Selectivity, effectivity, accuracy



Procedures















Indication of target volume on the basis of PET-CT image fusion









TREATMENT PLANNING

Contouring of target volumes and organs at risk



DOSE PRESCRIPTION - PROTOCOLS

- Target dose, fraction size
- Dose constraints for normal tissues

Aim of the treatment (curative-pall.) Tumour type and characteristics Malignant cell amount (tumour size) Other therapy modalities Tolerance of surrounding normal tissues

Standard methods of dose calculation

Pure phenomenological models

Based on a parameterization of the dose distribution using measured data sets, the so called dosimetric base data.

Depth dose curve, doseprofile, collimator-scatter, headscatter for open (square, rectangle shaped) fields

Inhomogeneity correction: A simple way is the scaling of the depth dose curve with the relative electron density of tissue to water.

<u>Convolutional methods</u> (Kernels and pencil beams)

A faster and more elegant method for a more accurate dose calculation of such irregular shaped fields

elementary photon beam \rightarrow interactions \rightarrow energy transmission and storing (dose kernel (core))

Sum of elementary beams \rightarrow Sum of dose kernels

Monte Carlo simulation

Plan evaluation







Measuring the dose

In order to determine a radiation dose, a variety of physical or chemical radiation effects can be used.

- Radiation effect: Detector of method:
- Ionization in gas

- Ionization in solid
- Luminescence Chemcal effects

Thermal effect

- ionization chamber proportional counter Geiger-Mueller counter
 - state semiconductor crystal conductivity detector
- \longrightarrow TLD
 - photographic film chemical dosimeters, gels
 - \rightarrow calorimeter

Phantoms

The measurement of water absorbed dose usually is performed within an absorbing medium called a phantom.

Standard phantoms

<u>Water phantom</u>: TBA (Therapy Beam Analyzer) <u>Anatomical phantoms</u>: Alderson-Rando phantom <u>IMRT phantoms</u>





Simulation of the fields

Treatment set up – verification (EPID, orthogonal KV, MV images, Cone beam CT, MRI)

Treatment delivery with regular portal imaging and careful patient care

Adaptation to the changes during RT (repeated imaging)

Adaptive radiation



Prior to radiation

After 40 Gy





At 50,4 Gy CRT \rightarrow tumor volume decrease **av. 39%**









QUALITY ASSURANCE

SOPs, defined tasks and responsibilities, regular updating, education, training

Control on medical decisions

Regular control of the machines

Control on procedures, treatment delivery and patient care

Evaluation of the results- transparency

Nuclear particles

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α -particle

<u>heavy ions:</u> Carbon, Oxigen, Neon





CYCLOTRON

- 1929 Lawrence, inspired by Wideröe and Ising, conceives the cyclotron.
- 1931 Livingston demonstrates the cyclotron by accelerating hydrogen ions to 80 keV.
- 1932 Lawrence's cyclotron produces 1.25 MeV protons and he also splits the atom just a few weeks after Cockcroft and Walton (Lawrence received the Nobel Prize in 1939).





History of Proton Beam Therapy



- 1946 Robert Wilson
- 1948 Tobias, Lawrence (Berkeley)(hypophysectomy)
- 1954-56 Boerje Larsson (Uppsala)
- 1960 Graffman 60 patients.(Stereotactic neurosurgery)
- Early '60 Sweet, Koehler, (Kjellberg, Harvard)- AV. malform.
- 1969 Ganz (retinoblastoma), Constable (eye melanoma)
- 1970 Suit, Goitein (skull base tumors)
- Russia, Japan (Tokio, Chiba)
- 1983 Tsukuba 250 MeV (lung, mediast, GI, Gyn,...)
- 1967 First large-field proton treatments in Sweden
- 1974 Large-field fractionated proton treatments program begins at HCL, Cambridge, MA
- 1990 First hospital-based proton treatment center opens at Loma Linda

PROTON THERAPY OF UVEAL MELANOMA


















Ray-Tracing Dose Algorithm

- One-dimensional dose calculation
- Water-equivalent depth (WED) along single ray SP
- Look-up table
- Reasonably accurate S for simple heterogeneities
- Simple and fast





Pencil Beam Dose Algorithm

WED

- Cylindrical coordinates
- Measured or calculated pencil kernel
- Water-equivalent depth

S.

- Accounts for multiple Coloumb scattering
- more time consuming



Monte Carlo Dose Algorithm

- Considered as "gold standard"
- Accounts for all relevant physical interactions
- Follows secondary particles
- Requires accurate cross section data bases
- Includes source geometry
- Very time consuming









E. Gragoudas: Proton Beam Irradiation of Uveal Melanomas: The First 30 Years

Brachytherapy vs. Hadron therapy

- Local recurrance rate is lower
- Risk of developing cataract is lower
- Enucleation is only rarely necessay

Source 10. Wang et al 2012.



Proton RT



Fig. 11. www.nccproton.com



Meningeoma

- 1/3 of primary CNS tumors
- Initiates fom the meninx
- Slow growing
- Dose on the surrounding healthy tissues (skull base, otic nerve) can be minimized

Source 12. Combs et al 2010.

Proton/ion RT



Source 12. Combs et al 2010.

Skull base, proton/ion RT

- Chordoma: 73.5 Gy (RBE)
- Chondrosarcoma: 68.4 Gy (RBE) 1.8–2.0 Gy (RBE)/day
- 5 years local control (LC)
 chordoma 81%
 chordrosarcoma 94%
 - chondrosarcoma 94%
- Toxicity free survival at 5 years: 94%

Source 13. Ares et al 2008.

A Comparison of Radiation Treatment Plans for a Base-of-Skull Clival Chordoma



Fig. 14. www.procure.com

Childhood malignancies

Radisensitive embrional tumors, but the surrounding, healthy tissues are radiosensitive, growing tissues

Low dose is important – induction of second malignancy

- Skull base located CNS tumors
- Chordoma, chondrosarcoma
- Ewing and othe sarcomas
- Craniospinalis axis

Medulloblastoma in adults

- Rare (common at the age of 4-8)
- Initiates from the cerebellum
- Cemotherapeutical options are limited
- High tendency of metastases by the liquor -> irradiation of the cranispinalis axis
- 21 photon vs. 19 proton treated adult patients
- Low rate of acute side effects in the proton group (weight loss, nausea, vomiting, oesophagitis, cell account depletation)
- Low dose on the vertebras



Proton RT

IMRT

Source 15. Brown et al 2013.

A Comparison of the Risk of Secondary Malignancies After Treating Medulloblastoma³

Tumor Site	IMRT X-Rays	Proton Therapy	
Stomach and esophagus	11%	0%	
Colon	7%	0%	
Breast	0%	0%	
Lung	7%	1%	
Thyroid	6%	0%	
Bone and connective tissue	2%	2% 1%	
Leukemia	5%	3%	
All Secondary Cancers	43%	5%	

Head and neck tumors

Salivary glands, mouth, pharynx, larynx

- Usually epithelial carcinomas
- Gives fast lymph node metastases because of lymphatic drenage
- Incidence of head and neck tumors increased 6 times since the '50s
- Male:female=5:1
- Pain because of mucositis in the oral cavity leads often to therapeutic failure
- With IMPT the dose on the salivary glands is lower -> side effects are not so sevier



Source 16. Van der Laan et al 2013.

Tumors of the nasal cavity and sinuses

- Slow growing, locally destructive, in some cases radioresistant tumors, complete surgical removal is not always feasible
- Organs at risk (eye, optic nerve, chiasm)
- 2 years LC: 35%, OS: 47%
- 5 years LC: 17,5%, OS: 15,7%
- Therapy: proton RT ± IMRT
 - IMRT: 30-60 Gy
 - Proton, Carbon ion: 20- 80 GyE

Fukumitsu et al 2012.



- T1 ill. T2 stad., N0, M0 central or periferial
- Hypofractionated proton therapy with 51, 60, 70 Gy
- 4 years OS: 51 Gy 18%

At priferial location 4 years OS: 60%

Source 18. Bush et al 2013.

Proton RT





Fig. 20. www.iba-protontherapy.com

A Comparison of Radiation Treatment Plans for Esophageal Cancer



Research on the efficacy of proton therapy for esophageal cancer is ongoing, but at present only a few studies have been published. A retrospective study looked at 46 patients treated with proton therapy for locally confined esophageal cancer. The 5-year survival rate for all patient tumor locations was 34%, the 5-year local control rate for T1 patients was 83%, and the 5-year local control rate for T2 to T4 patients was 29%.38 These outcomes are comparable to those seen in patients treated with surgery.38 *Source 21. www.procure.com*

Breast cancer

Partial breast irradiation

- In selected patients (Ø lymph node metastasis, local, resection margins are free)
- Phase 2. clinical study (30 patients)
- Accelerated, partial proton RT: dose: 30 GyE, 6 GyE/day, 2 fields
- Mean follow-up 60 months: every patient is disease-free

Chang et al 2013.

Proton RT



Source 22. Chang et al 2013.



Thoracic wall RT after mastectomy

Proton RT

IMRT

MacDonald et al 2013.

Prostate cancer

Proton RT dose distribution

IMRT dose distribution



=> low~high risk => 70-72,5 GyE, 2,5 GyE/day~76-82 GyE, 2 GyE/day

2 years after proton RT very low rate of side effects (erectil disfunction, urine or -, feces incontinence, diarrhoea)

www.floridaproton.org

Proton *versus* photon - radiochemotherapy in the treatment of locally advanced breast cancer

Retrospective analysis : N=1,483 (391 proton/1,092 photon).

Baseline toxicity and performance status were similar (p > 0.05). Proton pat.: significantly older (median 66 vs. 61), had less favorable Charlson-Deyo comorbidity scores (median 3.0 vs. 2.0),

Proton: lower integral radiation dose to tissues outside the target (p < 0.05).

Proton chemo-radiotherapy

- significantly lower relative risk (RR) of 90-day grade ≥3 adverse events 11.5% vs 27.6%
- decline in performance status during treatment (p < 0.01).
 There was no difference in DFS or OS.

Conclusions: In adults with locally advanced cancer, proton chemo-radiotherapy was associated with significantly reduced acute adverse events causing unplanned hospitalizations with similar disease-free and overall survival.







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DATABASE

Aim, methodology, and data source

- Aim: Leverage scope of the National Cancer Database (NCDB) to determine second cancer risk associated with 3DCRT, IMRT, and PBRT
- Captures 70% of all cancers in US: enables assessment of a rare event
- Contains RT modality, dose, fractionation
- Other data: chemotherapy, surgery, sociodemographic factors (sex, race, insurance status, income quartile, etc.)

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Methods: 18 variables used for adjustment

- Patient and sociodemographic: age, sex, race, length of follow-up (measured from RT completion), comorbidity score, geographic region, insurance, income quartile, education quartile, urban/rural residence
- RT: total dose (Gy or GyE), dose per fraction, use of external beam boost
- Tumor: tumor type, stage group, year of diagnosis
- Other treatments: chemotherapy, surgery (including surgery/RT sequence)

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Results: Cohort description

• Total 450,373 patients

- 33.5% 3DCRT (151,020), 65.2% IMRT (293,486), 1.3% PBRT (5,867)
- Median follow-up after RT completion
 5.1 years (range: 2-13.8 years)
- Total follow-up period 2.54 million person-years

Selected baseline characteristics

	3DCRT	IMRT	PBRT
Median age	60 years	64 years	63 years
Median RT dose	60 Gy	66 Gy	79.2 GyE
% chemo- therapy	48%	38%	17%
Median follow-up	5 years	5.2 years	5.2 years

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Results: Tumor type distribution by RT modality



Results: Absolute crude incidence of second cancer

- **3DCRT:** 1.60 per 100 person-years (95% confidence interval [CI] 1.57-1.62)
- IMRT: 1.55 per 100 person-years (95% CI 1.53-1.57)
- **PBRT:** 0.44 per 100 person-years (95% CI 0.37-0.52)



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Results: IMRT has similar second cancers as 3DCRT

- Overall adjusted OR 1.00 (95% CI 0.97-1.02), p = 0.75
- Head/neck: adjusted OR 0.85 (95% CI 0.77-0.94), p = 0.001



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Results: PBRT significantly less second cancer vs IMRT

- Overall adjusted OR 0.31 (95% CI 0.26-0.36), p < 0.0001
- Head/neck: adjusted OR 0.42 (95% CI 0.22-0.81), p = 0.009
- Prostate: adjusted OR 0.18 (95% CI 0.14-0.24), p < 0.0001
- All <u>except</u> prostate: adjusted OR
 0.51 (95% CI 0.41-0.63), p < 0.0001



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Conclusions and take-away message

- In this large-scale, national epidemiological study, IMRT and 3DCRT had similar incidence of second cancers, while PBRT had significantly reduced second cancers compared to IMRT by 50-70%
- Strengths: large sample size and follow-up period; adjustment for multiple treatment and sociodemographic factors; inclusion of diverse cancer types
- Limitations: type/location and timing of second cancers not available
- Patients most likely to benefit from PBRT may be pediatric and young adults due to potential for long life expectancy and increased susceptibility to treatment-related malignancies

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Indications for proton/ion therapy

Locally growing tumor sorrounded by radiosensitive healty tissues:

- Eye tumors (melanoma, retinobl.)
- Skull base tumors (chordoma, chondrosarcoma, meningioma, sinus tu.)
- CNS brain, spinal cord, paraspinal tu., AV malformation
- Childhood malignancies
- Prostate carcinoma
- Lung, breast, sarcomas...

Proton Therapy Scientific Milestones 60 years





Patients Treated with Protons and C-ions Worldwide

Ref.: PTCOG, 2018

30 years High-LET Particle Therapy– Milestones





Hadron centers





<2% of all RT







3DCRT IMRT/VMAT SRS/ SABR

Selectivity, effectivity, accuracy



eli





IGRT

Motion control

Hadron therapy new gen. part. acc



PERSONALISED RT BASED ON RADIOMICS/GENOMIC

The implementation of precision medicine, such as genomics, radiomics, and mathematical modelling open the possibility to personalised RT adaptation and treatment. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!





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