

# Contemporary Radiation Therapy for Liver Cancer

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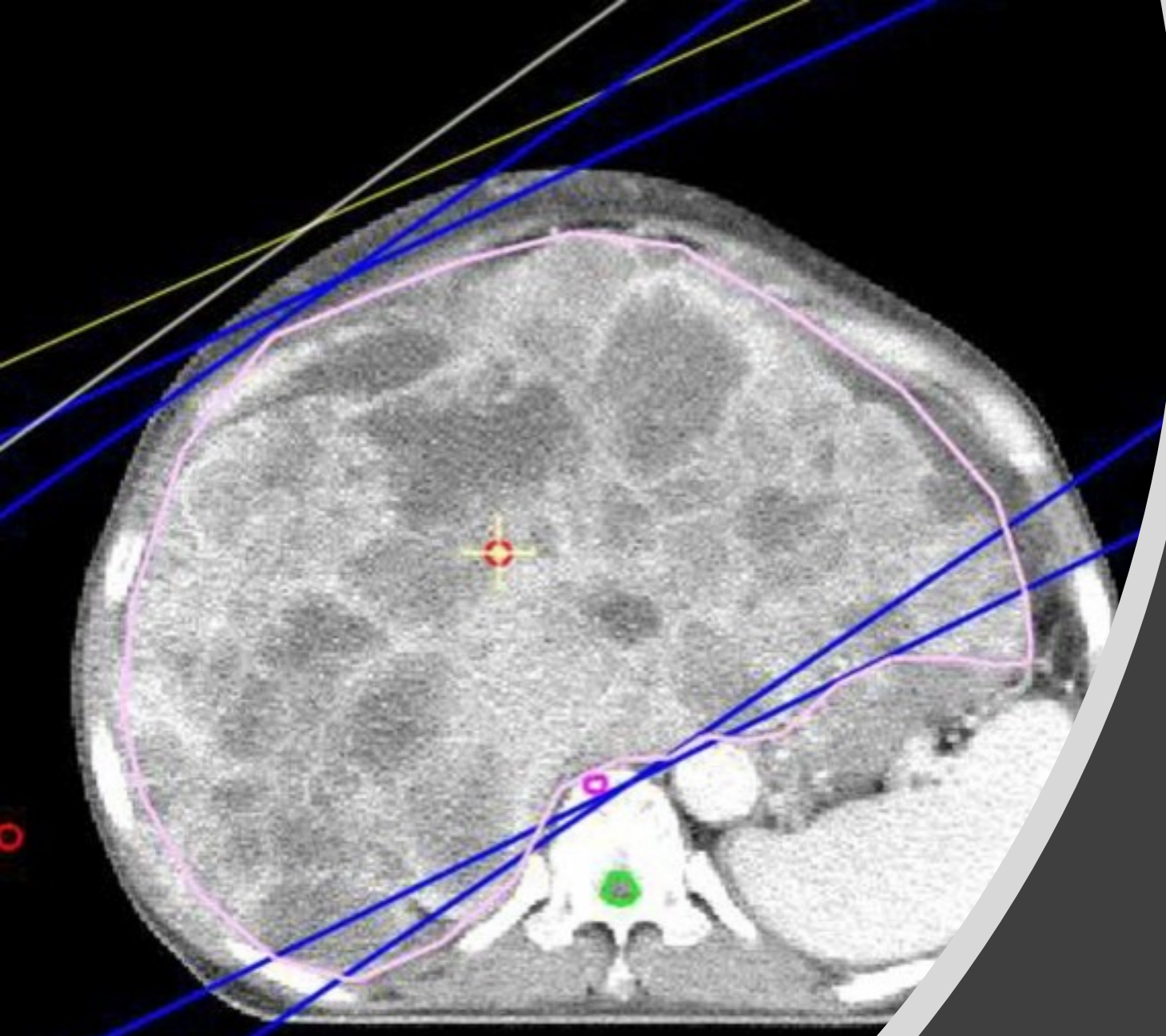
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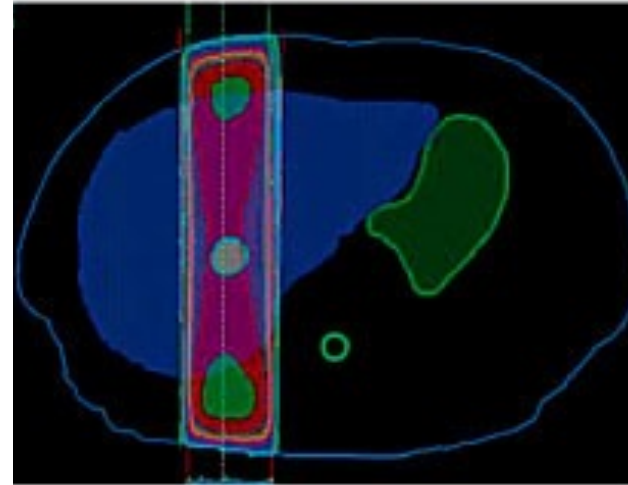
# Normal Liver Tolerance

- The liver is a **parallel-functioning** organ
- **Mean liver dose** is associated with risk of RILD
  - High dose to **small liver volumes** can be well tolerated
  - **Low doses** to the liver should be minimized
- **Other factors** contribute to RILD
  - Baseline liver function
  - Volume of uninvolved liver
  - Prior therapy

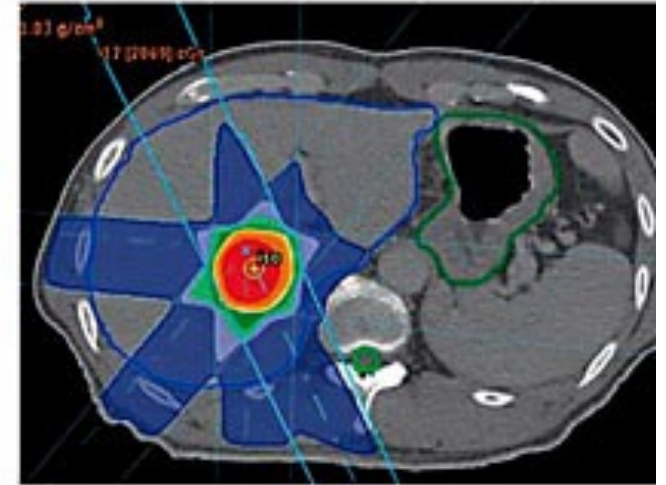


Only palliative  
whole-liver Rt  
was initially  
possible

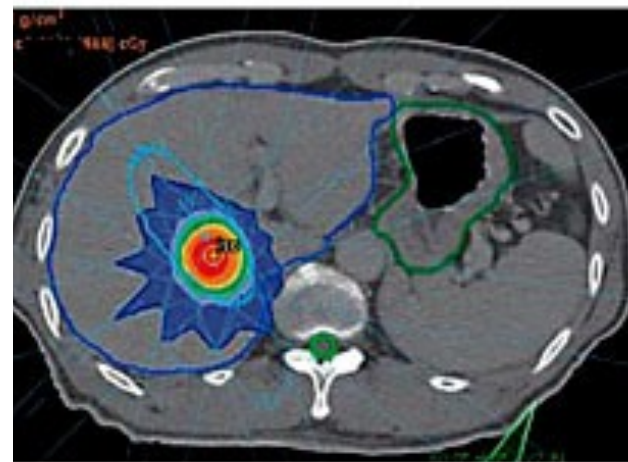
# Moving the needle from palliative to curative



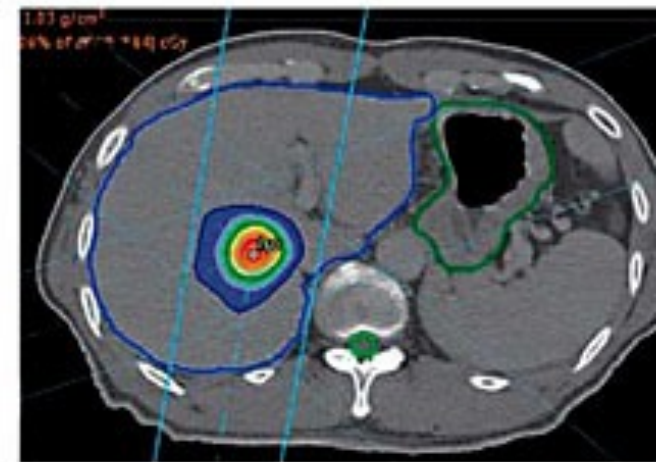
2D-RT



b 3D-CRT



SABR



d Proton beam RT

Clinical Investigation

## Dose-Response Relationship in Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy for Hepatocellular Carcinoma: A Pooled Analysis of an Asian Liver Radiation Therapy Group Study

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## Optimal stereotactic body radiotherapy dosage for hepatocellular carcinoma: a multicenter study

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### Abstract

**Background:** The optimal dose and fractionation scheme of stereotactic body radiation therapy (SBRT) for hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) remains unclear due to different tolerated liver volumes and degrees of cirrhosis. In this study, we aimed to verify the dose-survival relationship to optimize dose selection for treatment of HCC.

**Methods:** This multicenter retrospective study included 602 patients with HCC, treated with SBRT between January 2011 and March 2017. The SBRT dosage was classified into high dose, moderate dose, and low dose levels: SaRT (BED<sub>10</sub> ≥ 100 Gy), SbRT (EQD<sub>2</sub> > 74 Gy to BED<sub>10</sub> < 100 Gy), and ScRT (EQD<sub>2</sub> < 74 Gy). Overall survival (OS), progression-free survival (PFS), local control (LC), and intrahepatic control (IC) were evaluated in univariable and multivariable analyses.

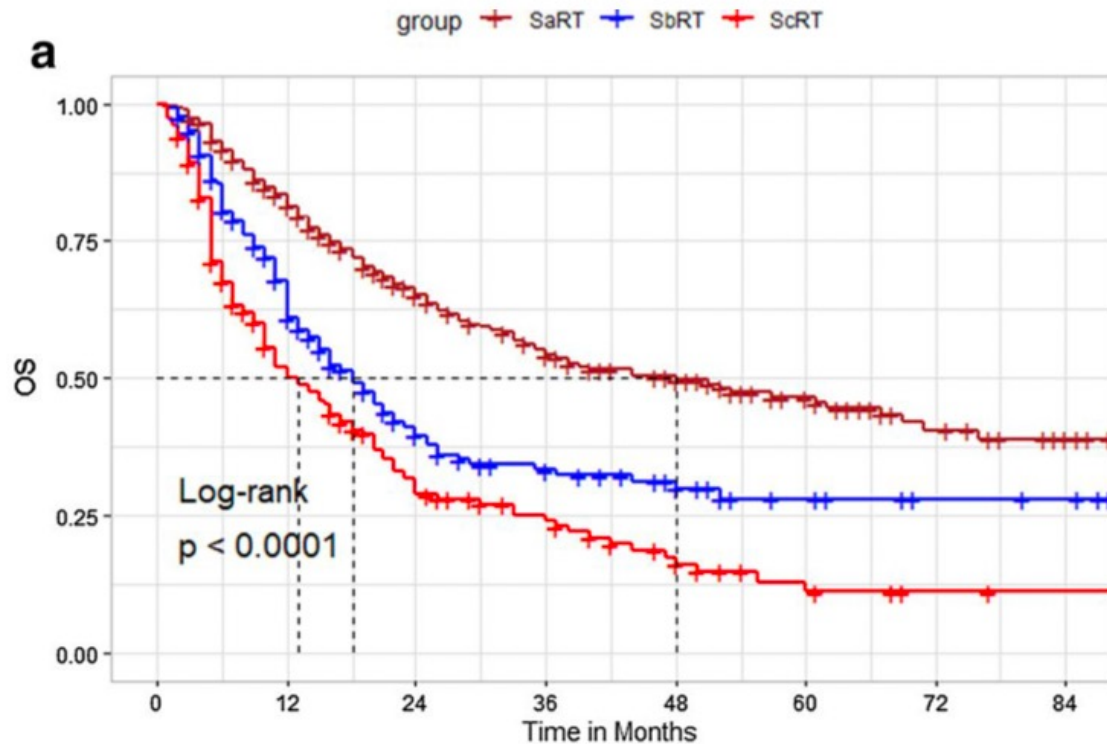
**Results:** The median tumor size was 5.6 cm (interquartile range [IQR] 1.1–21.0 cm). The median follow-up time was 50.0 months (IQR 6–100 months). High radiotherapy dose correlated with better outcomes. After classifying into the SaRT, SbRT, and ScRT groups, three notably different curves were obtained for long-term post-SBRT survival and intrahepatic control. On multivariate analysis, higher radiation dose was associated with improved OS, PFS, and intrahepatic control.

**Conclusions:** If tolerated by normal tissue, we recommend SaRT (BED<sub>10</sub> ≥ 100 Gy) as a first-line ablative dose or SbRT (EQD<sub>2</sub> ≥ 74 Gy) as a second-line radical dose. Otherwise, ScRT (EQD<sub>2</sub> < 74 Gy) is recommended as palliative irradiation.

**Keywords:** Hepatocellular carcinoma, Radiotherapy dosage, Stereotactic body radiotherapy, Survival rate

# BED $\geq 100$ Gy Is Ablative

Su et al, Radiat Oncol 2021



Kim et al, IJROBP 2020

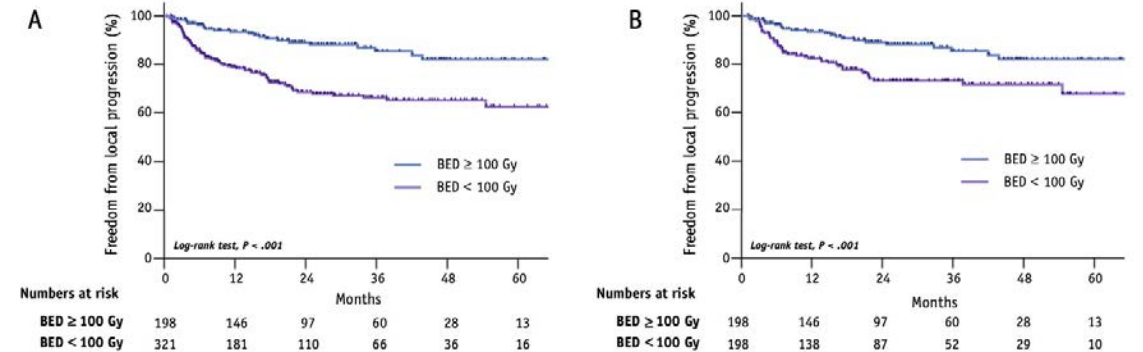


Fig. 1. Kaplan-Meier curves before (A) and after (B) propensity score matching for freedom from local progression after stereotactic body radiation therapy stratified by a biologically effective dose (BED) of 100 Gy.



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Original Research Article

### High versus low dose Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy for hepatic metastases

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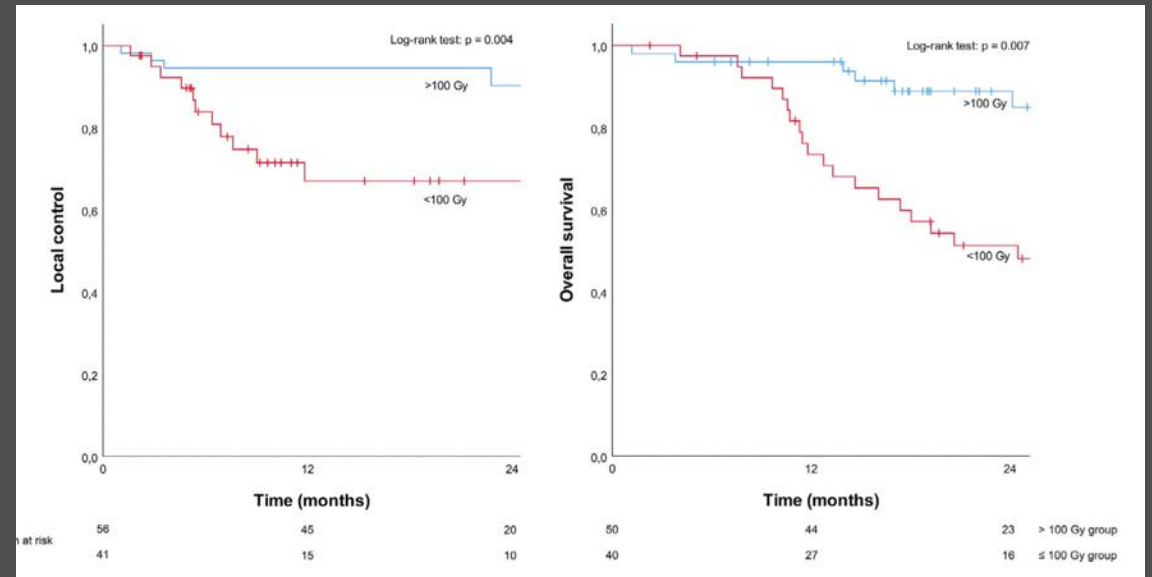
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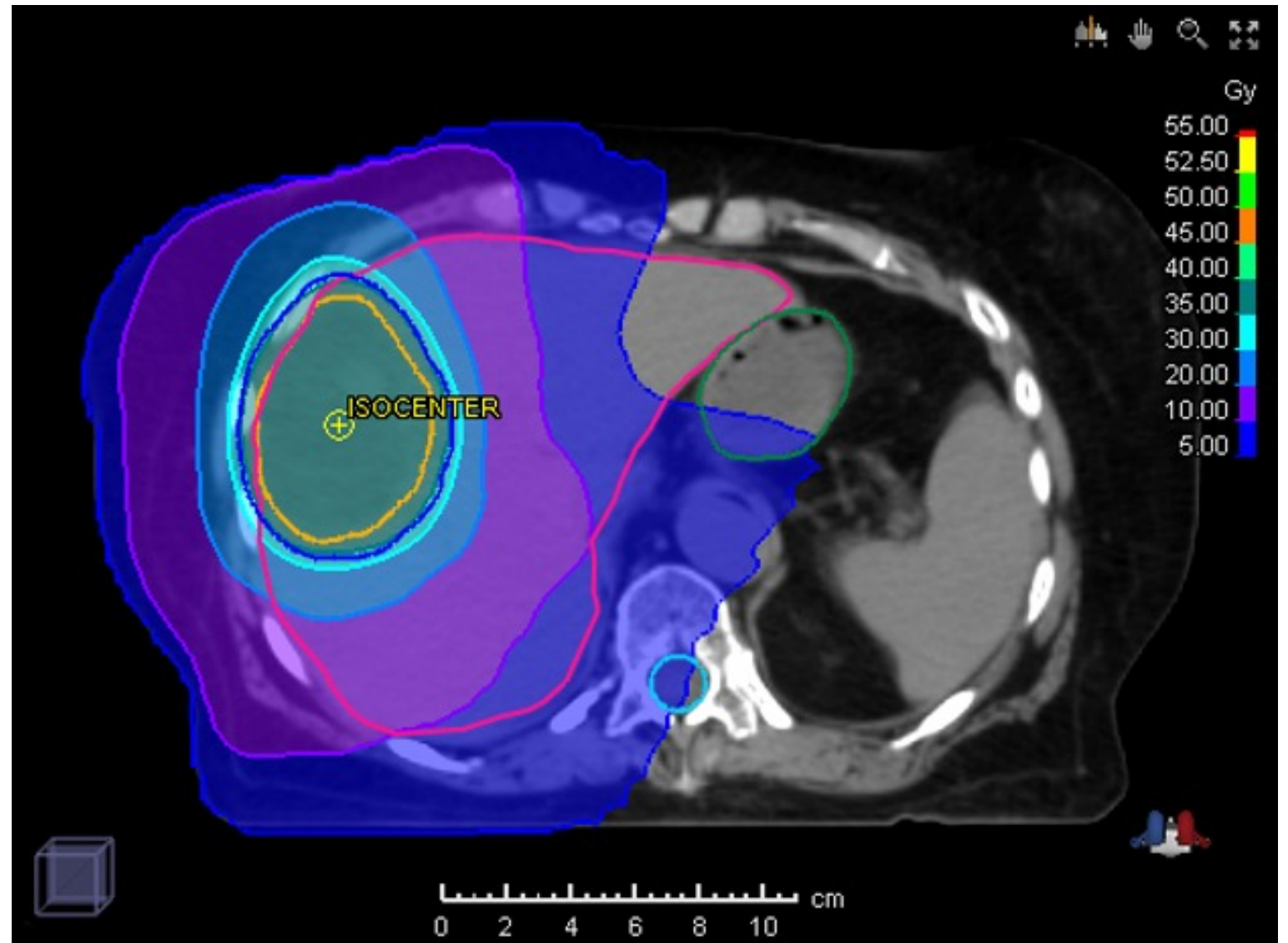


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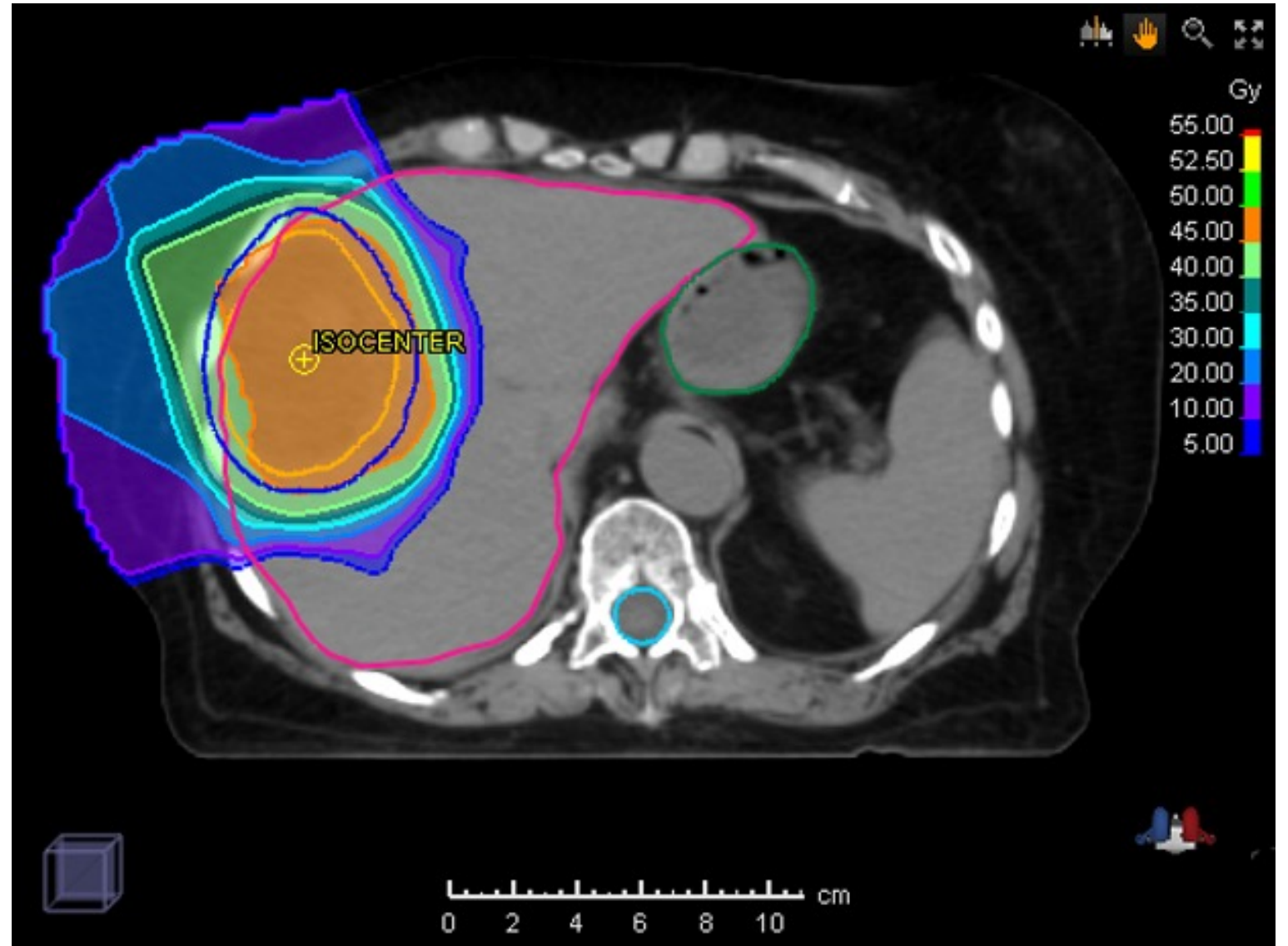
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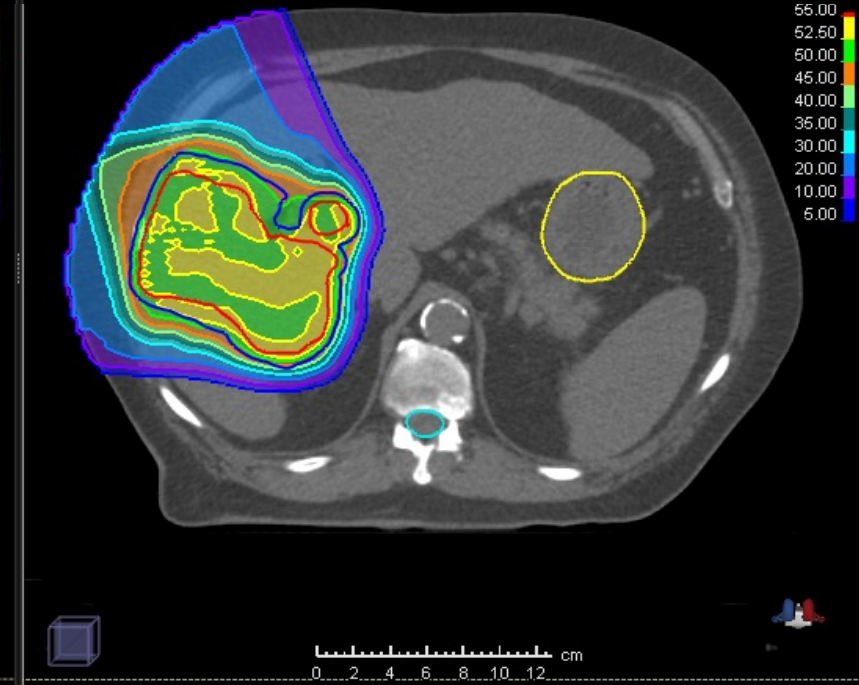
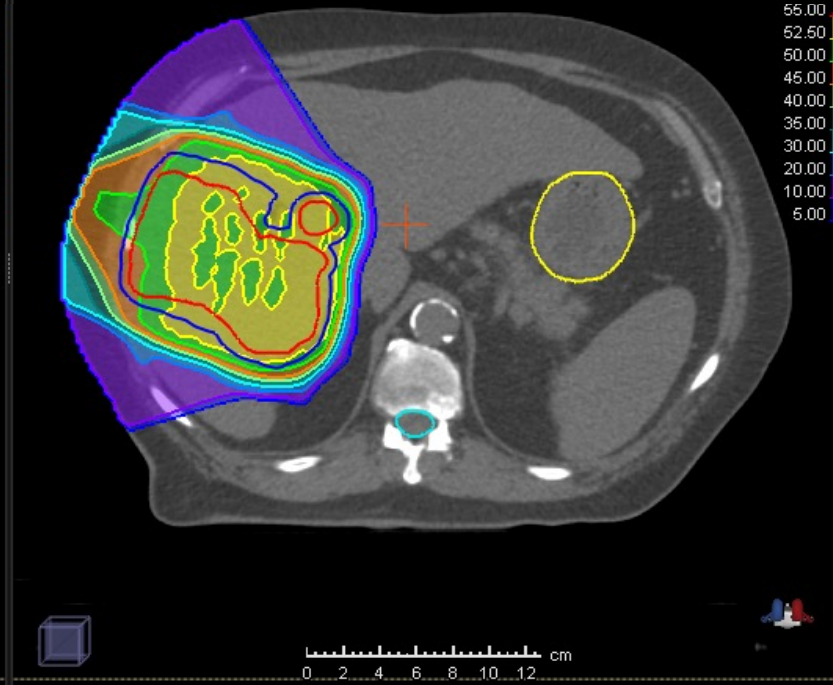
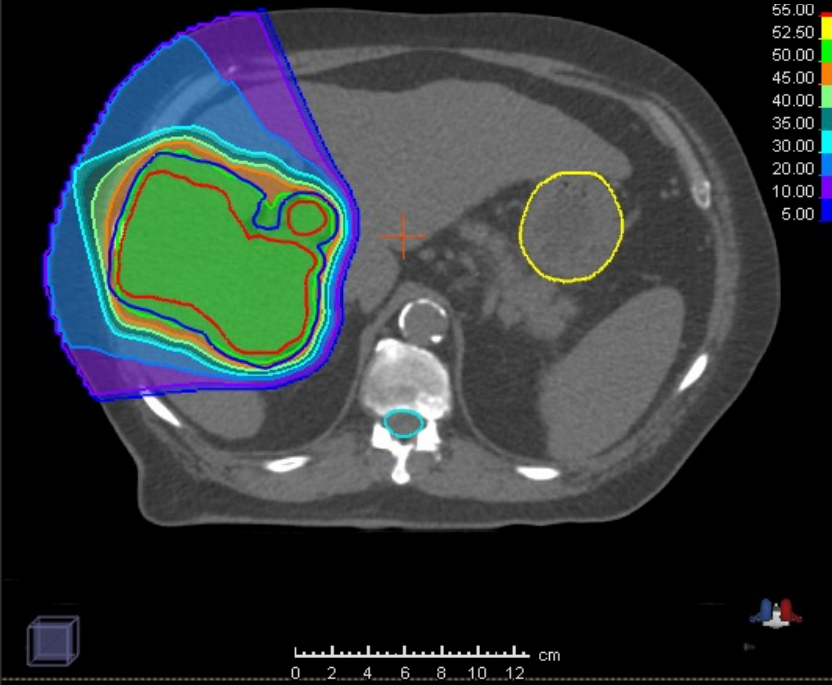
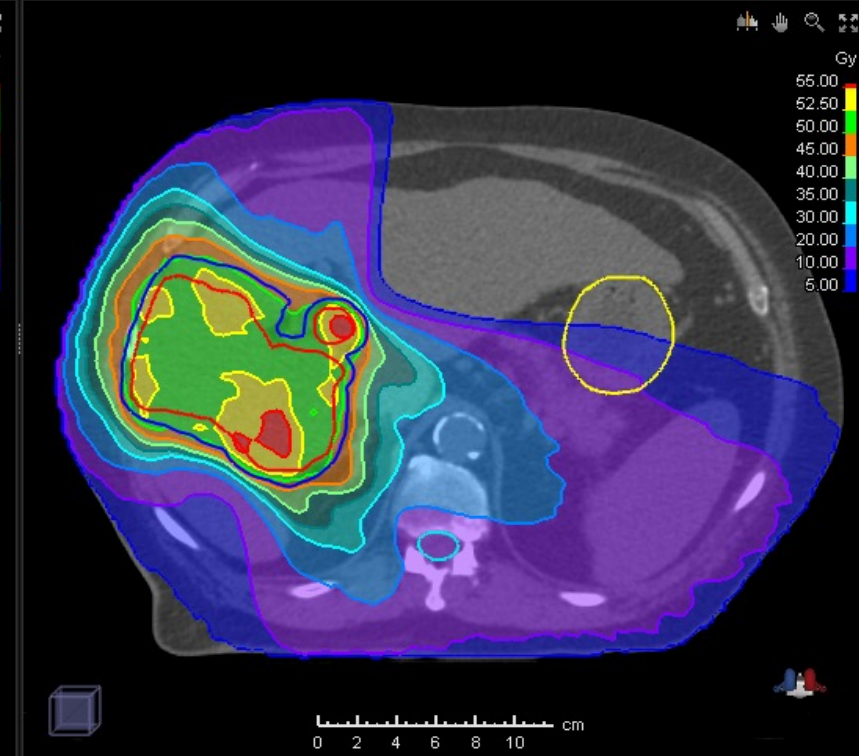
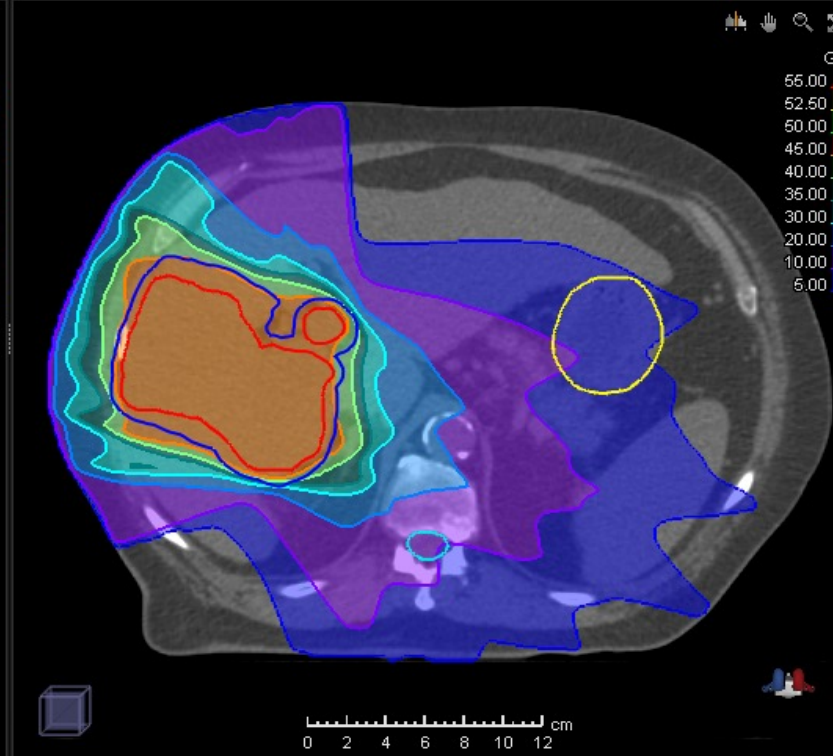
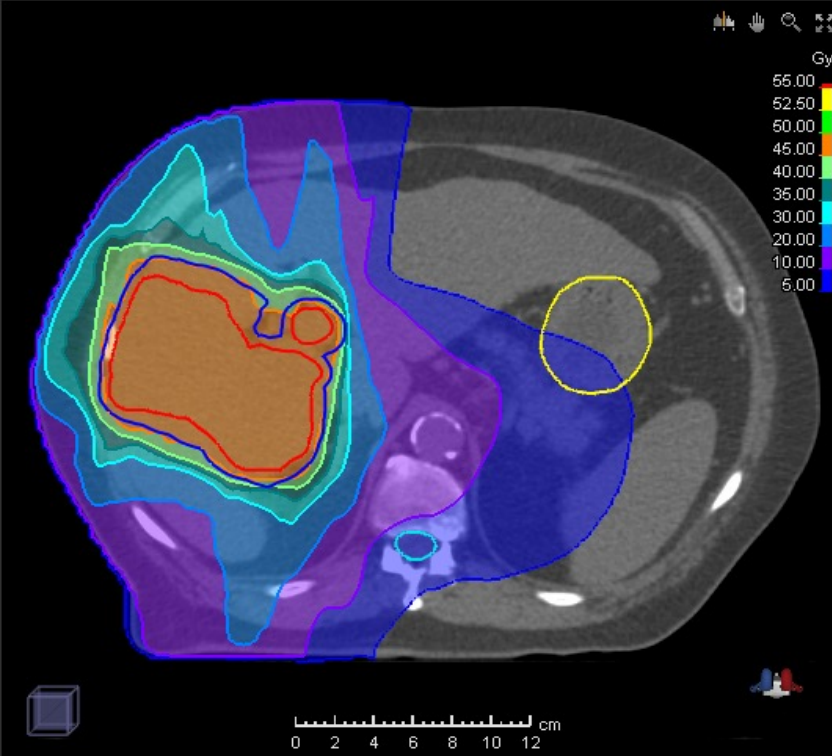


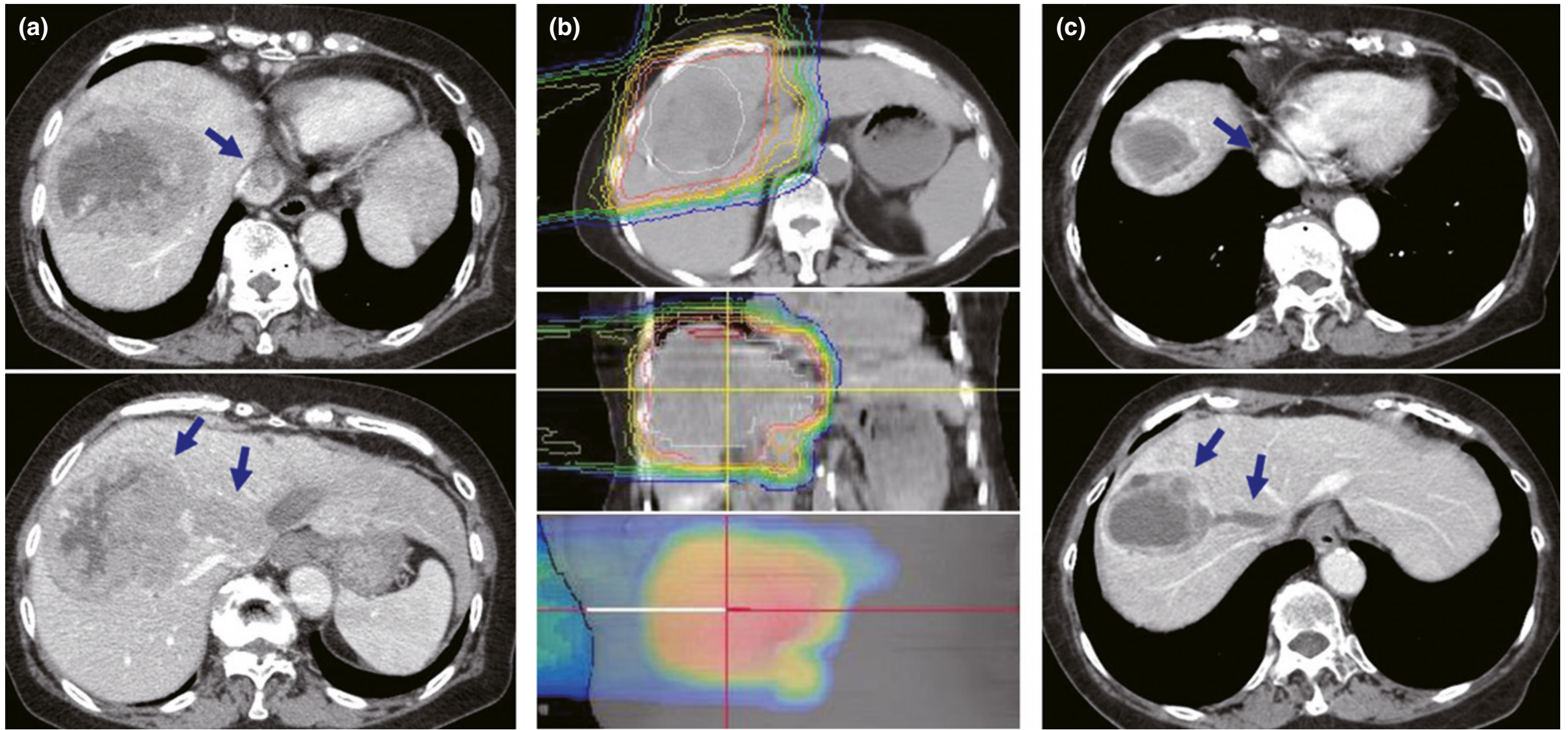
Large volume  
of liver may  
receive  
unintentional  
dose



Proton therapy offers dramatic liver sparing

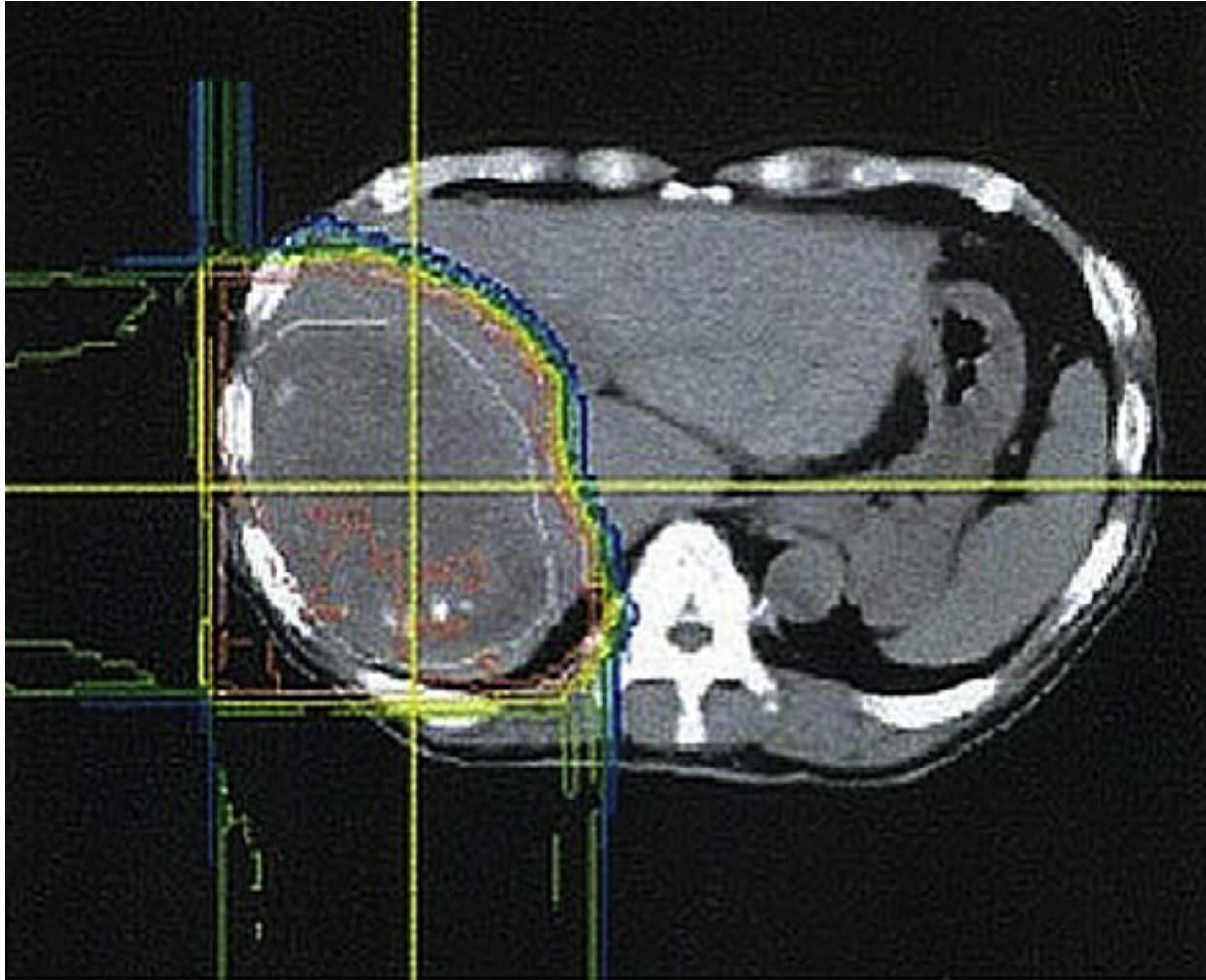






**Fig. 3.** Computed tomography (CT) images of an 81-year-old woman with advanced HCC involving a massive tumor thrombus in the IVC. Images were obtained before PBT (a), during isodose distribution of PBT (b), and 2 months after the completion of PBT (c). PBT demonstrated marked regression of both the main tumor and tumor thrombus (arrows). Isodose distribution is shown using contour lines (red line, 90% isodose; blue line, 10% isodose). HCC, hepatocellular carcinoma; IVC, inferior vena cava; PBT, proton beam therapy.

# Large HCC



Median, 11 cm

72.6 GyE in 22 fractions (BED<sub>10</sub> 97 Gy)

No grade 3+ toxicity

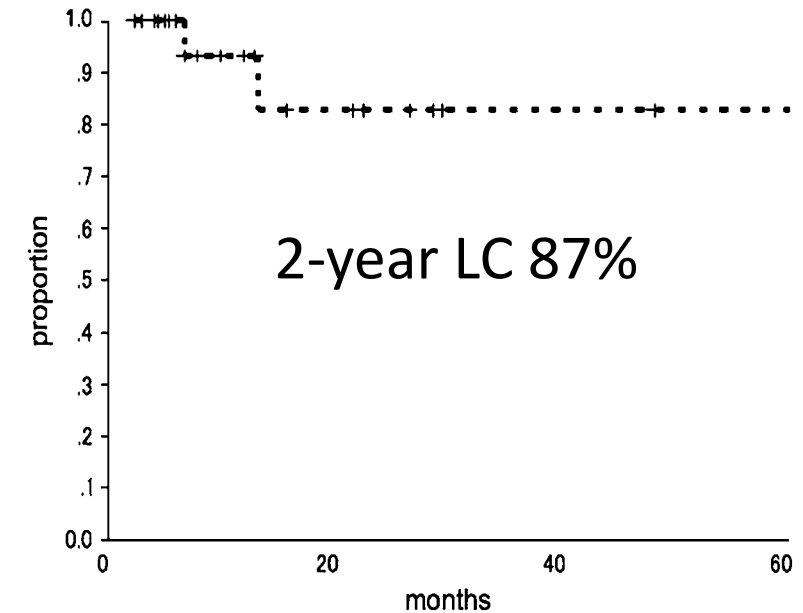
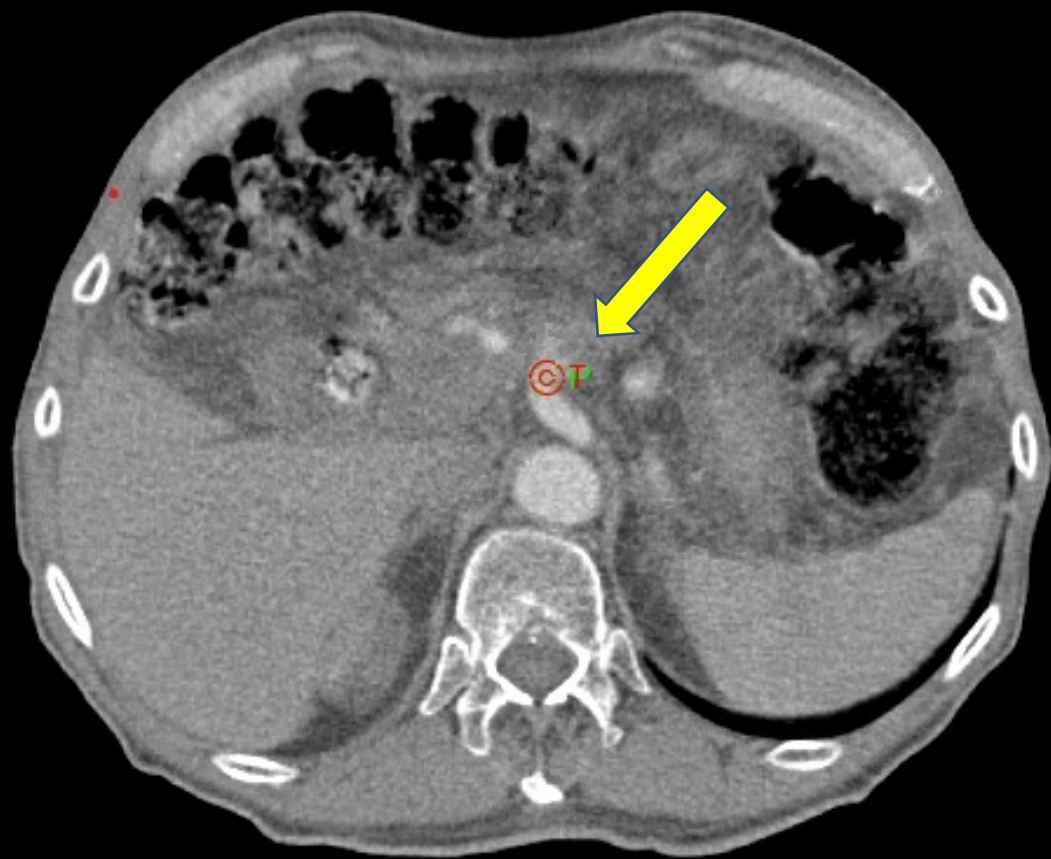
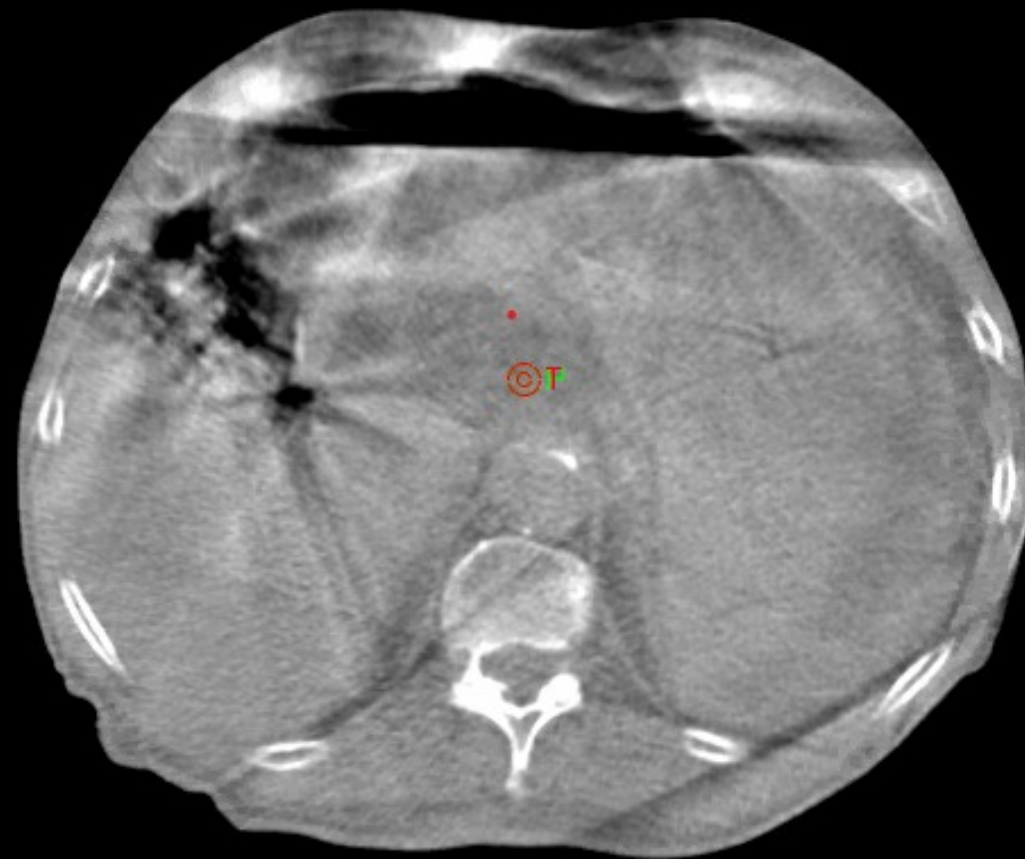


Fig. 2. Local control rates in 22 patients with hepatocellular carcinoma exceeding 10 cm treated with proton beam therapy.

# SIMULATION SCAN



# PRETREATMENT SCAN



# IMAGING DURING TREATMENT

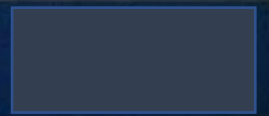


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*Daily QA*  
 First Name: Holrz

Change Mode

**Jaw Tracking** Unapp. Fraction: 1 of 0  
 Field 1 0'1500

Primary User: lrh  
 02:01 PM 14-Sep-2012  
**PATIENT ORIENTATION**  
 Head First, Supine



To pause treatment, press Beam Off.

Preview  
 Prepare  
 Ready  
 **Beam On**  Record

Beam		Geometry		Beam's Eye View
Plan	Actual	Plan	Actual	
Beam Type: DYNAMIC (VMAT)		Gantry Rtn: 179.0	15.5	
Energy Type: 10xFFF		Gantry Stop: 181.0		
MU: 1500	MU 1: 641, MU 2: 642	Coll Rtn: 10.0	10.0	
Dose Rate: 2400	1228	Y1: 6.8	7.8	
Time: 1.19	0.47	Y2: 7.8	7.8	
EDW: None	None	X1: 7.7	6.0	
Intr Mount: No Accy	No Accy	X2: 6.2	6.5	
Acc Mount: No Accy	No Accy	Couch Vert: 30.00	29.99	
e-Aperture: No Accy	No Accy	Unq: 20.00	20.00	
Comp Mount: No Accy	No Accy	Lat: 0.00	0.00	
Bolus: None		Rtn: 0.0	0.0	<input type="checkbox"/> Normal <input type="checkbox"/> Zoom
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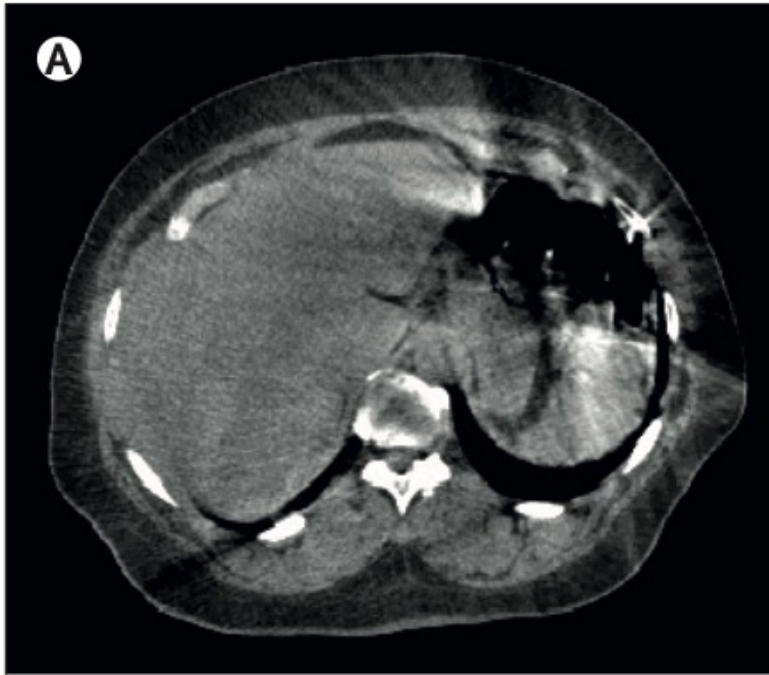
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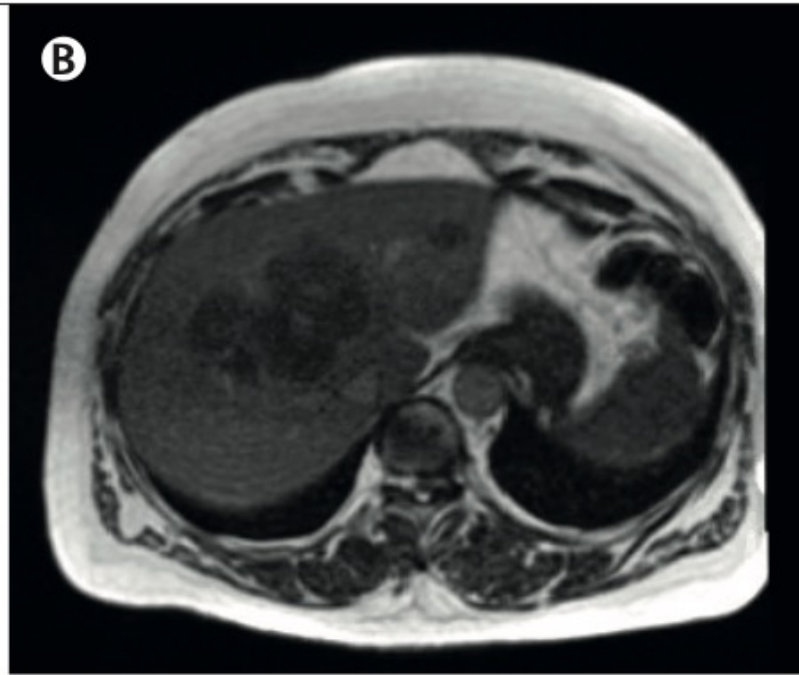


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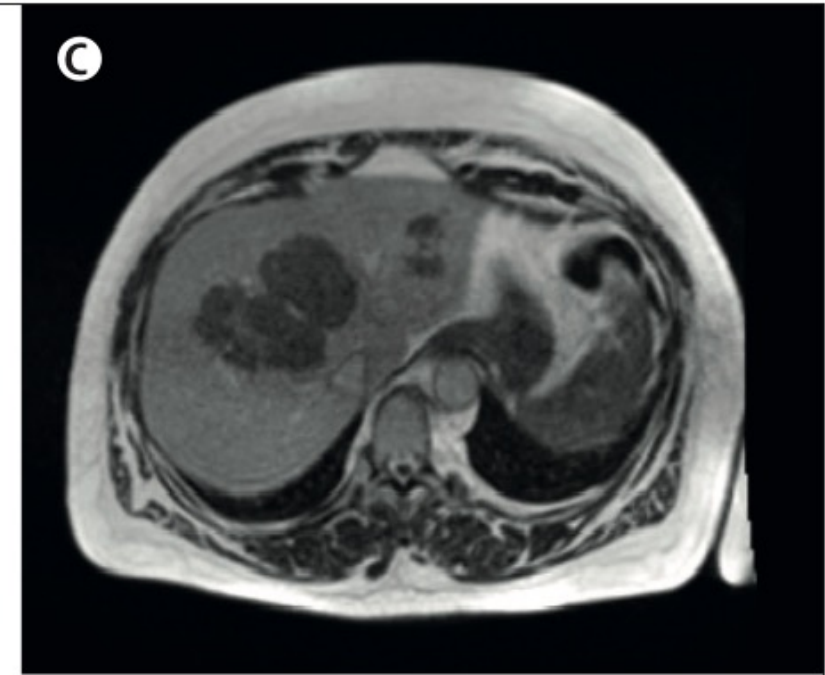
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Cone beam CT breath hold



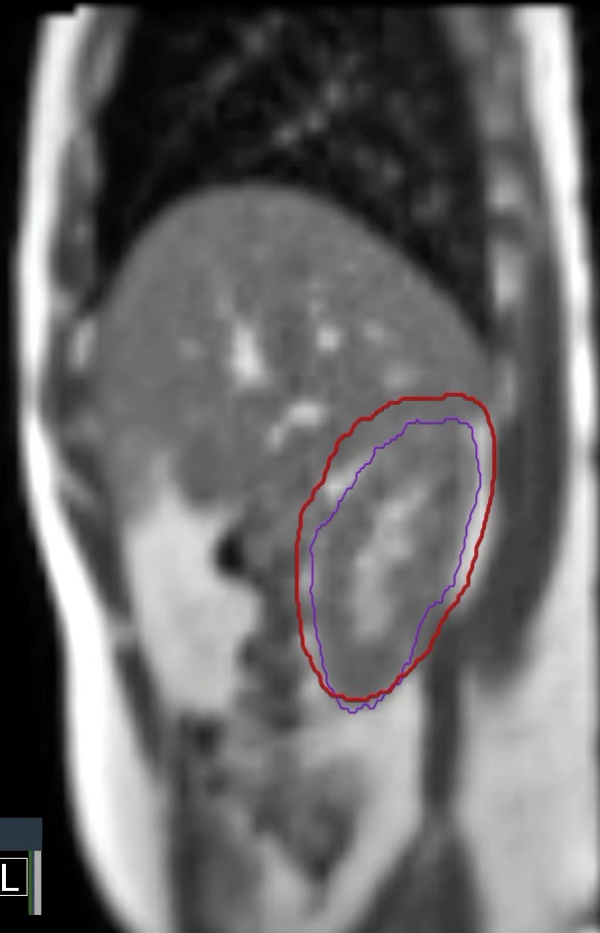
0.35 T MRI no contrast



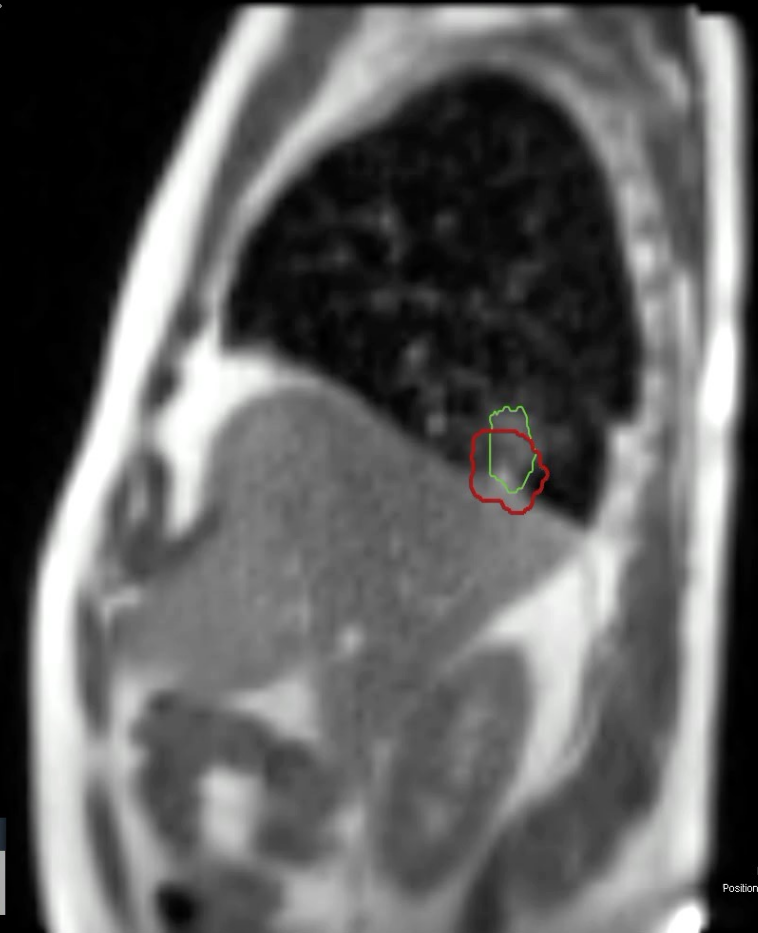
0.35 T MRI gadoxetate contrast

Since MRI is used for diagnosis, wouldn't it be ideal to guide treatment?

# Continuous Imaging Through Treatment



Target Out: 28 %  
Target Out



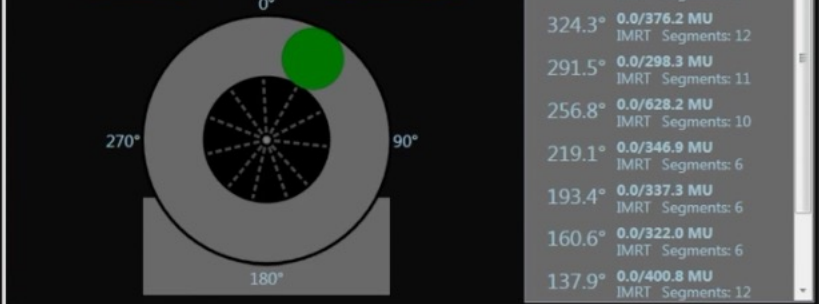
**Treatment Controls**

Start Imaging    Tracking Editing    Resume    End Treatment Early



**Treatment Status**

BEAM OFF    Target In Bounds



**Beams**

Beam Angle: 29.7 Segment of

MLC Change View Single

	Segment Status	
	Plan	Actual
MU		
Dose Rate	600.0	0.0 MU/min
Time		sec
<b>Total Fraction</b>		
MU	4152.3	0.0

**Plan and Machine**

	Actual	Setup
Plan Type	IMRT	
Fraction Number	1 of 5	
Fraction Primary Dose	10.00 Gy	
Patient Orientation	Head First Supine	
Gantry Angle	29.7 °	
Couch Lateral	-0.6 cm	-0.6 cm
Couch Vertical	-12.9 cm	-12.9 cm
Couch Longitudinal	215.8 cm	215.8 cm

Linac On Off

AAPM, Abdomen1  
Abdomen01 M

MRN  
DOB Jan 10 1970

Diagnosis Demo  
Fraction 1 of 5  
Site Pancreas

Abdomen Rx  
T N M  
Plan Plan1  
Machine 11000  
Position HFS

**System Status**

**Treatment Enabled**

- MRI Ready
- RTCS Ready
- Couch Ready
- Linac Ready
- Services Ready
- QATool Ready
- TDCU Ready

Doors Fully Closed



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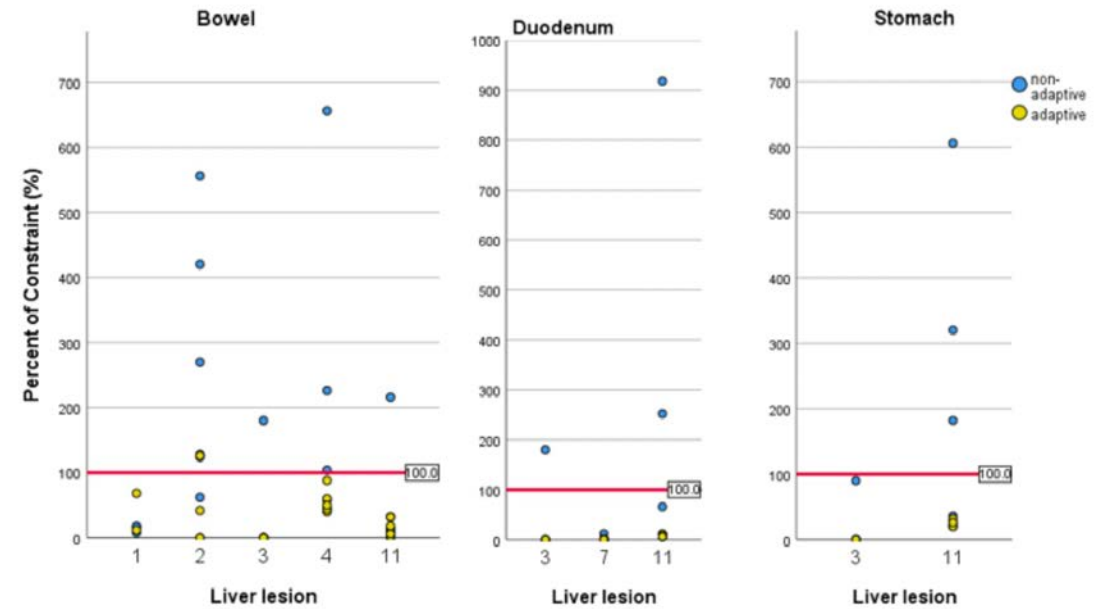
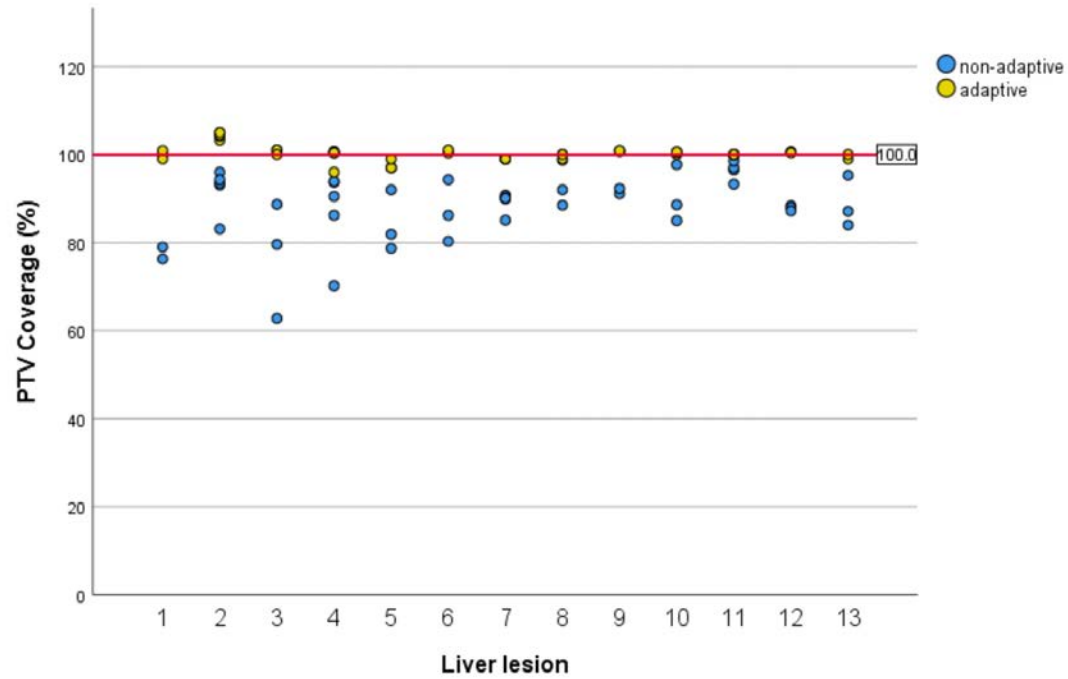
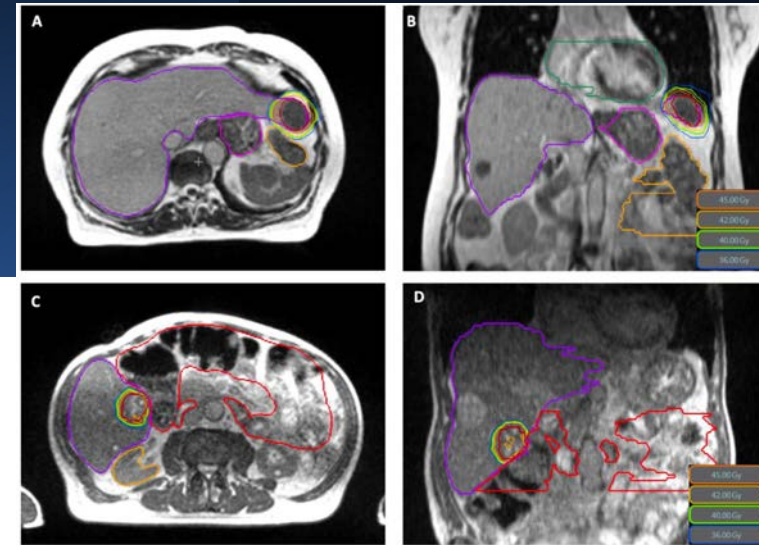
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- **CT-guided**: completed over days
- **MR-guided**: completed in minutes



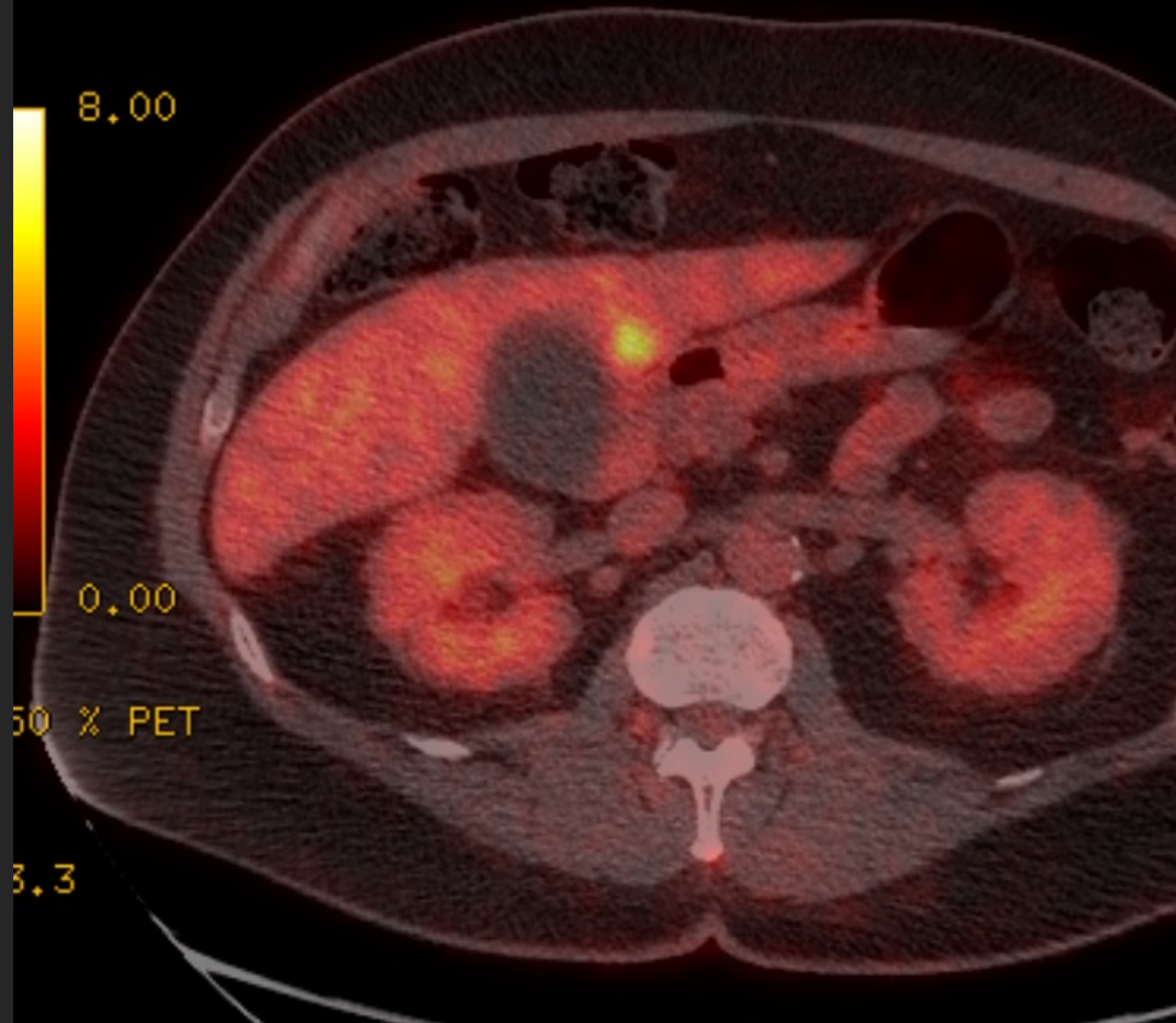
# University Hospital LMU Munich

Rogowski, Corradini et al. Cancers, 2021.

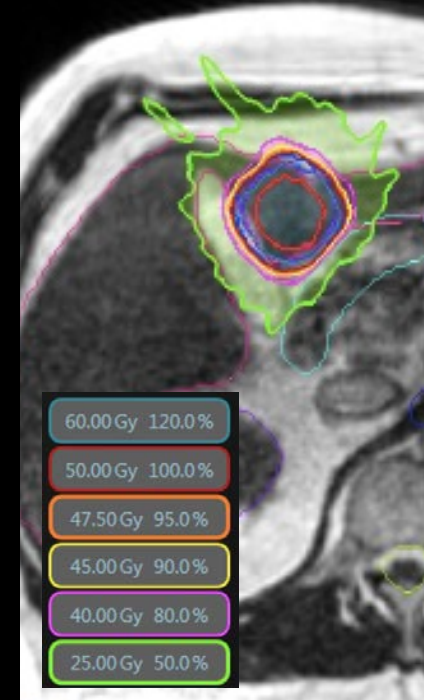


# Colorectal liver metastasis near duodenum

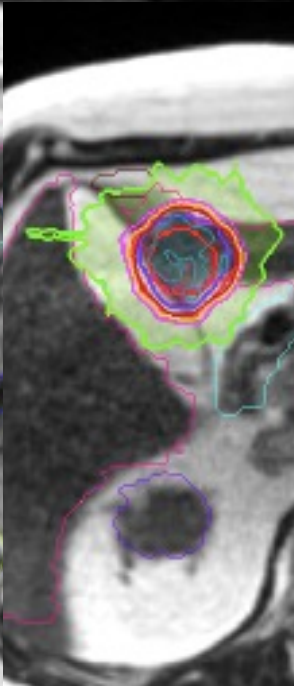
Standard SBRT approach for this case would be non-ablative



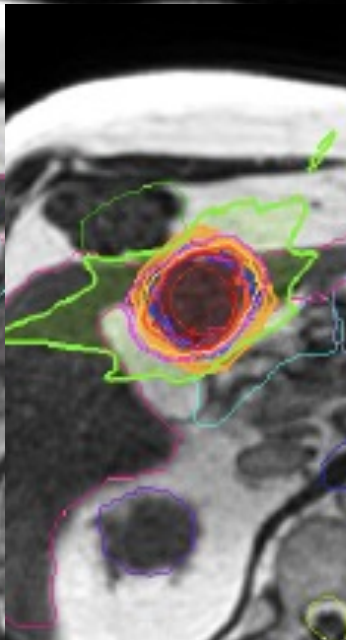
10 Gy x 5 ( $BED_{10} = 100 \text{ Gy}$ )



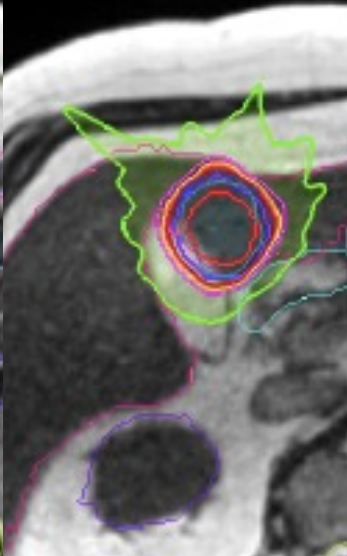
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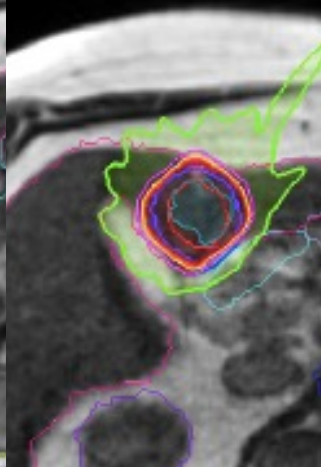
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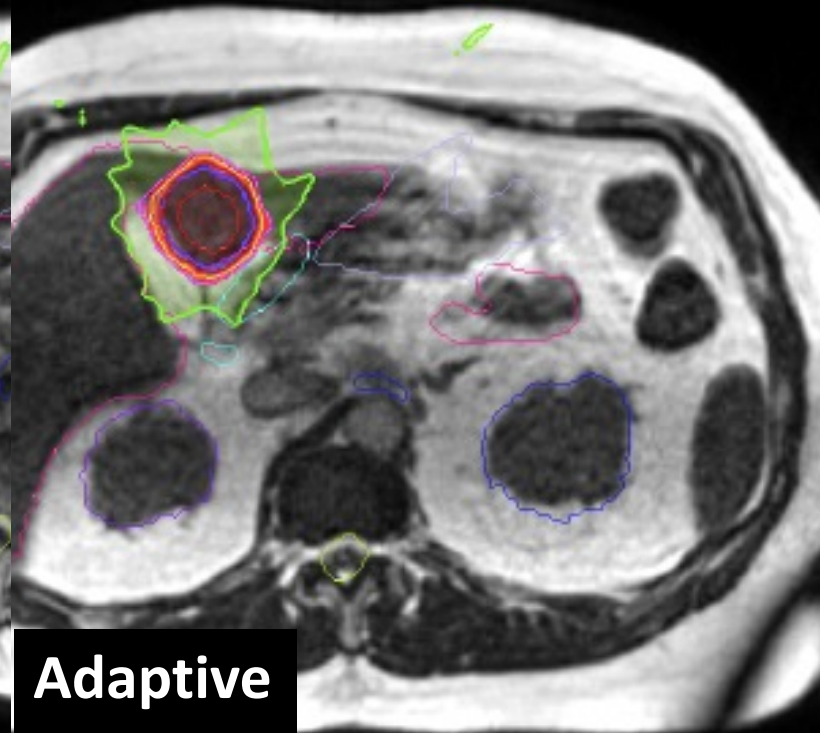
Adaptive Fxn 2



Adaptive Fxn 3



Adaptive Fxn 4



Adaptive Fxn 5

Critical Review

## Single-Fraction Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy: A Paradigm During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic and Beyond?

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### Abstract

**Purpose:** Owing to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, radiation oncology departments have adopted various strategies to deliver radiation therapy safely and efficiently while minimizing the risk of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus-2 transmission among patients and health care providers. One practical strategy is to deliver stereotactic body radiation therapy (SBRT) in a single fraction, which has been well established for treating bone metastases, although it has been infrequently used for other extracranial sites.

**Methods and Materials:** A PubMed search of published articles in English related to single-fraction SBRT was performed. A critical review was performed of the articles that described clinical outcomes of single-fraction SBRT for treatment of primary extracranial cancers and oligometastatic extraspinal disease.

**Results:** Single-fraction SBRT for peripheral early-stage non-small cell lung cancer is supported by randomized data and is strongly endorsed during the COVID-19 pandemic by the European Society for Radiotherapy and Oncology-American Society for Radiation Oncology practice guidelines. Prospective and retrospective studies supporting a single-fraction regimen are limited, although outcomes



## Miami Cancer Institute Enrolls First Patients in Single-Fraction Stereotactic MRI-Guided Adaptive Radiation Therapy for Inoperable Primary or Metastatic Cancer Trial

Investigator-Led Study Explores Feasibility and Tolerability of Single-fraction Stereotactic Ablative Body Radiotherapy Using MRIdian's Daily MRI-Guidance with On-Table Adaptive Replanning

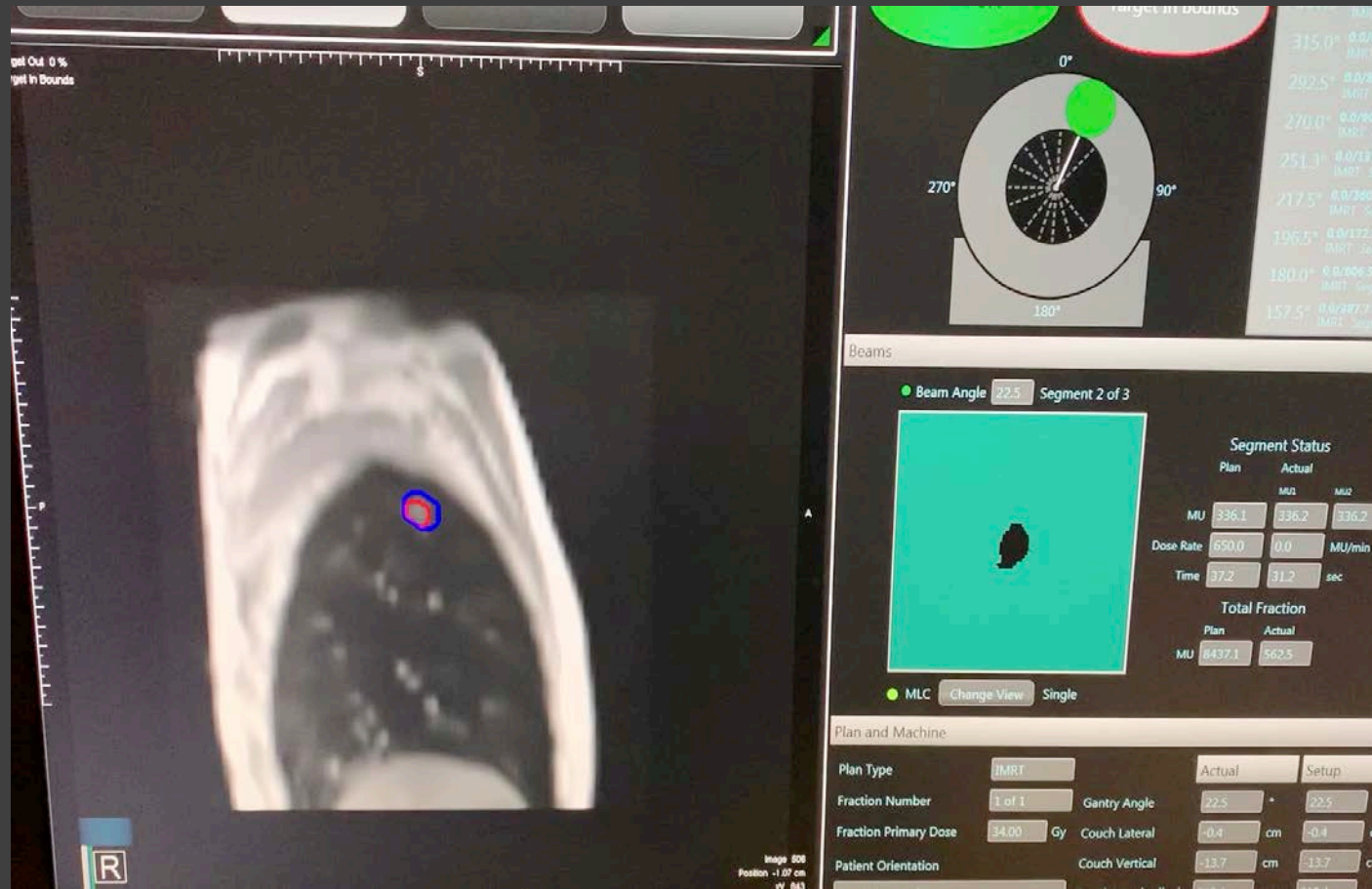


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CLEVELAND, July 7, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- ViewRay, Inc. (NASDAQ: VRAY) today announced that the Miami Cancer Institute, part of Baptist Health South Florida, has enrolled the first patients in its "Stereotactic MRI-guided Adaptive Radiation Therapy (SMART) in One Fraction for Inoperable Primary or Metastatic Carcinoma" clinical study - referred to as the SMART ONE trial (NCT#04939246). This single-arm prospective study that was developed and led by Dr. Michael Chuong, MD, FACRO, radiation oncologist and Medical Director of Proton Therapy and MR-guided Therapy at Miami Cancer Institute, is exploring the feasibility and tolerability of single-fraction stereotactic ablative body radiation therapy (SABR) for primary or metastatic carcinoma involving the lung, liver, adrenal gland, abdominal/pelvic lymph node, pancreas, and kidney.\*



## Single-Fraction SABR

- Treatment delivery in breath hold: 17 minutes
- Total in-room time: 40 minutes
- No anesthesia, no contrast, no patient downtime

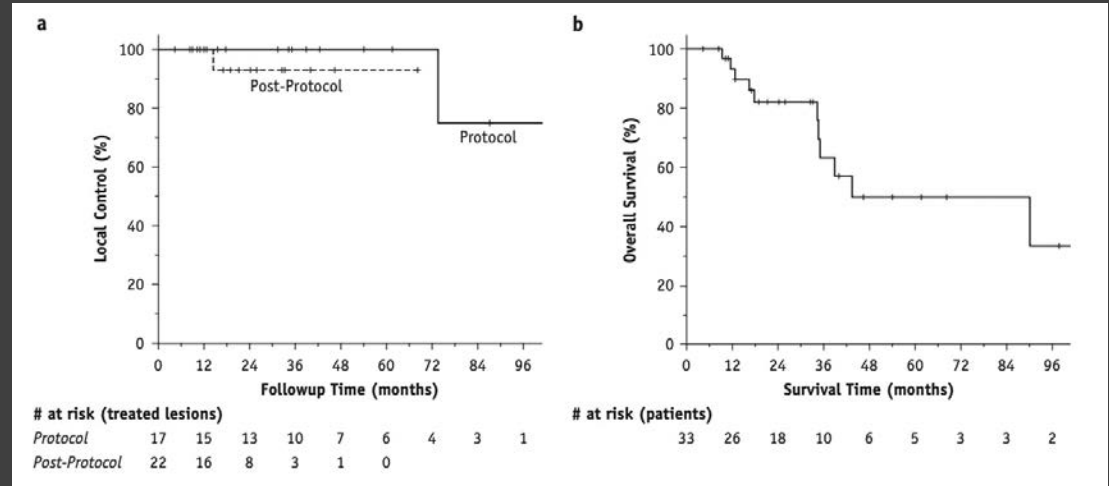
Clinical Investigation

## Long-Term Results of a Phase 1 Dose-Escalation Trial and Subsequent Institutional Experience of Single-Fraction Stereotactic Ablative Radiation Therapy for Liver Metastases

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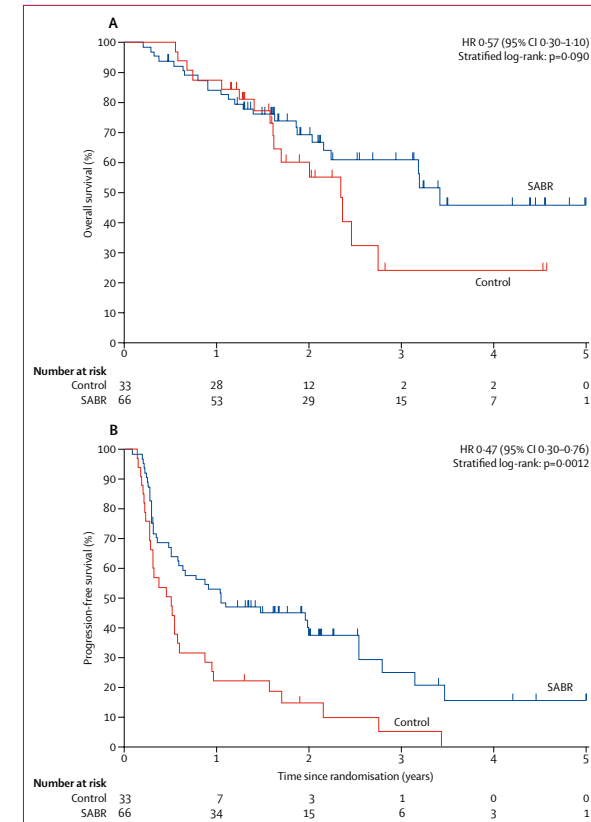
- 35-40 Gy in 1 fraction ( $BED_{10} = 157.5-200$  Gy)
- 4-yr LC 96.4%
- No G3+ toxicity

# SBRT Improves OS for Oligometastatic Disease

## Stereotactic ablative radiotherapy versus standard of care palliative treatment in patients with oligometastatic cancers (SABR-COMET): a randomised, phase 2, open-label trial

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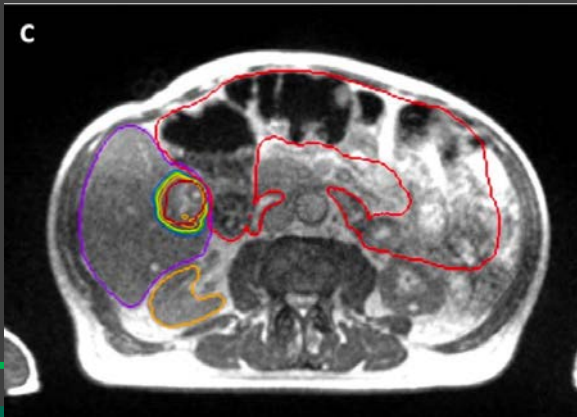
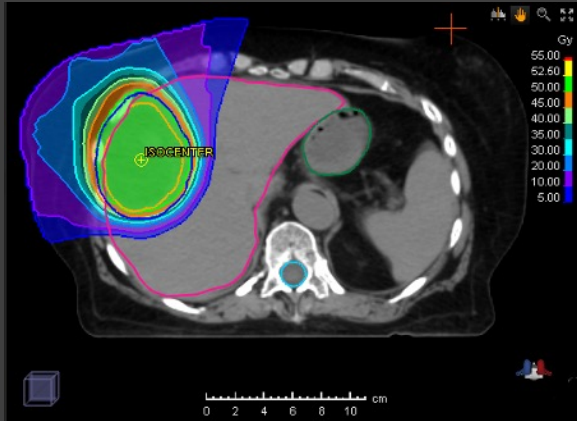
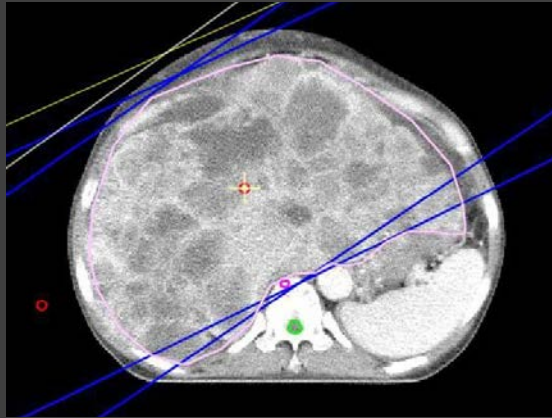
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REVIEW

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## MR-guided proton therapy: a review and a preview



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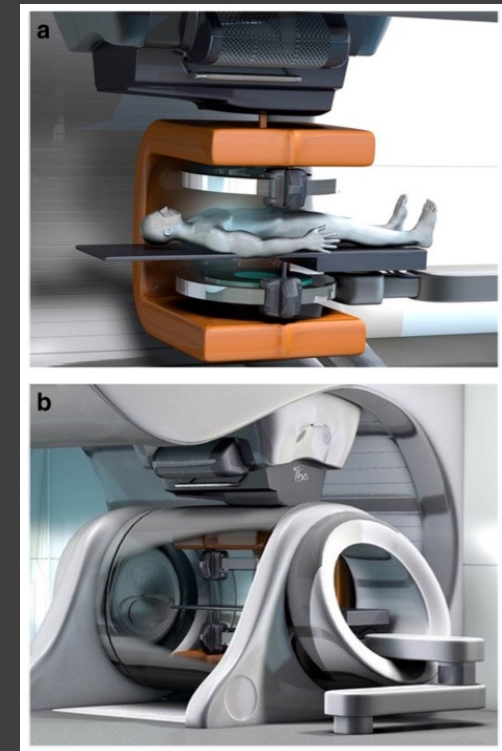
### Abstract

**Background:** The targeting accuracy of proton therapy (PT) for moving soft-tissue tumours is expected to greatly improve by real-time magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) guidance. The integration of MRI and PT at the treatment isocenter would offer the opportunity of combining the unparalleled soft-tissue contrast and real-time imaging capabilities of MRI with the most conformal dose distribution and best dose steering capability provided by modern PT. However, hybrid systems for MR-integrated PT (MRIPT) have not been realized so far due to a number of hitherto open technological challenges. In recent years, various research groups have started addressing these challenges and exploring the technical feasibility and clinical potential of MRIPT. The aim of this contribution is to review the different aspects of MRIPT, to report on the *status quo* and to identify important future research topics.

**Methods:** Four aspects currently under study and their future directions are discussed: modelling and experimental investigations of electromagnetic interactions between the MRI and PT systems, integration of MRIPT workflows in clinical facilities, proton dose calculation algorithms in magnetic fields, and MRI-only based proton treatment planning approaches.

**Conclusions:** Although MRIPT is still in its infancy, significant progress on all four aspects has been made, showing promising results that justify further efforts for research and development to be undertaken. First non-clinical research solutions have recently been realized and are being thoroughly characterized. The prospect that first prototype MRIPT systems for clinical use will likely exist within the next 5 to 10 years seems realistic, but requires significant work to be performed by collaborative efforts of research groups and industrial partners.

**Keywords:** Proton therapy, Magnetic resonance imaging, Image guidance



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# Conclusions

Radiation therapy technology has improved dramatically over the past decade

Much ability to spare the uninvolved liver, deliver ablative tumor dose, and shorten fractionation

Ablative radiation therapy is especially beneficial for larger tumors and those in challenging anatomic locations

Combining ablative radiation therapy with other liver-directed therapies can benefit some patients

An aerial photograph of a modern university building with a large courtyard and a pond. The building features a mix of beige and grey tones with extensive glass windows. The courtyard is paved and includes a small blue circular feature. A road with a white arrow points towards the building. In the foreground, a dark pond reflects the surrounding greenery and palm trees. The background shows a city skyline under a cloudy sky.

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