





# Present and Future of Radiation Therapy

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# Overview

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### Radiotherapy 1-D

### KiloVoltage therapy for breast

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#### Radiation therapy simulation... a note and a diagram in the chart

### Radiotherapy 1-D and 2-D









April 1, 1969

Co-60 TREATMENT TIME and "SKIN" DOSAGE CHART at The Long Island Jewish Hospital 270-05 76th Avenue New Hyde Park, N.Y. 11040

#### Typical dosimetric calculation

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Computation of Beam- ON time for a Co-60 treatment



Time in Minutes to give 100 rads tumor dose at depth and Max.r "skin" dose for 100 Rads at depth for period April 1, 1969 through June 30, 1969.

80 CM. S.S.D.

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1.0	103	1.00	102	.98	102	.97	102	.96	102	.95
2.0	110	1.06	108	1.00	107	1.02	107	1.00	106	.99
3.0	117	1.13	115	1.10	113	1.08	112	1.05	111	1.04
4.0	125	1.22	122	1.17	120	1.14	118	1.11	117	1.10
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5.0	145	1.40	139	1.35	136	1.30	133	1.25	131	1.23
	156	1.51	150	1.44	145	1.39	141	1.33	139	1.30
3.0	169	1.63	161	1.55	156	1.49	151	1.42	147	1.38
0.0	183	1.78	174	1.68	167	1.59	161	1.52	156	1.46
0.0	198	1.92	188	1.82	180	1.72	172	1.62	165	1.55
1.0	215	2.08	202	1.90	193	1.84	184,	1.74	176	1.65
2.0	233	2.25	218	2.11	207	1.98	197	1.84	188	1.76
3.0	252	2.44	236	2.29	223	2.12	210	1.98	200	1.87
4.0	273	2.64	254	2.47	239	2.28	225	2.10	212	1.99
5.0	296	2.86	275	2.66	257	2.45	239	2,25	226	2.12
5.0	310	3.08	298	2.87	276	2.63	256	2.40	240	2.25
7.0	345	3.33	320	3.08	296	2.83	274	2.57	257	2.40
3.0	371	3.59	345	3.33	318	3.03	293	2.74	272	2.55
	402	3.90	373	3.68	343	3.27	313	2.93	289	2.71
0.0	436	4.23	402	3.88	368	3.51	334	3.12	306	2.87
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### Textbook of RADIOTHERAPY GILBERT H. FLETCHER



FIG. 11–37. C. The same procedure used for the localization of the lowest palpable disease is also used to determine the center of the lateral portals. A Lucite bridge used for daily treatment duplication is also shown.



FIG. 11–37. A. Projection of vaginal disease onto the surface of the body. The cervical localizer, seen on the left side of the tray, consists of a plastic rod with a lead plug at its tip and a fluid level to assure its horizontal position. The plastic rod is introduced into the vagina, guided by the examining finger until contact is made with the lowest palpable vaginal disease. As the rod is then attached to the stand at exactly this level, the vertical pointer, which is in line with the tip of the rod, will project the location of the lowest palpable vaginal disease onto the surface of the body. The lower margin of the portal is drawn 2 cm below that projection. A verification film is taken immediately and adjustments are made until the field includes approximately 1 cm of tissue below the lead plug, which means that there will be at least 2 cm of normal vaginal tissues in the irradiated field.

Also seen on the tray are the compression cone for the 22-MeV betatron with the lead blocks to shield respectively 2 and 4 cm of tissue at 10-cm depth. The end of compression cone for the <sup>60</sup>Co unit is made of copper mesh to minimize secondary electron emission. The lead blocks can slide sideways to fit the isodose curves of the individual radium system.











**D.** Isodose distribution of <sup>69</sup>Co wedges. The tumor dose is taken at the 138% curve. The tissue volume included in the high dose range is not excessive.



#### The 90's – the era of 3D



**DLOR FIGURE 13–3.** Demonstration of various tools used in the planning of an evaluation of a tient with paranasal sinuses involving a medial wall of the right orbit. (A) Digitally reconstructed diograph depicting BEV-designed portal 3, which is an inferior superior beam. (B) Isodose distribution the central axis, coronal view.

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#### Principles and Practice of RADIATION ONCOLOGY

**Third Edition** 







COLOR FIGURE 13–5. Patient with a localized prostate cancer. (A) BEV-designed portal, right lateral. (B) Room view depicting beam directions for a seven-beam plan: right lateral, RAO, AP, and LAO; left lateral, LPO and RPO. (C) isodose distribution at the level of the central axis. (D) Demonstration of dose surface (70 Gy) from various views.

Lippincott - Raven

Perez and Brady - Principles and Practice of Radiation Oncology-1998, and others...

### **Cranio- spinal Irradiation**



### RFS vs. DOSE - RT alone



From: M.J.Zelefsky et. al.; IJROBP June 1998

#### **RFS vs. DOSE - RT alone**

657 patients treated in 1994-95



Fig. 2. Kaplan-Meier prostate-specific antigen (PSA) disease-free survival curves of patients with intermediate-risk tumors (T1b, T1c, T2a, GS  $\leq 6$  and PSA  $\geq 10$  ng/mL but  $\leq 20$  ng/mL or T2b, GS  $\leq 6$  and PSA  $\leq 20$  ng/mL or GS 7 and PSA  $\leq 20$  ng/mL).

#### From: P. Kupelian et. al.; IJROBP Feb 2005

### Dose Response



• From: G.E.Hanks et. al., IJROBP, June 1998

### Morbidity vs. Dose



### From:G.E.Hanks et. al., IJROBP, June 1998

# Hypothesis ... for new technologies

More accurate dose delivery & better dose distributions yield better clinical outcomes! **Basic Strategy** 

- Reduce treatment volume
  - Irradiate a smaller volume of normal tissue

... allows dose escalation - higher doses to tumours



CTV 15 5. CTV 15 5. CTV 5. 

Courtesy: Dr Jacob (Jake) Van Dyk

Normal Tissue Toxicity (NTCP)

# **Radiation Oncology Historical Trends**

Clinical Benefit (Survival) (Conformality)



## USA 5-yr Survival: ~1970s [•] to ~2010s [•]



- All cancers up

  - Except cervix & uterus
- Prostate
  - 68% <del>→</del> 99%
- "early detection and <u>improved</u> <u>treatment</u>"

Courtesy: Dr Jacob (Jake) Van Dyk

# Prostate Cancer EBRT



Thariat et al. Nat Rev Clin Oncol 10: 52–60; 2013

# Image guidance over the years

- Portal Imaging (film and digital)
- Fluoroscopic tracking (range of motion)

### Fiducial based 2D/2D match



Gold coils implanted in the prostate are shown on a DRR (a) and on an MV portal image (b). Image matching structures obtained from the DRR are superimposed on the EPID to target the coils, rather than the bony anatomy.

# Image guidance over the years

• On Board imagers (kV and MV)





#### Localization and 4D RF Tracking of Implanted Markers



# Image guidance over the years

• U-Sound targeting (mainly distance or interface)



In the planning room...

In the treatment room...





# Image guidance over the years

 Optical surface matching (Visionrt)









#### Multimodality image registration



Acoustic neuroma not clearly visible on CT image

Mass clearly seen on reformatted MRI image after fusion with CT

## Current

# Image-Guided Radiation Therapy (IGRT)4-D Radiation Therapy



#### Reduction of systematic and random uncertainties

Adapted from Dr Jacob (Jake) Van Dyk

 Do We Deliver the Correct Dose Distribution for every Treatment?

For many anatomical sites we have limited control of the internal organ motion Effects of Intra-Fraction Organ Motion on the Delivery of IMRT with an MLC



Conventional treatment Effect of organ motion on **GTV** is accounted for by **PTV**, which is always inside the beam aperture. IMRT treatment: summation of small beams

No organ motion delivered = planned with organ motion delivered ≠ planned

Courtesy of Dr C. S. Chui

## Hybrid Technologies-Imaging and Therapy

### • Linac/CBCT





### In Room Radiographic guidance



BrainLAB ExacTrac 6D X-ray tubes recessed in floor Flat panels mounted to ceiling Accuray CyberKnife X-ray tubes mounted to ceiling Flat panels recessed in floor

## Hybrid Technologies-Imaging and Therapy

• Tomotherapy

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• Halcyon







TM Helical Tomotherapy System

## Hybrid Technologies-Imaging and Therapy Cobalt/MR



- Rotating Gantry Assembly
- Independent Co60 Headed Design
- Asynchronous Delivery
- Mounted with 120 degree separation
- 15,000 Ci per source
- +-240 degree Rotation for 2 or 3 Head Operation for Maximum Reliability.
- 3 Doubly Focused MLC Systems
- 180 MLC Leaves. 60 per Head
- Best-in-class MLC for Reduced Penumbra & Interleaf Leakage



## Hybrid Technologies-Imaging and Therapy

•  $\rightarrow$ Linac/MR

Split MRI magnet Double-Magnetic & RF focused shielding technology MLC Linear accelerator Patient table \*Technology in development. Descriptions and performance subject to change. Not available for clinical use prior to CE mark

## Hybrid Technologies-Imaging and Therapy

• Linac/MR

**UMC Utrecht ELEKTA/Philips** 



Alberta, Canada (G. Fallone)



Figures from: Uwe Oelfke, Paul Keall

## Hybrid Technologies- Anatomy and Function

- PET/CT
- PET/MR

• Other advances

### Autocontouring

### Adaptive Radiation Therapy (ART)

## **Computing advances**

Computer hardware (Moore's "law"): Size  $\downarrow$ , Density  $\uparrow$  (Doubling time < 2y) Processor Speed 1 Software: Parallel processing Optimization Processing capability 111

- Real-time adaptive RT
  - 4-D
  - Real-time replanning
  - Dose accumulation



## Advanced algorithms

- Monte Carlo planning calculations, but much faster!
- Boltzmann transport
- Radiobiological models
- Accounting for Uncertainties (Robust Optimization)

# Example of Robust Optimization



## Adaptive technologies

- Image warping
- Daily-re-optimization
- Daily dose accumulation
- Real-time tracking of tumor markers
- Real-time tracking and correction of MLC apertures

# More Adaptation ... example

• Tissue voxels move/change from day to day



## **Deformable Image Registration** Thin-Plate Spline Image Warping





Source

Target

Courtesy: Jeff Kempe

## **Deformable Image Registration** Thin-Plate Spline Image Warping





Result

Target

Courtesy: Jeff Kempe

# Warping Example: 6-Field Prostate



Planned



Warped fraction 1



Treatment fraction 1

Note rectal distention ... pushes prostate up

80

10



Difference: warped – planned

Schaly et al, PMB 49: 791-805, 2004

### Will image guidance & dose warping improve treatment outcome? lical Phys

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#### 100 Tattoo align - 10 mm 90 IGR' CTV align - 10 mm 80 Tattoo align - 5 mm 70 CTV align - 5 mm కి 60 Probability 50 40 30 20 aser 10 IGRT

60

65

70

75

Prescription dose (Gy)

85

80

95

90

100

Image-guided adaptive radiation therapy (IGART) dose escalation considerations for localized card

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Best dose escalation strategy: Combine margin reduction (low NTCP) with daily IGRT technique (high TCP) to localize the daily moving/deforming target volume.

Song et al: Med Phys 32: 2193-203, 2005

# **IGRT Impact on Clinical Outcomes**



From Dr Jacob (Jake) Van Dyk

## Technology advantages

- More efficient
  - VMAT, TomoTherapy, Halcyon

Example: Installation, commissioning, training







## Technology advantages

- More efficient
  - IMAT, TomoTherapy, Halcyon

Example: Patient throughput







# Trends Over the Next 10 Years

- More particles
  - Protons, carbon ions, ...
  - Proton therapy
    - 92 operational (Feb 2019)
    - 45 under construction (Jan 2019)
      - Source Physics World, 25 Feb 2019
  - Carbon ion therapy
    - ~11 carbon ion facilities (2017)
      - 6 in Japan



Figure courtesy Thomas Bortfeld ... source: PTCOG

# "Conservative Estimate"

- 10% of the patients who require radiation would benefit from proton therapy
  - From Thomas Bortfeld, MGH (2018)
- "... 10-20% of patients receiving radiotherapy might benefit from charged particle beams."
  - From Jones & Burnet, BMJ 330: 979-980; 2005

# More Compact ... Shrinking Proton Accelerators



# Trends Over the Next 10 Years

- More hypofractionation (higher doses/fraction, SBRT)
- Breast cancer



Yarnold BJR 92: 20170849; 2019



Fisher JCO 32:2894-2901; 2014

From Dr Jacob (Jake) Van Dyk

# Brachytherapy

Iodine-125 seeds



Figure 1b. Model 6711. [Reprinted from Heintz, B. H., R. E. Wallace, and J. M. Hevezi, "Comparison of I-125 sources used for permanent interstitial implants," *Med Phys* 28:671–682. © 2001, with permission from AAPM.]



Figure 1c. Model 6733. [Reprinted from Meigooni, A. S., S. A. Dini, K. Sowards, J. L. Hayes, and A. Al-Otoom, "Experimental determination of the TG-43 dosimetric characteristics of EchoSeed<sup>™</sup> model 6733 <sup>125</sup>] brachytherapy source," *Med Phys* 29:939–942. © 2002, with permission from AAPM.]



Figure 2. Mcdel 200. [Reprinted from Rivard, M. J., B. M. Coursey, L. A. DeWerd, W.F. Hanson, M. S. Huq, G. S. Ibbott, M. G. Nitch, R. Nath, and J. F. Williamson, "Update of AAPM Task Group No. 43 Report: A revised AAPM protocol for brachytherapy dose calculations," *Med Phys* 31:633–674. © 2004, with permission from AAPM.]

LDR



**HDR** 







# e-Brachytherapy











# **Professional Communication**

- Radiation Oncologists and Radiation Therapists
- Radiologists
- Interventional Radiologists (Cardiology, ENT, Gynecologists)
- Surgeons (Breast, Gynecology, H&N, s
- Neurosurgeons
- Administration
- Engineers
- Computer Scientists

