



22 NOVEMBER 2021

Will innovation change compliance in radiotherapy treatments?

- INNOVATION IN INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY -

LUCA TAGLIAFERRI - MD, PhD

Fondazione Policlinico Universitario «Agostino Gemelli» IRCCS

Gemelli ART (Advanced Radiation Therapy) - Interventional Oncology Center (IOC)



Gemelli



ART
Advanced Radiation Therapy

Fondazione Policlinico Universitario Agostino Gemelli IRCCS
Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

Interventional Radiotherapy
INTERACTS
Active Teaching School

IOC
Interventional Oncology Center
Centro di Oncologia Interventistica

Will innovation change compliance in radiotherapy treatments?



to change

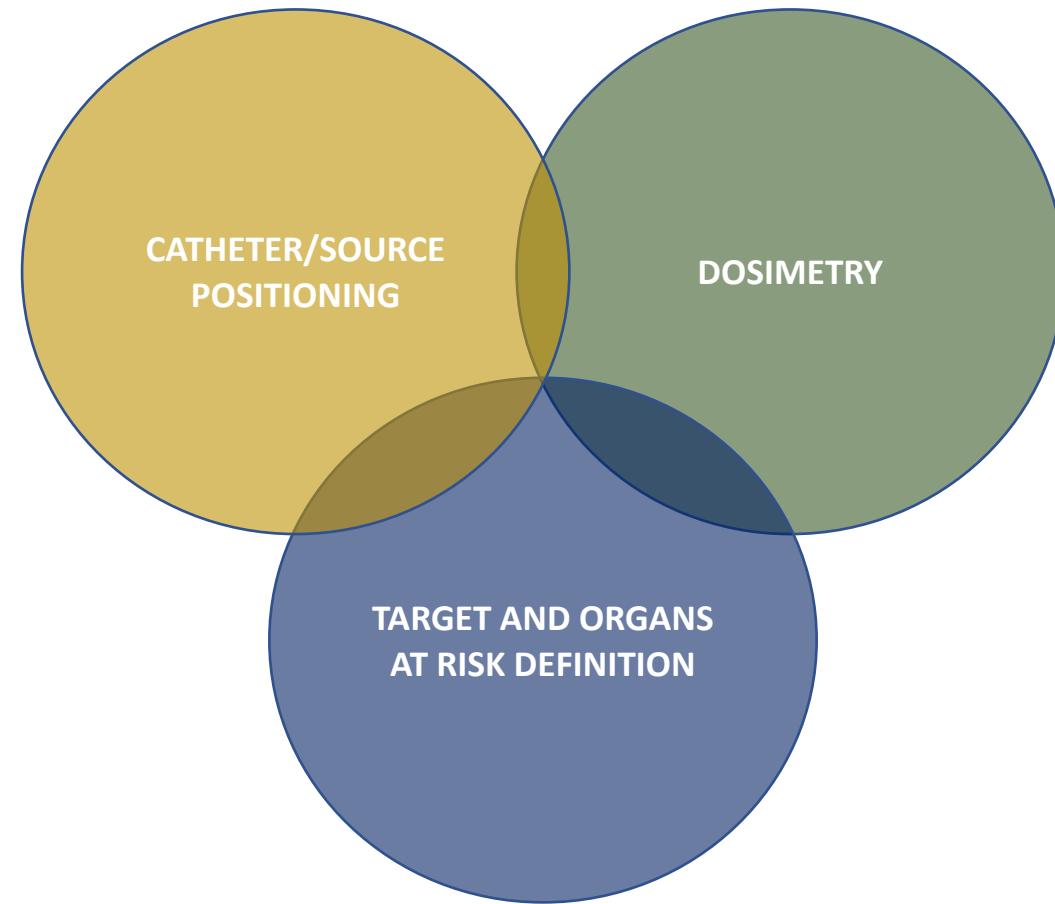


or

NOT to change



from CURIETHERAPY/BRACHYTHERAPY to INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY



Minimal Invasive Interventional Oncology: The New Frontier of Precision Medicine

CURIETHERAPY

1D



CURIETHERAPY

1D



- *Courtesy of George Kovacs*

CURIETHERAPY

1D



CURIETHERAPY

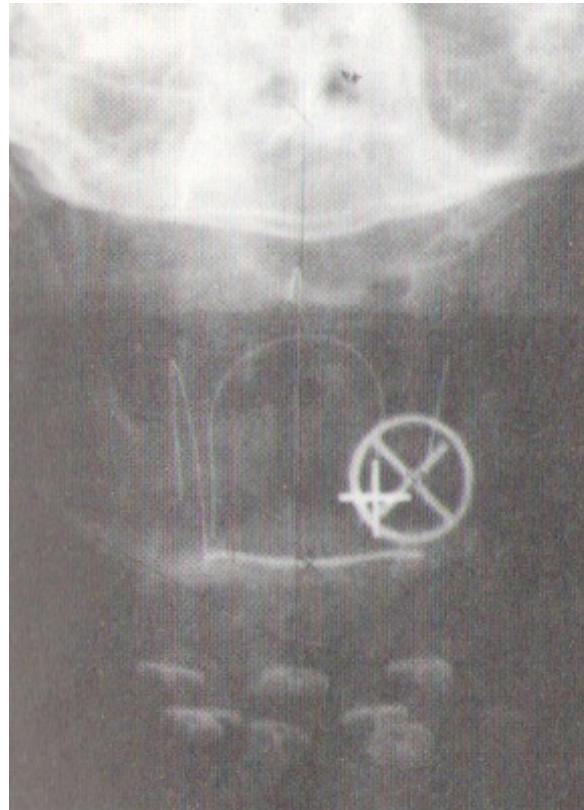
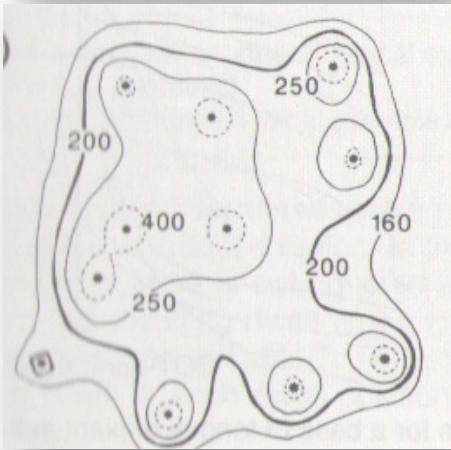
1D



BRACHYTHERAPY

1D

2D



BRACHYTHERAPY

1D

2D



BRACHYTHERAPY

1D

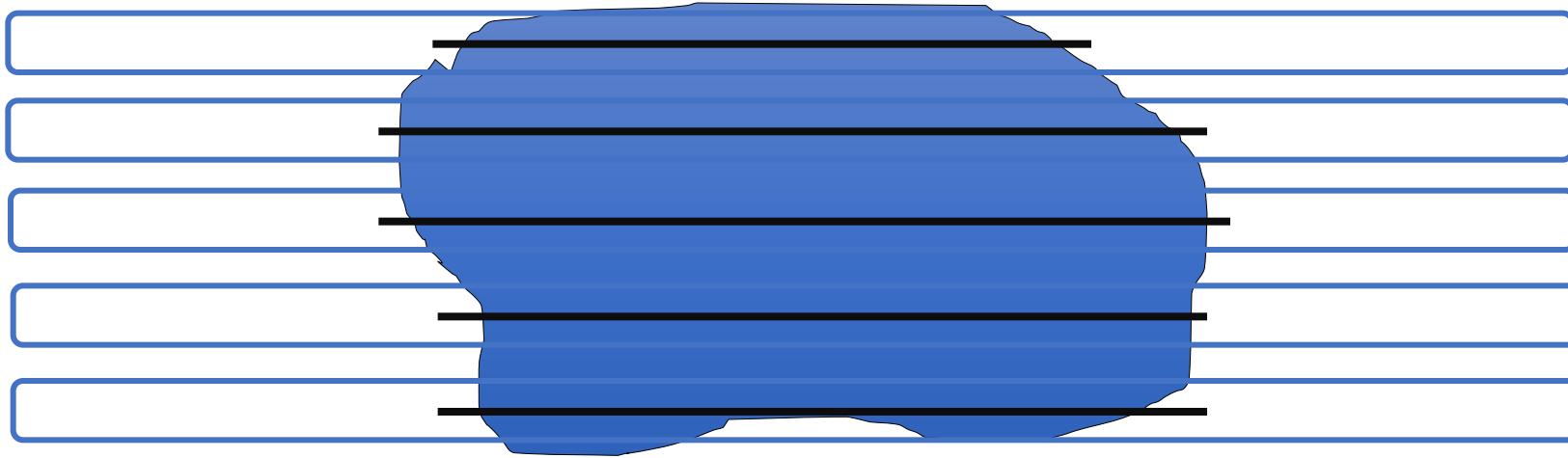
2D



BRACHYTHERAPY

1D

2D

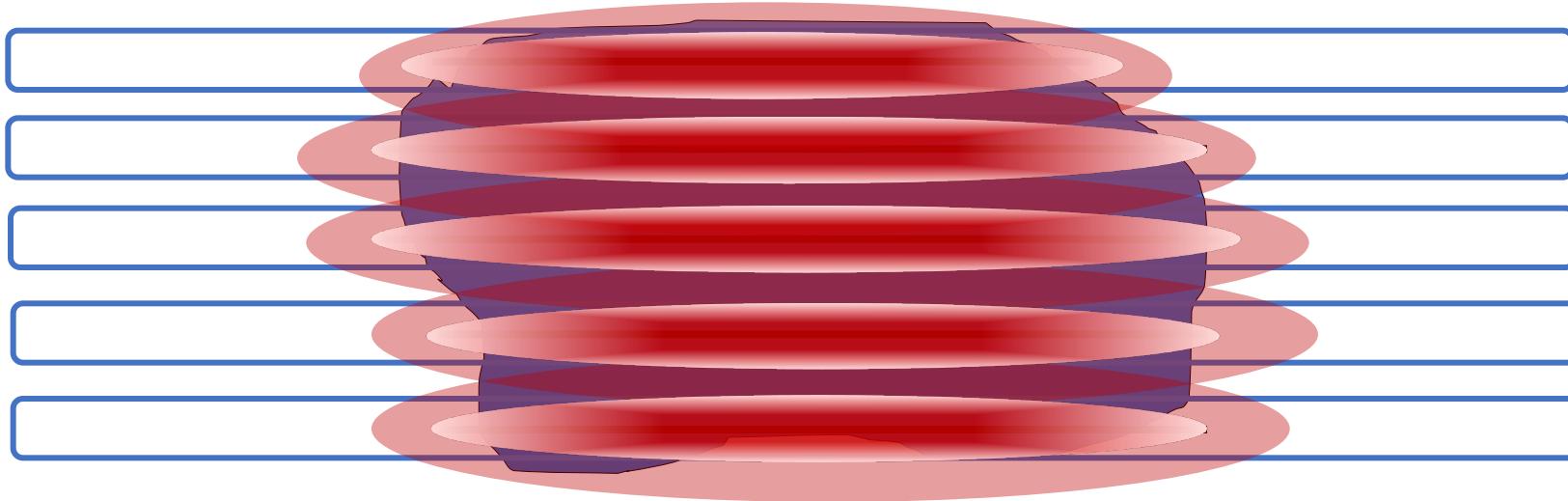


linear sources

BRACHYTHERAPY

1D

2D



linear sources

BRACHYTHERAPY

1D

2D

Table 9.1 Results for treatment of mobile-tongue cancer

Authors	N Pts	TNM - Stage	Treatment	Brachy	Survival %	Local control %	Complications %
Akine [1]	224	I, II	BT, Cryo, S	LDR	72	BT 90, Cryo 89, S 84	
Benk [2]	110	II	A 85, B 25	LDR	DFS: A42, B 24	A 88, B 36	I II 35, III 5
Bolla [3]	218	T1, T2 T3	B	LDR	T1 66, T2 51, T3 27	T1 62, T2 53, T3 30	
Decroix [5]	602	T1 96, T2 289, T3 217	A 312, B 148, C 67, D 69	LDR	T1 80, T2 56, T3 25	76	STN 24 ORN 13
Fujita [6]	207	T1 93, T2 114	A 127, B 80	LDR	T1 83, T2 69	T1 93, T2 77	11
Gerbault [7] Haie [9]	269	T1 83, T2 148, T3 38	A 194, B 75	LDR	T1 T2 T3 A 62, B 30	T1 T2 T3 A 87, B 49	STN 11 ORN 13
Hareyama [10]	130	T1, T2, T3	A 99, B 31			T1-2 92, T3 71	STN 20 ORN 13
Inoue [11]	29	T1, T2, T3	LDR/HDR	15/14		86/100	
Lefebvre [14]	283	T1 81, T2 170, T3 32	A	LDR		T1 87, T2 84, T3 62	
Mahe [15]	24	T1 T2 ≤ 3, N0	A	LDR		92	STN 16
Mazeron [17]	166	T1 N0 70, T2 N0 83, T1-T2 N1-N2 13	A	LDR	T1 N0 52, T2 N0 44, T1-T2 N1-N2 8	T1 N0 87, T2 N0 92, T1-T2 N1-N2 69	
Pernot [24]	147	T2 N0	A 70, B 77	LDR	A 62, B 35	A 90, B 51	
Pernot [25]	448	T1 125, T2 186, T3 123, T4 4	A 181B 267	LDR	T1 69, T2 41, T3 25	T1 93, T2 65, T3 49	
Shibuya [28]	370	I 90, II 280	A, B		I 84, II 75	Spf 85, exoph 79, infiltr 45	Gr2 38, Gr3 4
Wendt [30]	103	T1, T2, T3	A 18 C 8 B1 RT <40Gy 31 B2 RT >40 Gy 46	LDR	A 89, C57 B1 78 B2	A 65 C 28 B1 92 B2 69	ORN A 0 C 0 B1 4 B2 17



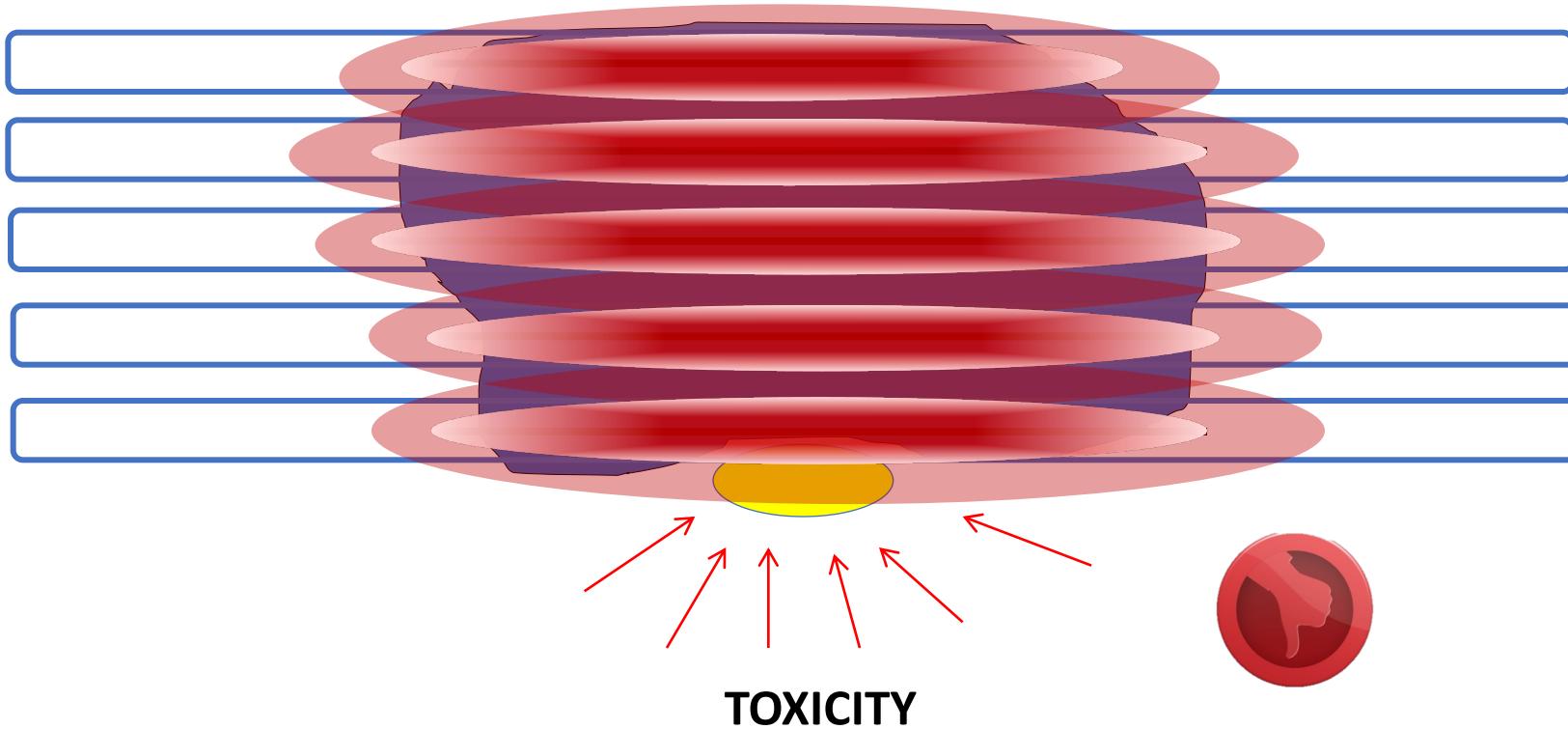
BRACHYTHERAPY

1D → 2D



BRACHYTHERAPY

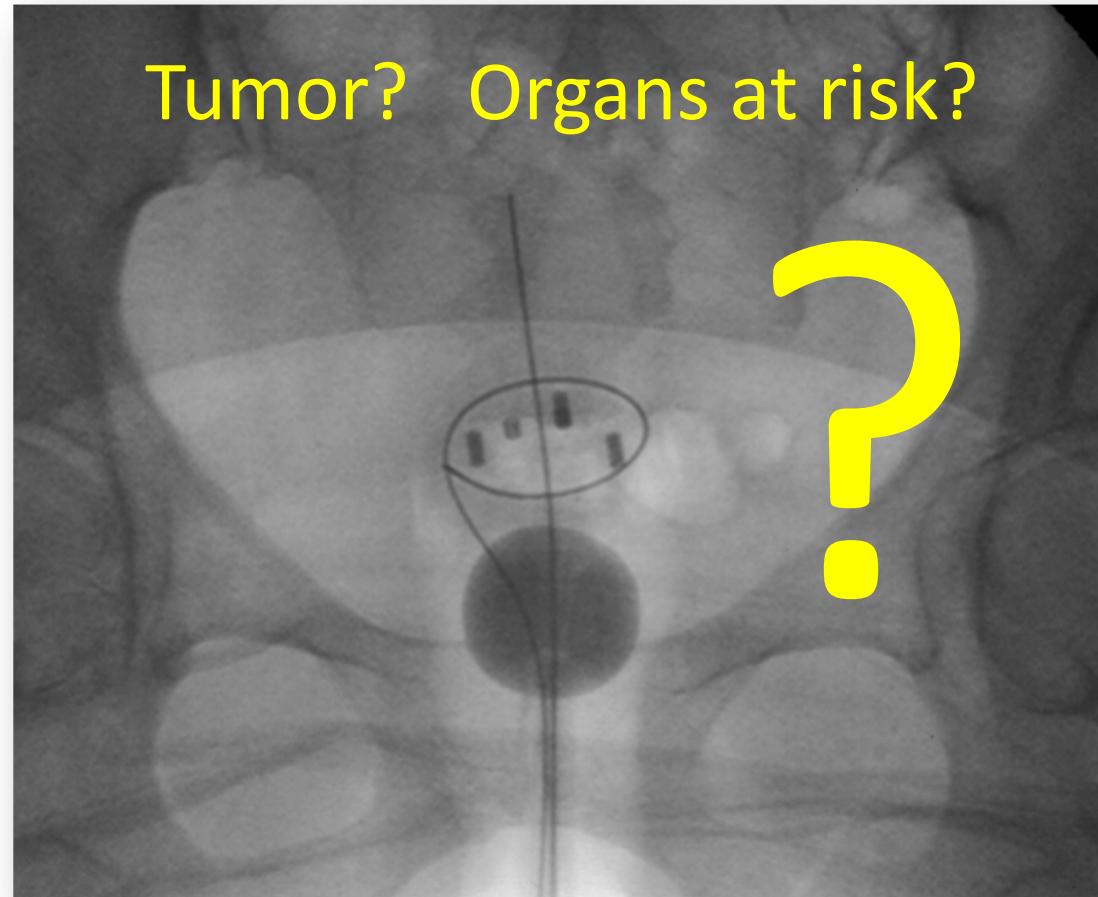
1D 2D



BRACHYTHERAPY

1D

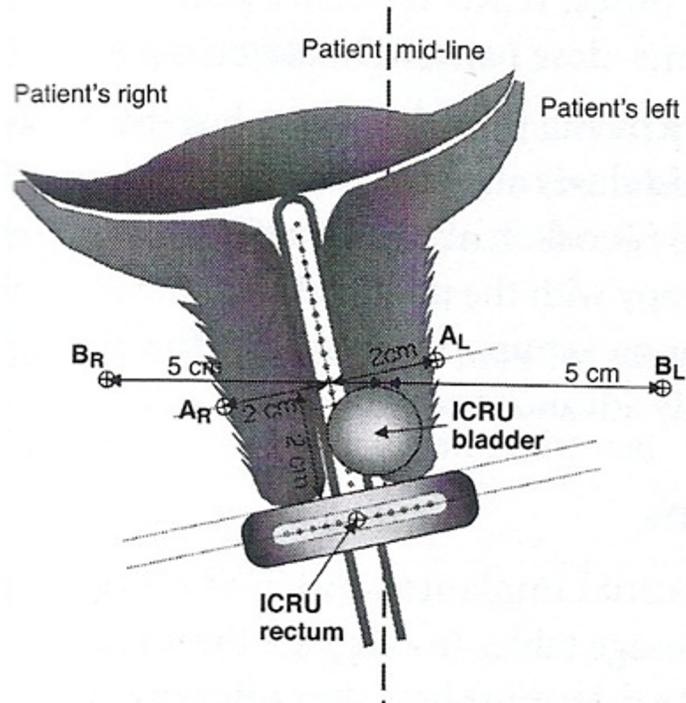
2D



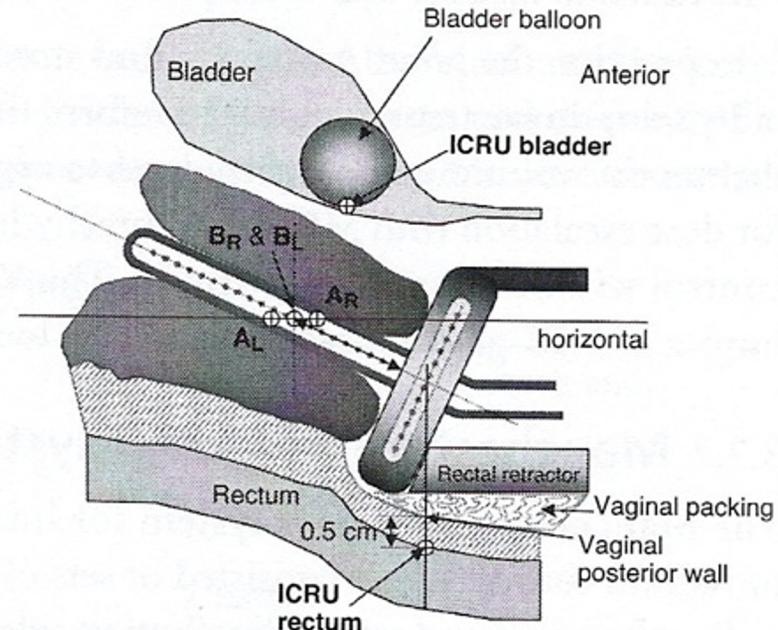
BRACHYTHERAPY

1D

2D



Anteroposterior view



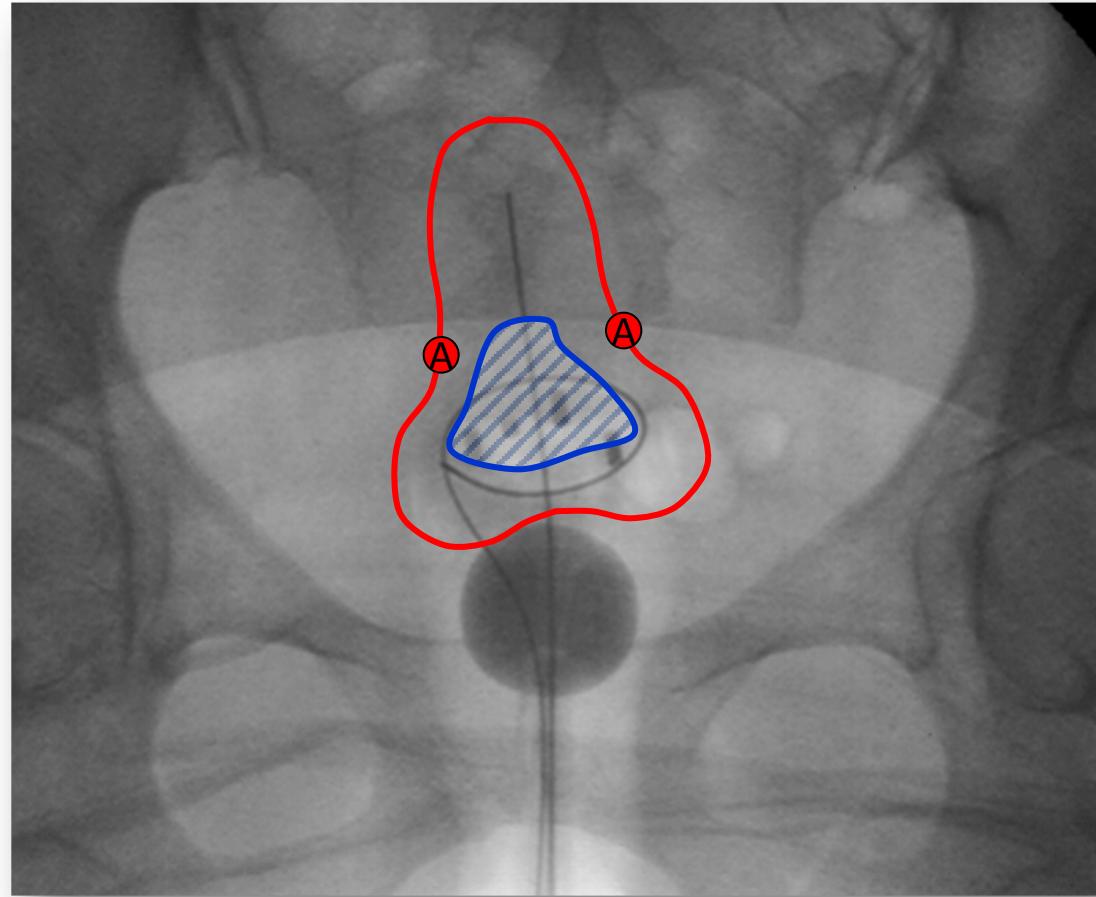
Corresponding lateral view

- Principles of brachytherapy dosimetry, in Hoskin PJ, Coyle C (eds): Radiotherapy in Practice: Brachytherapy. Coyle C. Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2011

BRACHYTHERAPY

1D

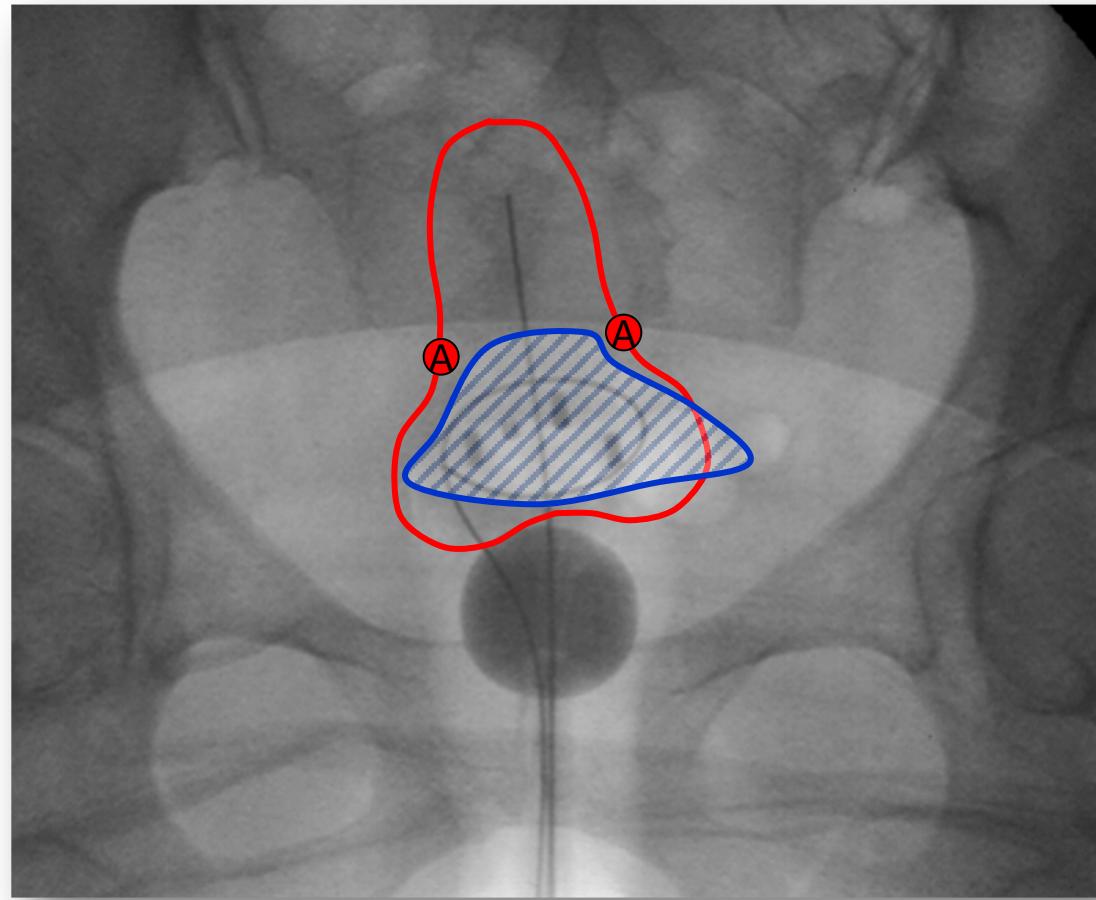
2D

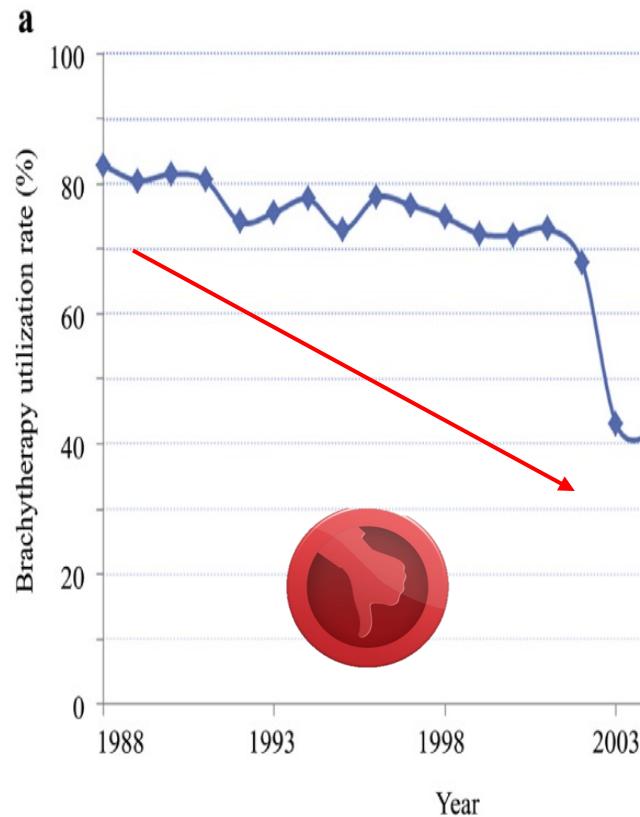


BRACHYTHERAPY

1D

2D





RX EXPOSURE OF OPERATORS

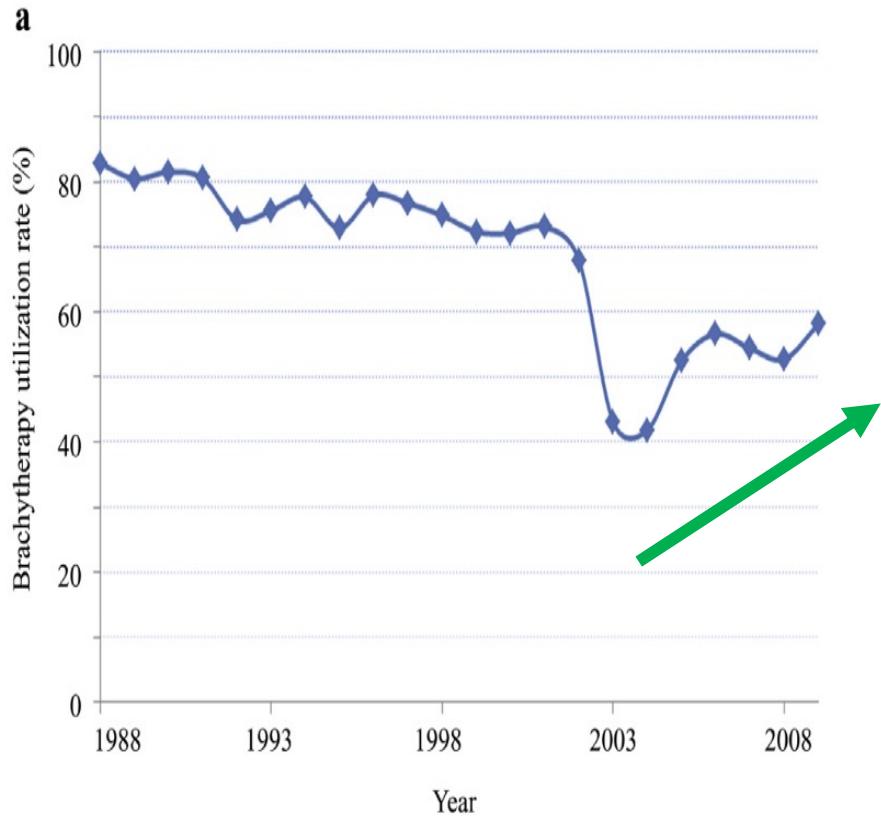
DOSIMETRIC DIFFICULTIES

PREPARATION OF THE RADIOACTIVE
MATERIAL FOR EACH PATIENT

IMPLANT SYSTEMS

NO CT/MRI COMPATIBLE APPLICATORS

INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY



NEW ERA

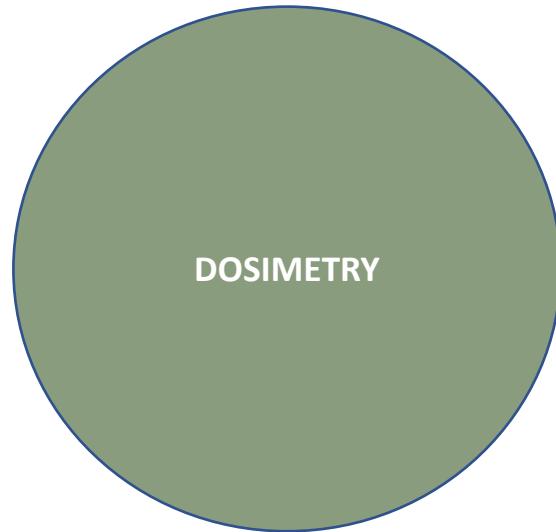
:
Minimal Invasive Precision Medicine



INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

1D

2D



INTENSITY MODULATED IRT

INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

1D

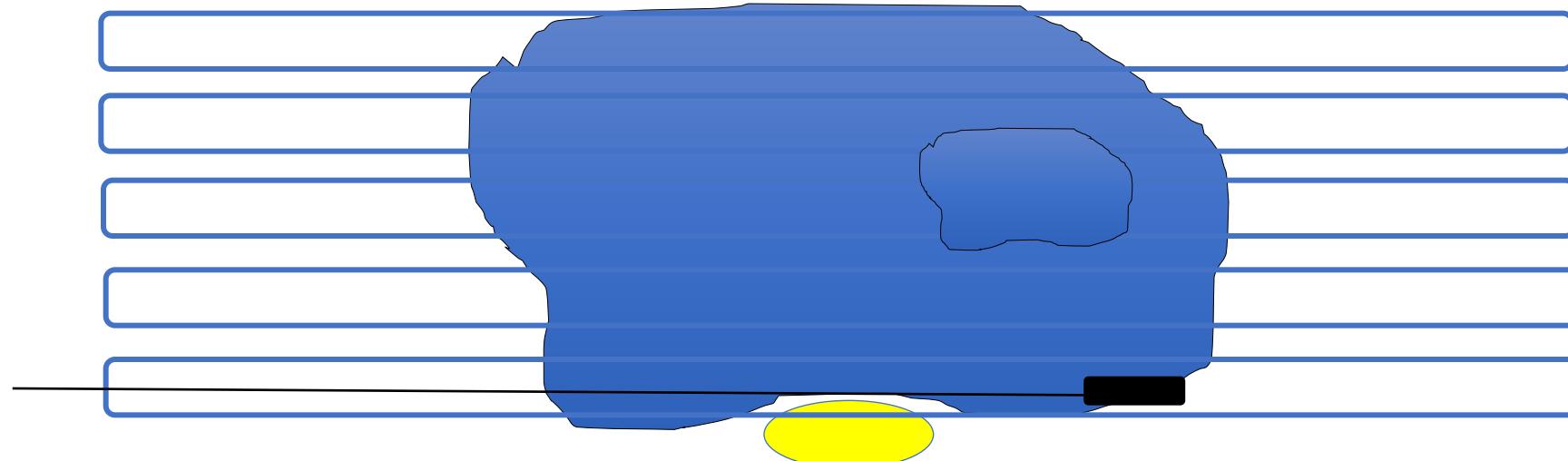
2D



INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

1D

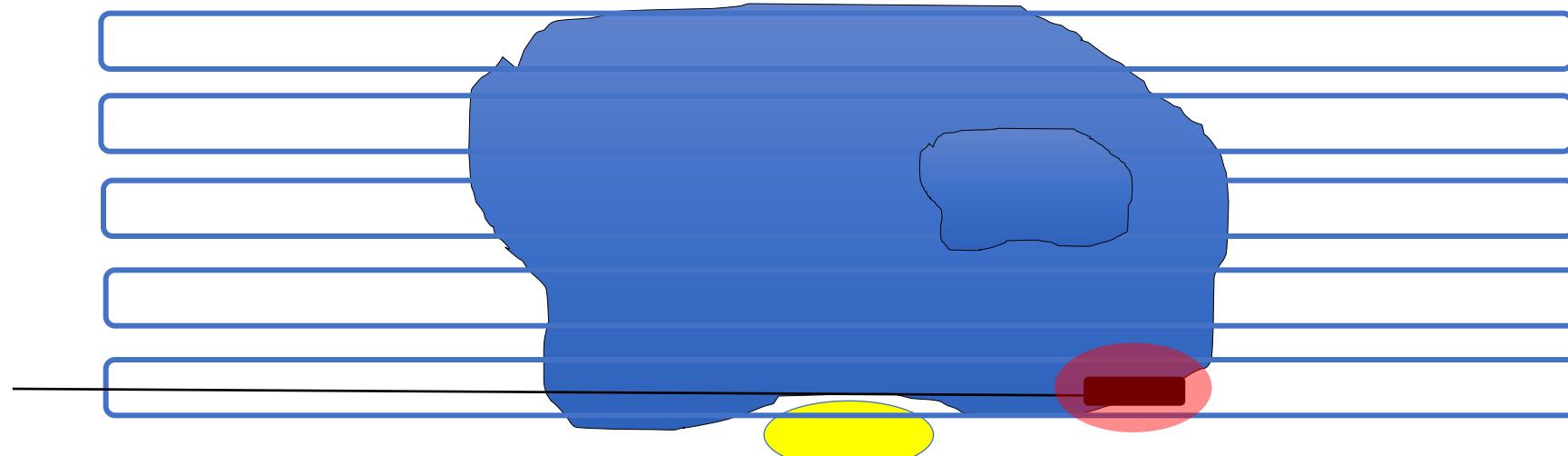
2D



INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

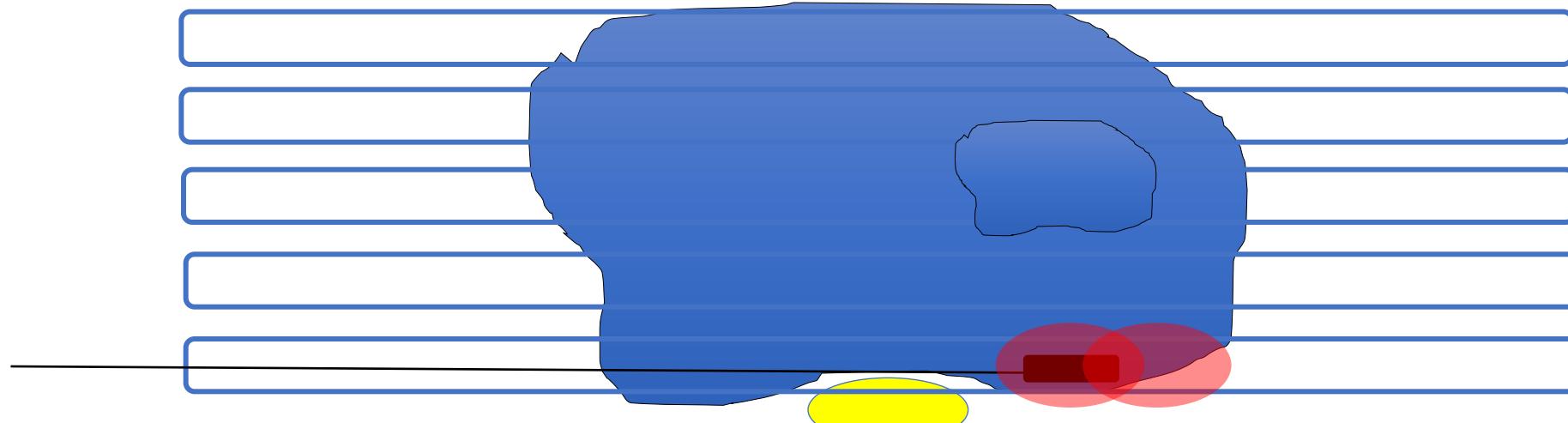
1D

2D



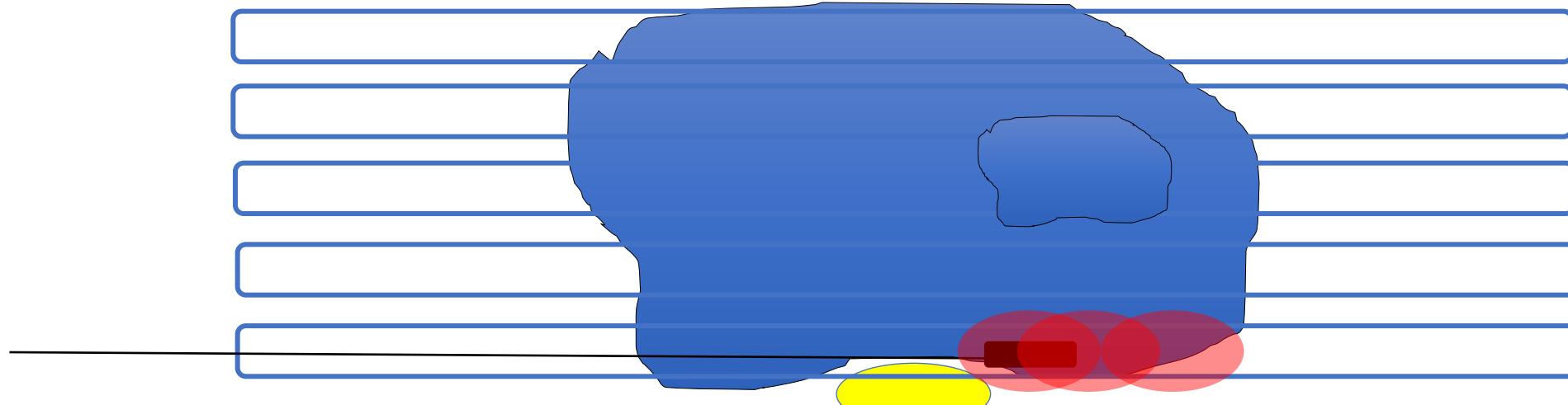
INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

1D 2D



INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

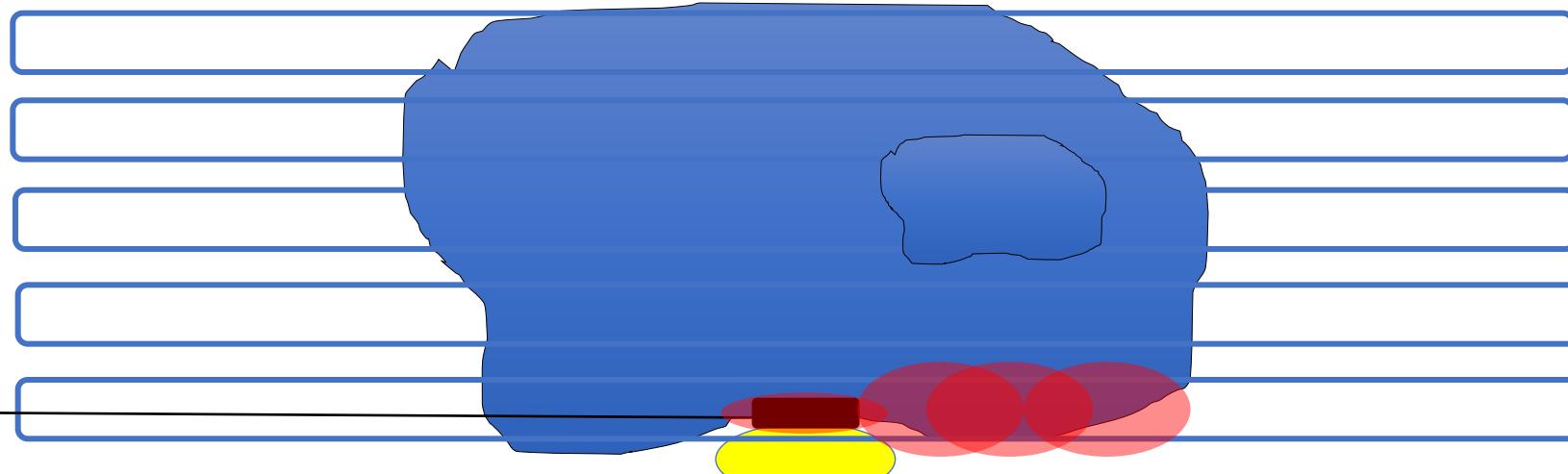
1D 2D



INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

1D

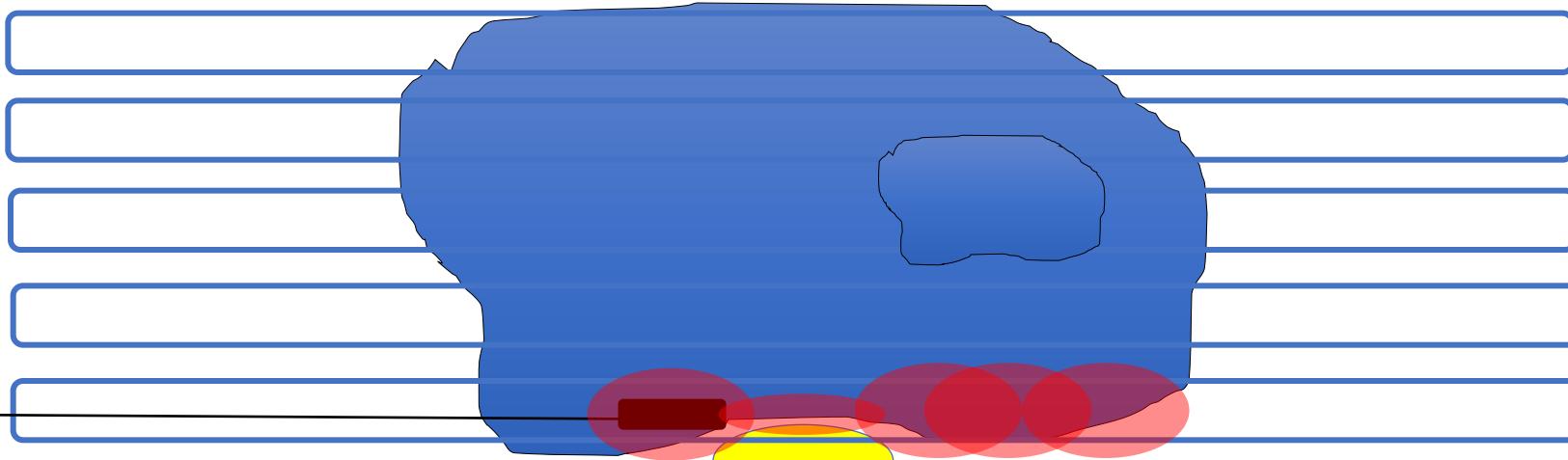
2D



INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

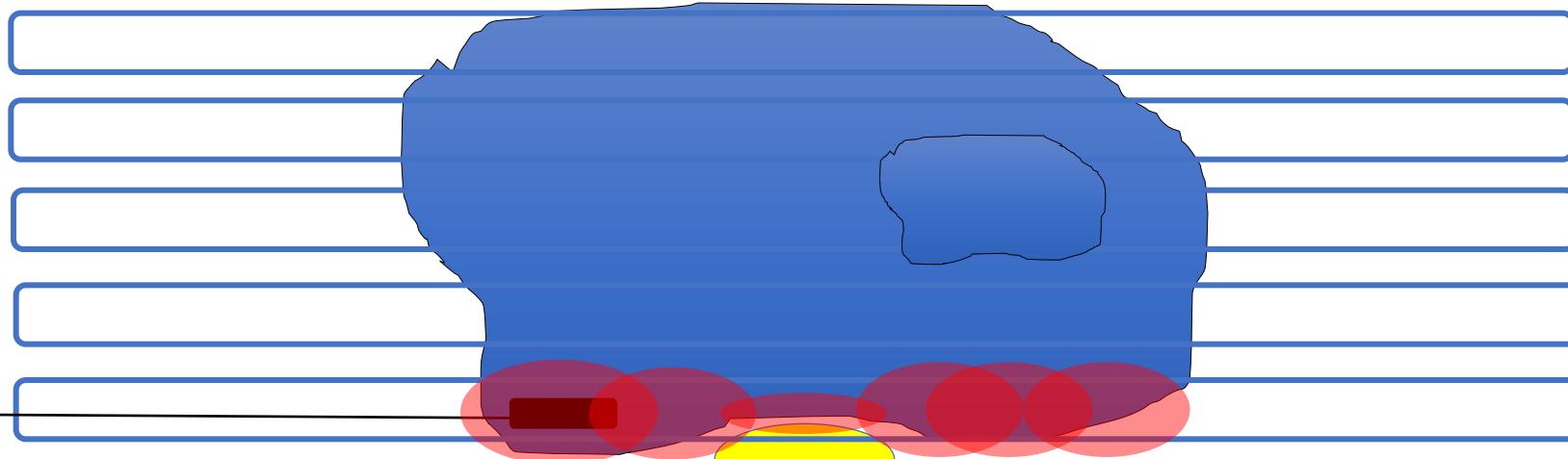
1D

2D



INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

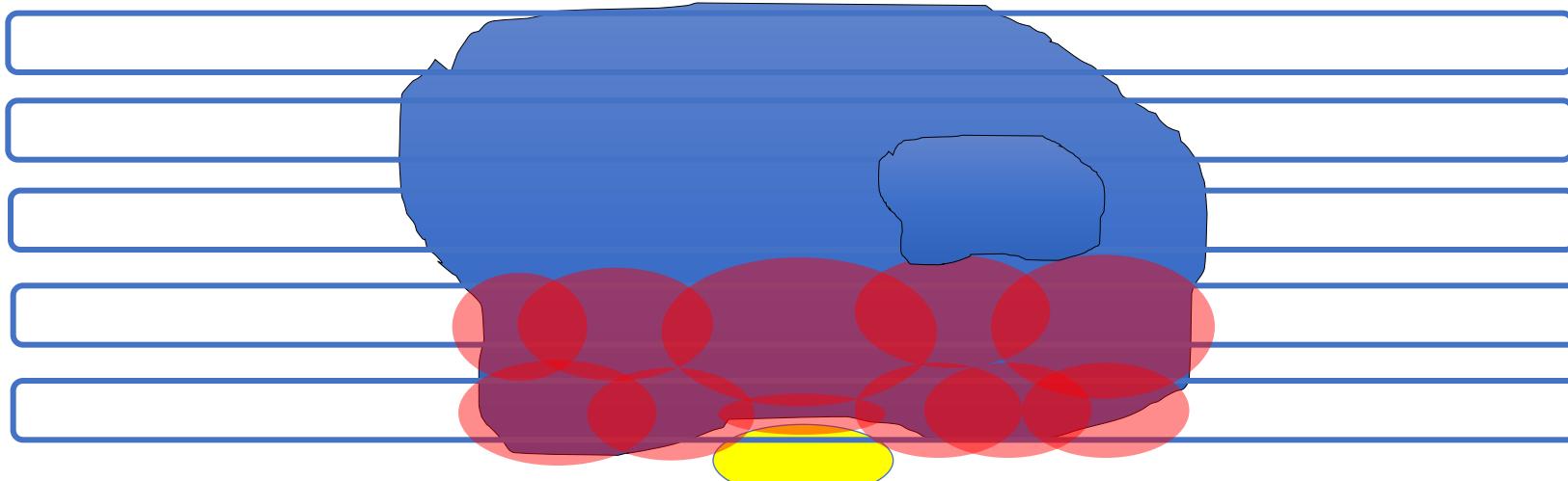
1D 2D



INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

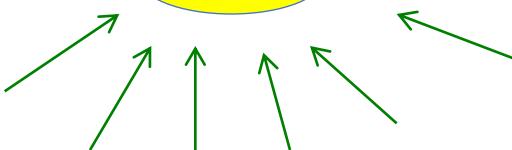
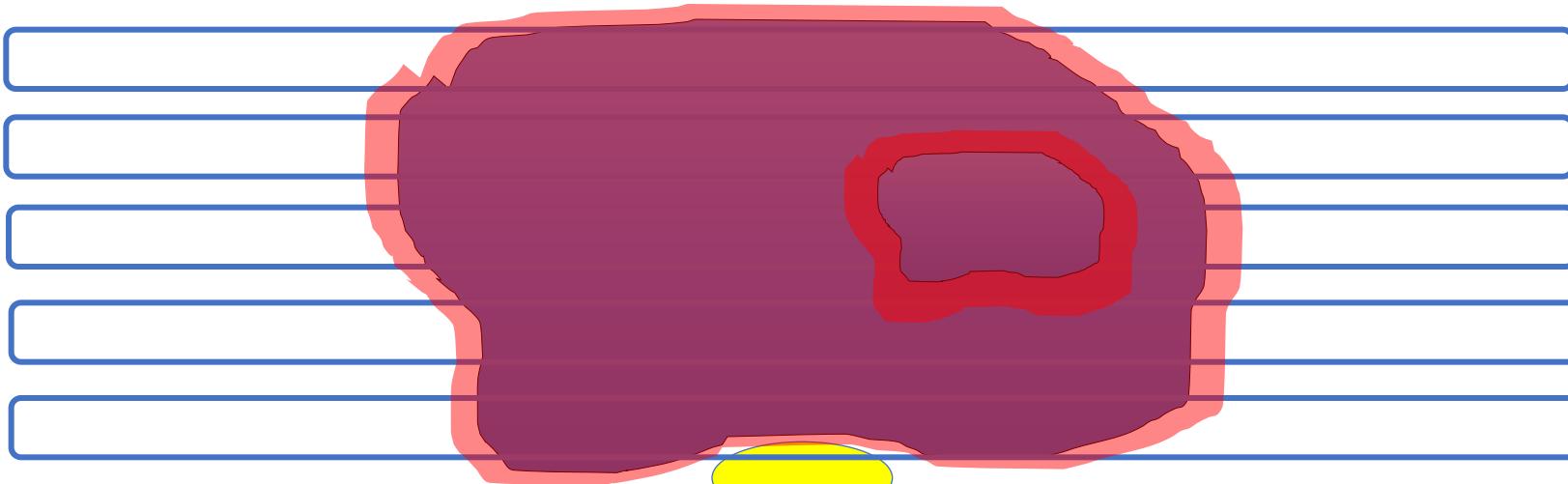
1D

2D



INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

1D 2D



INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

1D

2D



INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

1D

2D

Toxicity

Author	n	Dose (Gy)	LDR	HDR	PDR	5 years local control (%)	5 years OS (%)	Toxicity
Beauvois <i>et al.</i> [21]	237	65-68	¹⁹² Ir	—	—	95	—	9.5% necrosis
Gerbaulet <i>et al.</i> [22]	231	76	¹⁹² Ir	—	—	—	—	13.0% necrosis
Tombolini <i>et al.</i> [24]	57	62	—	HDR	—	90 (10 yrs)	n.d.	n.d.
Guinot <i>et al.</i> [26]	104	9 × 5.0 bid	—	HDR IMBT	—	95	—	0%
Lock <i>et al.</i> [173]	51	55	¹⁹⁸ Au	—	—	97.8	87.9	Good cosmesis 48/51
Serkies <i>et al.</i> [25]	32	60-70	—	—	PDR	98	—	2/32
Johannsson <i>et al.</i> [20]	43	60	—	—	PDR	94.5 (10 yrs)	58	2% soft tissue necrosis 2% bone necrosis

Linear S

IM-IRT

IM-IRT

9,5-13%

0-2%

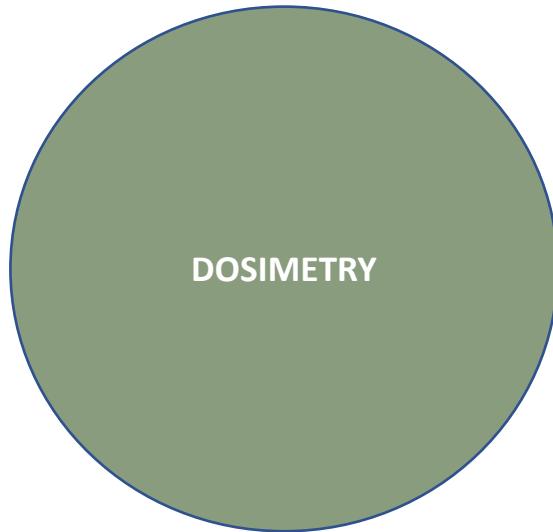


INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

1D

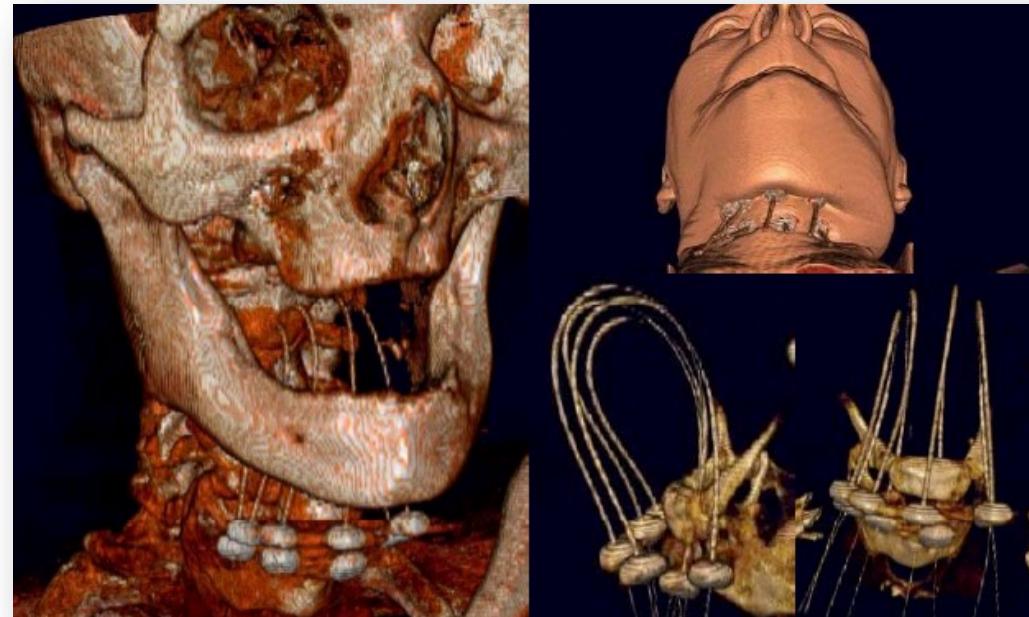
2D

3D



INTENSITY MODULATED IRT

3D CATHETERS RECONSTRUCTION
AND 3D DOSIMETRY

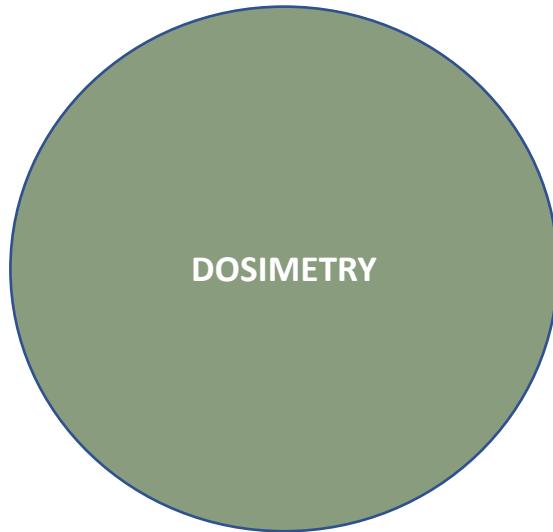


INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

1D

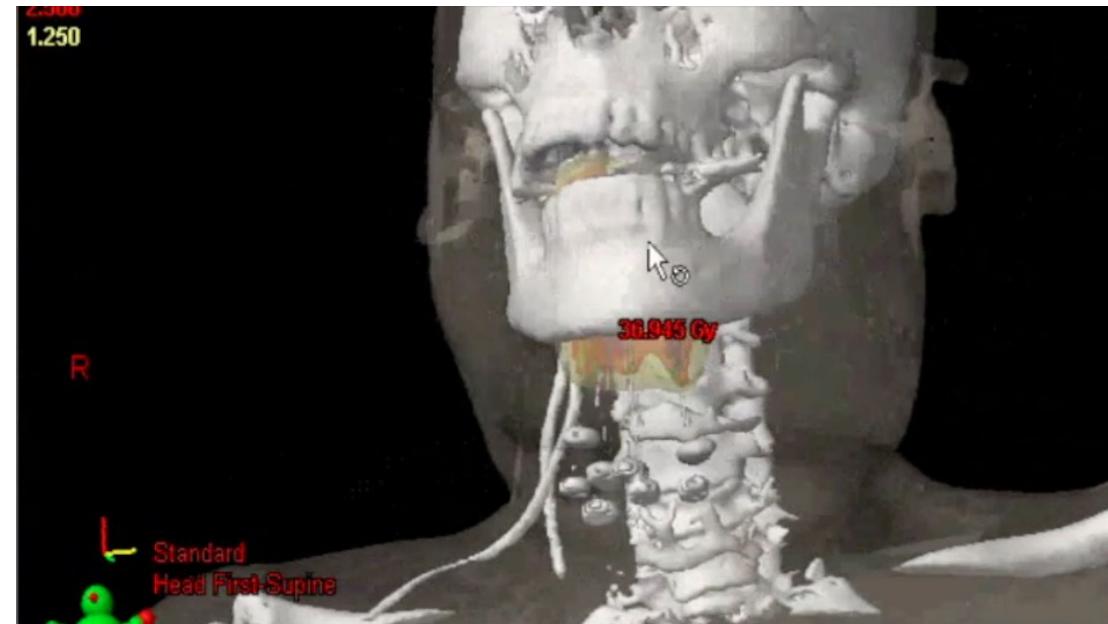
2D

3D



INTENSITY MODULATED IRT

3D CATHETERS RECONSTRUCTION
AND 3D DOSIMETRY

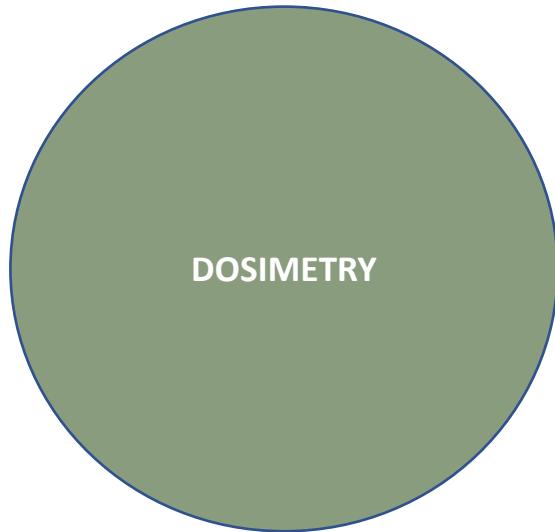


INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

1D

2D

3D



INTENSITY MODULATED IRT

3D CATHETERS RECONSTRUCTION
AND 3D DOSIMETRY

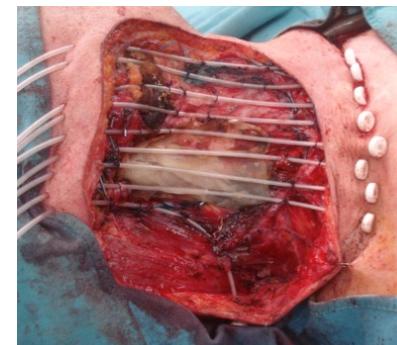
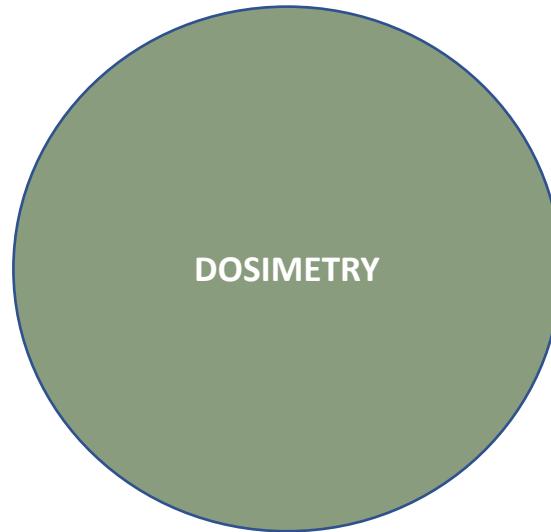


INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

1D

2D

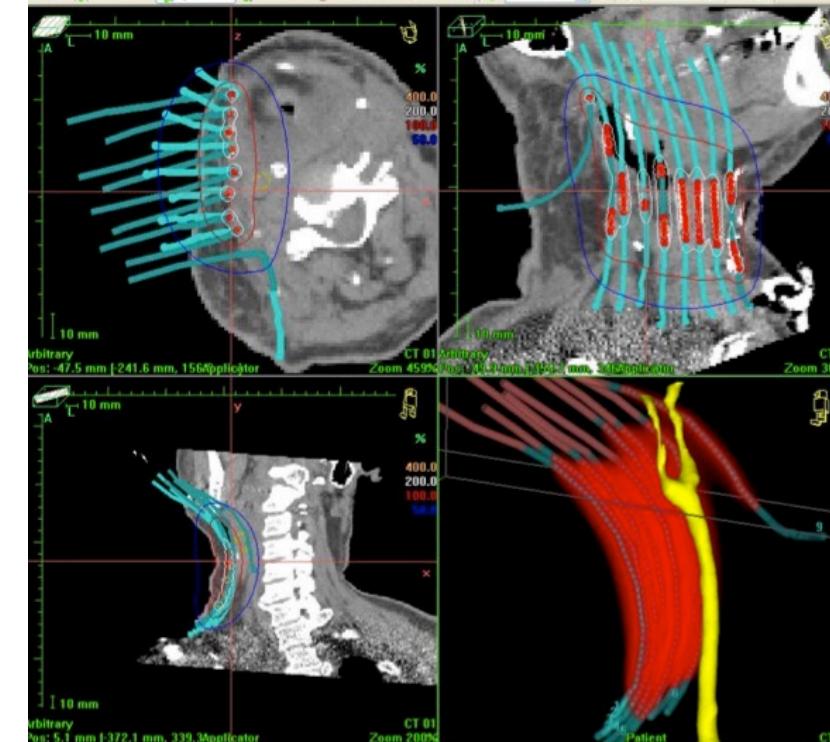
3D



INTENSITY MODULATED IRT



3D CATHETERS RECONSTRUCTION
AND 3D DOSIMETRY

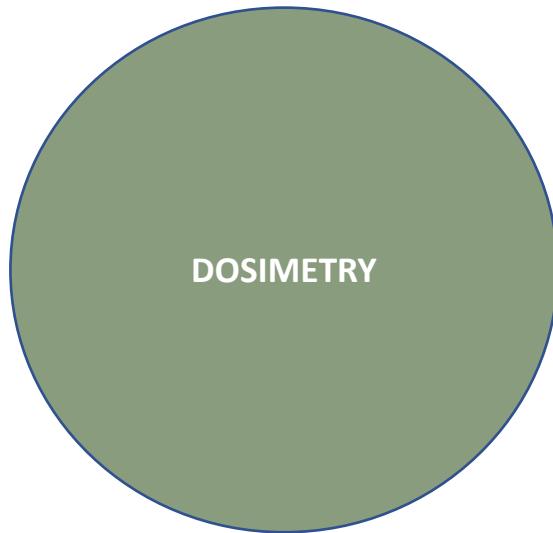


INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

1D

2D

3D



INTENSITY MODULATED IRT

3D CATHETERS RECONSTRUCTION
AND 3D DOSIMETRY

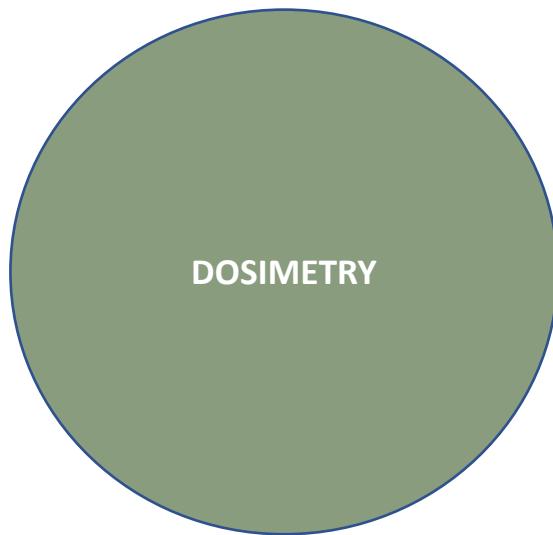


INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

1D

2D

3D

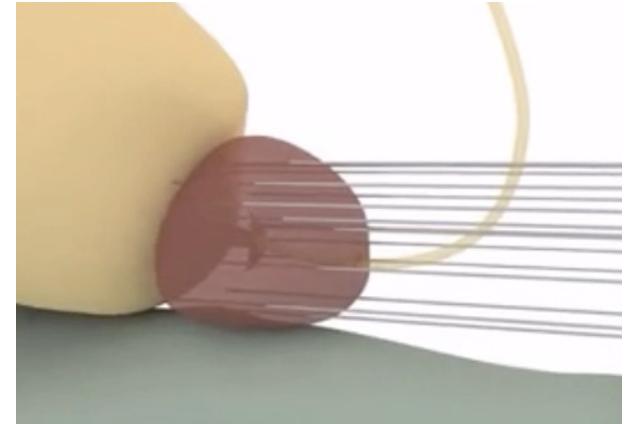
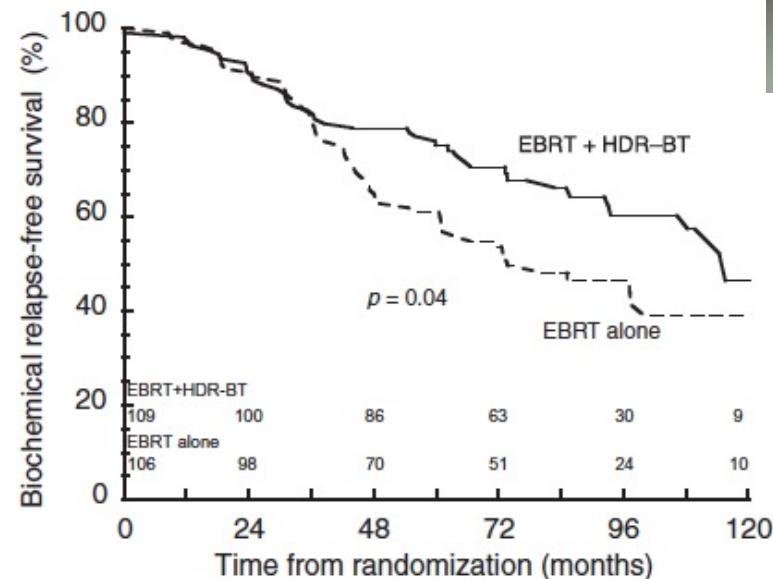


INTENSITY MODULATED IRT

3D CATHETERS RECONSTRUCTION
AND 3D DOSIMETRY

HYPOFRACTIONATED RADIOTHERAPY

HDR

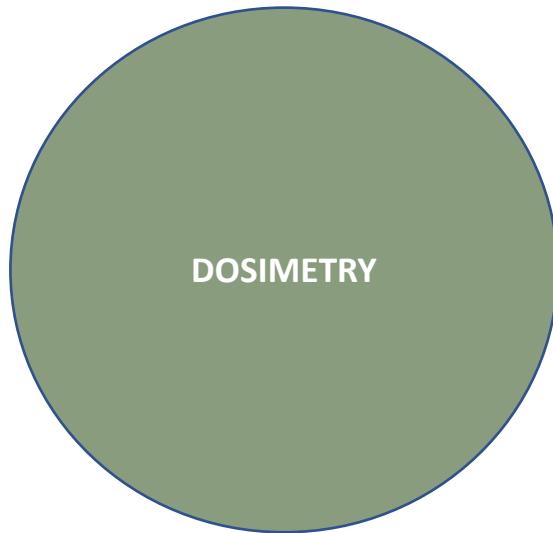


INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

1D

2D

3D



INTENSITY MODULATED IRT

3D CATHETERS

RECONSTRUCTION AND DOSIMETRY

HYPOFRACTIONATED RADIOTHERAPY



TARGET AND ORGANS
AT RISK DEFINITION

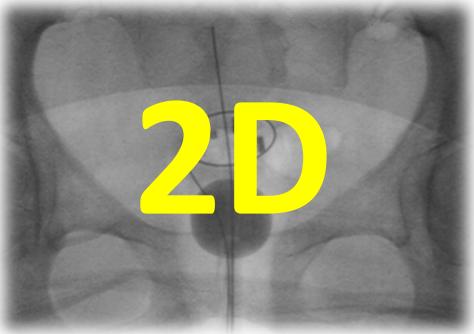
3D IMAGING

1D

2D

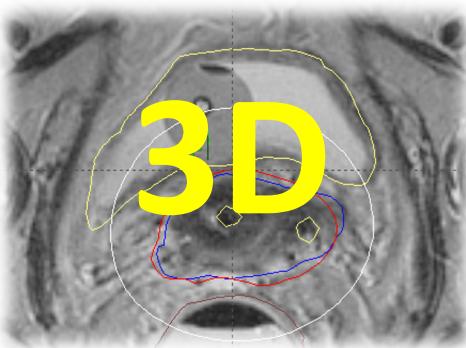
3D

CERVIX CANCER Local Control IIb-IIIb



- Pernot M, et al. Bull Cancer 1995; 82(7):568 – 81.
- Gerbaulet A, et al. The GEC ESTRO Handbook of Brachytherapy
- Perez CA, et al. Cancer 1984; 54: 235-46.
- Fletcher GH, et al. Textbook of radiotherapy. Philadelphia:1980; 720-89.
- Pötter R, et al. Bull Cancer Radiother 2000; 4: 159 – 172.
- Horiot JC, et al. Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys 1988; 14(4): 605-11.

40 - 75%



- Pötter R. Radiother Oncol 2007
- Haie-Meder C. Radiother Oncol 2007
- Chargari C. IJROBP 2009
- Dimopoulos JCA. Radiother Oncol 2009
- Dimopoulos IJROBP 2009
- Fidarova EF et al. Radiother Oncol 2010
- Georg P et al. IJROBP 2009

80 - 95%
Less toxicity

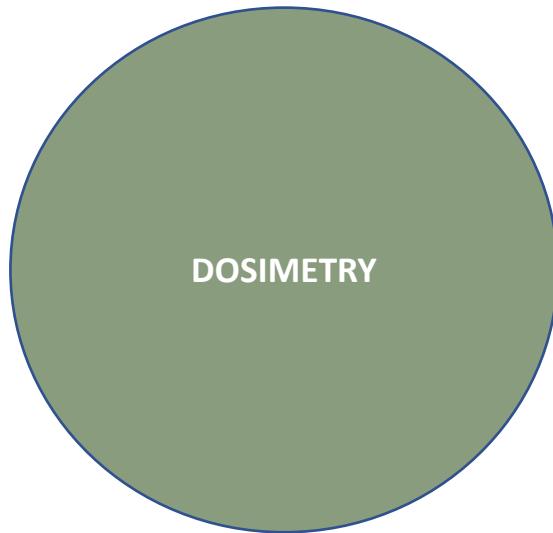


INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

1D

2D

3D



INTENSITY MODULATED IRT

3D CATHETERS
RECONSTRUCTION AND DOSIMETRY

HYPOFRACTIONATED RADIOTHERAPY



TARGET AND ORGANS
AT RISK DEFINITION

3D IMAGING

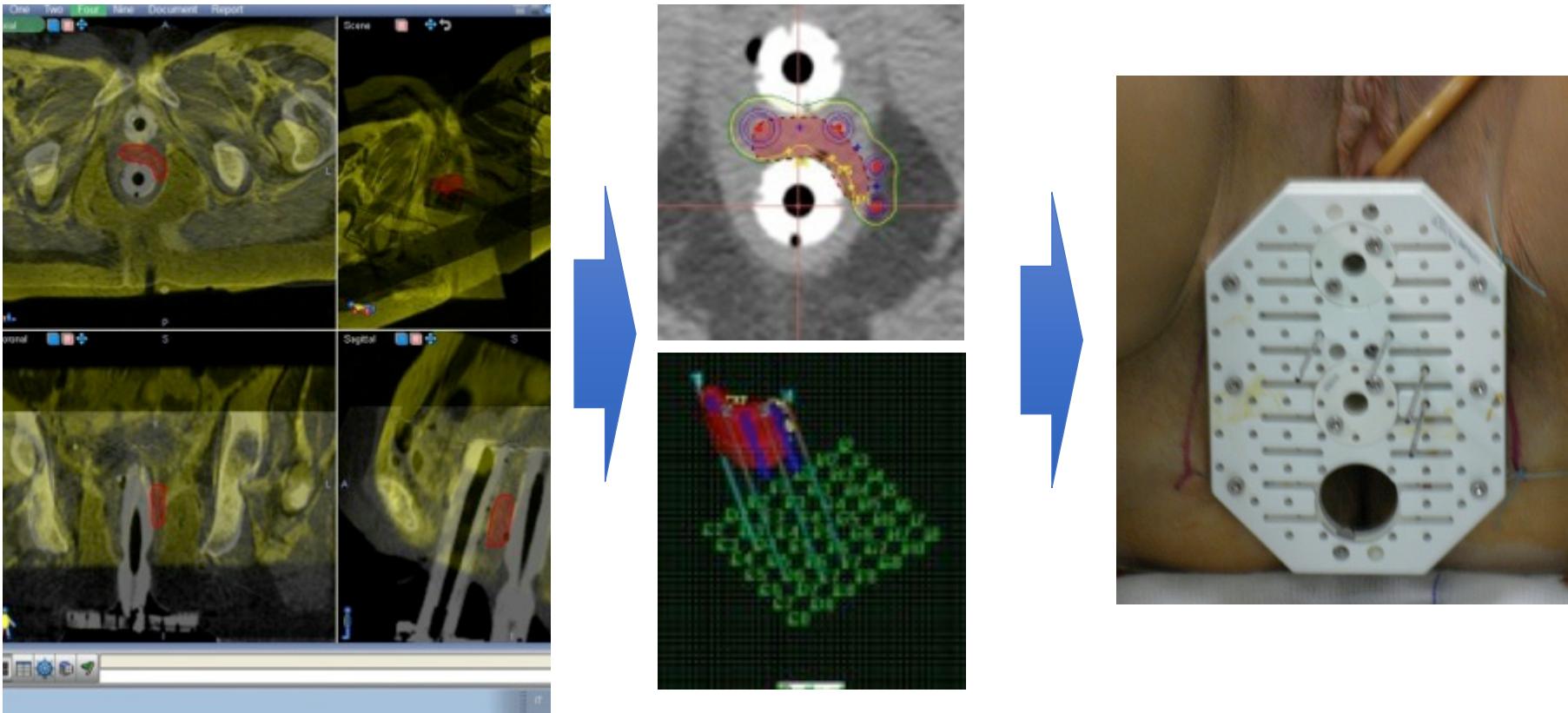
ADVANCED
IMAGING

INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

1D

2D

3D

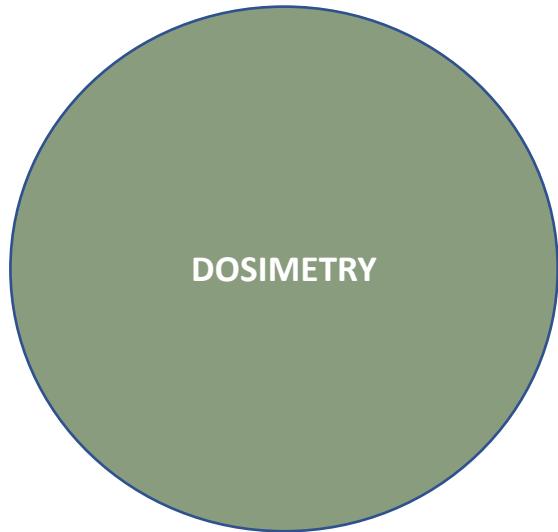


INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

1D

2D

3D



INTENSITY MODULATED IRT

3D CATHETERS
RECONSTRUCTION AND DOSIMETRY

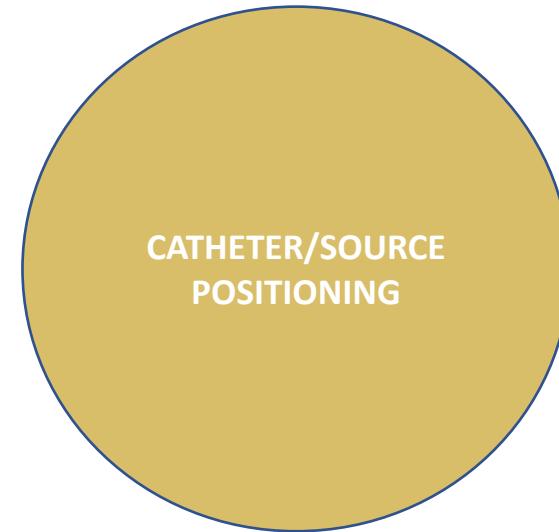
HYPOFRACTIONATED RADIOTHERAPY



TARGET AND ORGANS
AT RISK DEFINITION

3D IMAGING

ADVANCED
IMAGING



CATHETER/SOURCE
POSITIONING

MULTIDISCIPLINARITY

IMAGING COMPATIBLE
APPLICATORS

IMAGING GUIDED PROCEDURE

INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

1D

2D

3D

Editorial

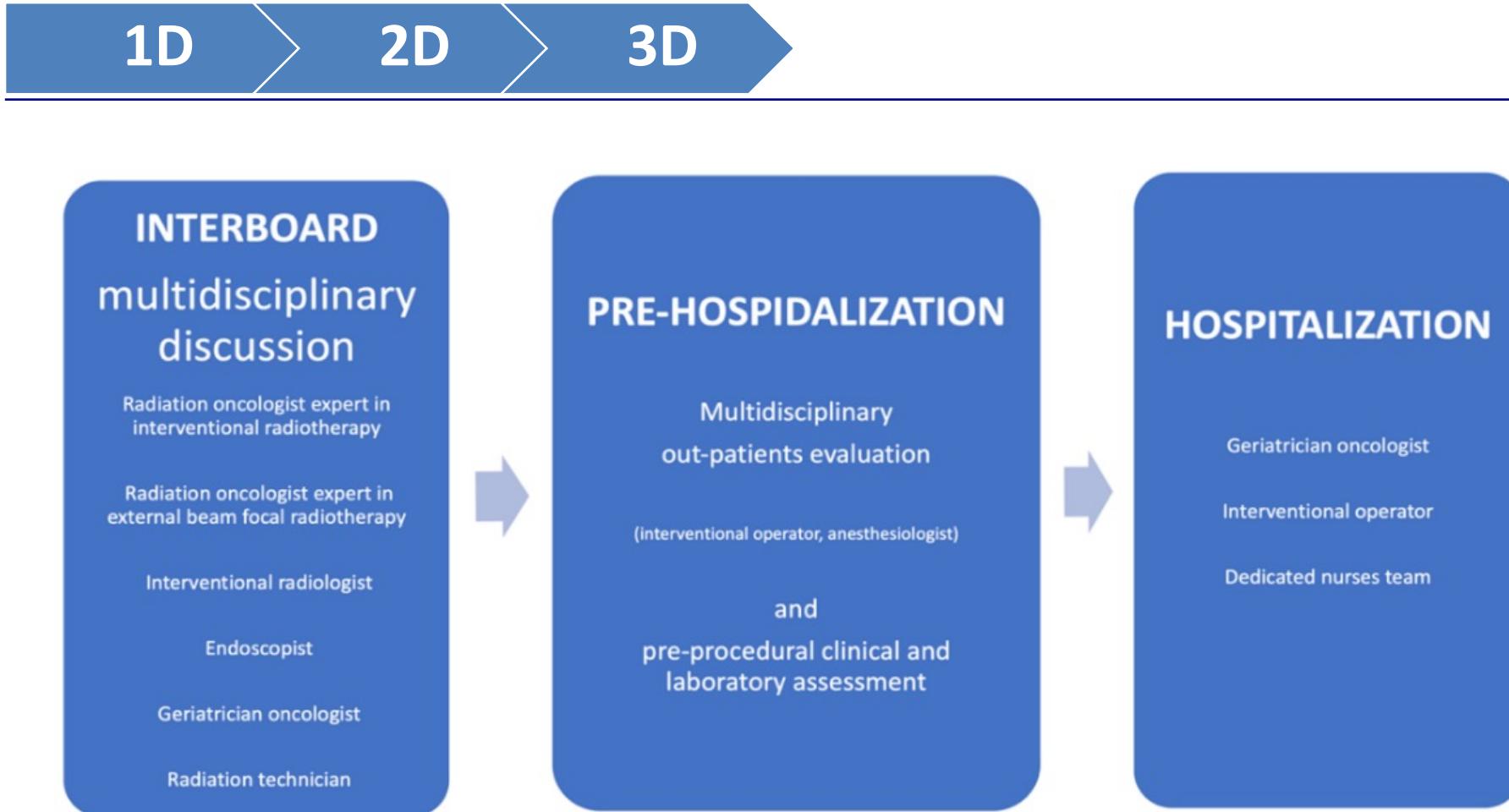
Is an Interventional Oncology Center an advantage in the service of cancer patients or in the education? The Gemelli Hospital and INTERACTS experience

Prof. György Kovács, MD, PhD^{1,2}, Luca Tagliaferri, MD, PhD^{3,4}, Prof. Vincenzo Valentini, MD, PhD^{5,6}

¹Interdisciplinary Brachytherapy Unit, University of Lübeck/UKSH-CL, Germany, ²INTERACTS Scientific Program Director, ³Polo Scienze Oncologiche ed Ematologiche, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Fondazione Policlinico Universitario Agostino Gemelli, Roma, Italy,
⁴INTERACTS courses organizer, ⁵Polo Scienze Oncologiche ed Ematologiche, Istituto di Radiologia, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Fondazione Policlinico Universitario Agostino Gemelli, Roma, Italy, ⁶INTERACTS School Director



INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY



A dedicated and personalized pathway for interventional oncology patients

INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY



CHOICE OF THE BEST COMBINED PERSONALIZED APPROACH

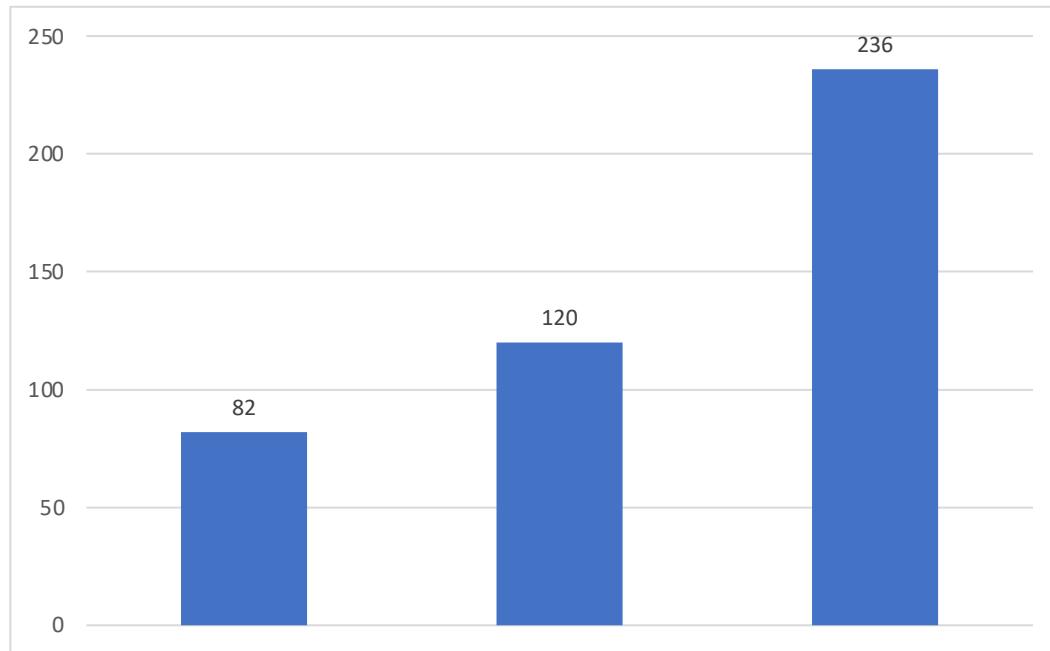
Improving local control
(SVV, DFS)

Reduction Toxicity
(organ preservation, QoL)

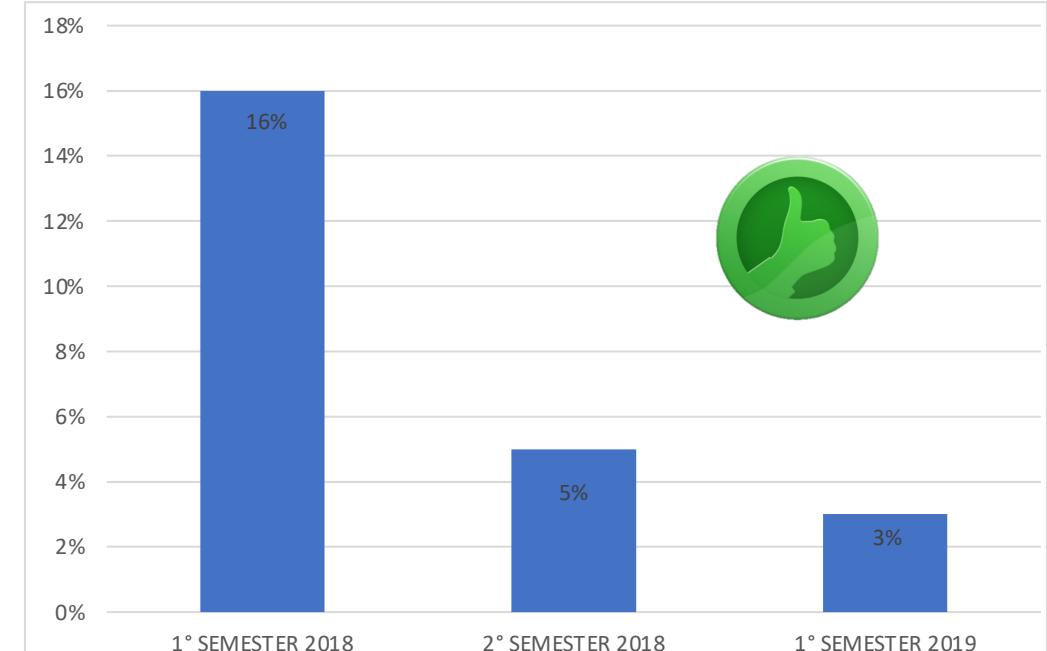
INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY



NUMBER OF PATIENTS



COMPLICATIONS

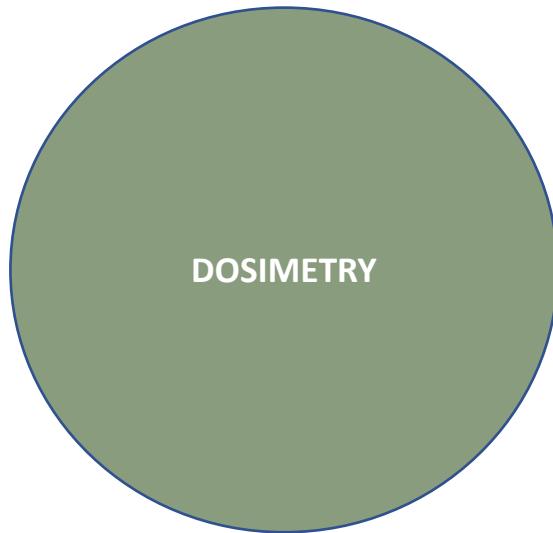


INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

1D

2D

3D



INTENSITY MODULATED IRT

3D CATHETERS
RECONSTRUCTION AND DOSIMETRY

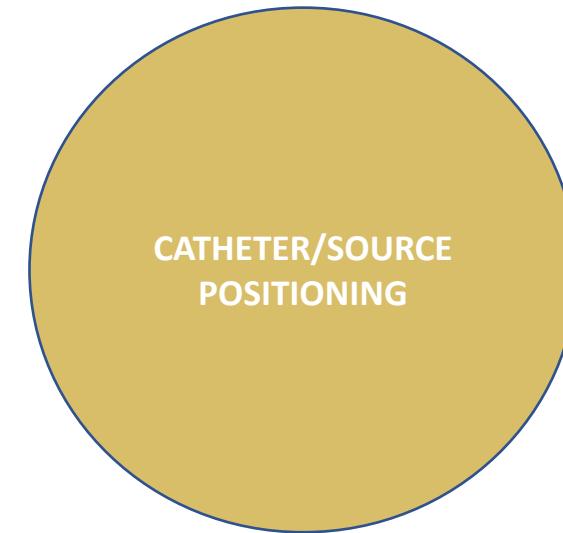
HYPOFRACTIONATED RADIOTHERAPY



TARGET AND ORGANS
AT RISK DEFINITION

3D IMAGING

ADVANCED
IMAGING



CATHETER/SOURCE
POSITIONING

MULTIDISCIPLINARITY

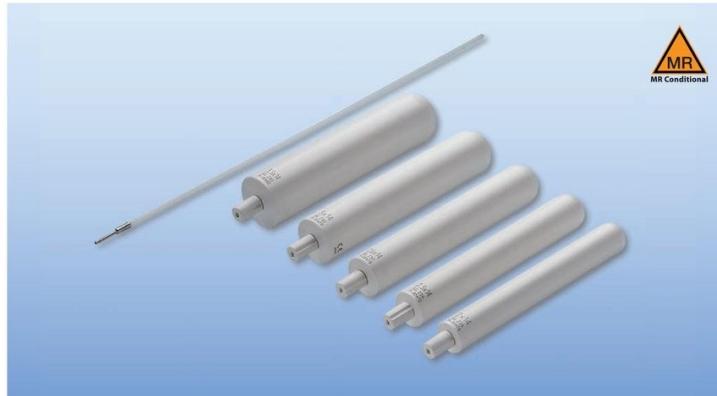
IMAGING COMPATIBLE
APPLICATORS

INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

1D

2D

3D

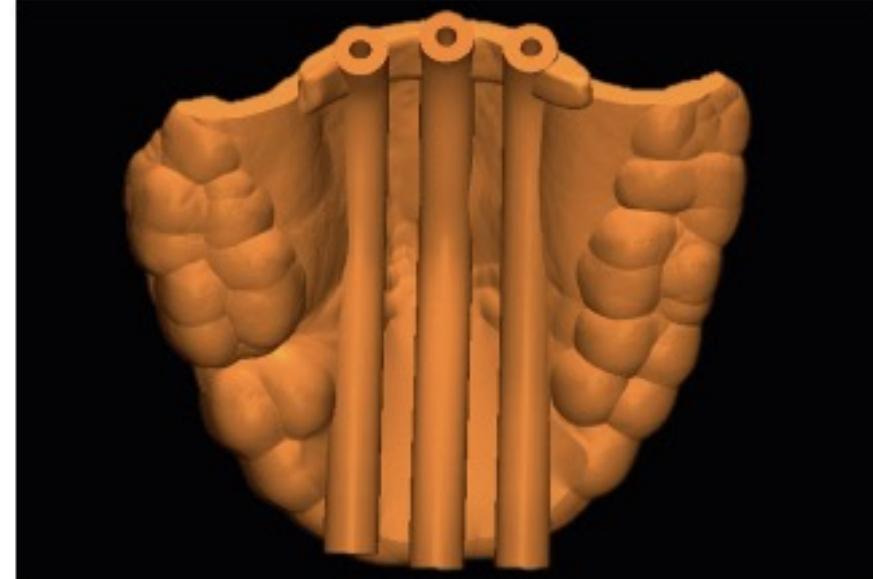
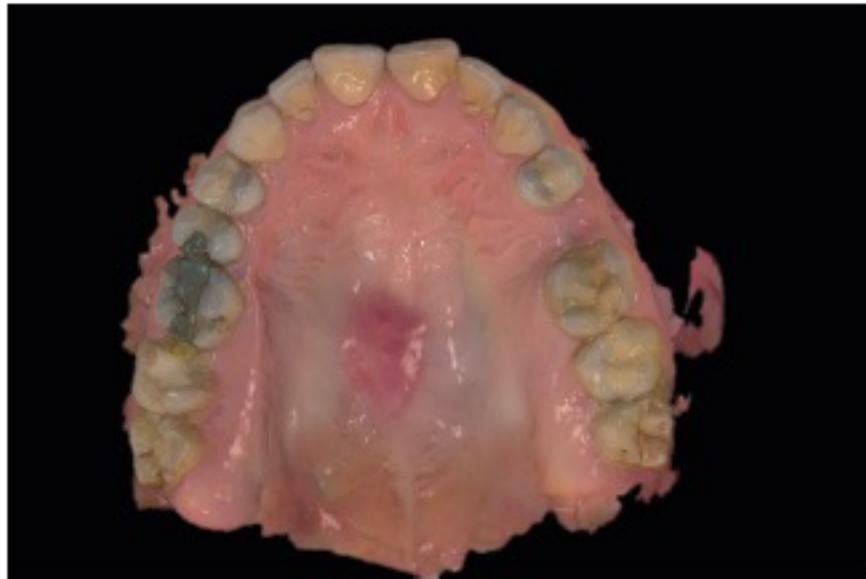


INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

1D

2D

3D

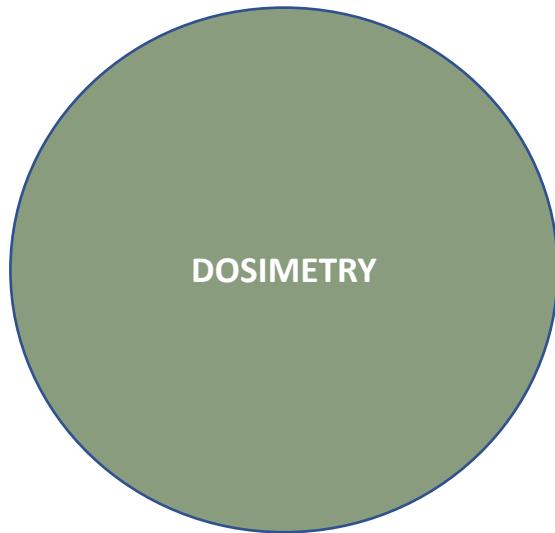


INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

1D

2D

3D



INTENSITY MODULATED IRT

3D CATHETERS
RECONSTRUCTION AND DOSIMETRY

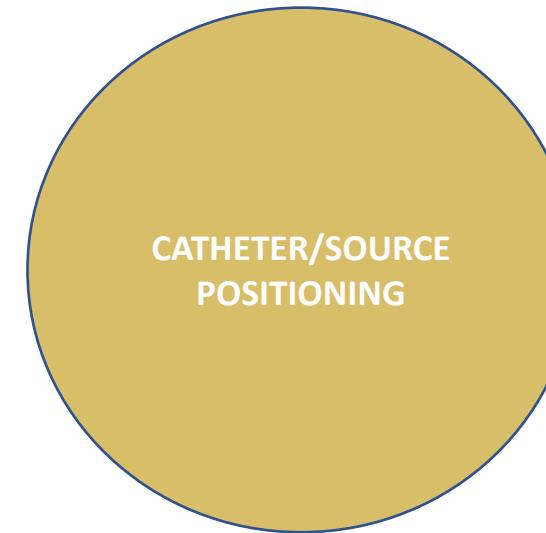
HYPOFRACTIONATED RADIOTHERAPY



TARGET AND ORGANS
AT RISK DEFINITION

3D IMAGING

ADVANCED
IMAGING



CATHETER/SOURCE
POSITIONING

MULTIDISCIPLINARITY

IMAGING COMPATIBLE
APPLICATORS

IMAGING GUIDED PROCEDURE

INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

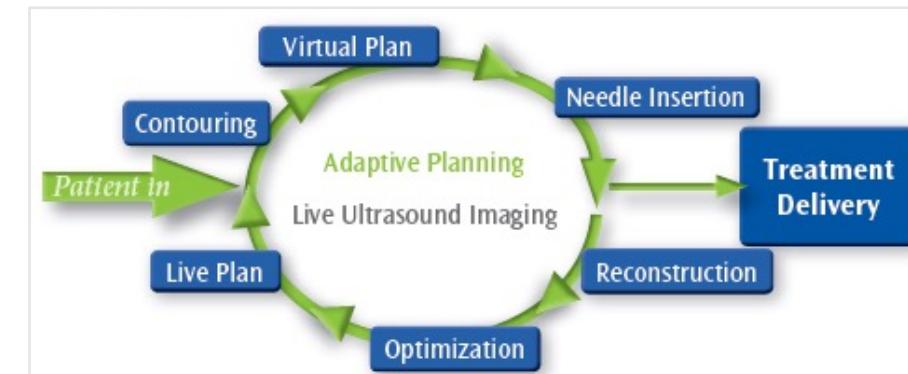
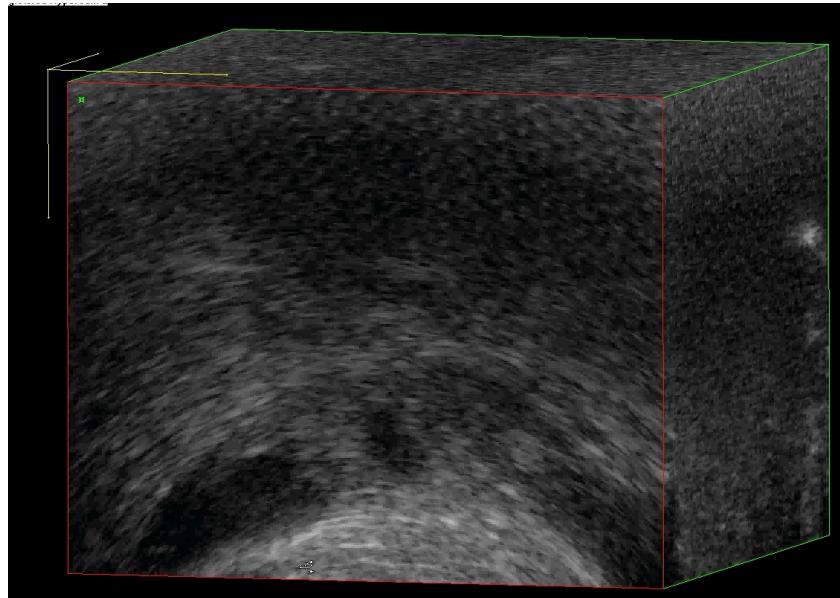
1D

2D

3D

4D

Image Guided Procedure in Prostate Cancer



INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

1D

2D

3D

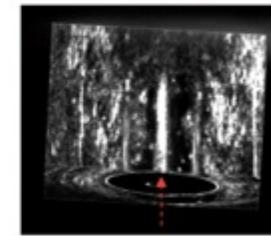
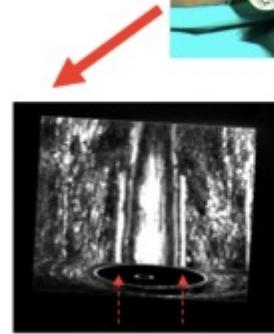
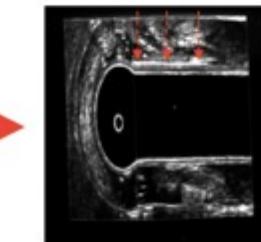
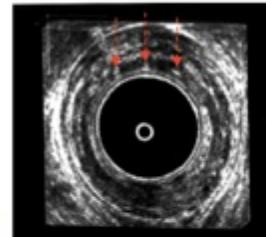
4D

US GUIDED IRT

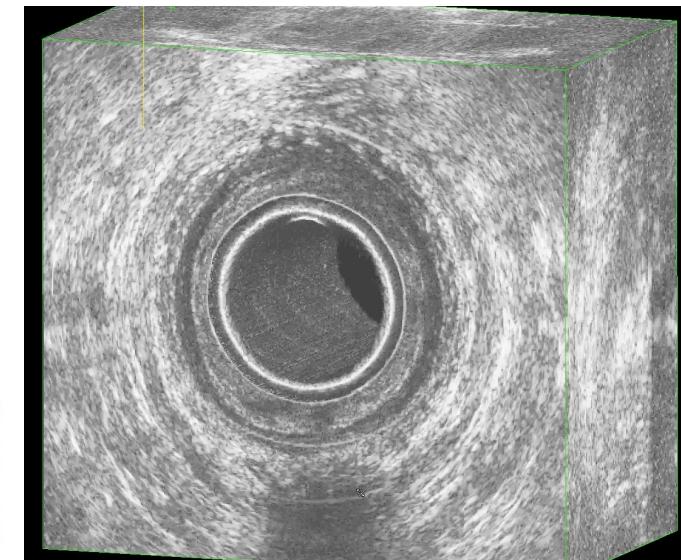
the needles are inserted into
the residual tumor through
the applicator



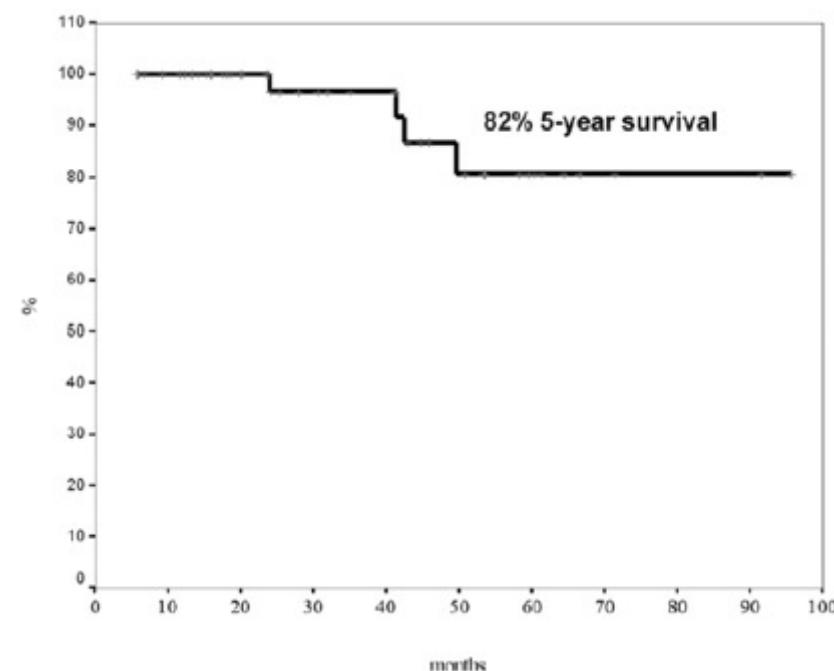
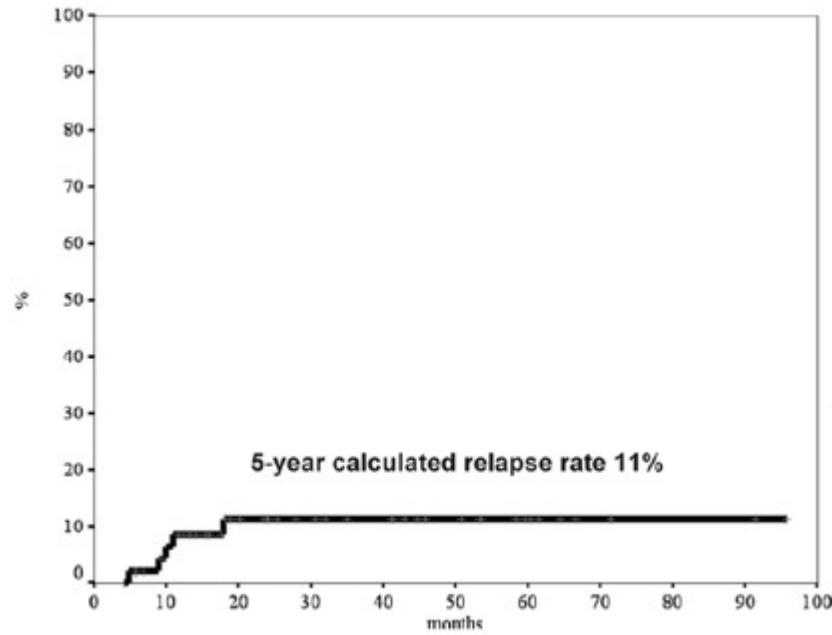
... their position is
checked by EAUS



the applicator cover is assembled;
brachitherapy can be delivered



INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY



no anal stenosis – 6% anal incontinence
no necrosis with standard dose (4Gy + 4Gy)



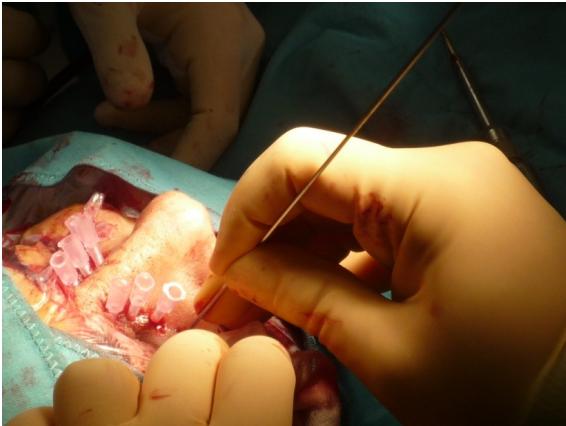
INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

1D

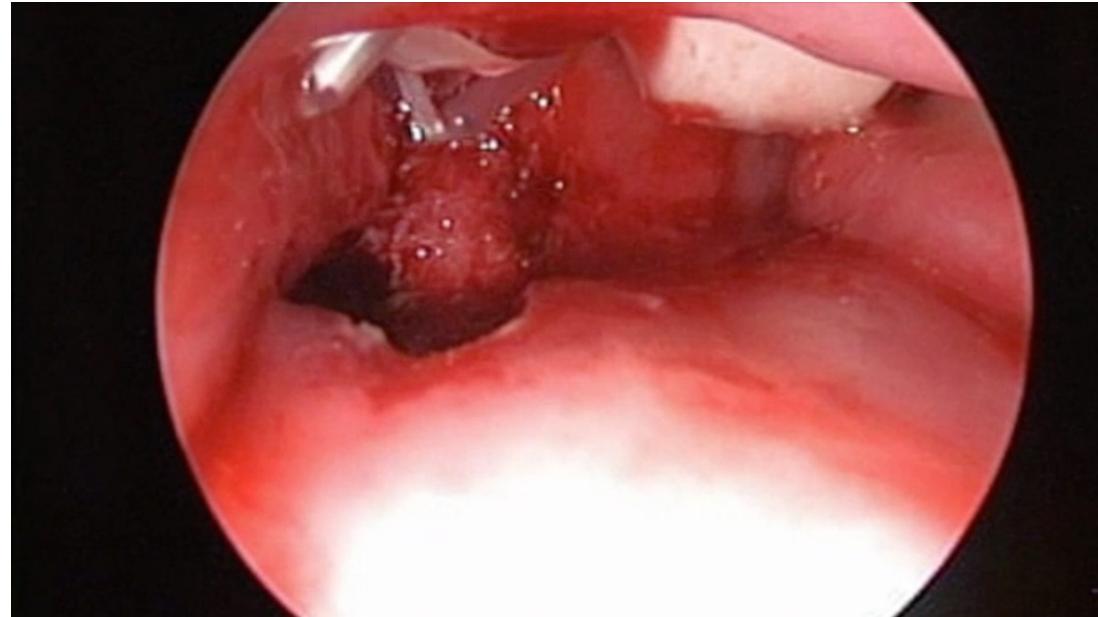
2D

3D

4D



Endoscopy Guided Procedure



INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

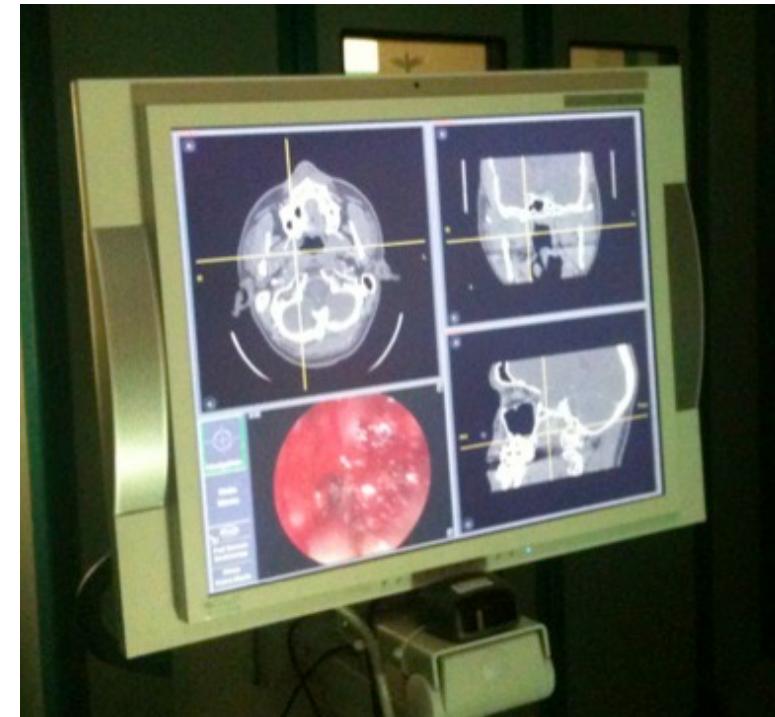
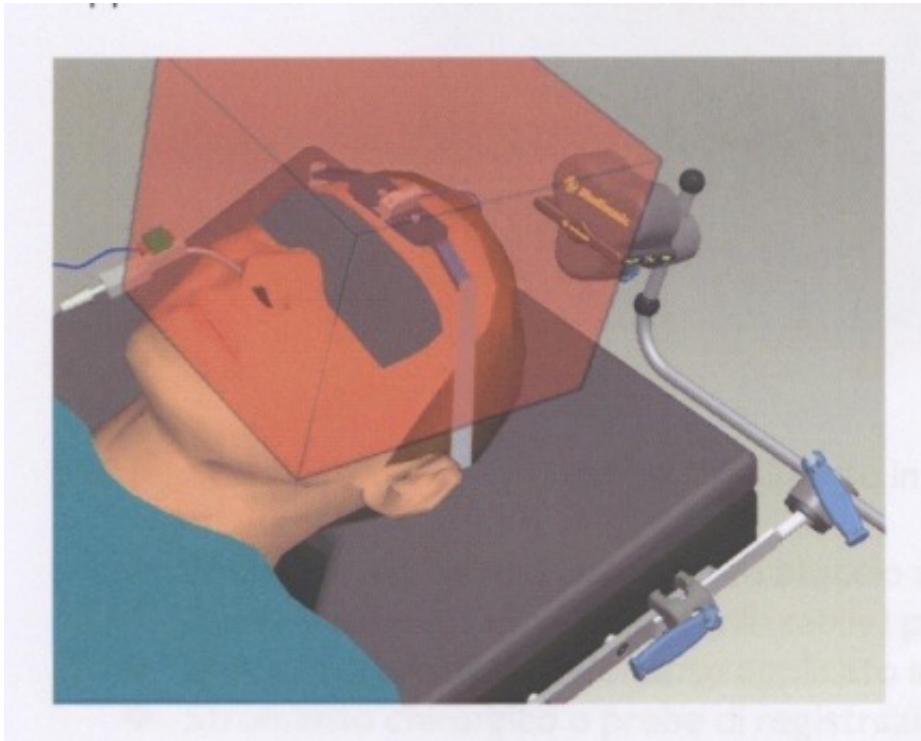
1D

2D

3D

4D

Neuro-navigator Guided Procedure



INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

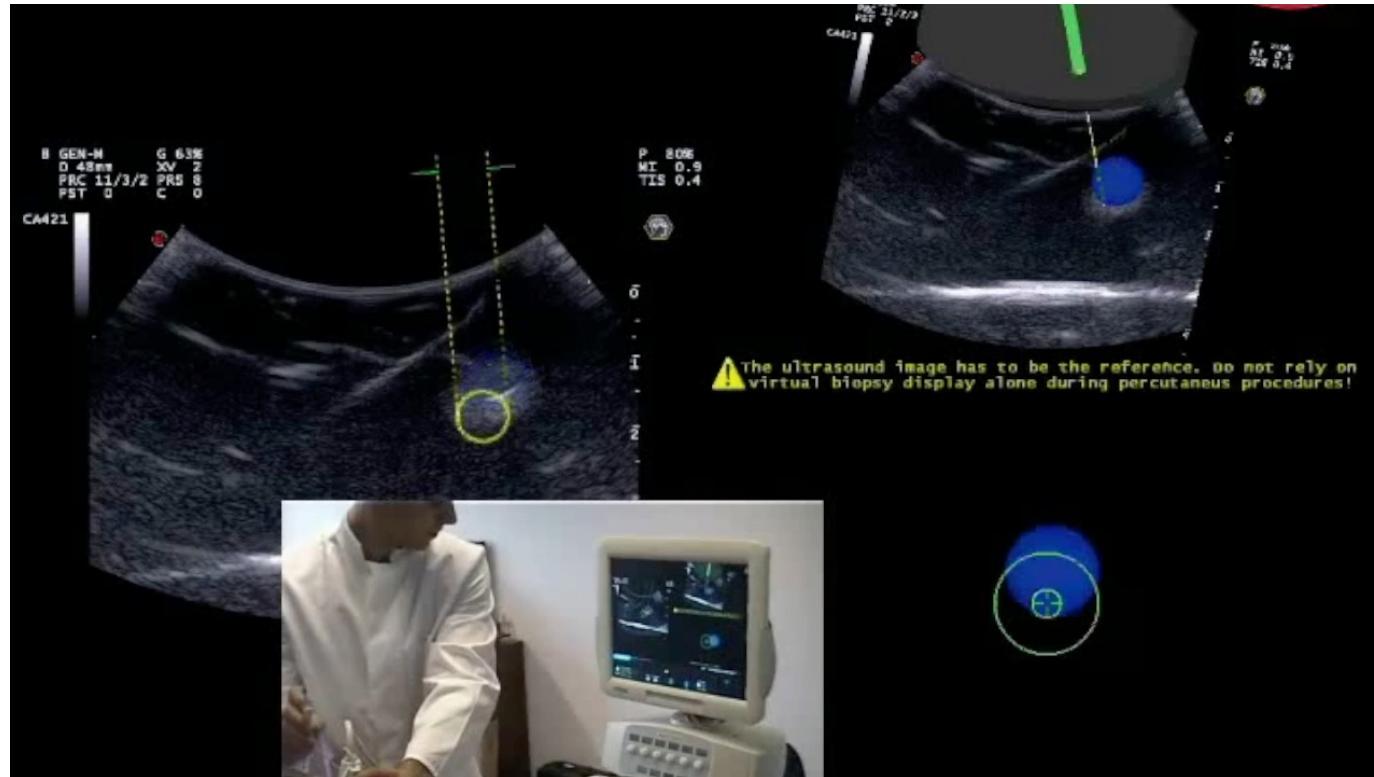
1D

2D

3D

4D

Navigator Guided Procedure



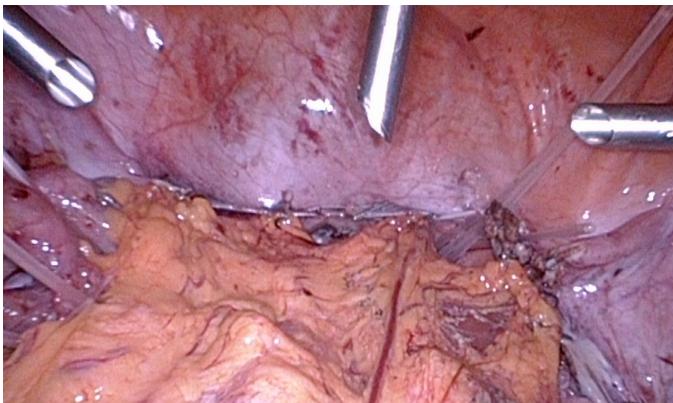
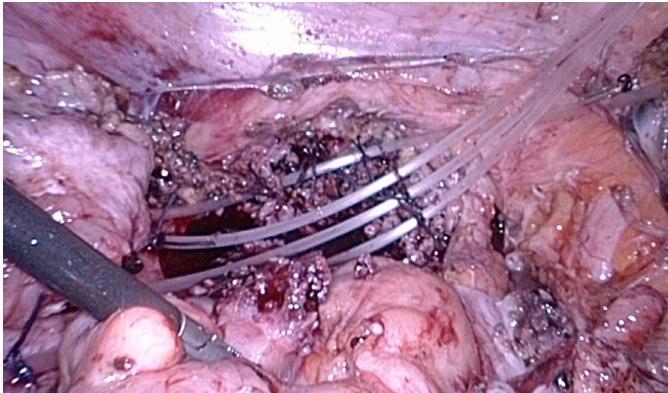
INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

1D

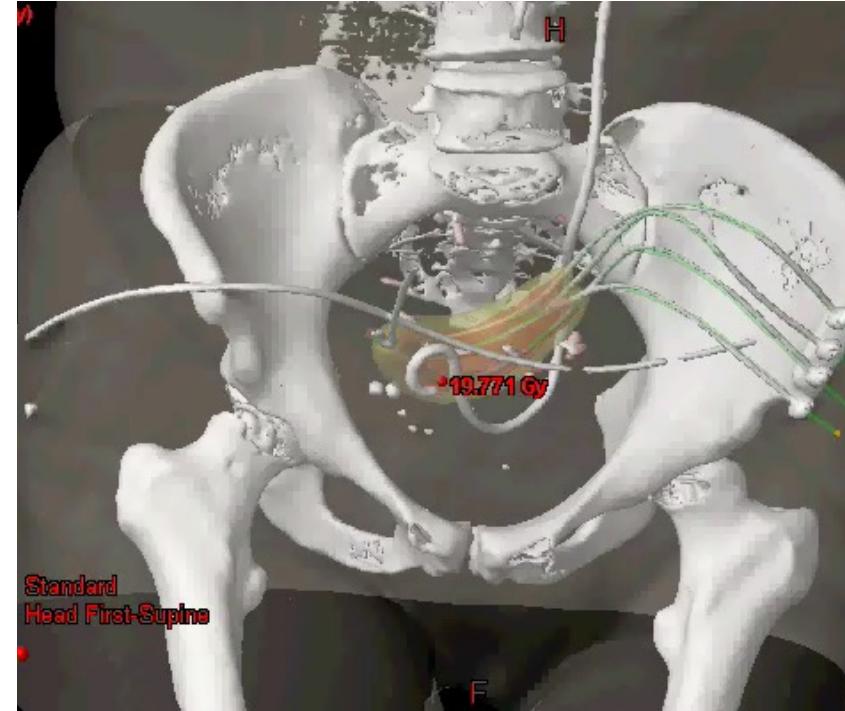
2D

3D

4D



Laparoscopy Guided Procedure



INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

1D

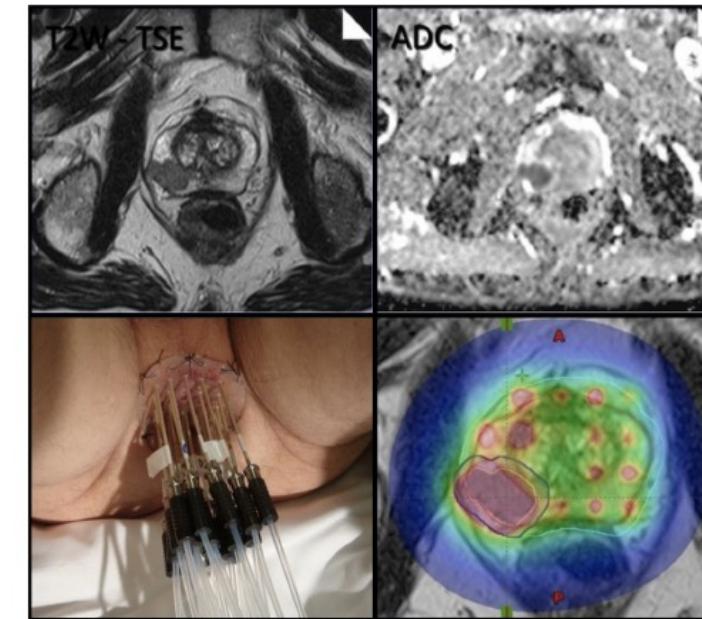
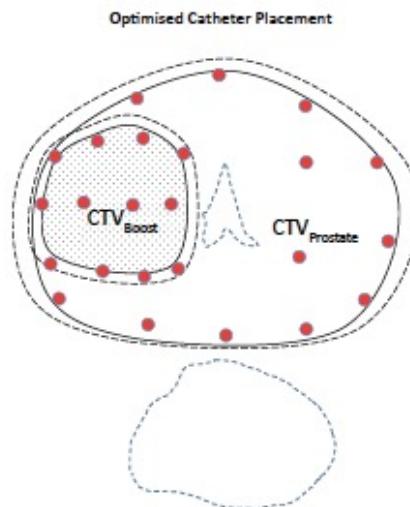
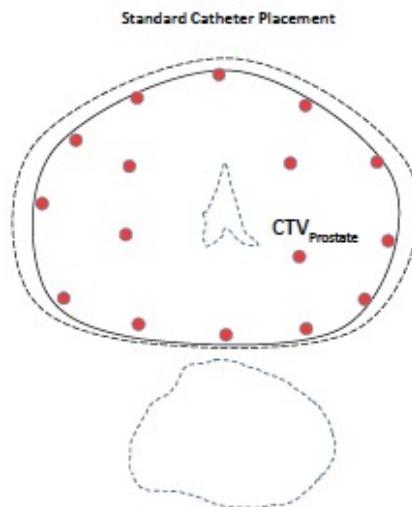
2D

3D

4D

5D

Biology Guided Procedure in Prostate Cancer



INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

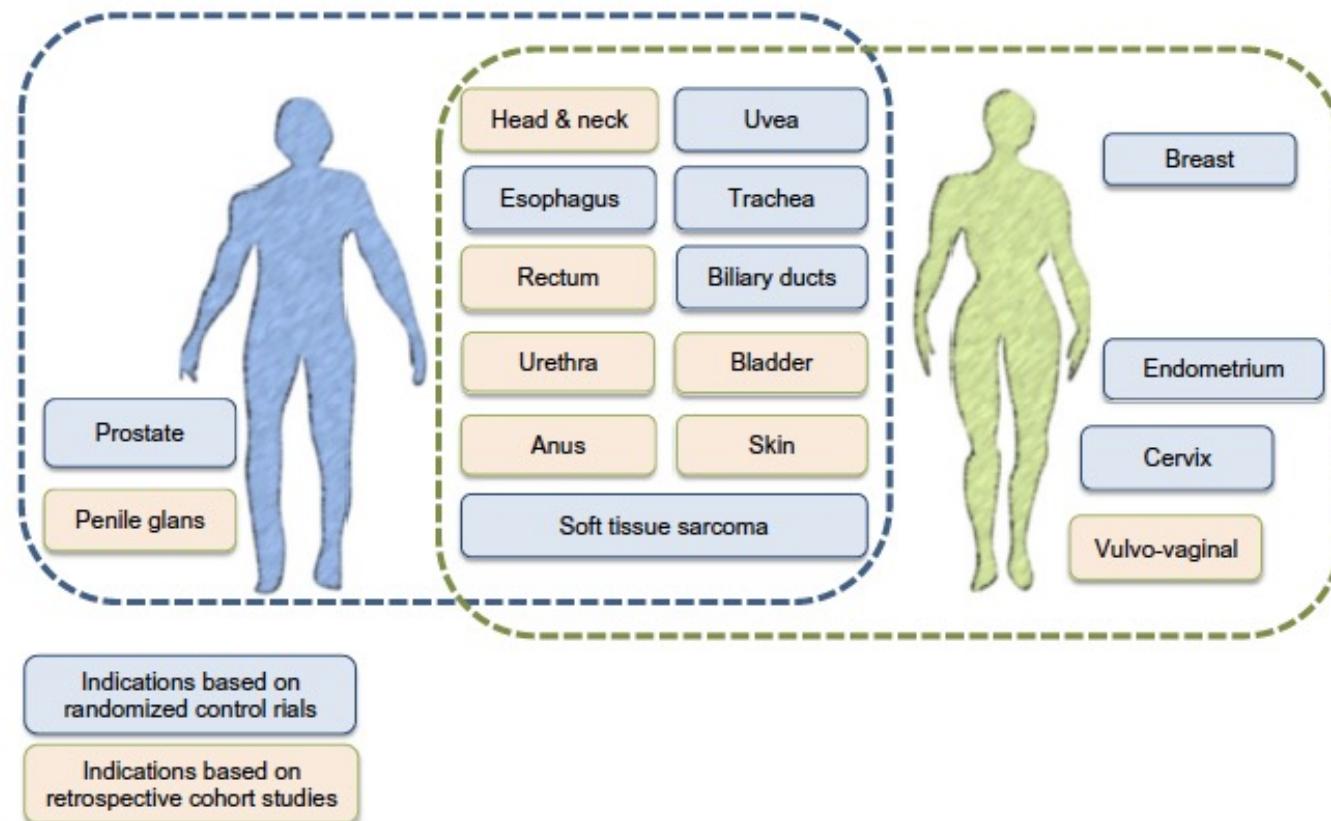
1D

2D

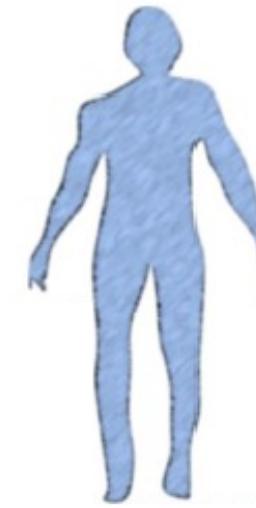
3D

4D

5D



INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY



PATIENT'S DIMENSION

INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

1D

2D

3D

4D

5D

6D

Value Based Health Care: The patient-centric approach



INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

1D

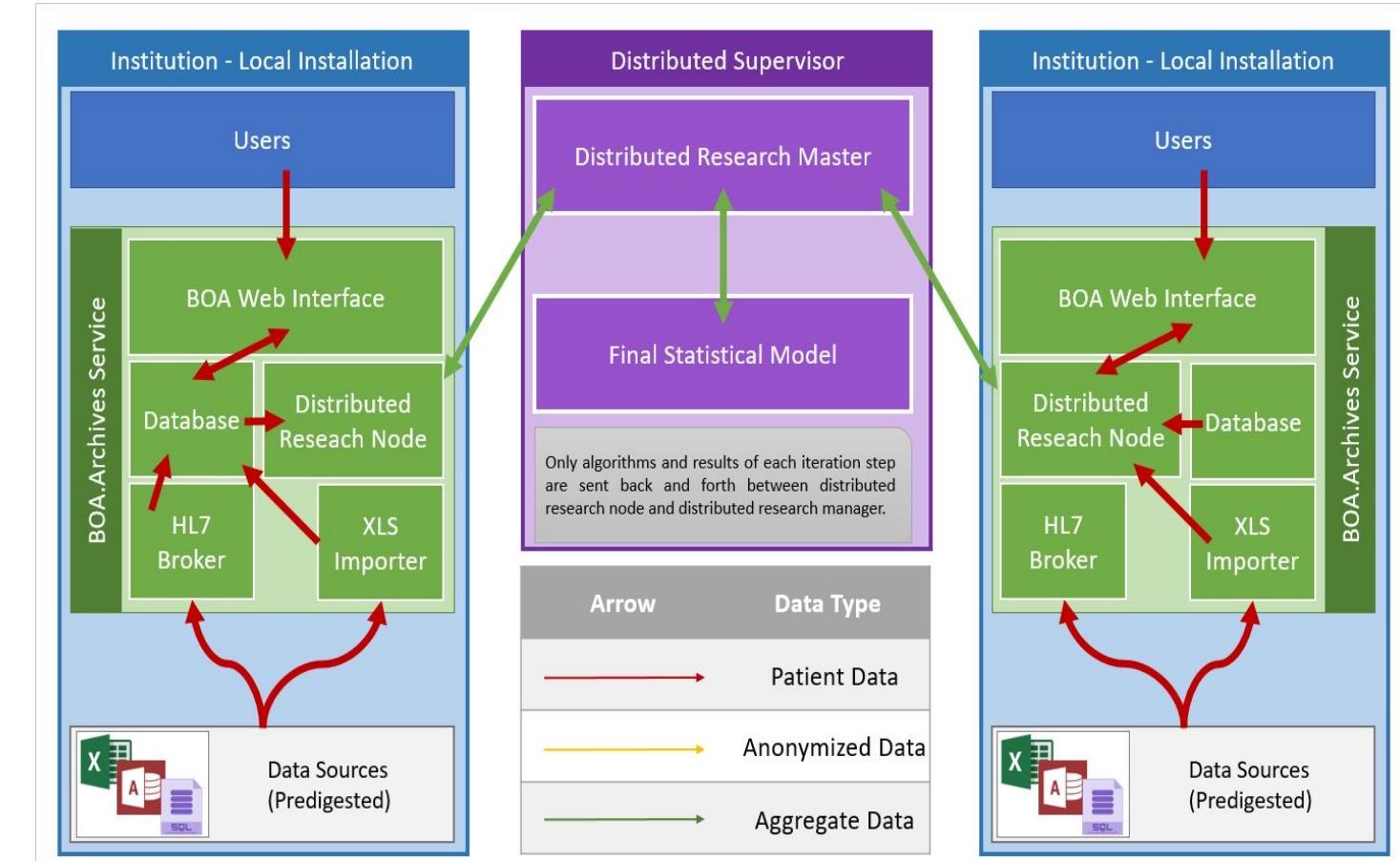
2D

3D

4D

5D

6D



1D

2D

3D

4D

5D

6D

APACHE

Advanced patient monitoring and A.I. supported outcomes assessment in cervical cancer using Internet of things technologies

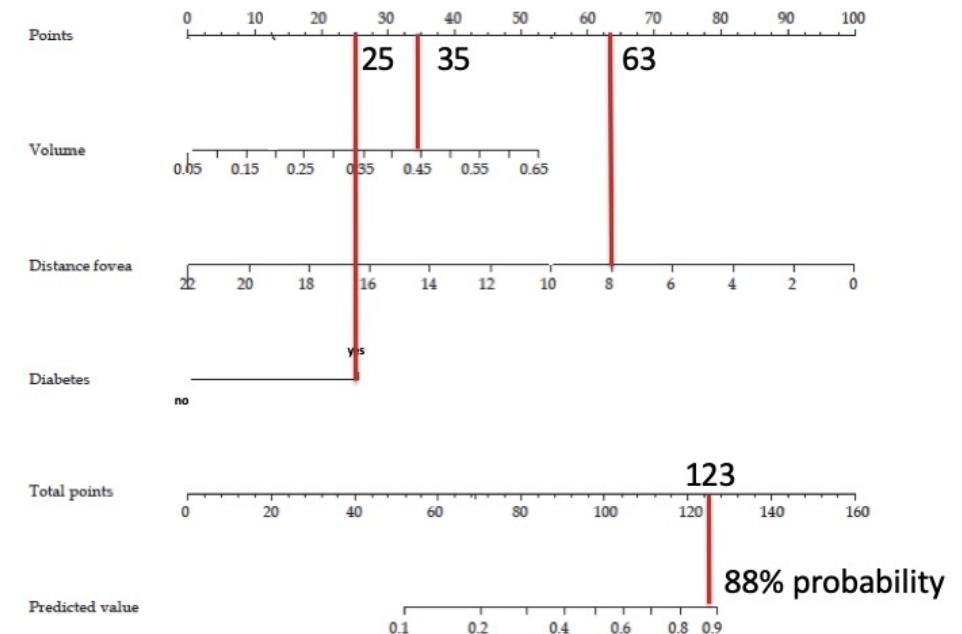
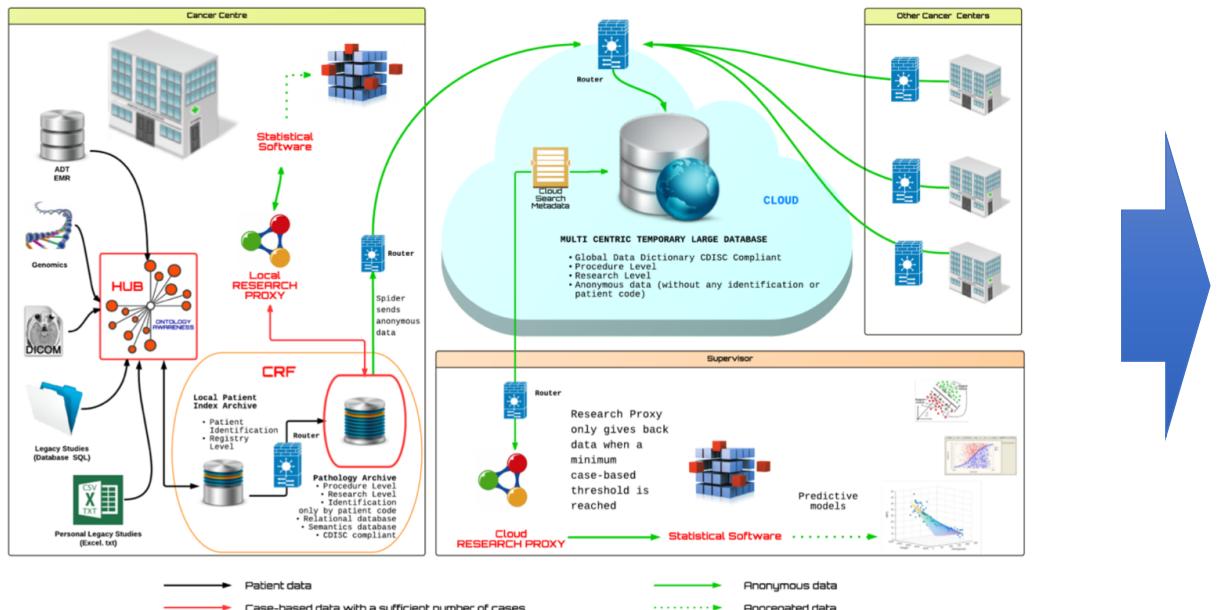
A mobile application

to monitor
symptoms and outcomes for
cervical cancer patients
during and after treatment



INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

1D 2D 3D 4D 5D 6D



- Tagliaferri L, Kovács G, Autorino R, Budrukka A, Guinot JL, Hildebrand G, Johansson B, Monge RM, Meyer JE, Niehoff P, Rovirosa A, Takács-Nagy Z, Dinapoli N, Lanzotti V, Damiani A, Soror T, Valentini V. ENT COBRA (Consortium for Brachytherapy Data Analysis): interdisciplinary standardized data collection system for head and neck patients treated with interventional radiotherapy (brachytherapy). *J Contemp Brachytherapy*. 2016
- Luca Tagliaferri, Monica Maria Pagliara, Carlotta Masciocchi, Andrea Scupola, Luigi Azario, Gabriela Grimaldi, Rosa Autorino, Maria Antonietta Gambacorta, Antonio Laricchiuta, Luca Boldrini, Prof. Vincenzo Valentini, Maria Antonietta Blasi. Nomogram for predicting radiation maculopathy in patients treated with Ruthenium-106 plaque brachytherapy for uveal melanoma *J Contemp Brachytherapy* 2017

1D

2D

3D

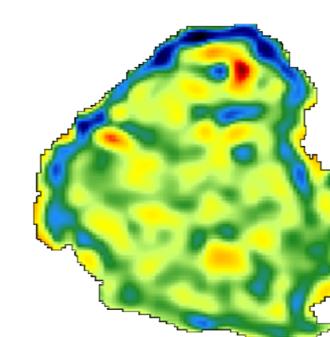
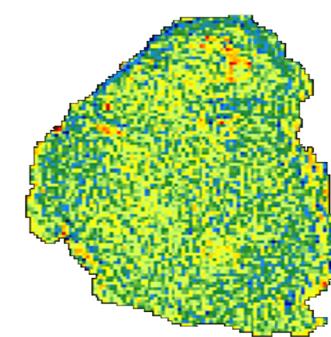
4D

5D

6D

POLAR

Project for interventional Oncology LArge-database in liveR



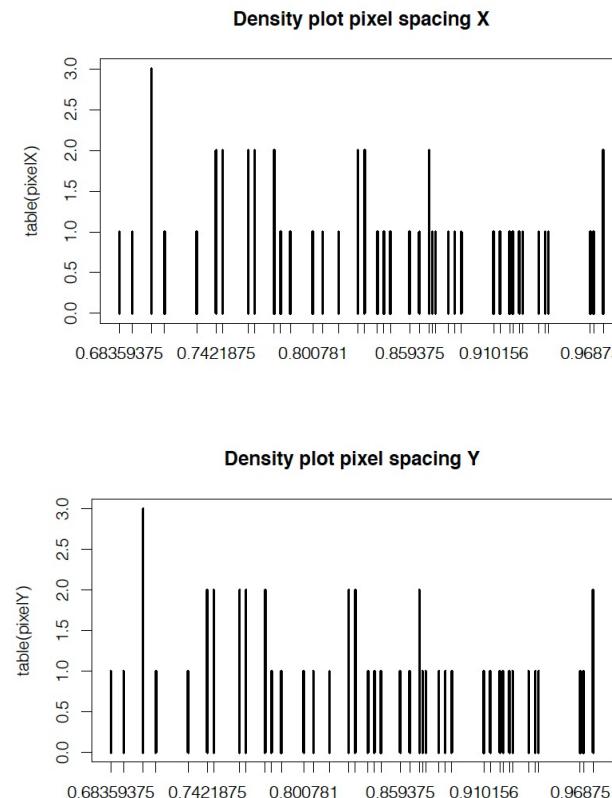
RADIOMICS: extraction of quantitative features

INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

IO Procedures



FUP



PREDICTIVE MODEL
(decision supporting tool)

Good Responders

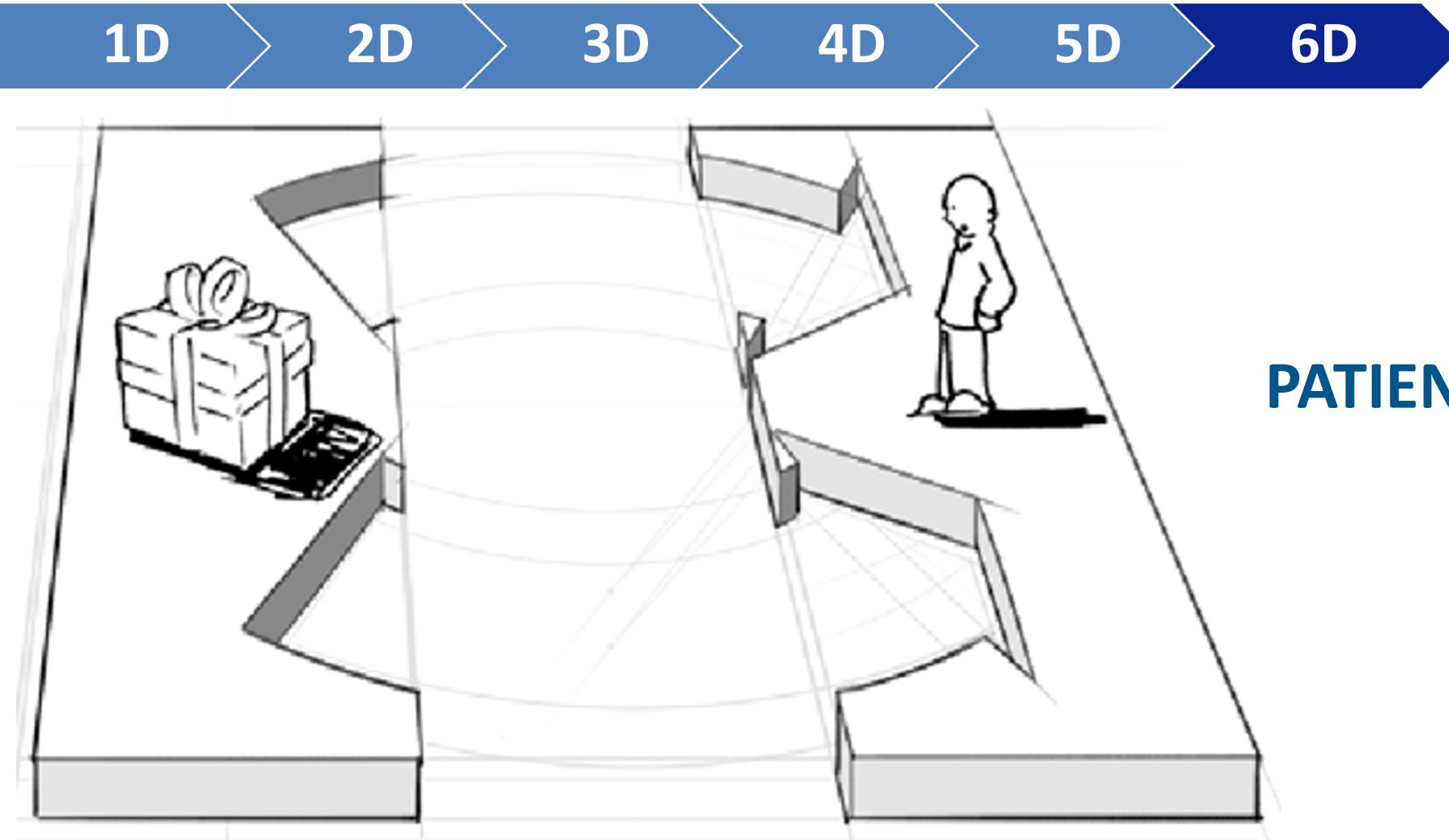
Bad Responders

Radiotherapy
Electrochemotherapy
Others therapies

double shot

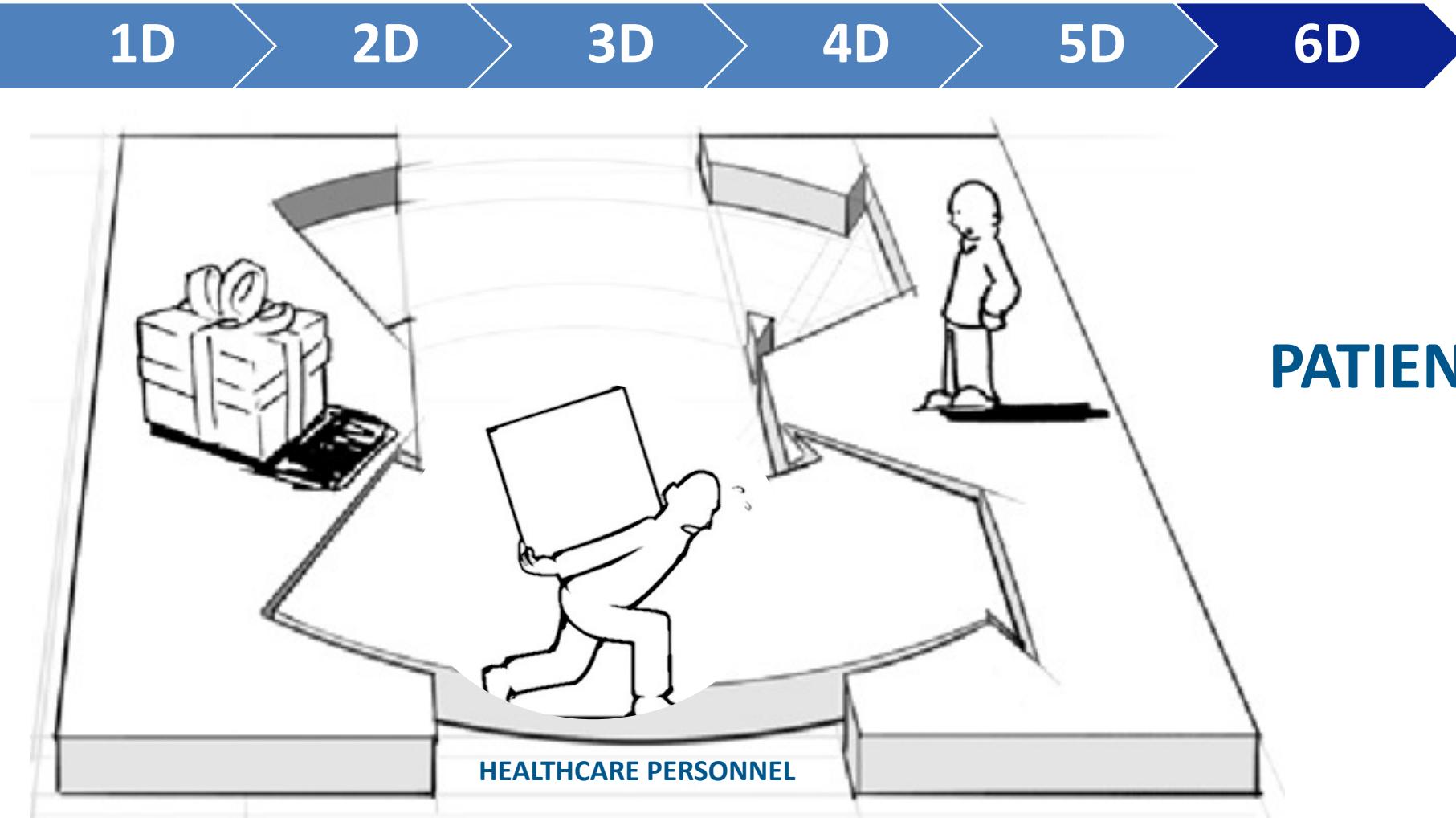
VALUE BASED HEALTH CARE: A GIFT FOR OUR PATIENTS

HEALTH
and
RELIEF



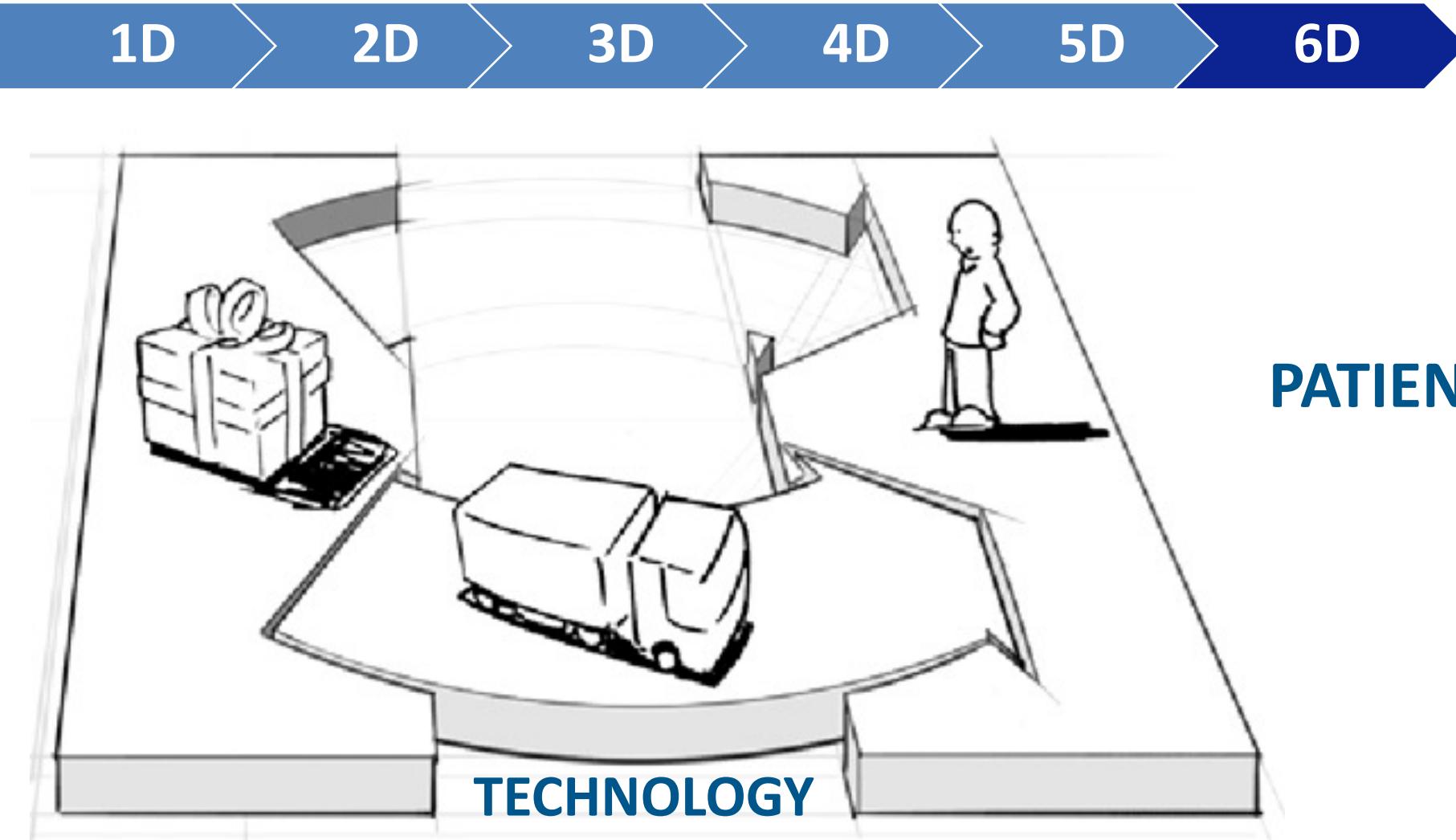
VALUE BASED HEALTH CARE: A GIFT FOR OUR PATIENTS

HEALTH
and
RELIEF



VALUE BASED HEALTH CARE: A GIFT FOR OUR PATIENTS

HEALTH
and
RELIEF



VALUE BASED HEALTH CARE - THE PATIENT-CENTRIC APPROACH

1D

2D

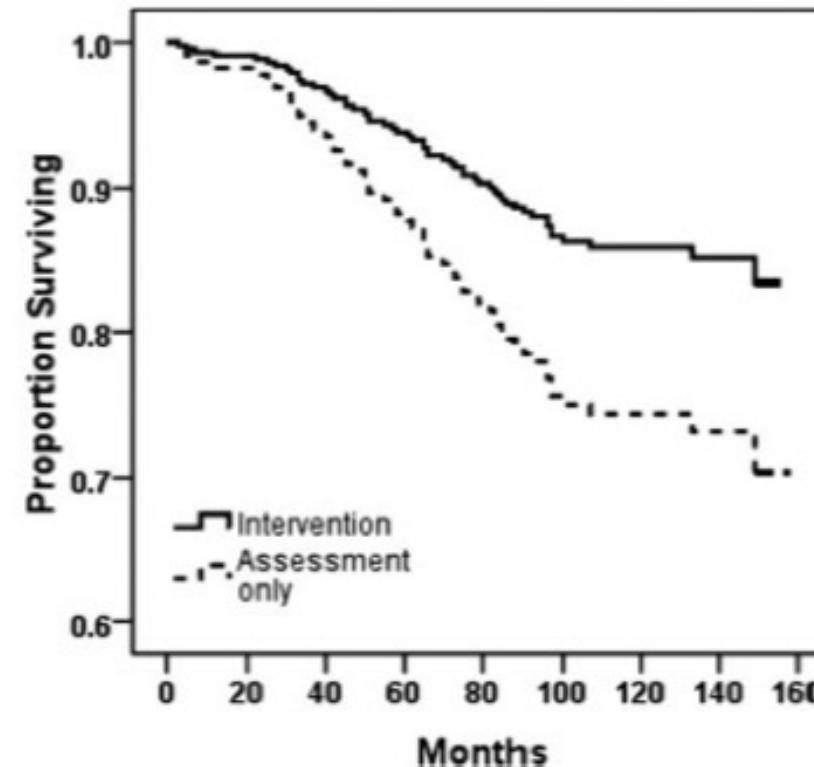
3D

4D

5D

6D

(c) Overall survival



PSYCHOLOGIC INTERVENTION IMPROVES SURVIVAL

INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY



Original paper

HAPPY - Humanity Assurance Protocol in interventional radiotheraPY (brachytherapy) – an AIRO Interventional Radiotherapy Study Group project

Valentina Lancellotta, MD¹, Vitaliana De Sanctis, MD², Patrizia Cornacchione, MSc¹, Fernando Barbera, MD³, Vincenzo Fusco, MD⁴, Cristiana Vidali, MD⁵, Sara Scalise, MSc¹, Giulia Panza, MD⁶, Angela Tenore, MSc¹, Giuseppe Ferdinando Colloca, MD¹, Renzo Corvò, MD⁷, Maria Antonietta Gambacorta, MD^{1,6}, Stefano Maria Magrini, MD⁸, Luca Tagliaferri, MD¹

Clinical Investigations

Patient's needs/issues general clusters	HAPPY interventions/recommendations
1 Lack of information and the fear of “unknown”	Procedure information booklet, possibly with FAQs, and sharing patient story, to be delivered many days before the therapy Improving the patient’s participation in therapeutic choices also using decision support tools and discussing predictive models
2 Comfortable and relaxing environment	Possibility of hearing music chosen by the patient and/or watching relaxing videos
3 Ability to reduce anxiety	Psychological support in the interventional room and/or prescription of anxiolytics if necessary
4 Fear of the word “Bunker”	Use alternative words like “Interventional Room” or “Treatment Room”
5 Use of the word “Brachytherapy” often not known and heard for the first time by the patient	Use a more conventional term such as “interventional radiotherapy”
6 Embarrassment over external genital depilation (if necessary) in the interventional room	Suggestion to perform external genital depilation at home
7 Discomfort due to the long maintenance of the bladder catheter	The bladder catheter will be placed in the interventional room just before the procedure
8 Sense of loneliness in the room	If possible, an operator holds the patient’s hand during the applicator positioning and plans optimization making human proximity perceived

VALUE BASED HEALTH CARE - THE PATIENT-CENTRIC APPROACH

1D

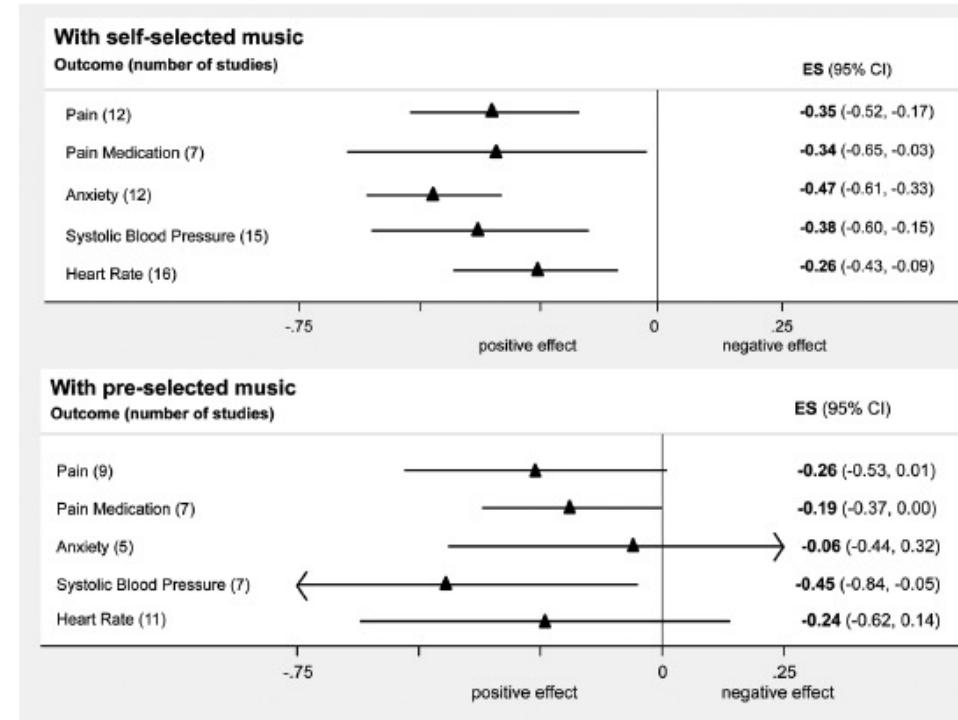
2D

3D

4D

5D

6D



PERSONALIZED ENVIRONMENT

INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

1D

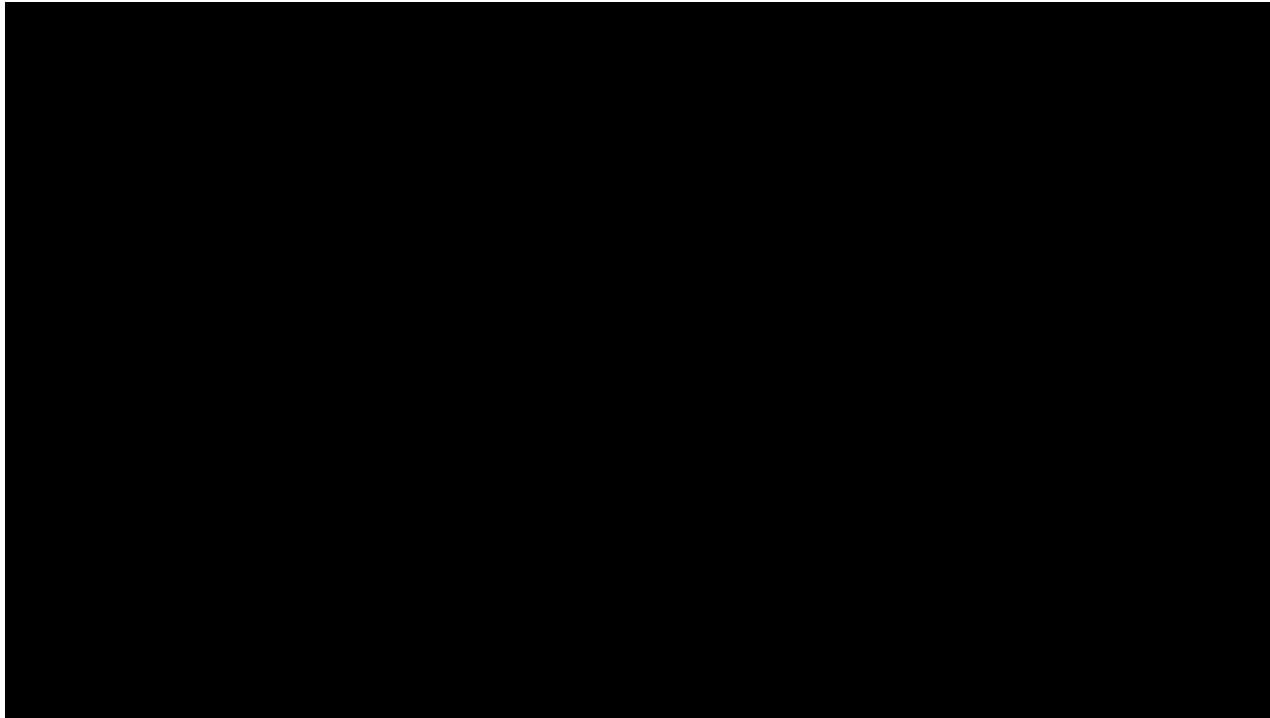
2D

3D

4D

5D

6D



MISSION

MultISenSory Integrated system for patient cOmpliaNce improvement

INTERVENTIONAL RADIOTHERAPY

1D

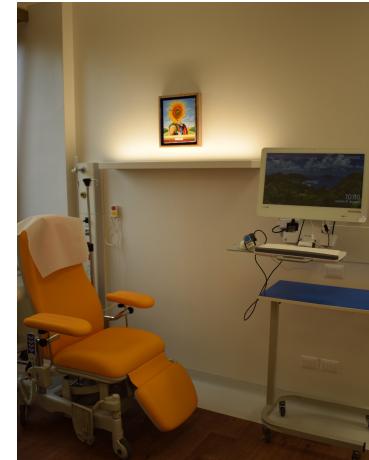
2D

3D

4D

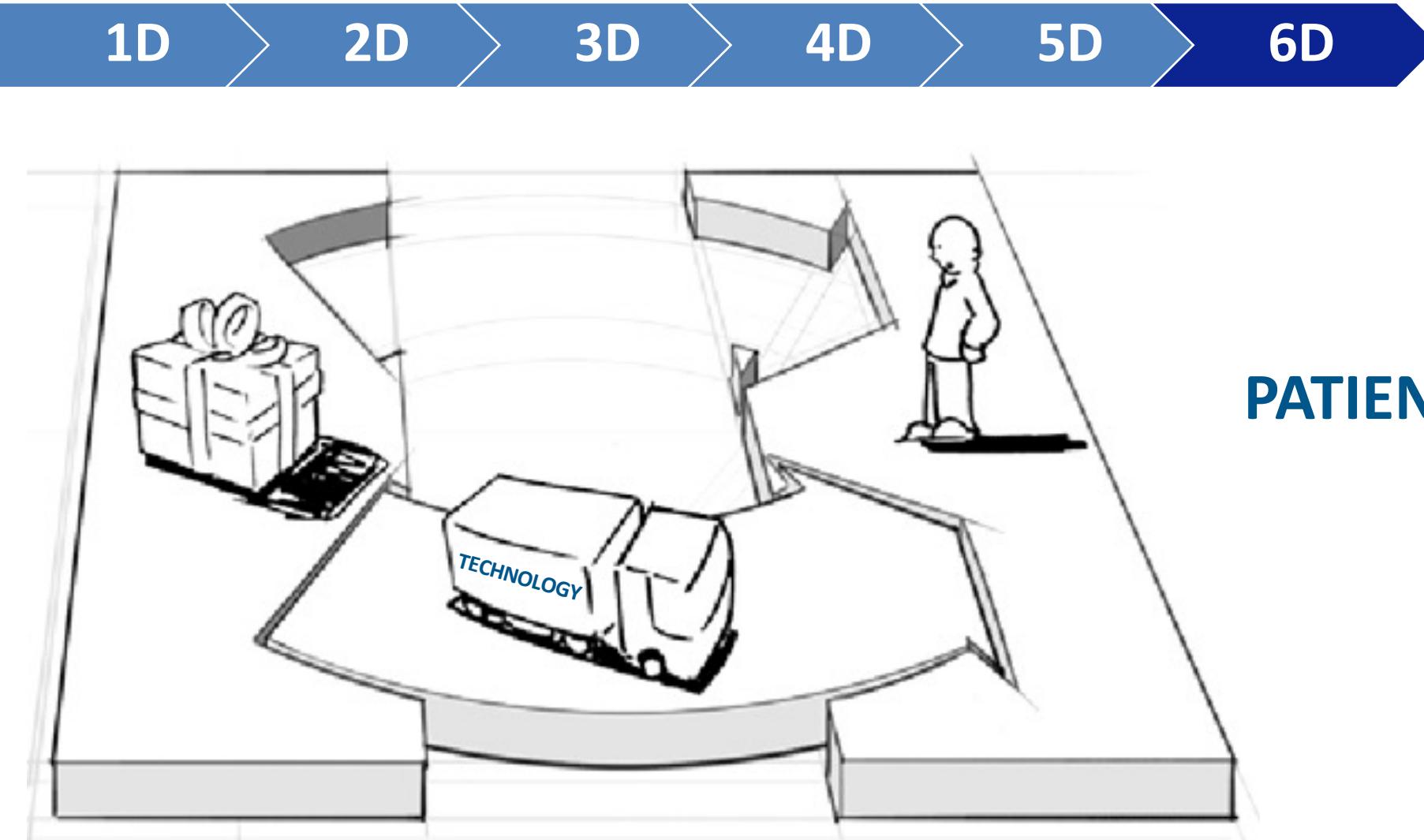
5D

6D



HEALTH: THE GIFT FOR OUR PATIENTS

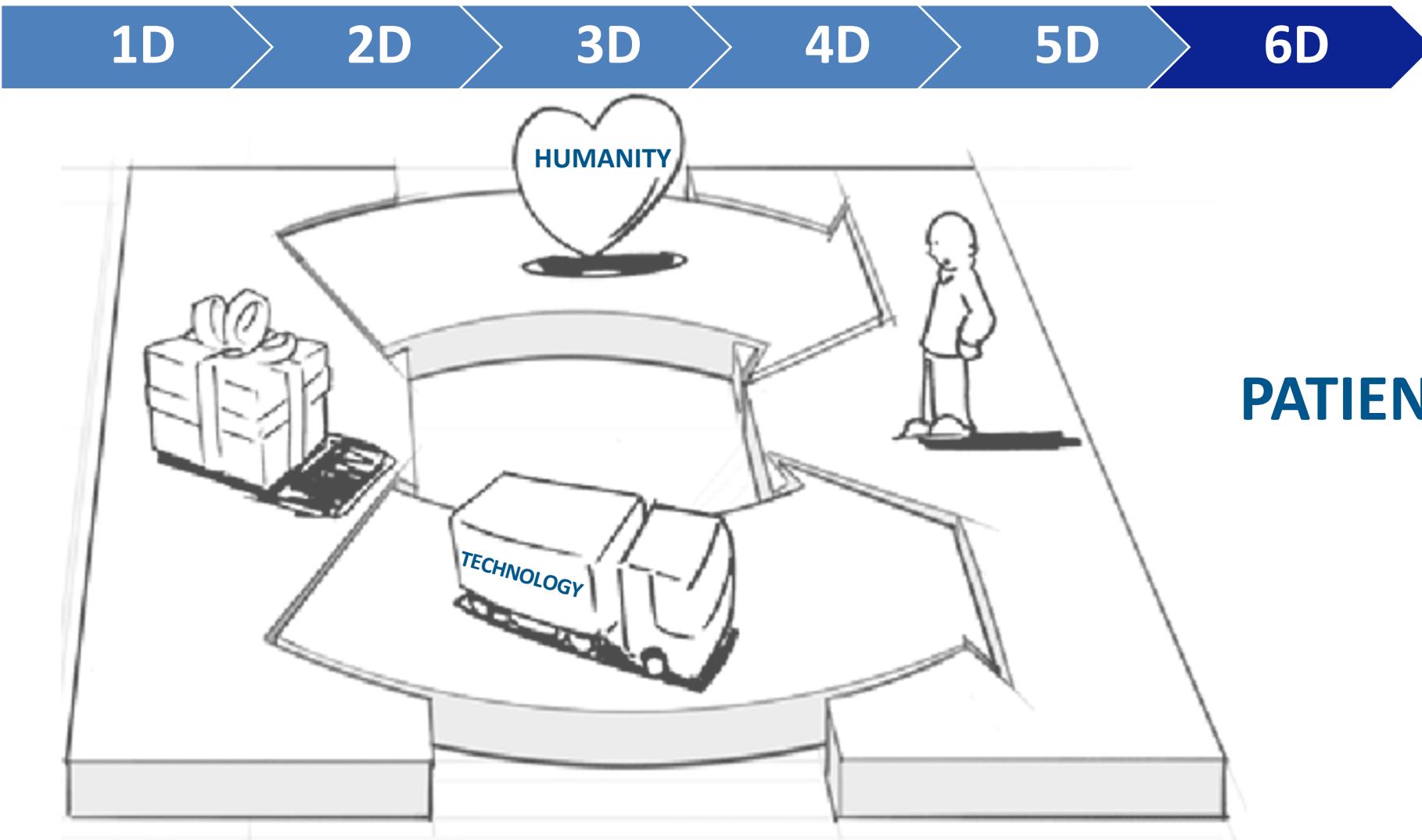
HEALTH
and
RELIEF



PATIENT

GLOBAL PATIENT CENTRIC APPROACH

HEALTH
and
RELIEF



PATIENT CENTRIC APPROACH

1D

2D

3D

4D

5D

6D



Thank you for your attention

LUCA TAGLIAFERRI – MD, PhD

Fondazione Policlinico Universitario «Agostino Gemelli» IRCCS

Gemelli ART (Advanced Radiation Therapy) - Interventional Oncology Center (IOC)

Largo Gemelli, 8 - Rome



mailto: luca.tagliaferri@policlinicogemelli.it



<http://www.gemelliart.it/personnel/dott-luca-tagliaferri/>



<https://www.linkedin.com/in/luca-tagliaferri-a80878112/>



<https://www.youtube.com/user/gemelliart>



<https://it-it.facebook.com/ucsc.gemelli.art/>

