



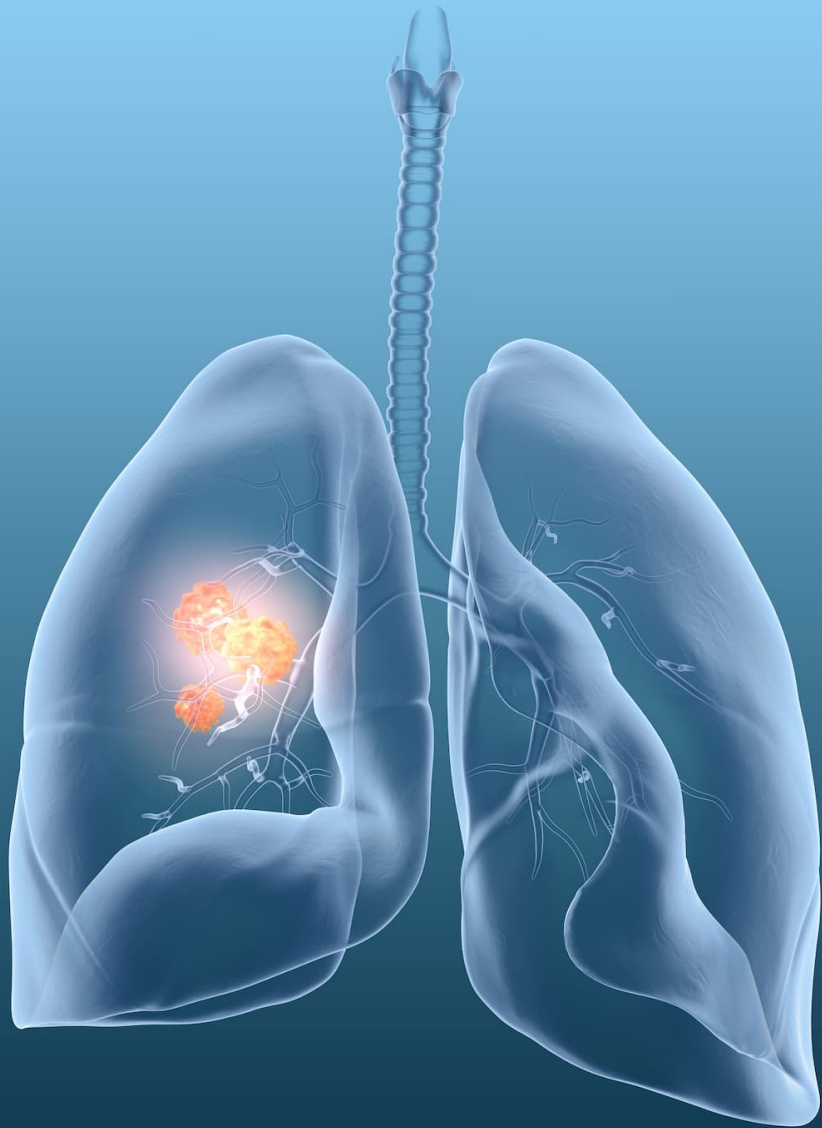
# Focus on Lung cancer innovation and compliance

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## Constraints and toxicity in innovative treatments

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## Lung cancer radiotherapy: assumptions

### Early stage

- **SBRT** appropriate option
- Anatomical **site** has an impact on treatment outcomes

### Locally advanced stage

- **Concomitant CRT** better than RT alone or sequential CRT
- Definitive CRT up to **60-70 Gy**
- **Immunotherapy**

### Common issues

- **Motion** represents both a systematic and a random source of error and uncertainty in RT
- Frequent **comorbidities: patients selection**
- **Toxicity ( $\geq G3$ )** still burdens 10-30% of treatments
- Lung cancer accounts for **20.4% of cancer deaths**

# Lung cancer constraints: a matter of dose?

## Early stage

**Hypo FXSRT (2007)**      BED  $\geq$  100 Gy associated with better LC and OS

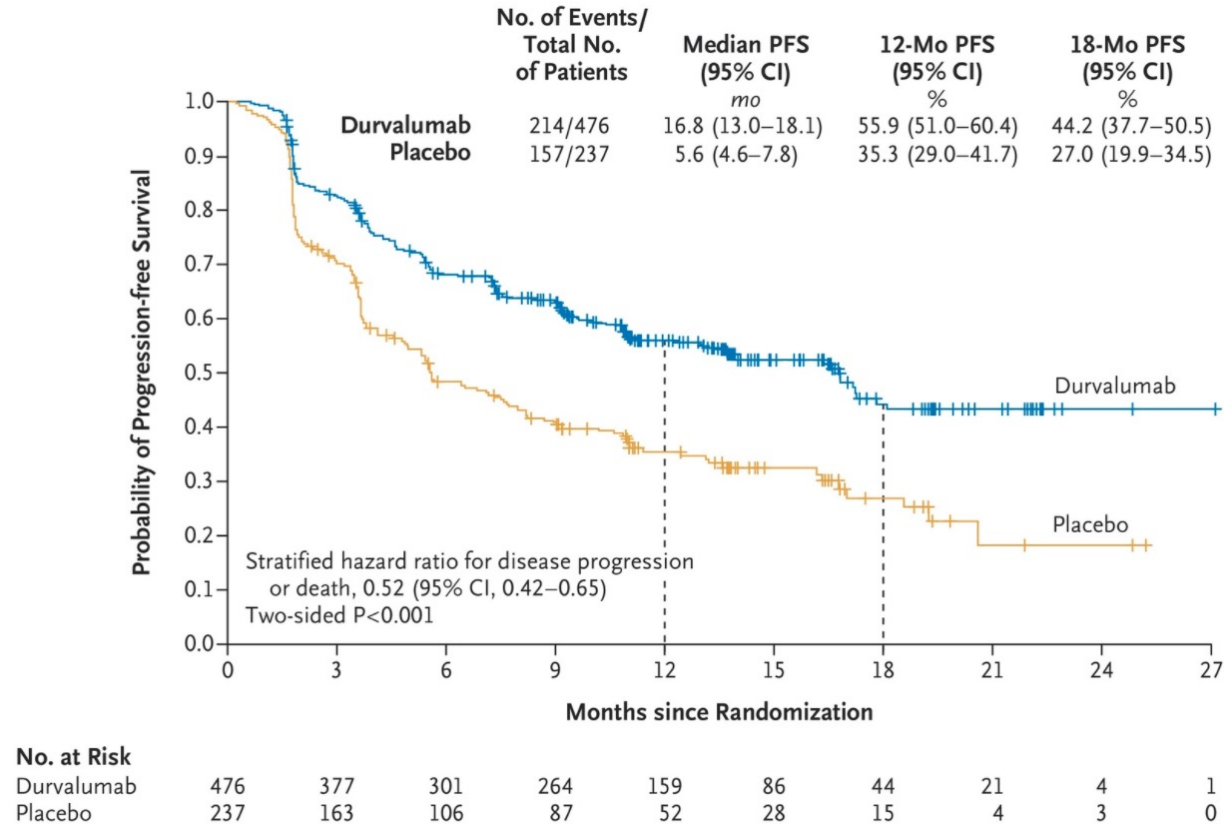
## Locally advanced

**RTOG 7301 (1980)**      60 Gy as standard dose regimen

**RTOG 0117 (2010)**      Dose limiting toxicity identified at 74 Gy

**RTOG 0617 (2013)**      Dose escalation up to 74 Gy is detrimental for survival, same toxicity

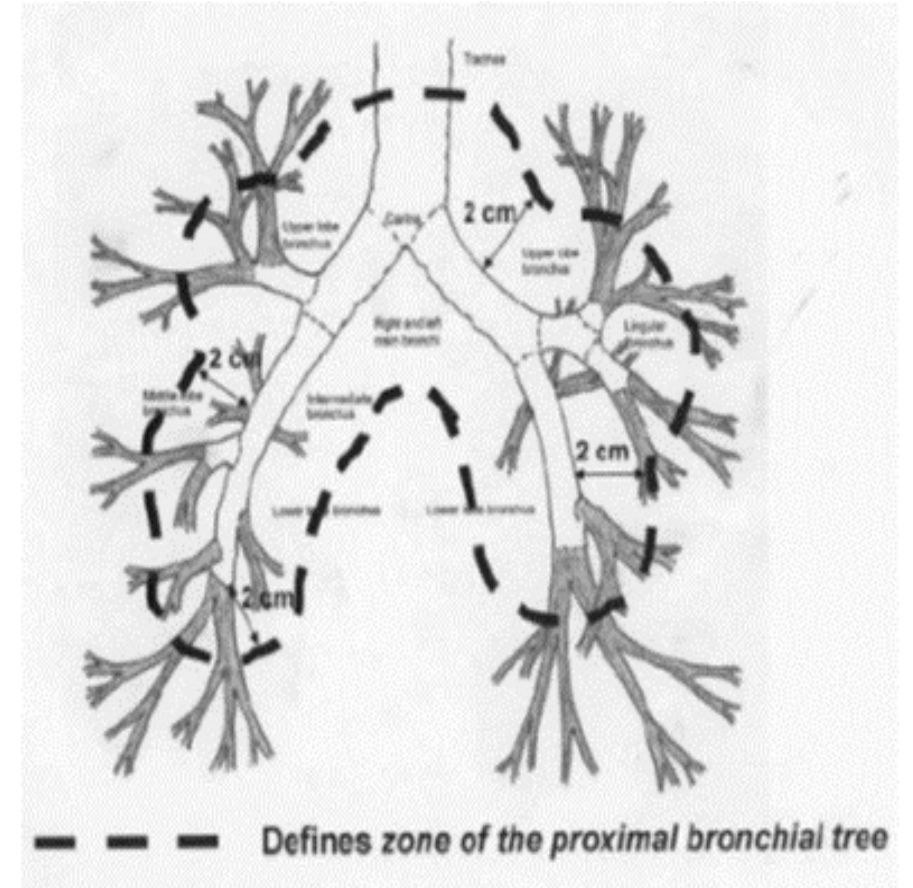
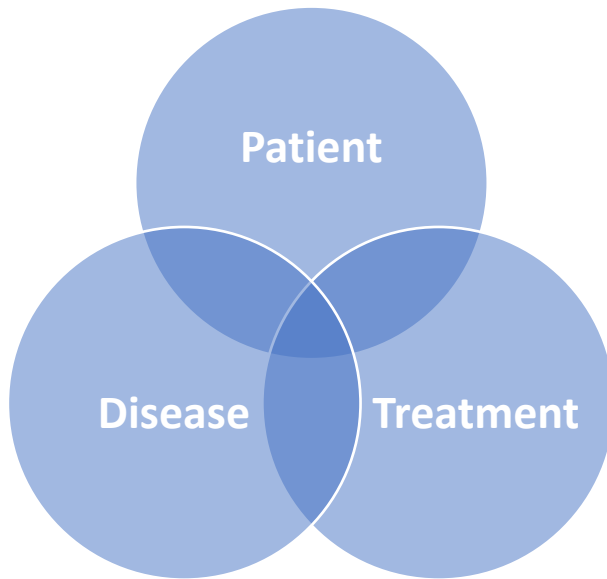
# Lung cancer constraints: a matter of drugs?



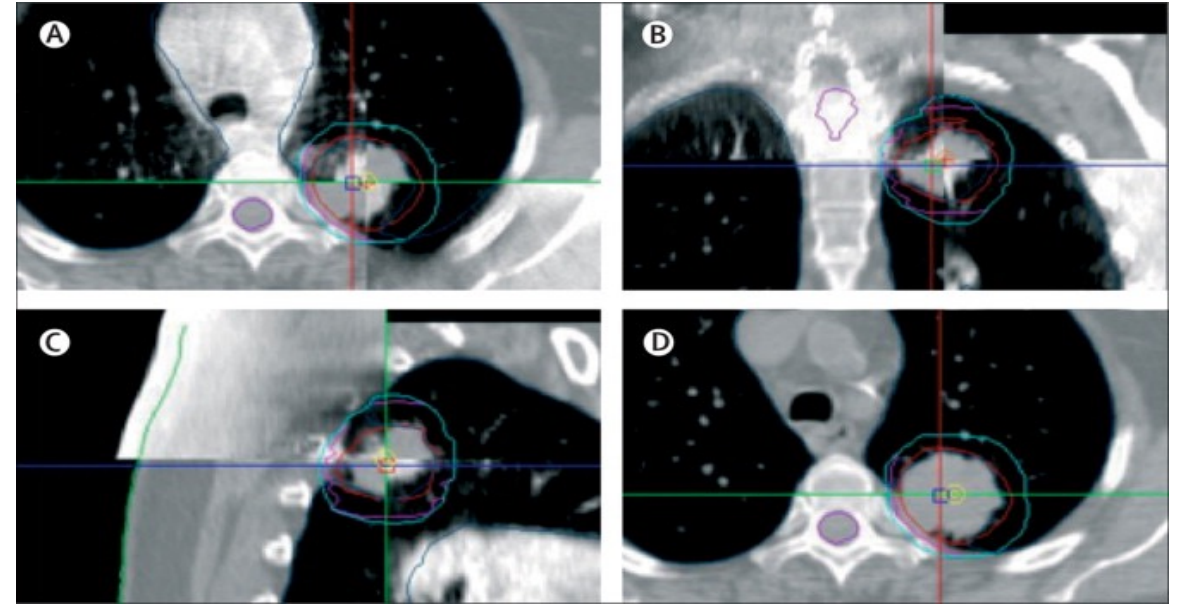
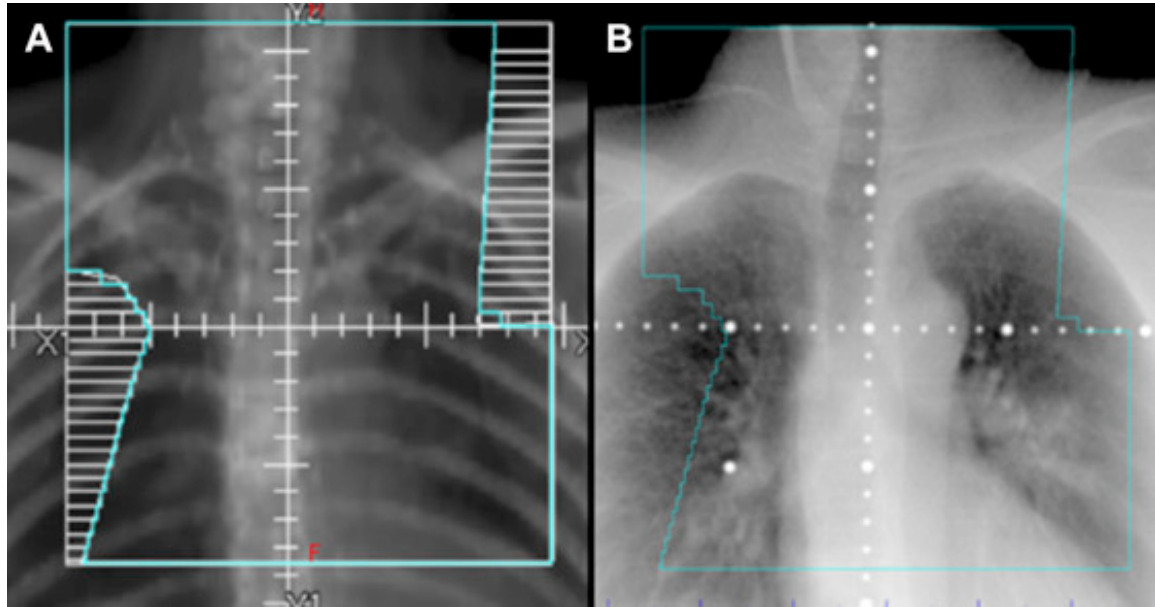
Antonia SJ et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2017;16.377(20):1919-1929

# Lung cancer constraints: a matter of prescription?

- Anatomy based prescription
- Risk adapted prescription
- Isotoxic prescription
- Isodose prescription



# Lung cancer constraints: a matter of technology?



# Lung cancer constraints: a matter of technology?

More **advanced technologies** (PET-CT planning, IMRT/VMAT, IGRT, motion management) have **better outcomes**

- **IMRT** associated with **60% reduction of high grade pneumonitis** (7.9%→3.5%) when compared to 3DCRT
- Appropriate **IGRT reduces toxicity** and is mandatory

Technique	RIP ≥ G2	Ref
2D	30-47%	Onishi 2003
3D	30-35%	Rehman 2014
IMRT	29-32%	Zhang 2019
VMAT	24-29%	Wu 2018
Protons	<5%	Chang 2017

Kasmann L et al, *Radiation Oncology* 2020  
Brown S et al, *Br J Radiol* 2019

**Tableau 3**  
Bénéfices dosimétriques et cliniques de la radiothérapie adaptative dans le cancer bronchique non à petites cellules.

Auteur (année)	Nb pts	Techni-que RT	Dose/nb fx	Méthode RTA/nb plans de ttt	Imagerie pour RTA/fréquence	Bénéfices dosimétriques		Bénéfices cliniques	
						Volumes cibles	OAR	Contrôle et survie	Toxicité
Woodford et al. (2007) [45]	17	RCMI	60–64/30–32 fx	Replanification/-	MVCT/quotidienne	-	↓ dose aux poumons chez pts avec ↓ GTV ≥ 30 % ↓ NTCP de 0,4 à 3 %	-	-
Feng et al. (2009) [48]	14	RC3D	46 Gy + boost/-	Replanification/2	TEP-scanner/à mi-ttt	Escalade de dose de 58 Gy	-	-	-
Spoelstra et al. (2009) [49]	21	RC3D	≥ 46 Gy/-	Replanification/2	Scanner/à 15 fx	-	↓ PTV de 8 % chez 15 pts	-	-
Guckenberger et al. (2011) [50]	13	RC3D	66 Gy/33 fx	Replanification/2–3	Scanner/aux semaines 3 et 5	↑ TCP de 40 % par escalade de dose	-	-	-
Guckenberger (2011) [51]	13	RC3D	66 Gy/33 fx	Replanification/2–3	Scanner/aux semaines 3 et 5	Maintien de la couverture du GTV ↑ dose GTV de 66,8 à 73,6 Gy	↓ doses au poumon de 5 à 7,9 %	-	-
Weiss et al. (2013) [46]	10	RCMI	66 Gy/33 fx	Replanification/2–3	Scanner/aux semaines 2 et 4	Escalade de dose de 10,1 à 17,7 Gy ↑ TCP 23,4 %	-	-	-
Kataria et al. (2014) [52]	15	RCMI	44–46 Gy + 16–20 Gy/30–33 fx	Replanification/2	Scanner/à mi-ttt	↑ couverture du GTV	↓ PTV de 34,7 % ↓ doses : Poumon : 29,4 % Cœur : 35,2 % Moelle : 37,5 %	RC : 20 % RP : 80 % 2 décès liés à une progression à 11 mois	Oesophagite G2 : 30 % Pas de toxicité G ≥ 3
Tvilum v et al. (2015) [53]	52	RCMI	60–66 Gy/30–33 fx	Replanification/2	-/quotidienne	-	-	↑ CLR de 47 à 65 %	↓ pneumopathie sévère de 22 à 18 %
Dial et al. (2016) [54]	12	RCMI	63 Gy/35 fx	Replanification/-	-/mi-ttt, hebdomadaire et quotidienne	-	↓ doses aux poumons de 0,65 Gy, œsophage de 1,17 Gy, cœur de 0,37 à 0,99 Gy et moelle de 1,58 Gy	-	-
Kelsey et al. (2016) [55]	29	RC3D ou RCMI	60 Gy/30 fx	Replanification/2	TEP-scanner/à 25 fx	Escalade de dose chez 58 % pts	↓ doses aux poumons, œsophage et cœur	RC : 7 % RP : 83 % À 2 ans : PFS : 21 % OS : 32 %	Pas de toxicité de G ≥ 3 aiguë ou tardive excepté 1 IDM
Møller et al. (2016) [56]	63	RCMI	45–66 Gy/25–33 fx	Replanification/2	CBCT/quotidienne	↓ sous-dosage tumoral chez 75 % pts	↓ marges CTV-PTV ↓ Dmoy au poumon de 2 Gy	-	-
Kong et al. (2017) [57]	42	RC3D	-/30 fx	Replanification/2	TEP-scanner/à 40–50 Gy	Escalade de dose à 83 Gy	-	CLR à 2 ans : 62 % OS à 2 ans : 52 %	Toxicités G ≥ 3 : 28,6 % 4 décès
Ramella et al. (2017) [58]	50	RC3D	45–75 Gy/25–42 fx	Replanification/2	Scanner/hebdomadaire	-	-	CLR de 70 %	Toxicité G ≥ 3 : aiguë : 6 % chronique : 6 %
Xiao et al. (2017) [59]	17	RC3D ou RCMI	66 Gy/33 fx	Replanification/2	TEP-scanner/à 40 Gy	-	↓ doses aux poumons de 2,19 Gy, œsophage de 2,6 Gy, cœur de 3,92 Gy et moelle de 0,66 Gy	-	-
Zhong et al. (2017) [60]	7	RC3D ou RCMI	66 Gy/33 fx	Replanification/2	CBCT/hebdomadaire	Escalade de dose à 78,9–81,5 Gy	↓ doses aux poumons de 2,5 Gy	-	-

Briens A. et al. *Cancer Radiothérapie*. 2019;23:592–608



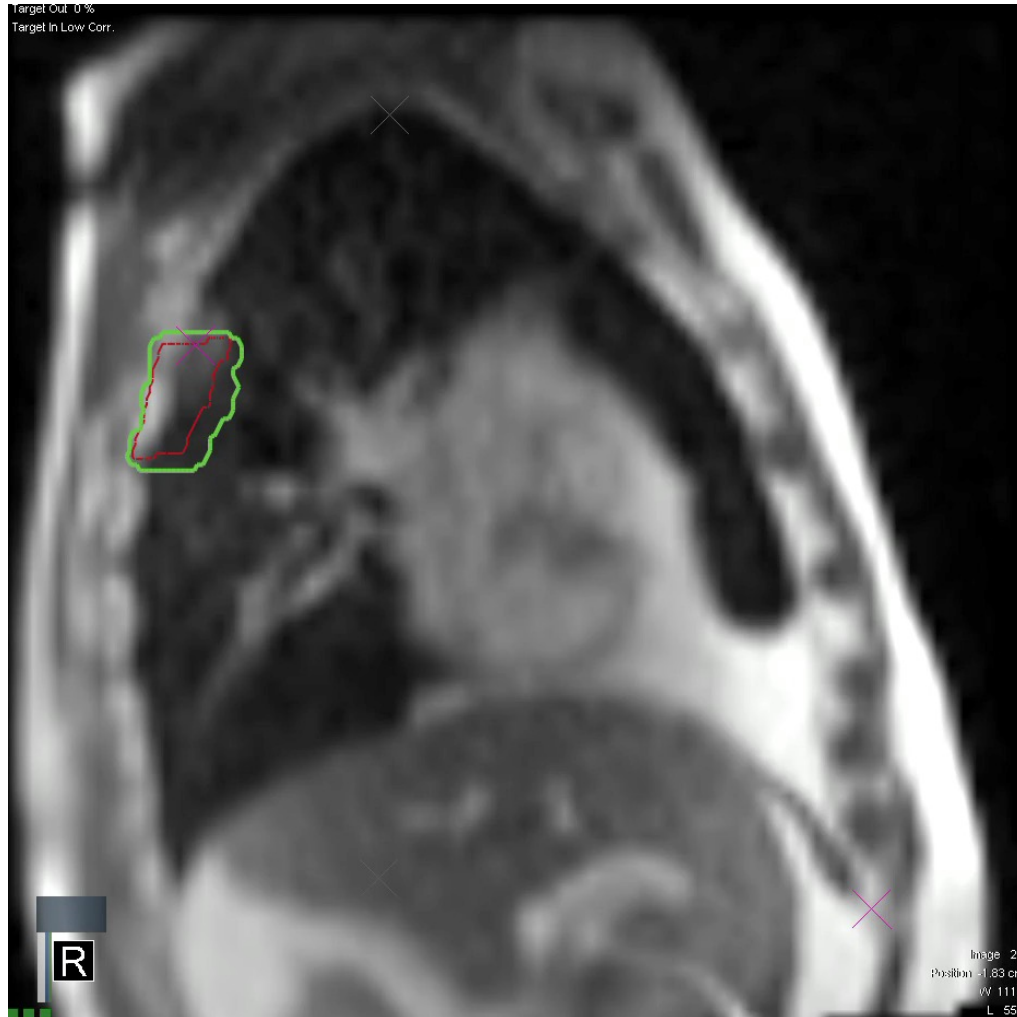
# Lung cancer constraints: a matter of innovation?



## MR-linac DNA

- Disruptive imaging
- No extra dose
- Adaptive online

- Higher risk for toxicity
- Central tumor location
- Significant tumor motion
- Pulmonary comorbidity



## Lung SBRT primary lesion

Inoperable primary lesion in 85 y.o. patient  
50 Gy in 5 fractions (80% isodose)

Breathing phase: deep inspiration BH 4fps

ITV reduction in impaired parenchyma

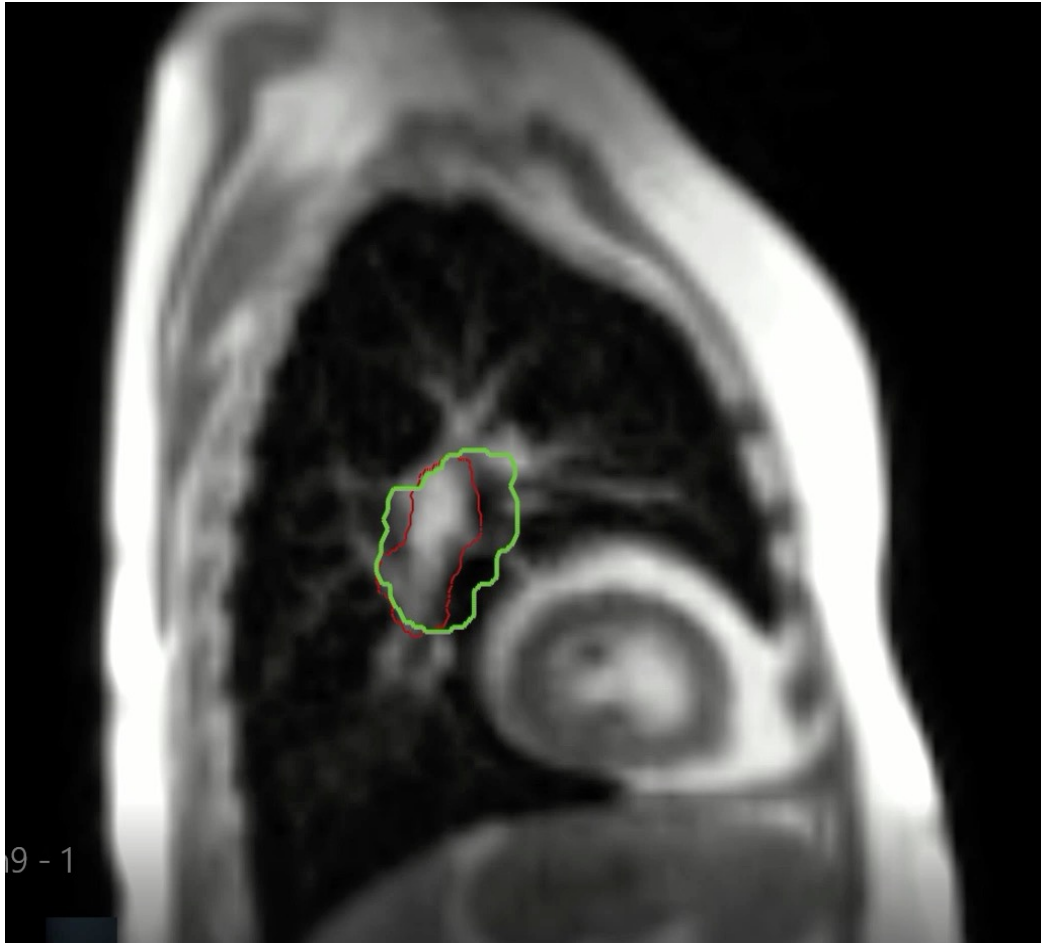
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Last FUP



early months FUP PET-CT  
30 months FUP

negative  
no signs of relapse/M



## Lung Radical treatment

Small cell lung cancer - cT1cN2cM0 (IIIA)  
in 59 y.o. patient  
66 Gy in 33 fractions

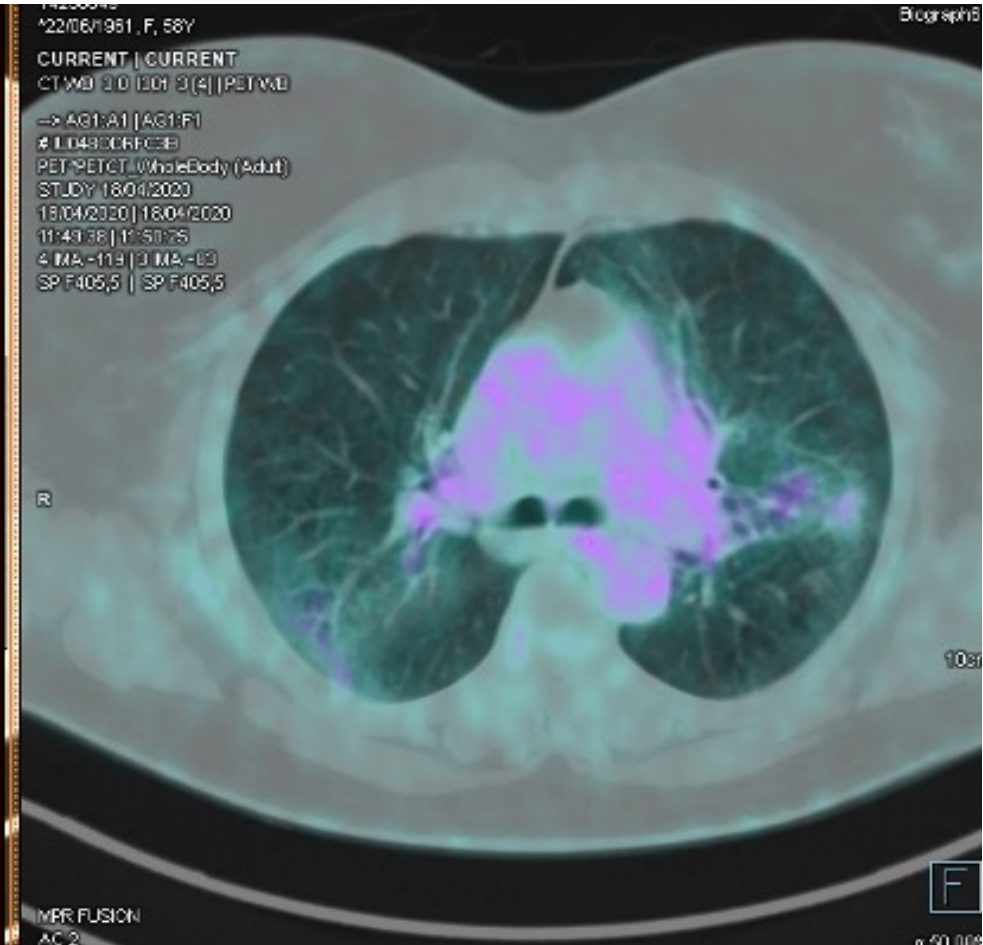
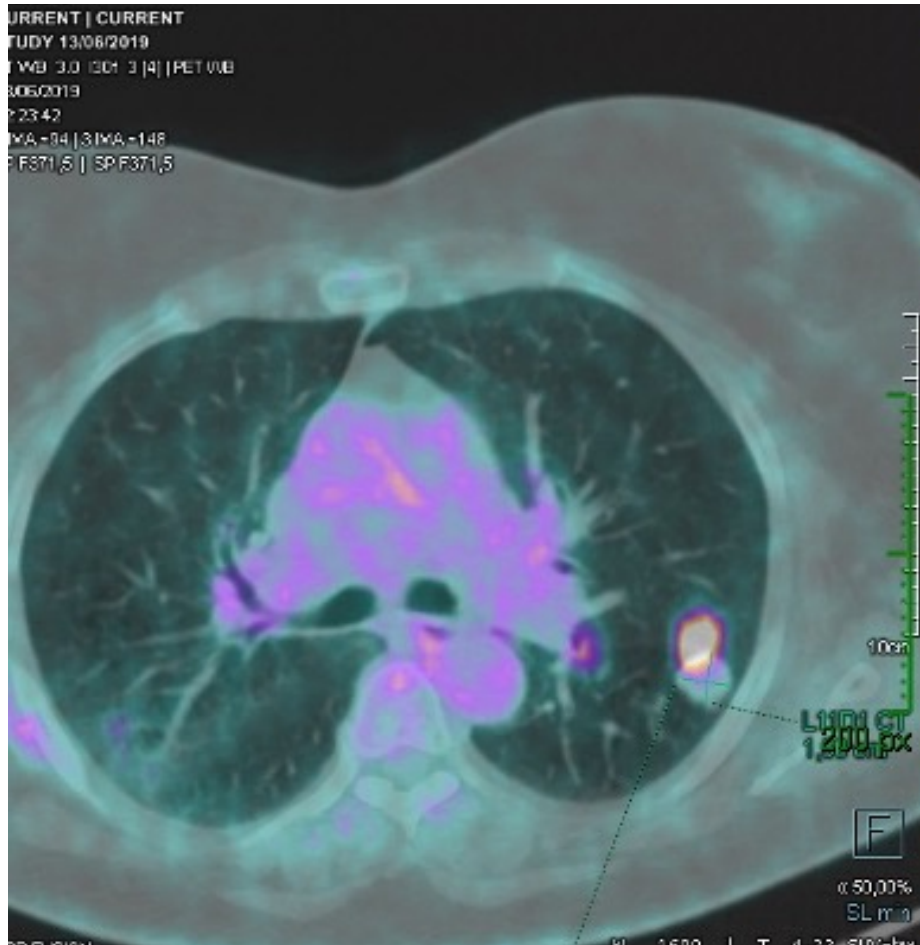
Breathing phase: deep inspiration BH 8fps

RTOG 0617 : heart dose OS predictor  
Metanalysis : V50 <25%

Speirs CK et al. J Thorac Oncol. 2017; 12:293-301

Jun 2019

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4 months FUP PET-CT  
7 months FUP

complete response  
no signs of relapse/M

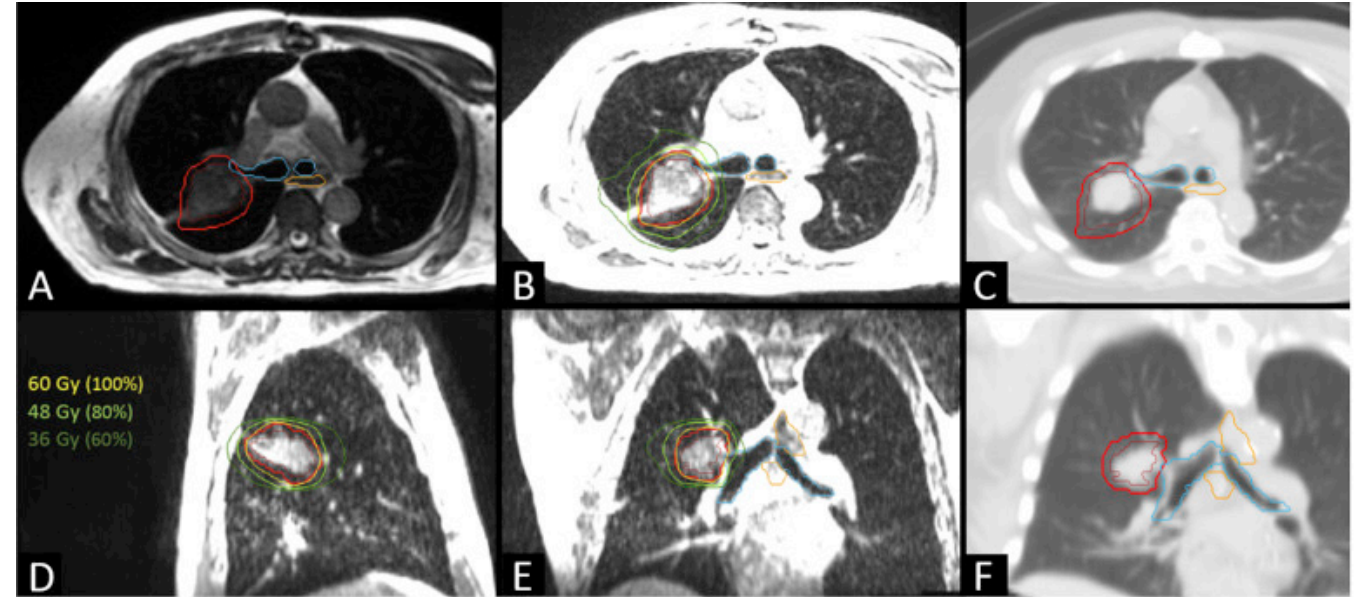
# Innovative setting: adaptive MRgRT central lung tumors

25 pts

60 Gy in 8 fx (n=20) or

55 Gy in 5 fx (n=5)

Video-assisted, respiration-gated SMART



## Toxicity profile

Reoptimized plan chosen in 92% of fractions (improved PTV coverage in 61% of fractions).

Reduction OAR planning constraint violations from 127 to 52 after reoptimization

Finazzi T et al. Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys. 2019 Jul 15;104(4):933-941

# Innovative setting: adaptive MRgRT peripheral lung tumors

25 lesions (23 patients)

3 × 18 Gy (3), 5 × 11 Gy (18), 8 × 7.5 Gy (4)

BH delivery - PTVs approximately half of ITV

12m LC and OS: 89.4% and 95.7%.

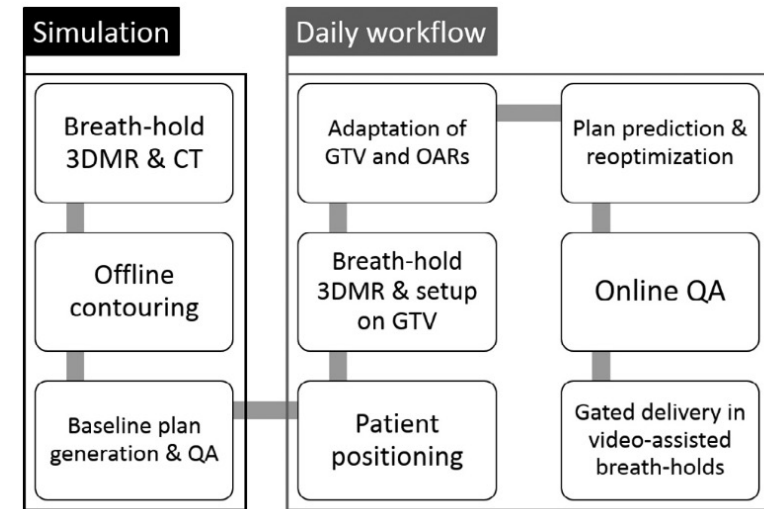
2 recurrences

## Toxicity profile

OARs constraints varied based on tumor location, fractionation scheme and prior radiotherapy.

**CTCAE Grade 2** chest wall pain (3)  
pleural effusion (1)  
radiation pneumonitis (1)  
fatigue (1)

**CTCAE Grade 3** pneumothorax (1)



OAR	Objective	Violations (112 fractions)	
		Predicted	Reoptimized
Chest Wall	V60Gy ≤0.1cc	n = 7	n = 4
Chest Wall	Dmax 61 Gy	n = 3	n = 4
Chest Wall	Dmax 60 Gy	n = 2	n = 2
Chest Wall	Dmax 55 Gy	n = 2	n = 2
Chest Wall	Dmax 40 Gy	n = 0	n = 1
Chest Wall	Dmax 30 Gy	n = 2	n = 2
Spinal Cord	Dmax 13.5 Gy	n = 2	n = 0
<b>Total</b>		<b>n = 18</b>	<b>n = 15</b>

Finazzi T et al. Radiother Oncol. 2020 Mar;144:46-52.

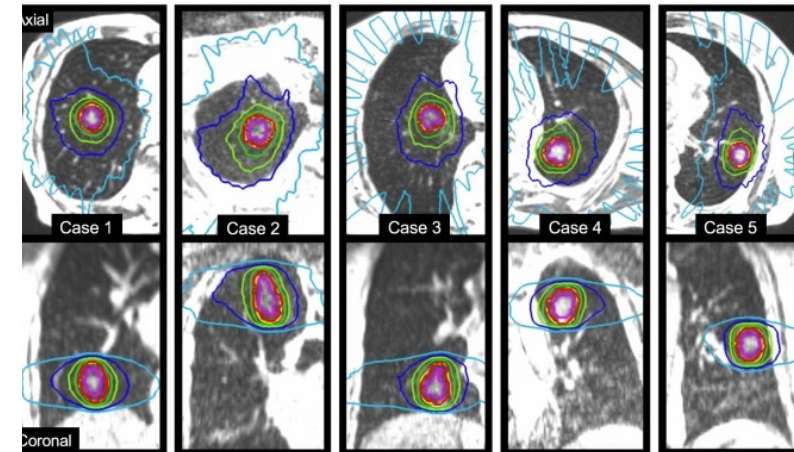


# Innovative setting: 34 Gy single fraction SBRT

10 patients affected by lung cancer (8) or M (2) with MRgART  
 BH gating with visual feedback (2 x 17 Gy plans)  
 RTOG 0915 study constraints

Case	Threshold-ROI%	Mean GTV <sub>t</sub> coverage by the PTV during beam-on (5th–95th percentile)	Duty cycle efficiency	SABR delivery session (min)	Full SMART session (min)
1	10%–15%	99.0% (97.0–100.0%)	54%	38	74
2	10%	100.0% (100.0–100.0%)	85%	28	82
3	10%–15%	99.6% (98.7–100.0%)	34%	59	150
4	10%	99.9% (99.8–100.0%)	72%	34	86
5	10%–15%	99.3% (97.7–100.0%)	58%	36	102
6	10%–20%	99.2% (94.1–100.0%)	37%	57	143
7	10%	99.9% (99.6–100.0%)	52%	48	119
8	10%–15%	99.6% (97.9–100.0%)	56%	39	129
9	10%	99.9% (99.4–100.0%)	60%	37	120
10*	10%	99.9% (99.2–100.0%)	40%	66	185*

\* Case 10 required SMART delivery in two sessions due to patient discomfort, and the total duration of both sessions is reported.



## Toxicity profile

Median follow-up of 5 months (range 2-12)

**CTCAE Grade 2** dyspnea worsening (1)  
 fatigue (1)

Finazzi T et al. *PhiRO*. 2020;(14):17-23

# Innovative setting: adaptive MRgRT in high risk

MRgART SBRT lung lesions

50 patients (29 primary, 21 M)

High risk toxicity factors:

- central tumor location (n = 30)
- previous thoracic irradiation (n = 17)
- interstitial lung disease (n = 7)

BED  $\geq$ 100 Gy to 95% PTV (different fractionations)

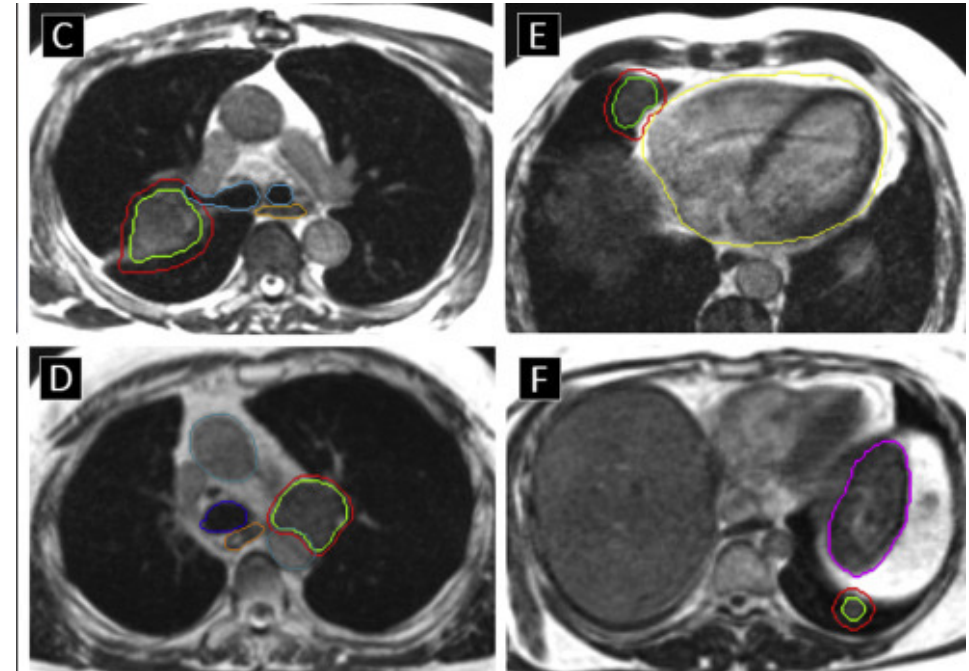
12mLC, OS and DFS: 95.6%, 88.0% and 63.6%

4 local failures

## Toxicity profile

CTCAE Grade 2 30%

CTCAE Grade 3 8% (despite high risk factors)



Finazzi T et al. Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys. 2020 Jun 1;107(2):270-278.

Disease stage	Team	Machine	No. of patients	Tumor location	Fractionation schedule	Sequence used	Immobilization/positioning	Adaption	Gating/tracking	Couch time (min)
VII	Thomas et al. 2018 (32)	MRIdian Cobalt-60	5	Peripheral and central	50–54Gy/3–4#	TrueFISP	NR	NR	Tracking	>20
	Padgett et al. 2018 (34)	MRIdian Cobalt-60	3 (1 primary lung)	Peripheral	50Gy/5#	NR	NR	To anatomy	NR	NR
	De Costa et al. 2018 (Abstract) (35)	MRIdian Cobalt-60	14 (11 primary lung)	NR	40–50Gy/5#	NR	NR	NR	Both	NR
	Henke et al., 2018 (17)	MRIdian Cobalt-60	5 (1 primary lung)	Ultra-central	50Gy/5#	NR	NR	To anatomy	Gating	Median = 69
	Finazzi et al. 2019 (36)	MRIdian Cobalt-60 or MR-Linac	23 (25 tumors - 14 primary lung)	Peripheral	54–60Gy/3–8#	TrueFISP	NR	To anatomy	Gating	Median from changing room to end of delivery: Cobalt-60 = 62 MR Linac = 48
	Finazzi et al. 2020 (37)	MRIdian MR-Linac	10 (8 primary lung)	Peripheral	34Gy/1#	TrueFISP	NR	To anatomy	Both	Median from changing room to end of delivery: 120
	Finazzi et al. 2020 (38)	MRIdian Cobalt-60 or MR-Linac	50 (29 primary lung)	Peripheral and central	54Gy–60Gy/3–12#	TrueFISP	NR	To anatomy	Both	Median from changing room to end of delivery: Cobalt-60 = 60 MR-Linac = 49
	Li et al., 2019 (Poster, 14 <sup>th</sup> Elekta MR-Linac Consortium meeting)	Unity	1	Peripheral	56Gy/7#	T2 3D	Custom vacuum bag	ATP	Intermittent "motion monitoring"	<30
Merckel et al., 2020 (Private correspondence)	Unity	10	Central/ ultra-central	60Gy/8–12#	T2 3D	Mattress, arms down	ATS	Nil	Median = 39	

Crockett CB et al. Front Oncol . 2021 Mar 10;11:617681.

III	Straza et al., 2019 (Private correspondance)	Unity	1	Peripheral and central	60Gy/30#	4D Vane TFE	Vac fix, arms up	ATP	"Real-time monitoring"	30-35
IV	Padgett et al. 2018 (34)	MRIdian Cobalt- 60	3 (2 oligo- metastases)	Peripheral and central	48-50Gy/4#	NR	NR	To anatomy	NR	NR
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An effort was made to include only the most recent data to avoid duplicate reporting of patients. NR, not recorded; ATP, Adapt To Position; ATS, Adapt To Shape; TFE, turbo field echo; TrueFISP, True Fast Imaging with Steady Precession.

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# Toxicity take home message

- **Toxicities** (such as RILI and/or lung fibrosis) are important **dose limiting factors** with direct impact on patient **outcomes** and **quality of life**.
  - To take into account the **complexity of pulmonary toxicities**, optimal models should integrate:
    - Dosimetric variables
    - Technology
    - Individual risk factors such as age
    - Genetic polymorphisms
    - Pre-existing functional impairment of the lung
    - Chemotherapy regimens
    - Smoking status
- Adapted dose constraints**
- **Are we constrained by (current) constraints?**



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