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Scientific Coordinators V. Valentini, M.A. Gambacorta, L. Indovina
Honorary Presidents C.A. Perez, N. Cellini



DAY 1

Monday 9 October 2023



ONSITE and LIVE STREAMING

15.45-17.30 **Laboratories for complex problem-solving in radiotherapy**

Lab 1: Interventional RT - AULA BRASCA

CHAIR: *L. Tagliaferri*

CASE PRESENTERS: *A. Vavassori, L. Vicenzi*

DISCUSSANTS: *V. Lancellotta, B. Fionda, E. Placidi, P. Cornacchione, G. Kovacs
G.C. Mattiucci*

Nasal vestibule cancer

Lisa Vicenzi

Operative Research Unit of Radiation Oncology,
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Clinical Case

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- Male, aged 74
- The patient arrived for dermatologic examination at our hospital
- On clinical examination, there was a large lesion involving the right and left nasal vestibules
- Incisional skin biopsy nasal vestibule: fragment of moderately-differentiated squamous cell carcinoma

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Which imaging approach would you believe to be the most appropriate to stage?

- 1) Endoscopy+US
- 2) CT
- 3) MRI
- 4) CT-PET



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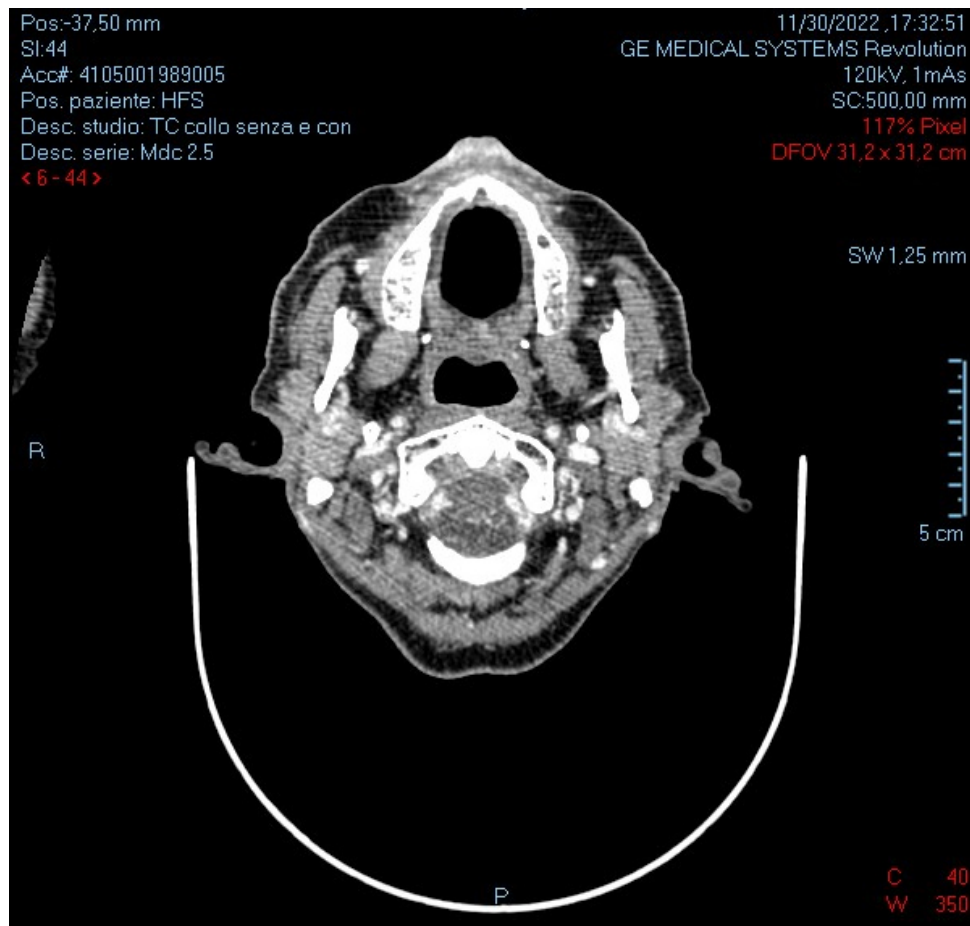


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CT scan



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- MRI/CT scan: No bone invasion, no cartilage destruction, no swollen lymph nodes
- No major comorbidities

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Question 2:

Which staging system would you believe to be the most appropriate to stage?

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| T2a | Tumor invading two subsites in a single region or extending to involve an adjacent region within the nasoethmoidal complex, with or without bony invasion. | Tumor >2 cm and ≤4 cm in greatest dimension. | The lesion has extended from the nasal vestibule to its adjacent structures, such as the upper nasal septum, upper lip, philtrum, skin of the nose and/or nasolabial fold, but not fixed to the underlying bone. | Tumor invading superficial structures (cutis, subcutis) beyond the nasal cavity, in particular the external surface of the nose, the nasolabial fold, philtrum, or upper lip, without invasion of cartilage, bone, or structures beyond the plane of the pyriform aperture. |
| T2b | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | Tumor invading cartilage (quadrangular, triangular, alar), without invasion of bony structures or structures beyond the plane of the pyriform aperture. |
| T3 | Tumor extends to invade the medial wall or floor of the orbit, maxillary sinus, palate, or cribriform plate. | Tumor >4 cm in greatest dimension or minor bone erosion or perineural invasion or deep invasion.* | The lesion has become massive with extension to the hard palate, buccogingival sulcus, large portion of the upper lip, upper nasal septum, turbinate and/or adjacent paranasal sinuses, fixed with deep muscle and bone involvement. | Tumor extends internally beyond the plane of the pyriform aperture, with or without cartilage invasion, but without bone invasion. |
| T4a | Moderately advanced local disease. Tumor invades any of the following: anterior orbital contents, skin of nose or cheek, minimal extension to anterior cranial fossa, pterygoid plates, sphenoid or frontal sinuses. | Tumor with gross cortical bone/marrow invasion. | n.a. | Tumor invades bony structures (e.g. hard palate, nasal bones, frontal process of the maxilla, ethmoid, or orbit). |
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Question 3:

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- 2) External Beam Radiotherapy
- 3) Brachytherapy (Interventional Radiotherapy)
- 4) Immunotherapy



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Local control at 12, 24, and 36 months: 85.7%

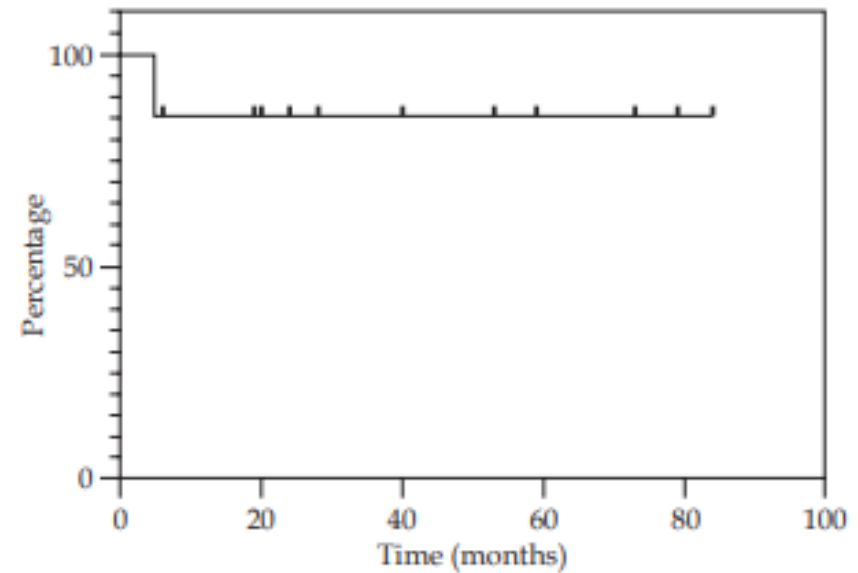


Fig. 2. Kaplan-Meier graph presenting the cumulative proportion of local control

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New standards for the management of nose vestibule malignancies

Francesco Bussu, Luca Tagliaferri, Claudia Crescio, Davide Rizzo, Roberto Gallus, Claudio Parrilla, Bruno Fionda, Valentina Lancellotta, Gian Carlo Mattiucci & Jacopo Galli

Brachytherapy should become the new standard for the treatment of primary lesions without bone invasion

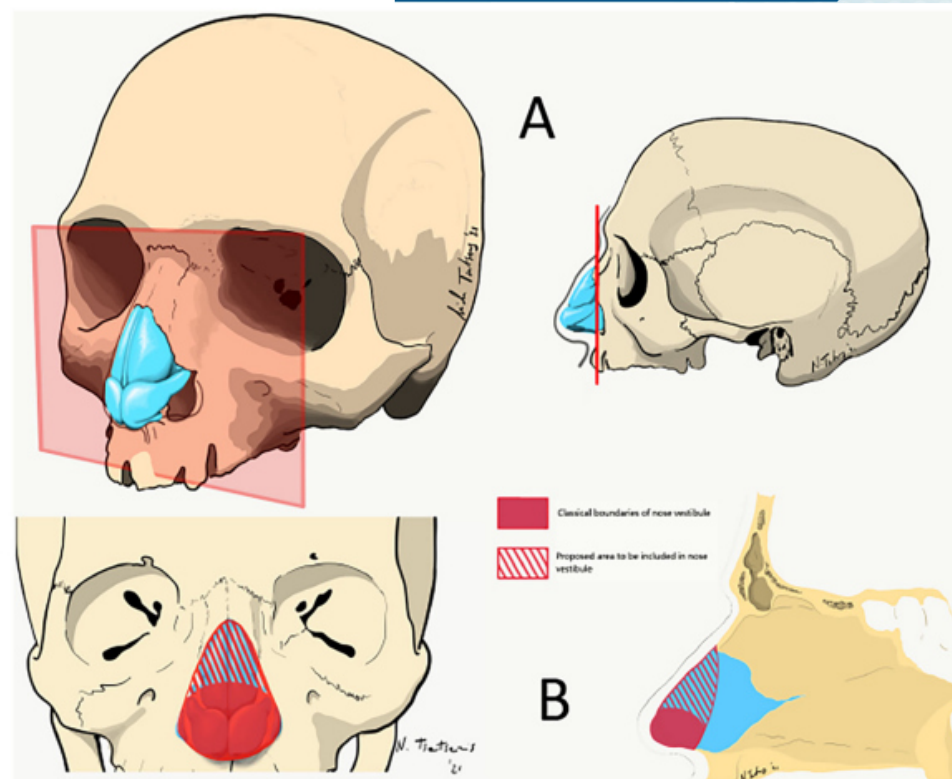


Figure 4. The acknowledgement of the nasal vestibule as a distinct subsite of the nose is proposed, based on radiological, anatomical and oncological criteria. The posterior boundary, easy to identify also on imaging, would be a tangential plane along the piriform opening (A). This will lead to the inclusion of a wider area in the 'nasal vestibule' (B).



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Question 4:

Which implantation technique would you believe to be the most appropriate?

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- 2) Contact
- 3) Combined Interstitial+Contact



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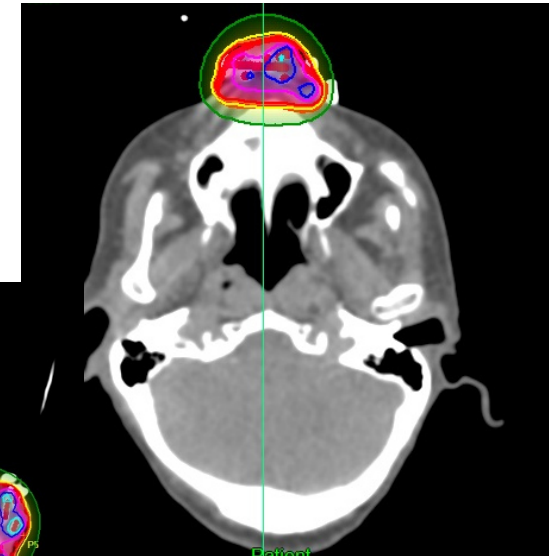
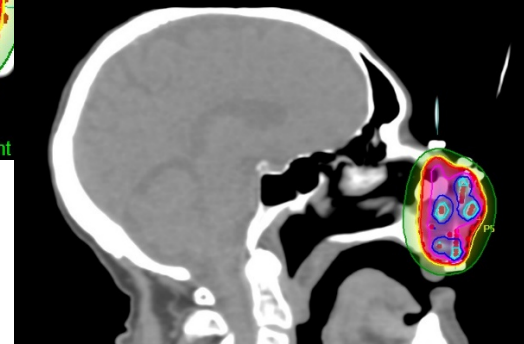
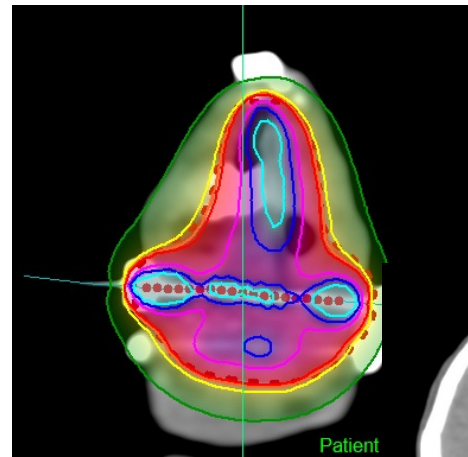
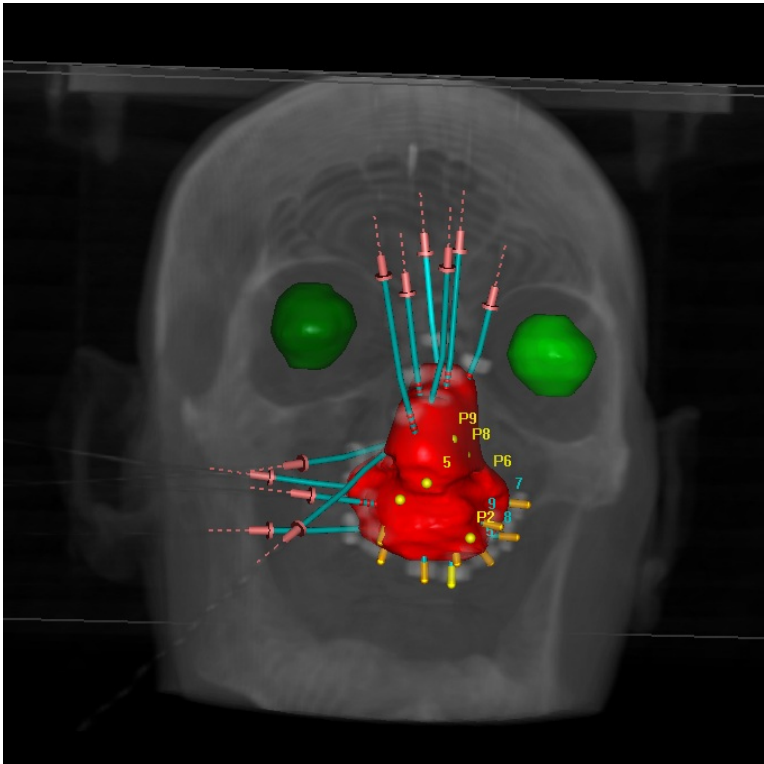
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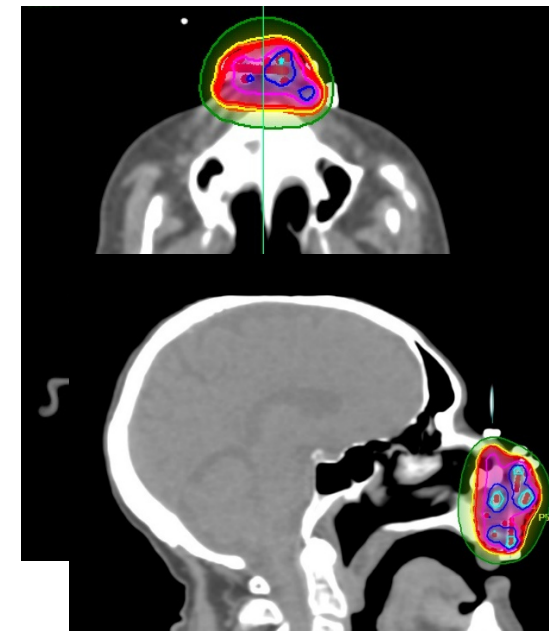
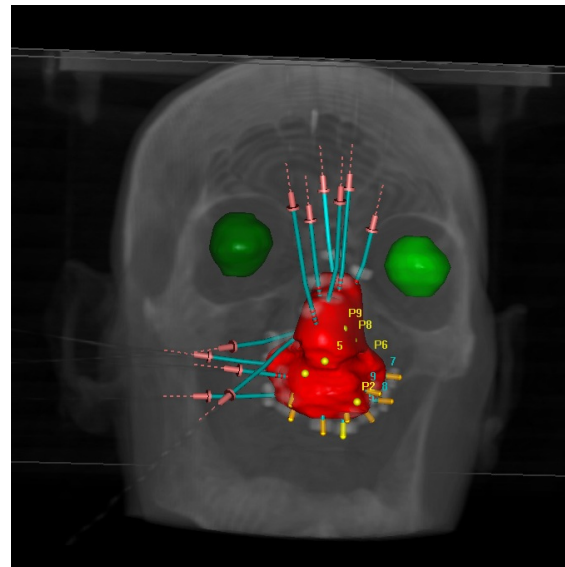
Questions 5:

For physicist:

Treatment plan execution:

- Which is the best catheters arrangement?
- Which is the role of “air”?
- TG186 or TG43?

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Nasal vestibule HDR IRT: preventing toxicity tips



Bolus to account for TG-43
calculation (nasal swab)



Push away OARs (mandibule, tongue)



Shield OARs (eyes)



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Question 6:

For RTT:

During treatment execution:

How can the correct catheters position be checked?





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Question 7:

Which treatment strategy for the neck would you believe to be the most appropriate?

- 1) Surgery
- 2) External Beam Radiotherapy
- 3) Observation



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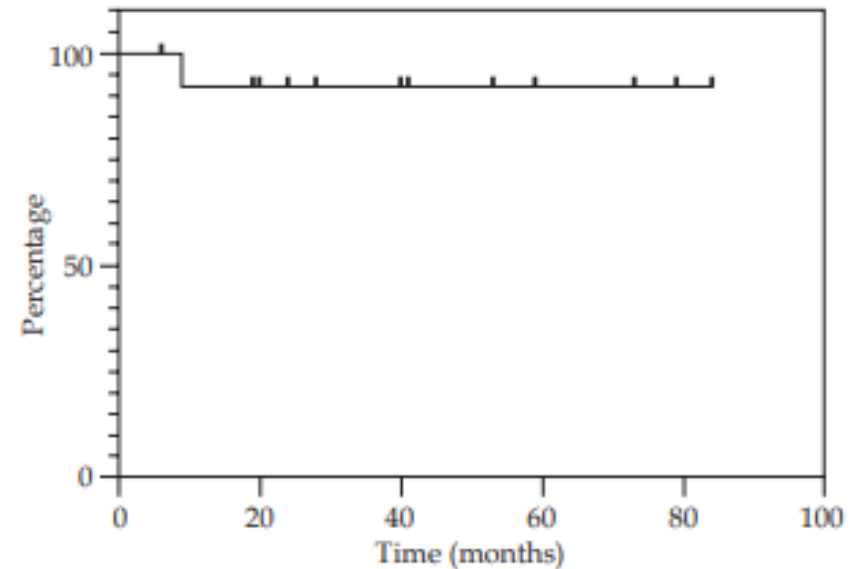


Fig. 6. Kaplan-Meier graph presenting the cumulative proportion of disease-specific survival

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HDR Brachytherapy (Interventional Radiotherapy): outcomes



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