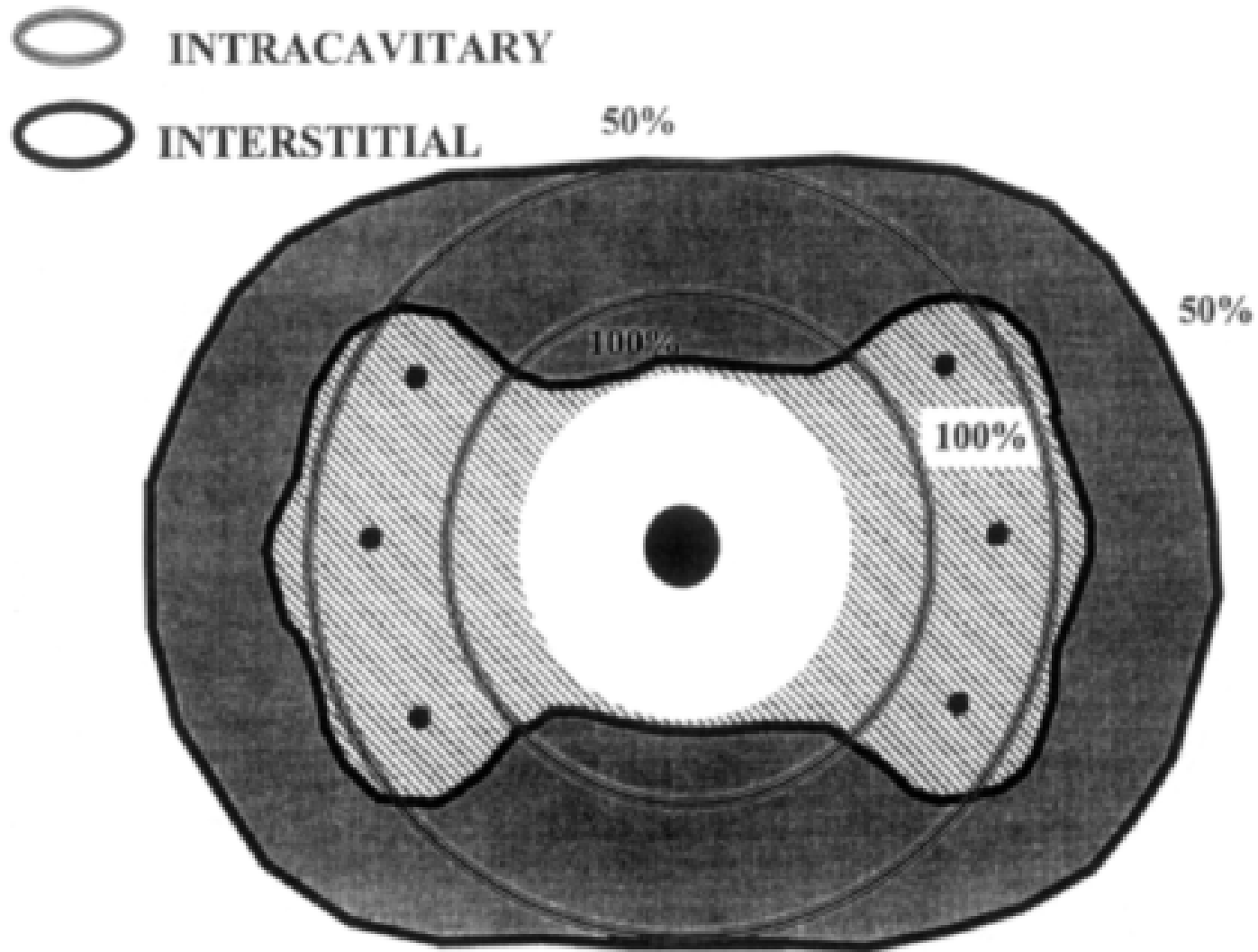
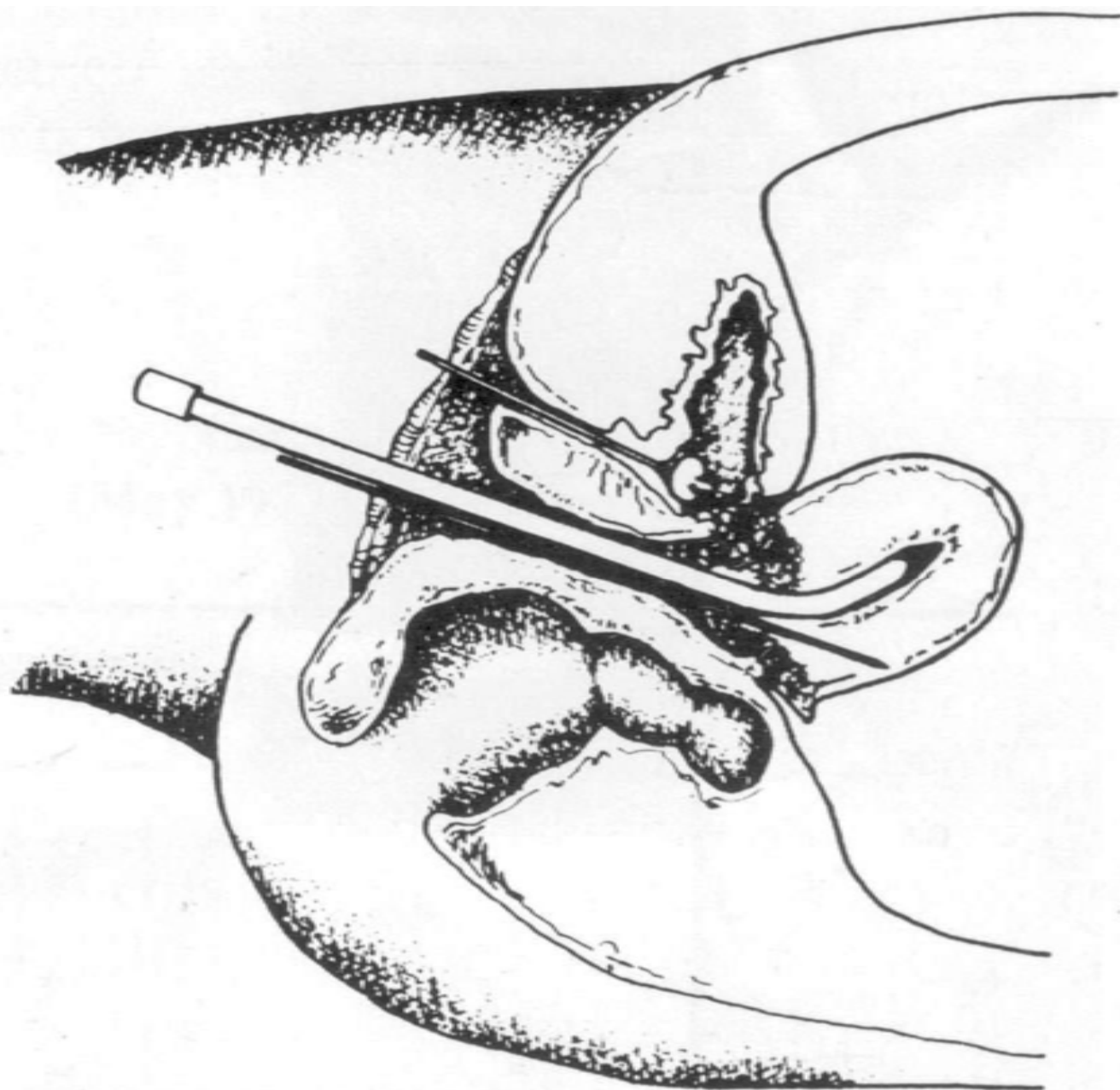


INTERSTITIAL BRACHYTHERAPY FOR GYNECOLOGICAL MALIGNANCIES

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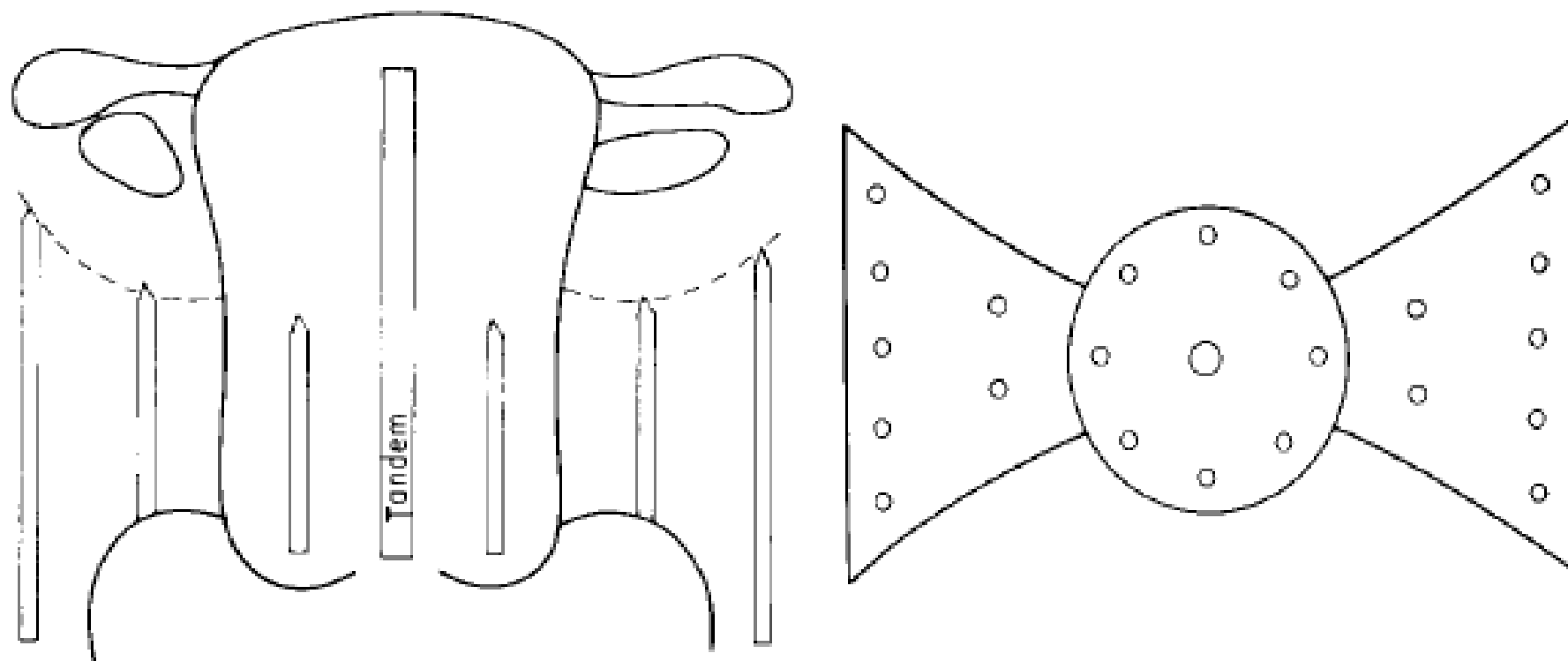
RATIONALE





1–4, 3–6, and 1–6) (Figs. 1 and 2). The planned depth of needle placement in the parametrium was determined by the cranial extent of HR-CTV, usually 3 to 4 cm above the upper ring surface, with an appropriate margin (an extra 5 mm was added to account for the inactive end of the needle tip). In some patients, the number of needles placed in the parametria was changed after the first application to tailor the dose distribution to the critical organs.

RATIONALE



Corscaden et al 1948

INDICATIONS

- **Extensive parametrial involvement**
- **Narrow or distorted vagina**
- Bulky primary disease
- Distal vaginal involvement
- Inability to insert tandem
- Post operative vault recurrence / cut through hysterectomy / cervical stump presentation
- Prior radiation therapy to pelvis
- Persistent disease after XRT and intracavitary

- Extensive vaginal involvement (>5mm thick)

ABS Recommendations Red J. 2002

INDICATIONS

- **Extensive parametrial involvement** which cannot be encompassed by standard intracavitary brachytherapy
- **Narrow or distorted vagina** not allowing use of appropriate vaginal applicators
- Prior hysterectomy
- Prior radiation therapy to pelvis

- Primary vaginal cancer when paravaginal extension cannot be covered by intracavitary brachytherapy
- Vaginal recurrences of endometrial cancer > 5 mm thick

GEC ESTRO Recommendations 2002

TECHNIQUES

- Template based

Transperineal

→ Syed Neblett

→ MUPIT

Transvaginal

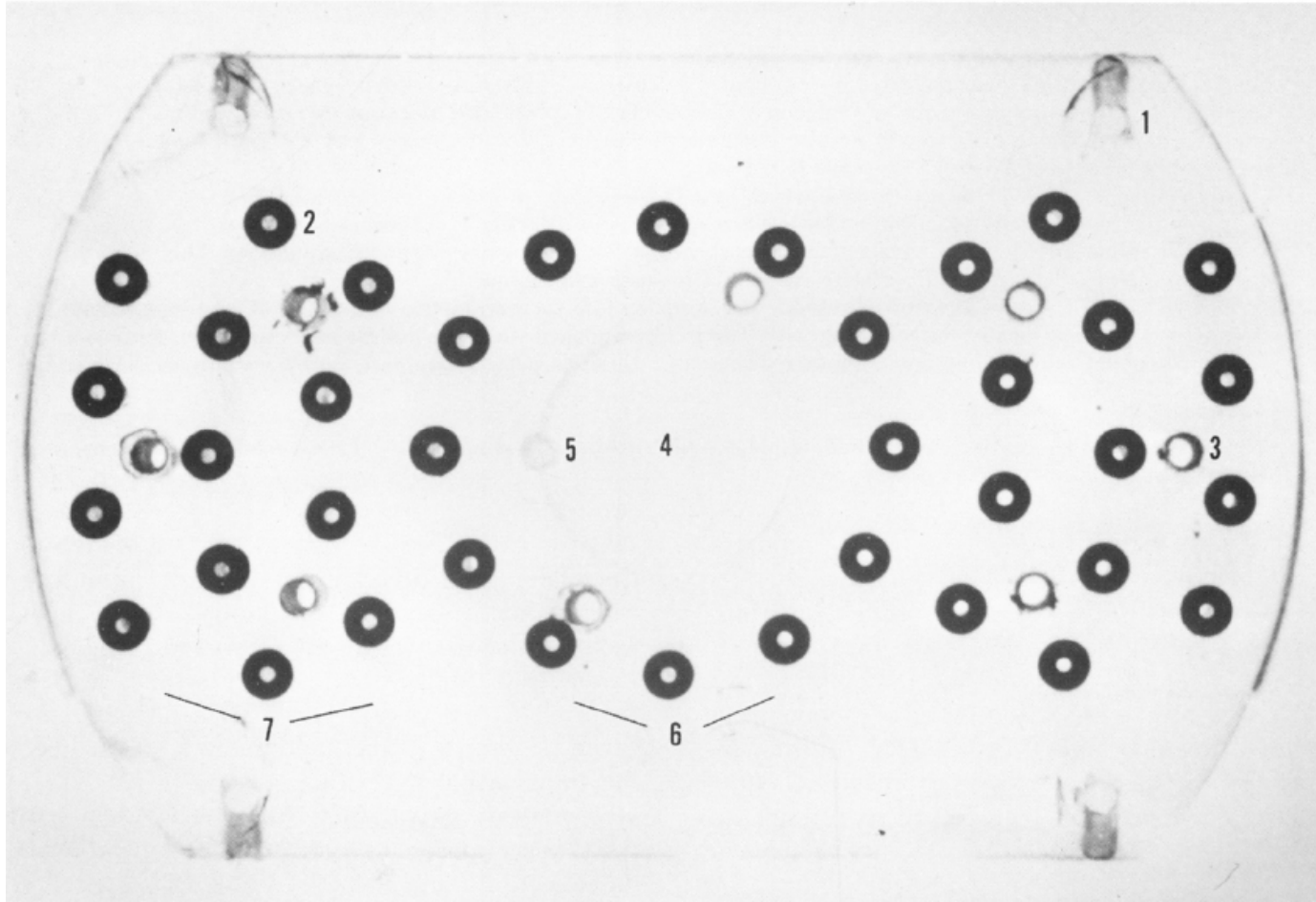
→ Vienna applicator

Customized

- Free hand

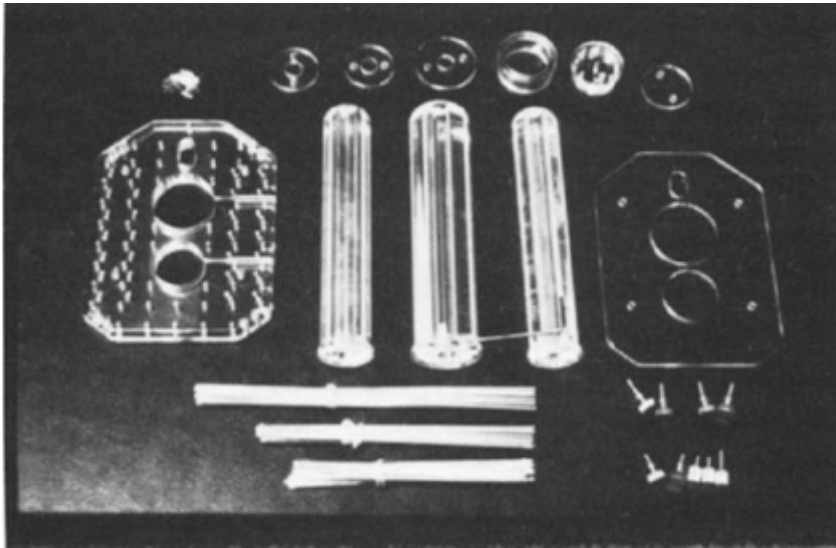
Ovoids (AP) replaced by interstitial needles (CC)

SYED NEBLETT TEMPLATE

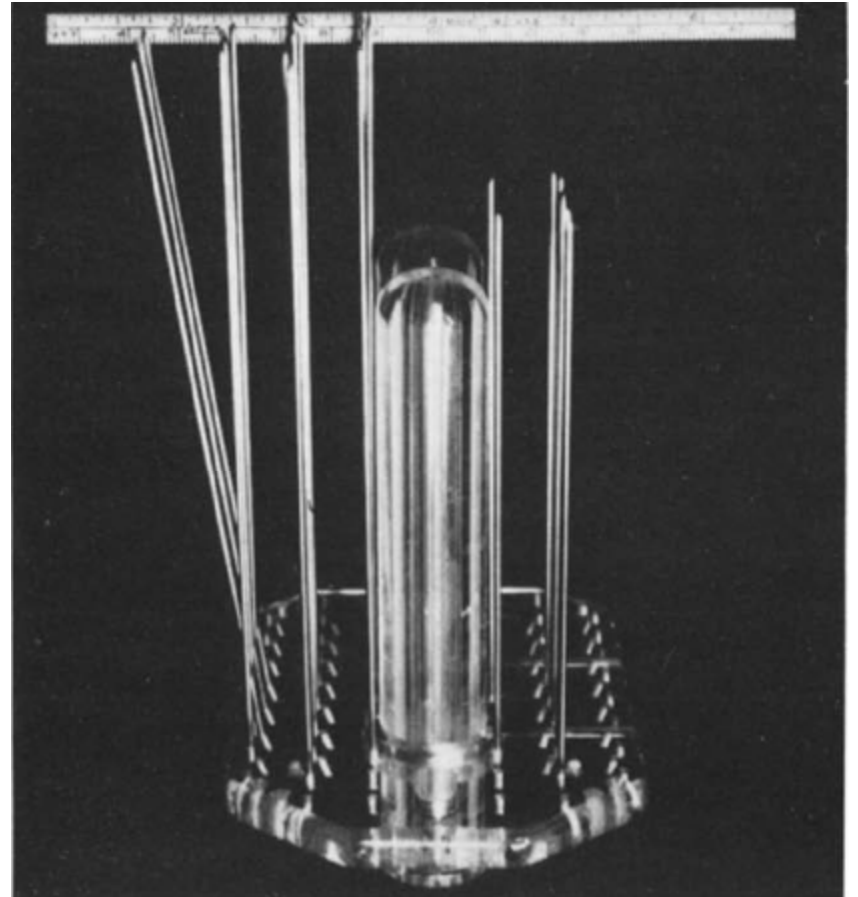


CIRCULAR ARRAY OF PERPENDICULAR HOLES
NEEDLE DEPTH DETERMINED UNDER DIRECT VISION

MUPIT



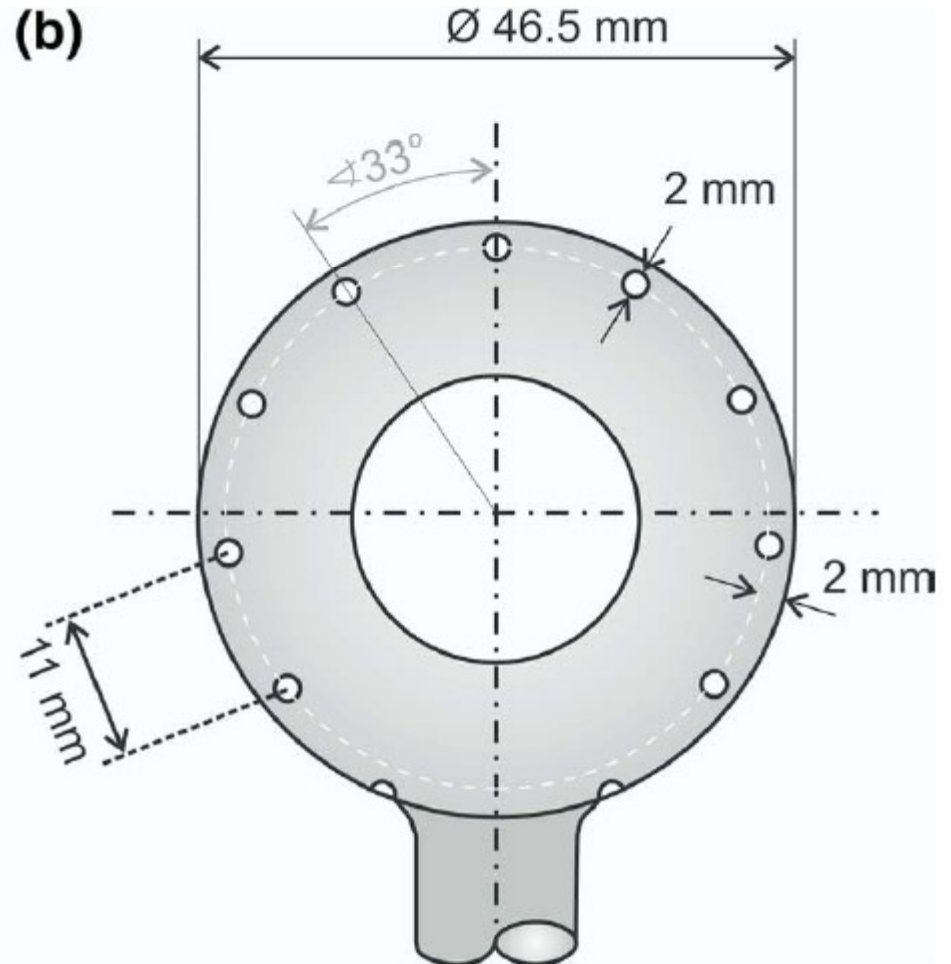
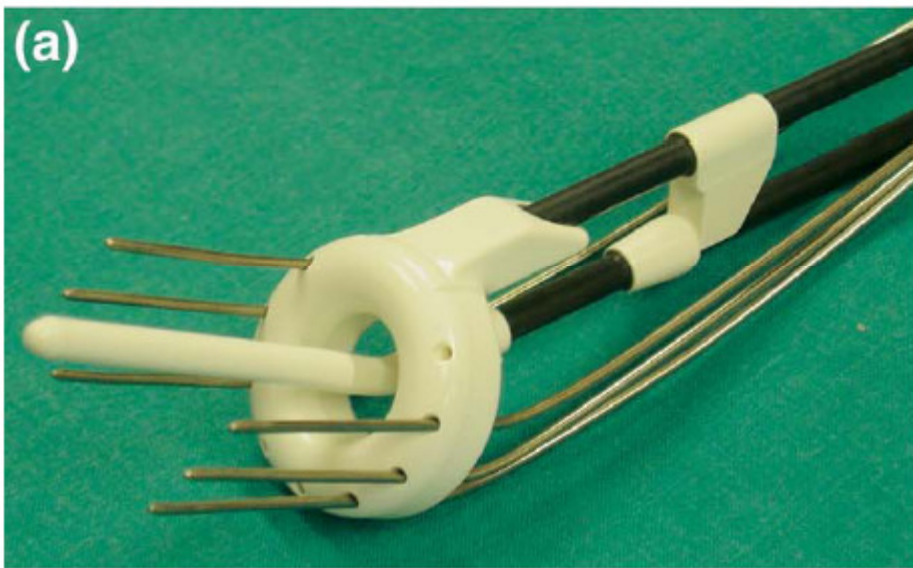
VAGINAL AND RECTAL CYLINDERS
PERPENDICULAR & OBLIQUE HOLES
PREPLANNING BASED NEEDLE DEPTH &
ARRANGEMENT



THE VIENNA APPLICATOR FOR COMBINED INTRACAVITARY AND INTERSTITIAL BRACHYTHERAPY OF CERVICAL CANCER: DESIGN, APPLICATION, TREATMENT PLANNING, AND DOSIMETRIC RESULTS

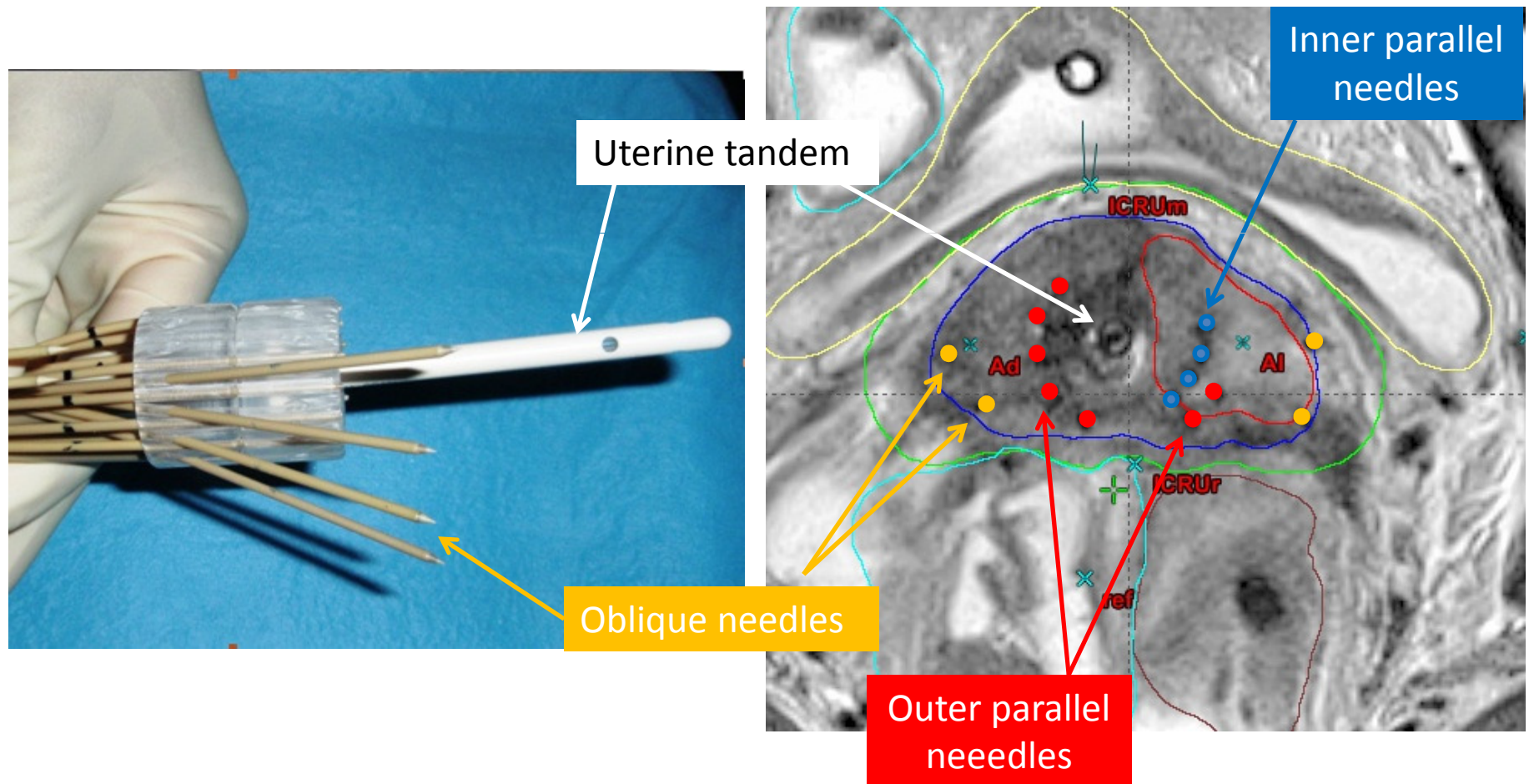
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Vaginal extension not covered
? Suitability for Indian patients

Prototype applicator with the possibility of parallel and oblique needle insertion



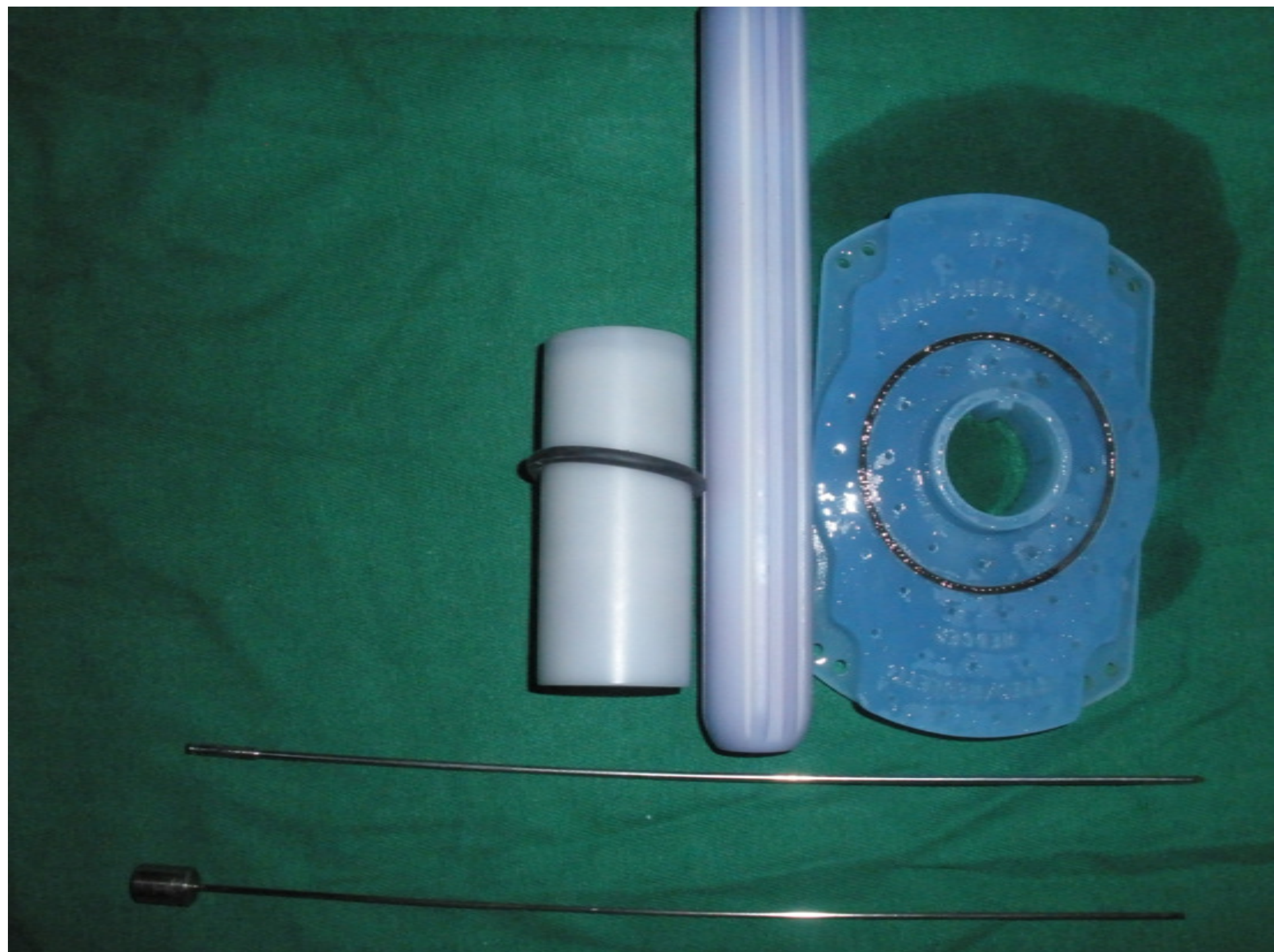
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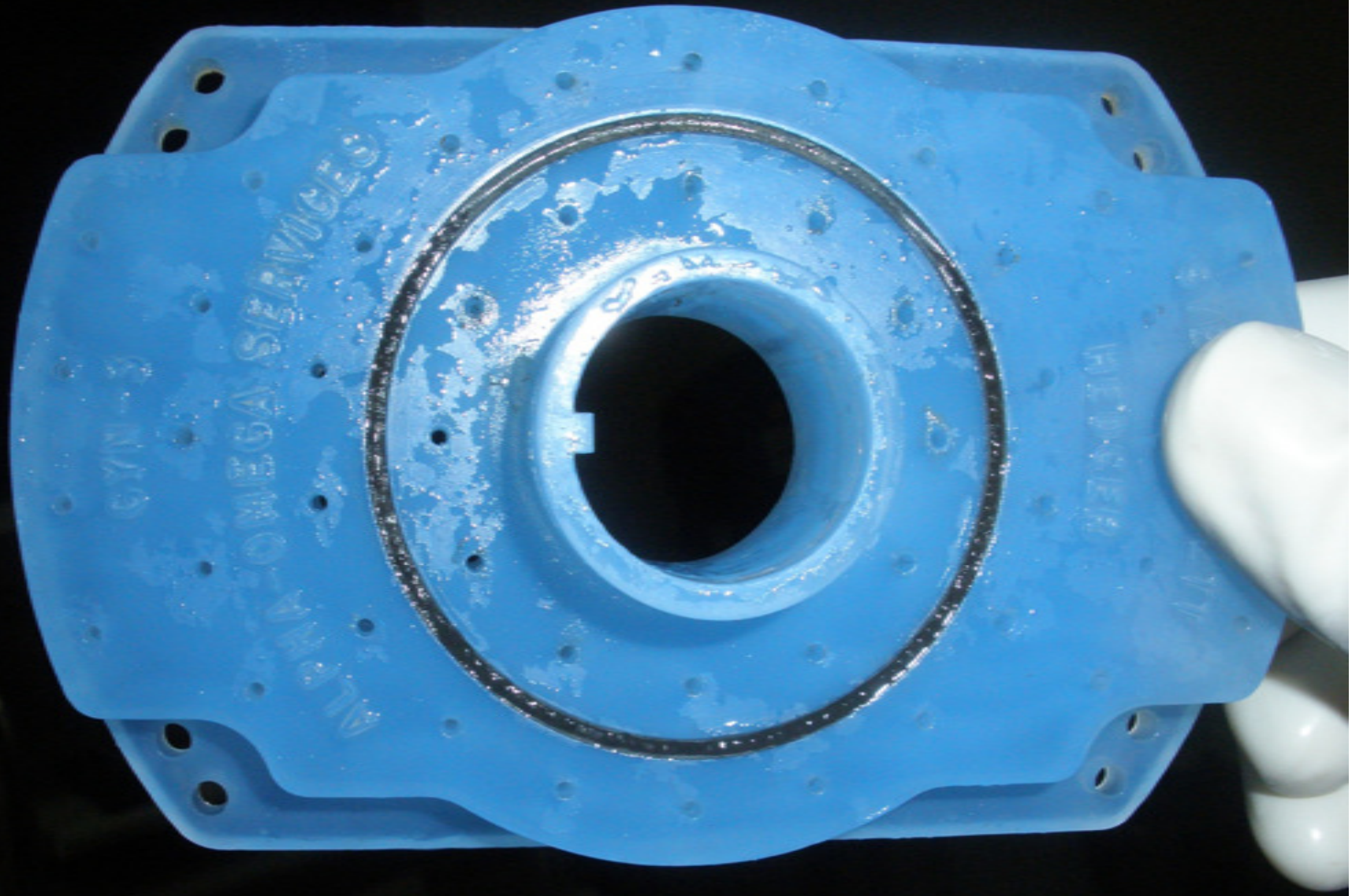
- Lack of accurate identification of the target and OAR
- Lack of knowledge of their relationship to the implant
- Inability to accurately assess doses they receive
- Guidance
- Preimplant imaging → Customized templates
- Postimplant imaging → Assessment of dose
- HDR → Optimization

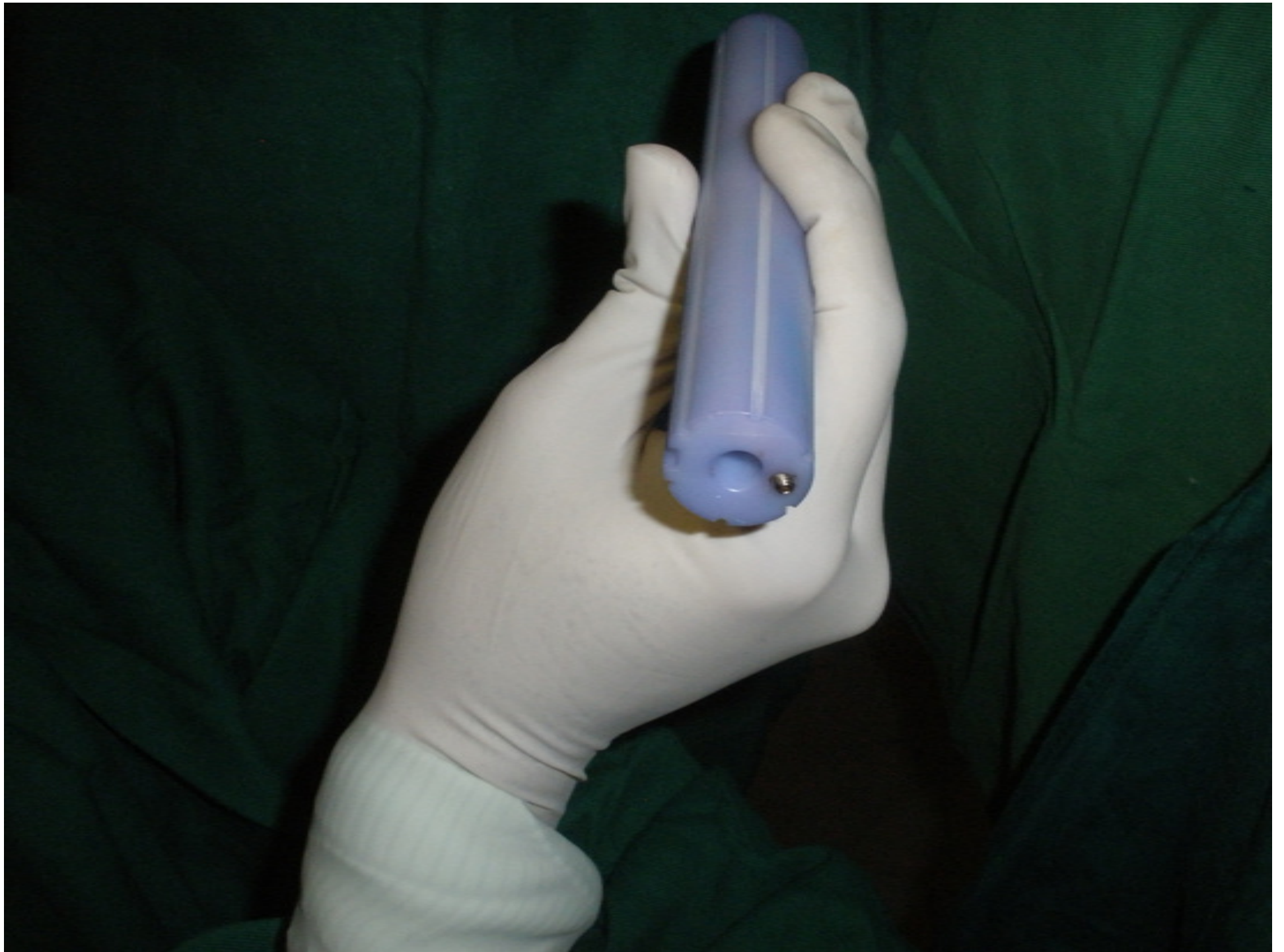
GUIDANCE

- Visual
- Fluoroscopy
- TRUS
- CT
- MR
- Laparoscopy
- Laparotomy
 - Procedure time increased
 - Potentially fewer needles may be inserted

To optimize implant parameters (depth, obliquity, location)



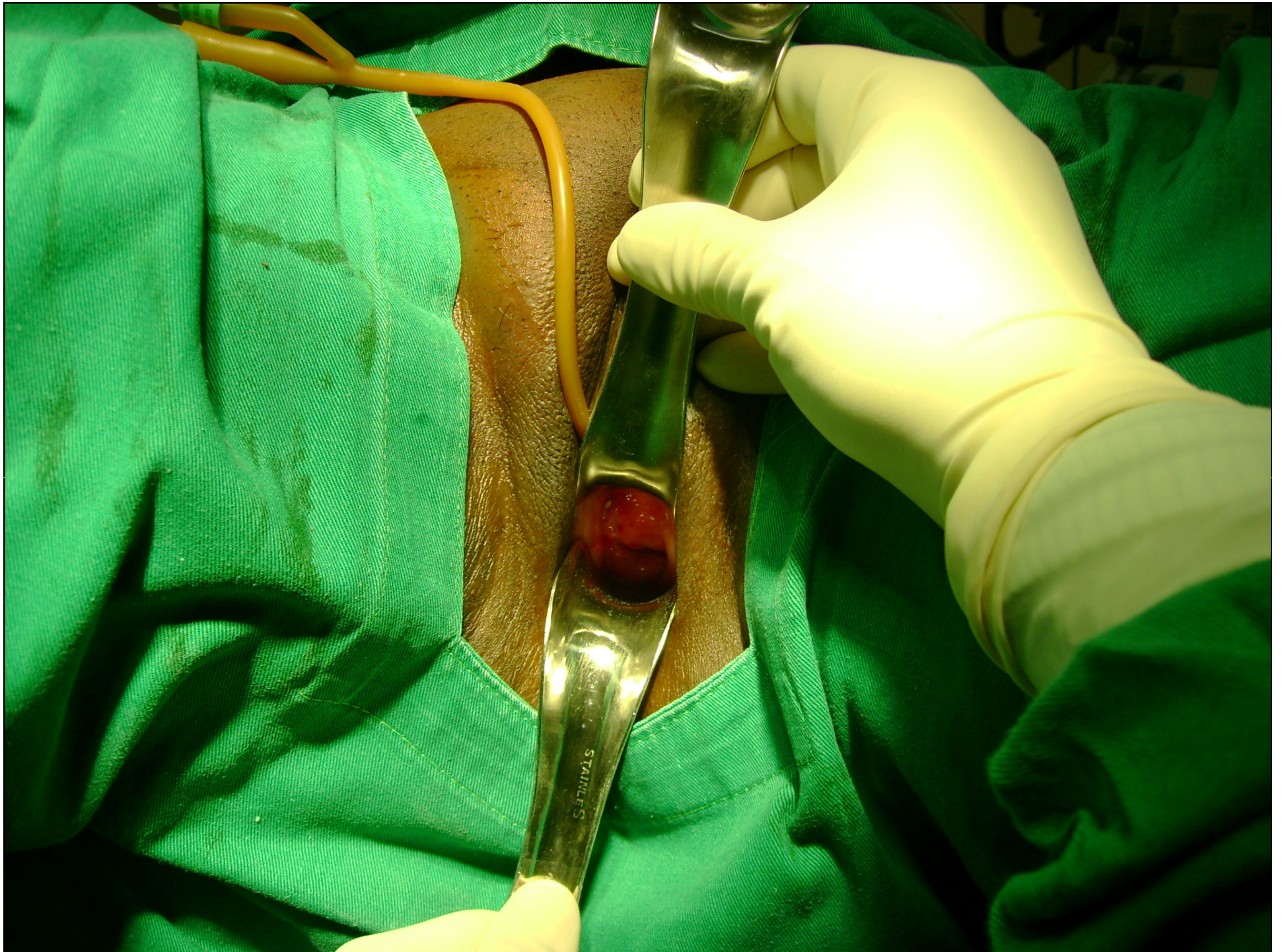






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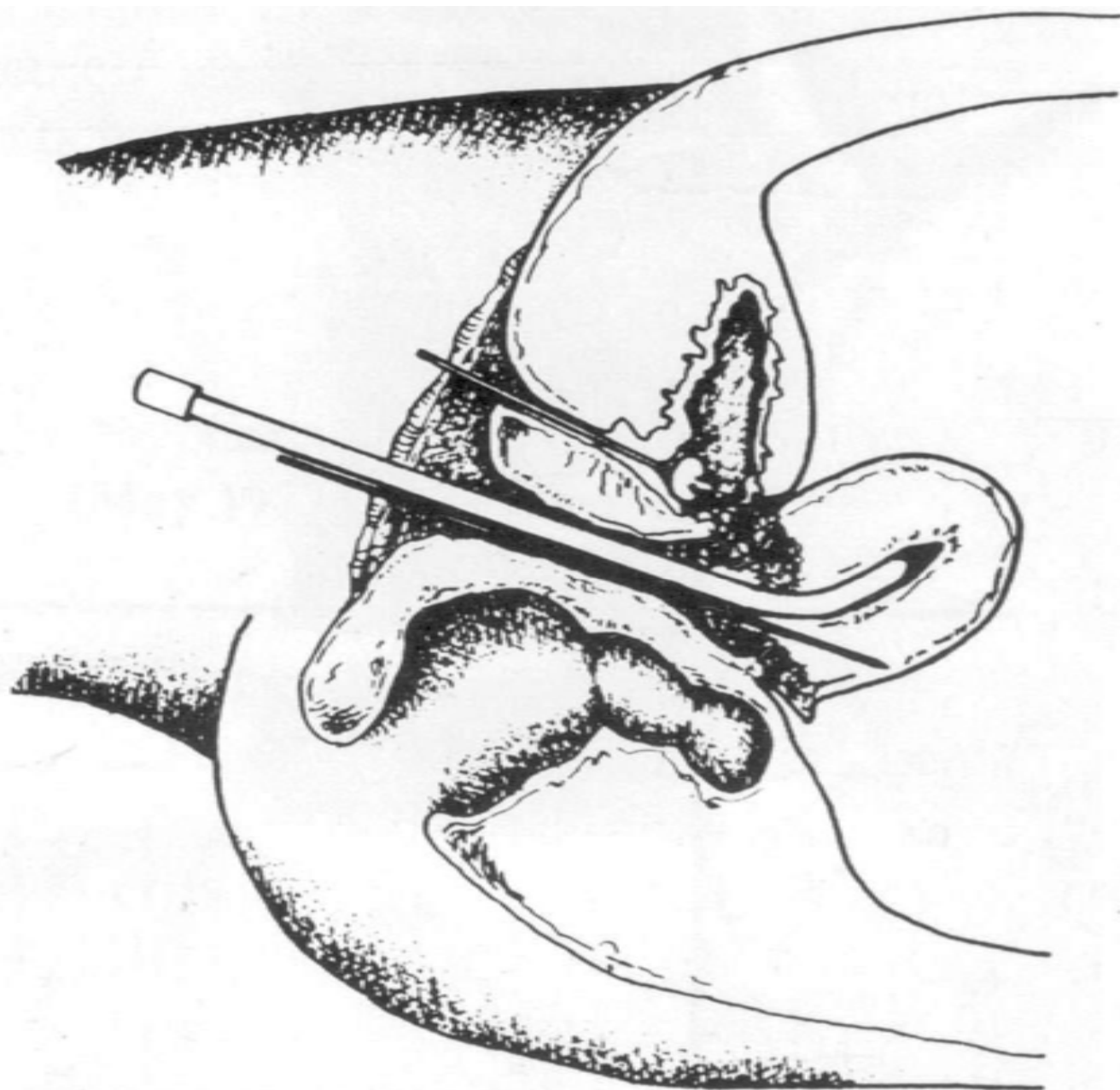










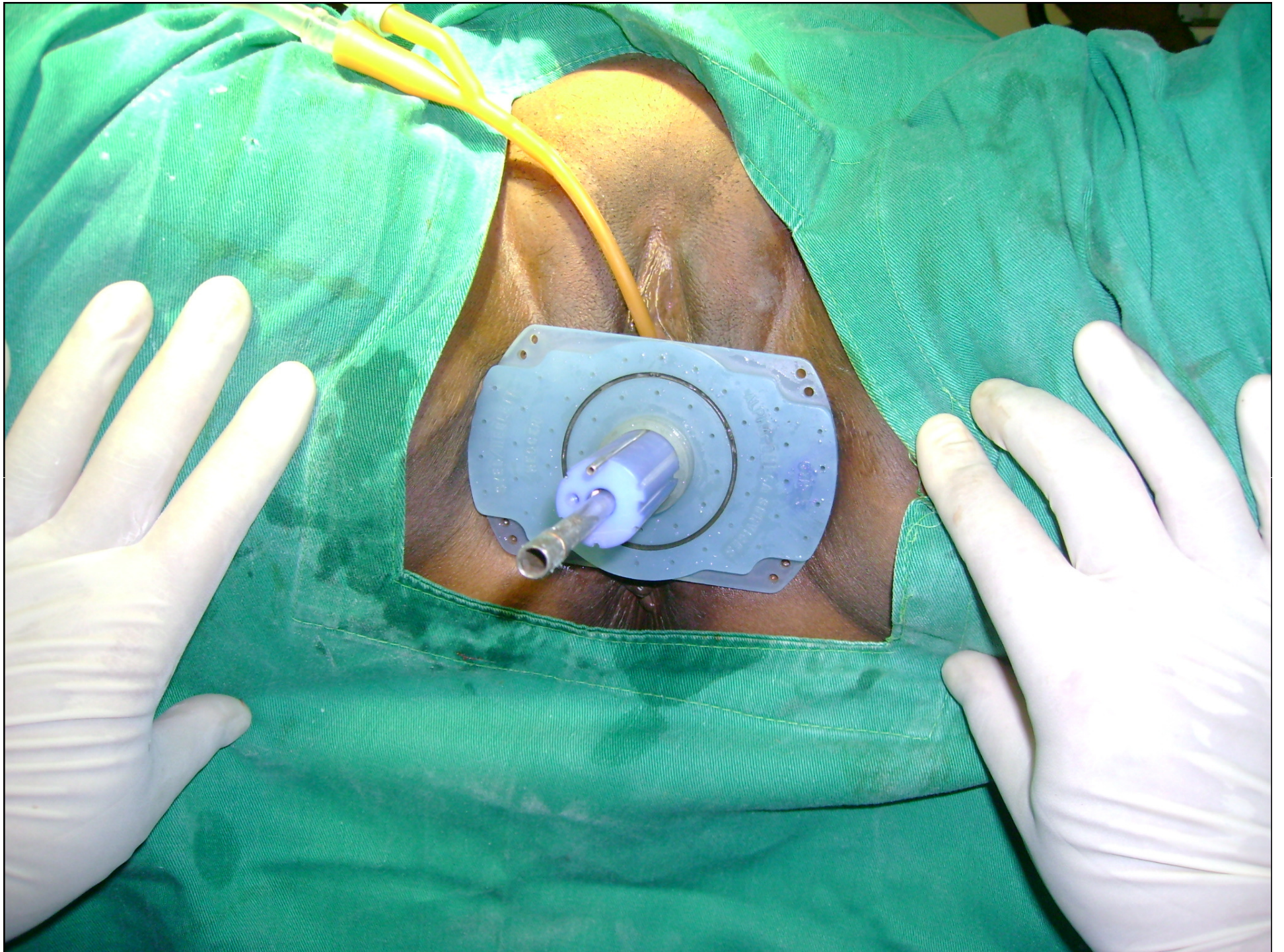


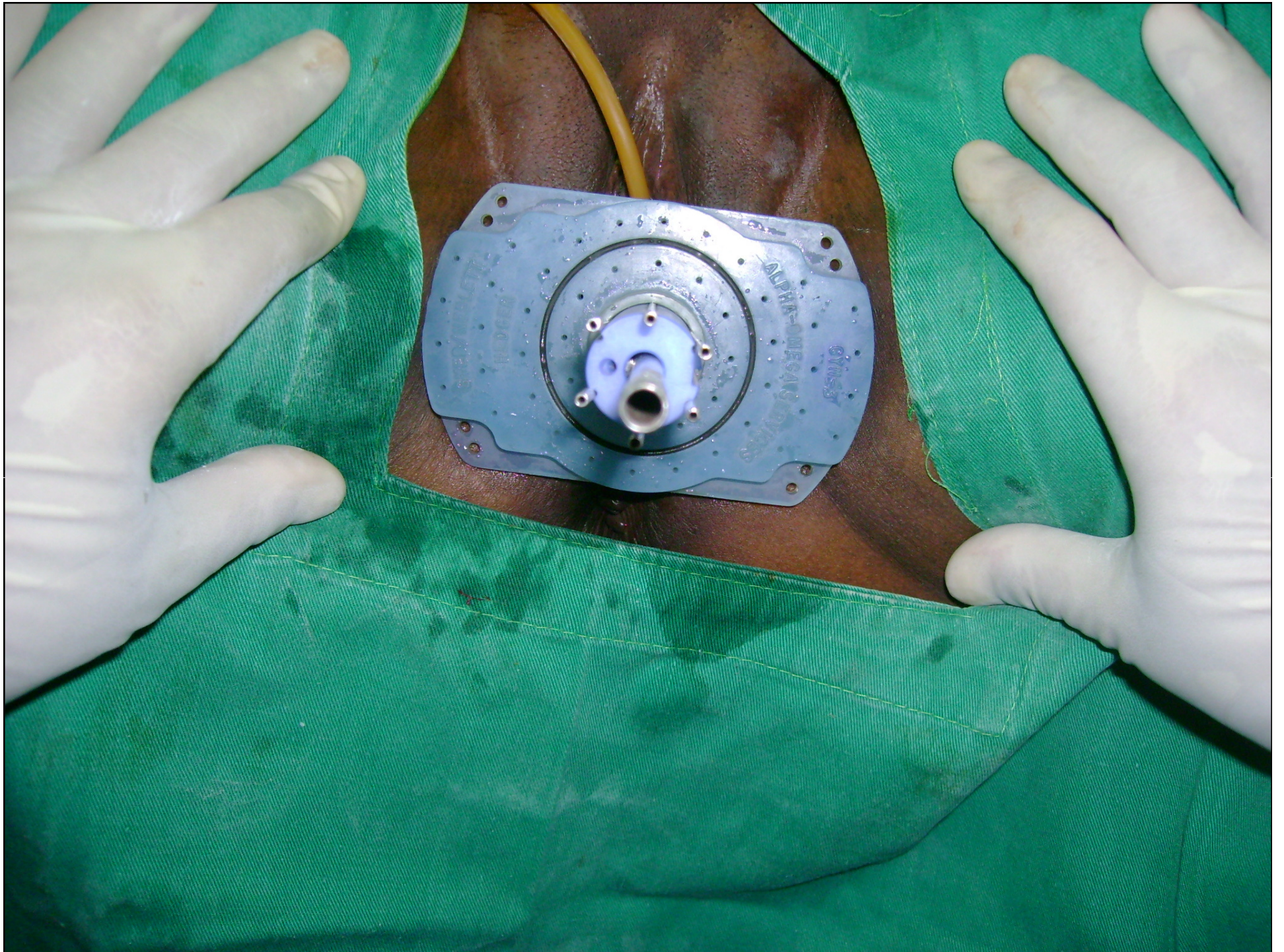




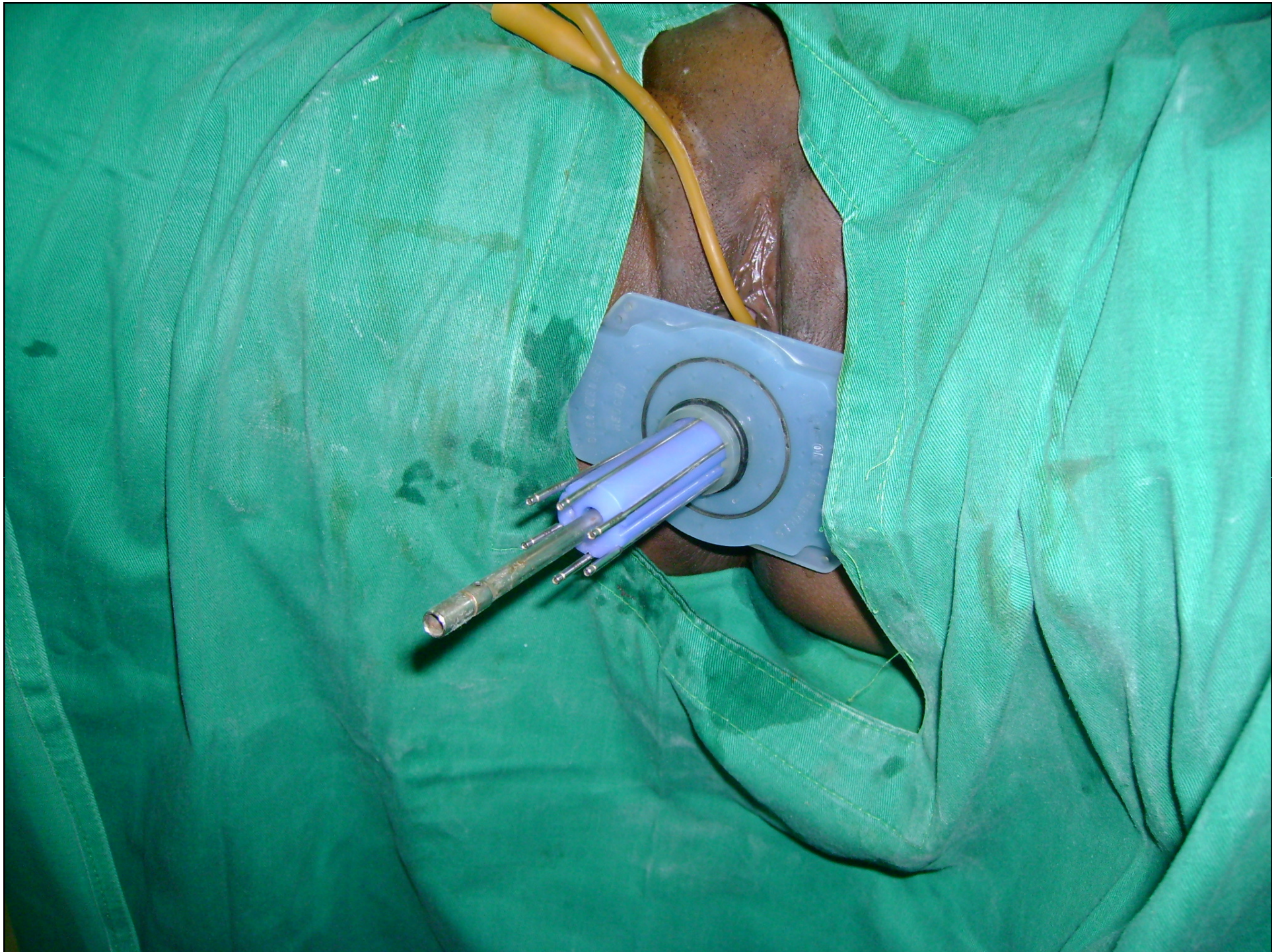


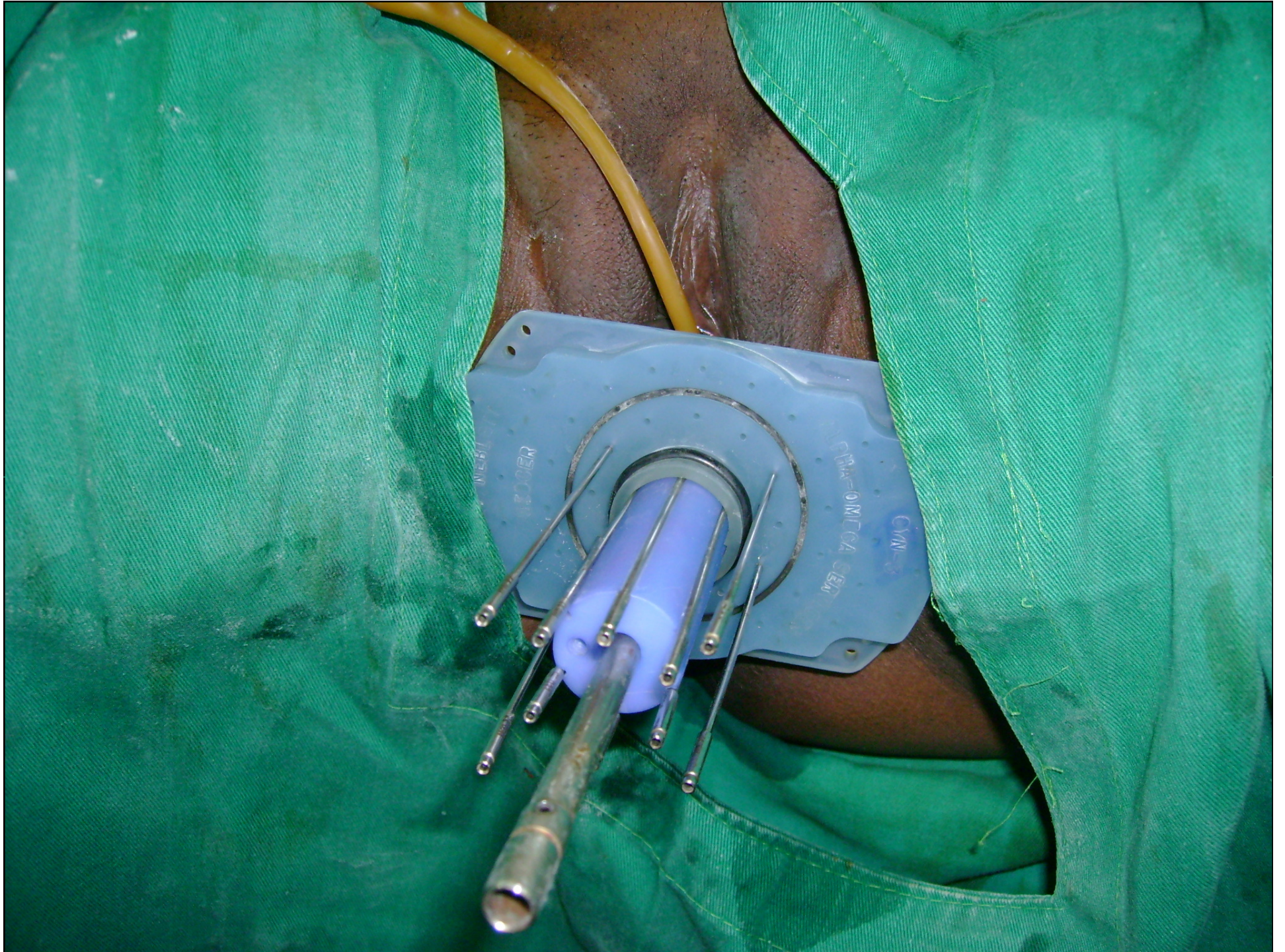


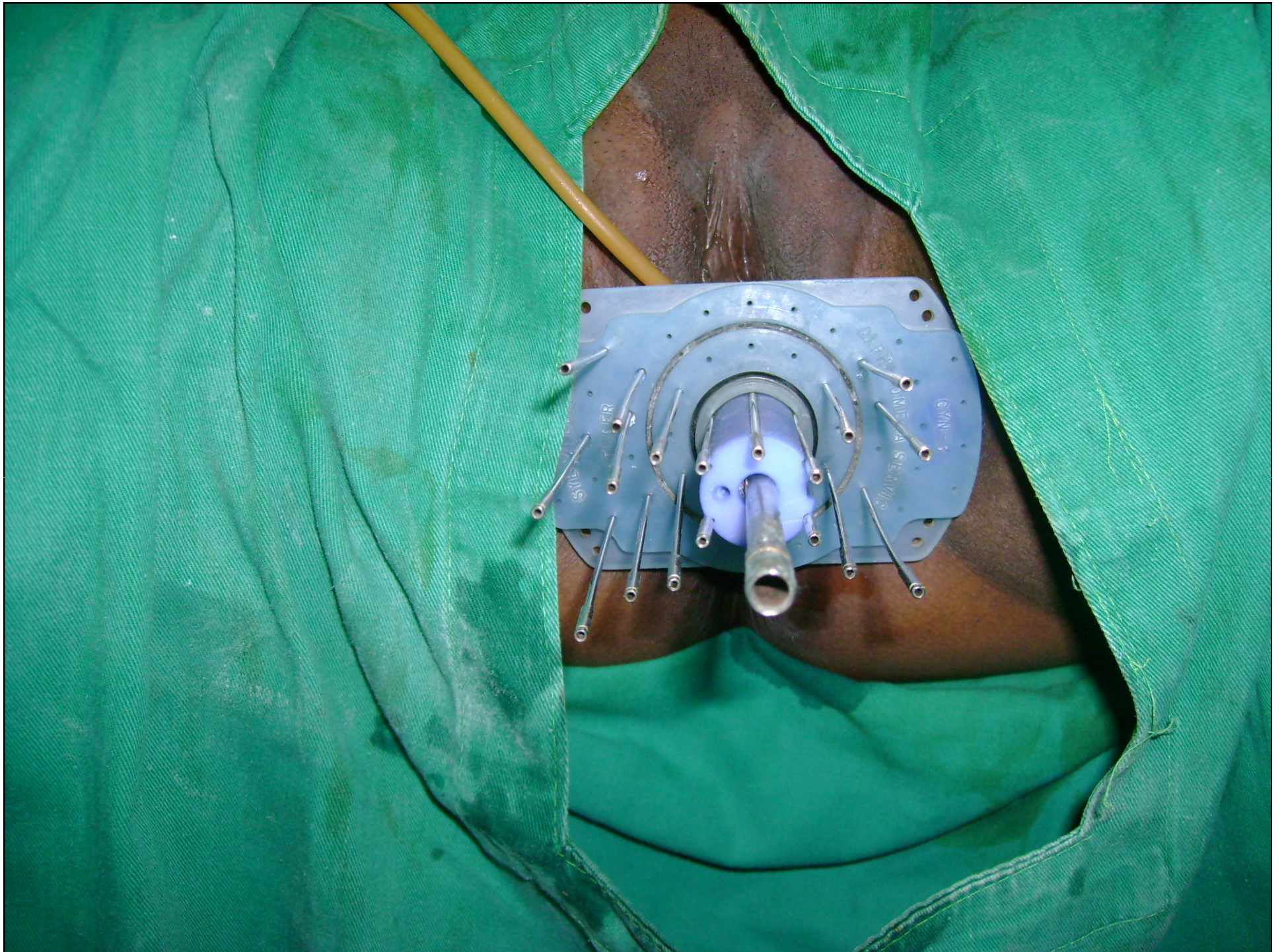


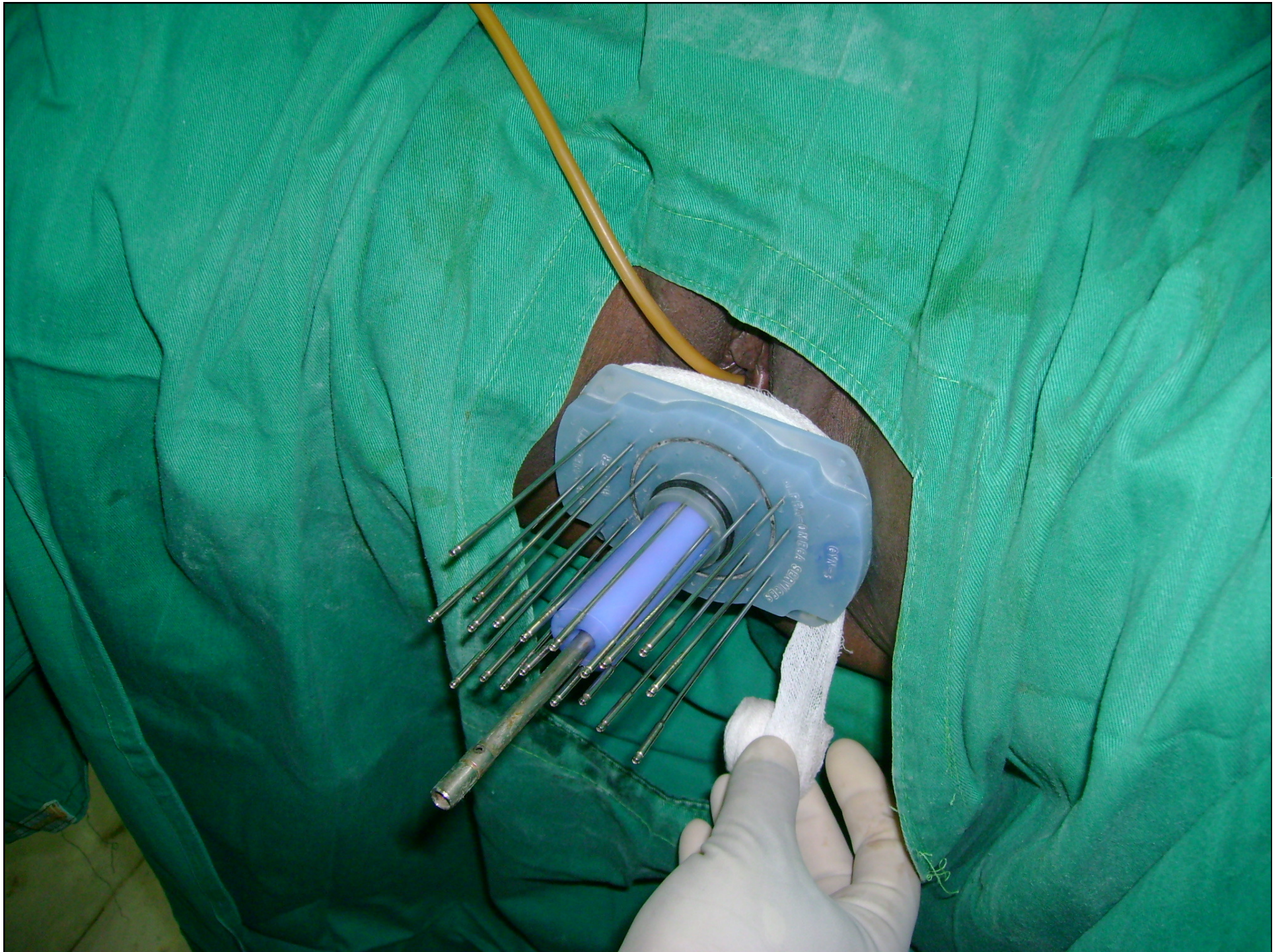


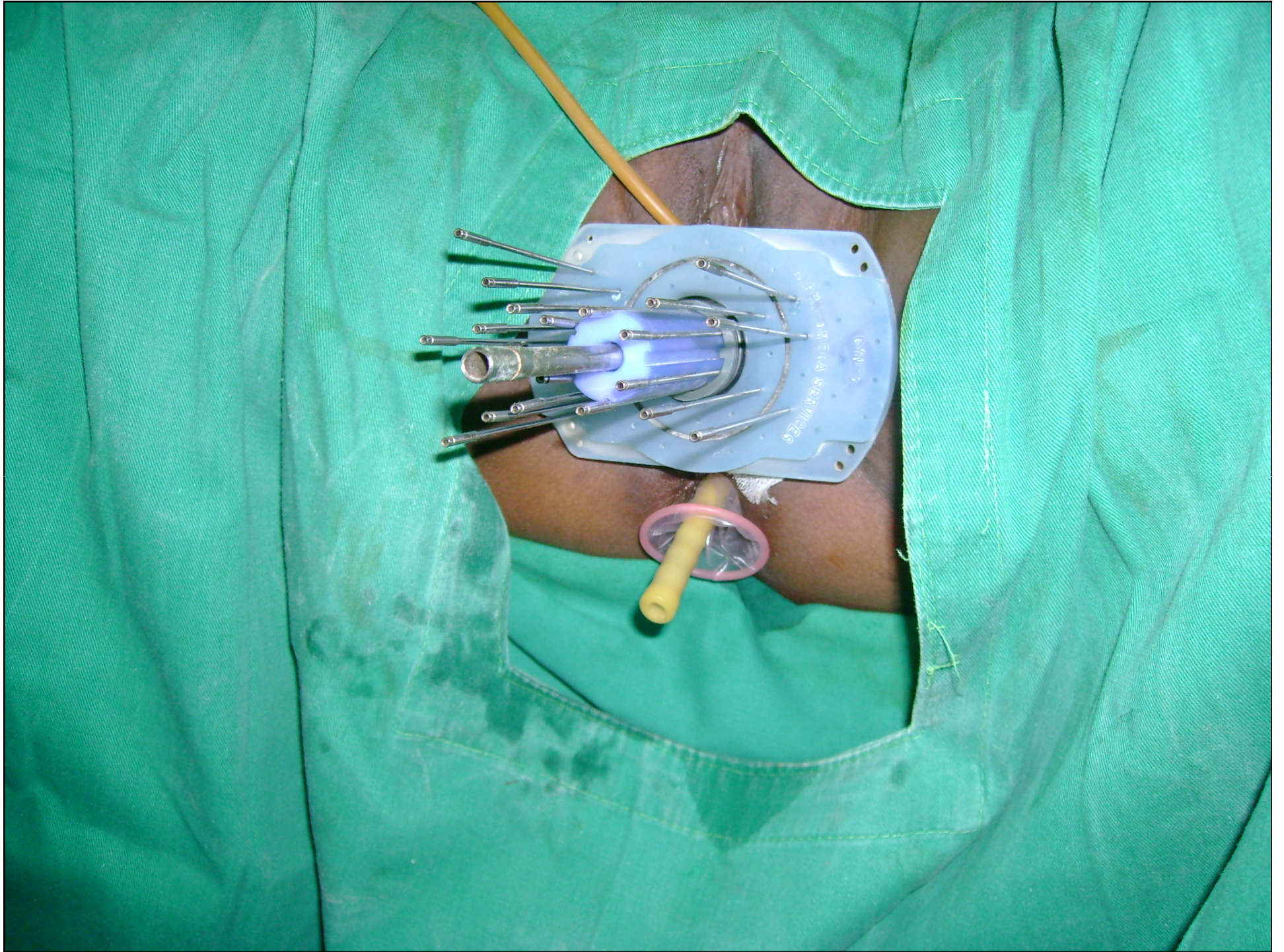


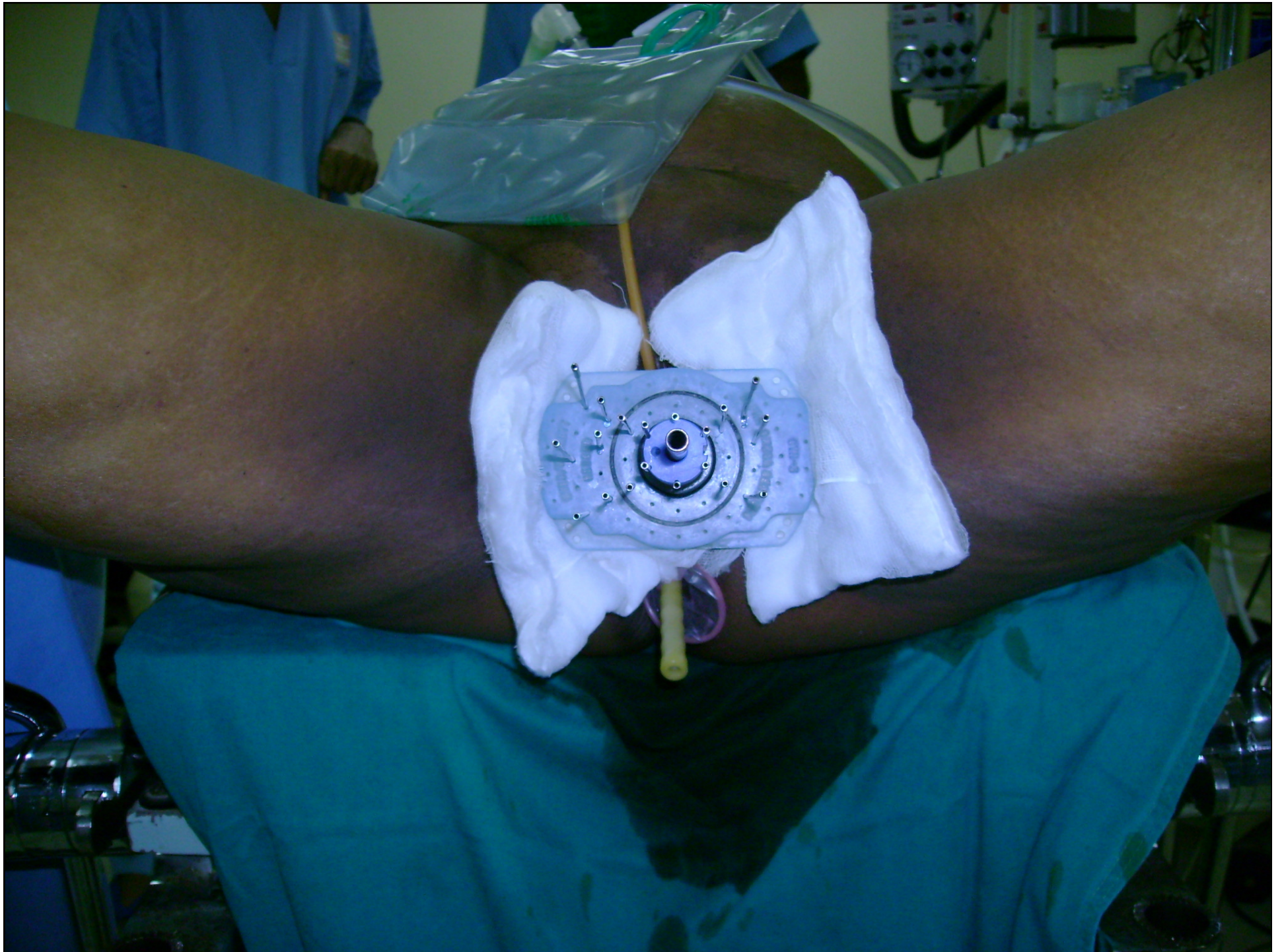












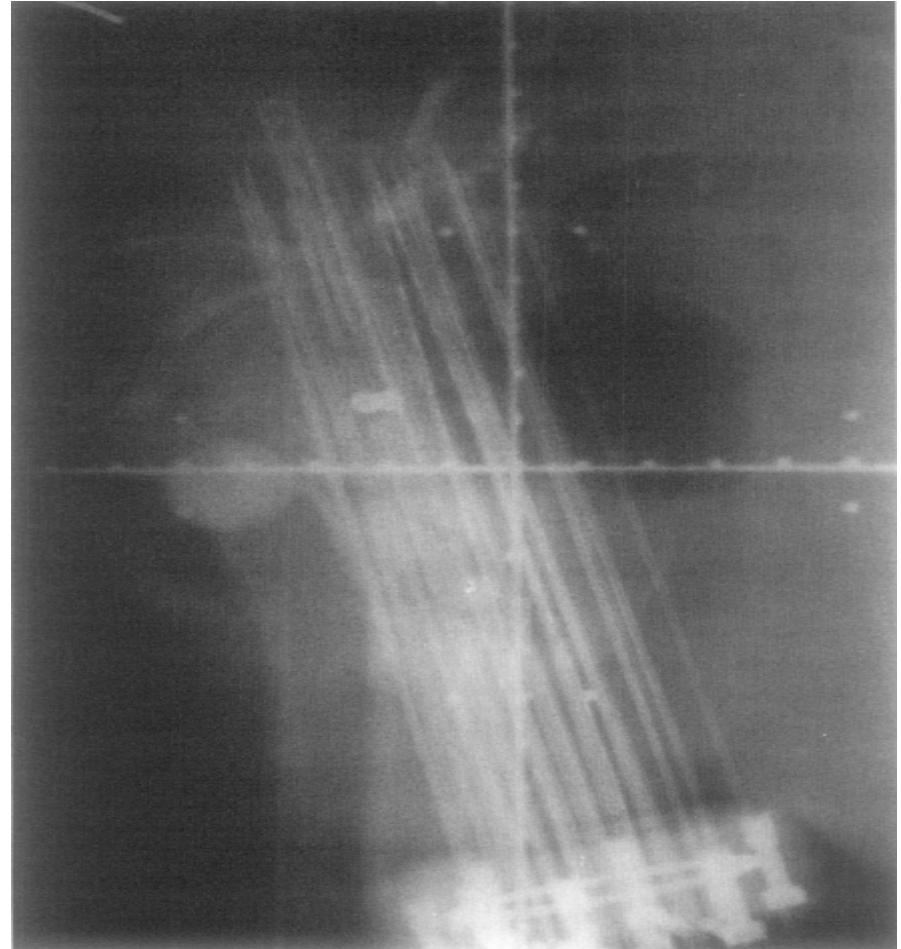
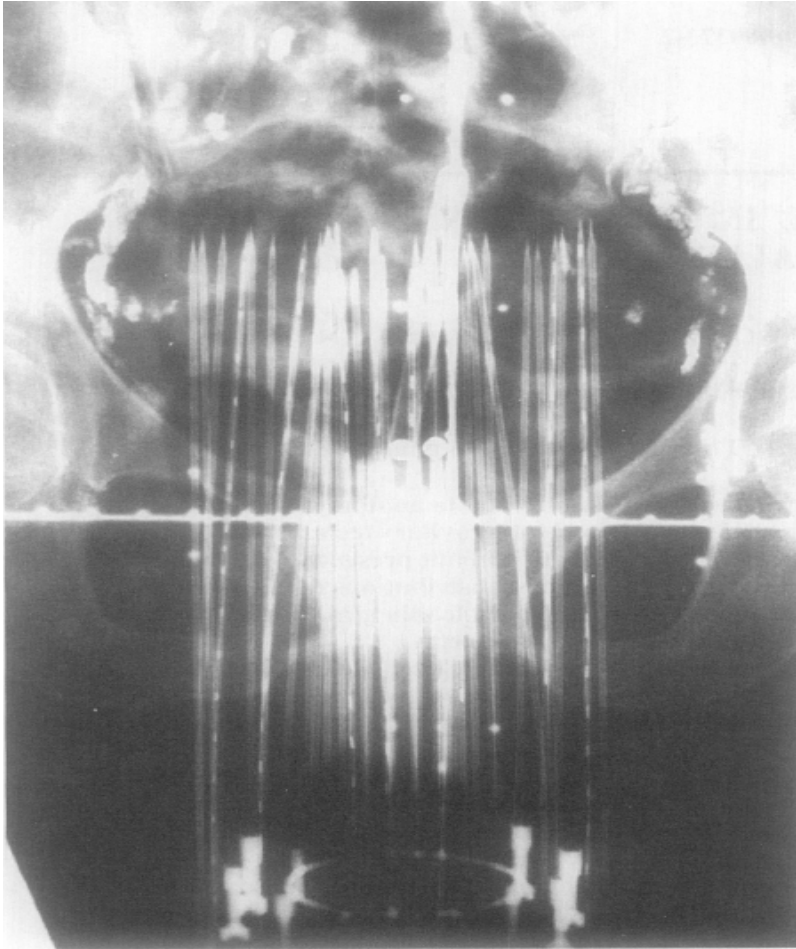




DOSIMETRY

- 2D – Orthogonal X-rays
 - Lack of correlation of point doses to minimum dose delivered to target
 - Lack of correlation of point doses to maximum dose delivered to OAR
- CT
- MRI

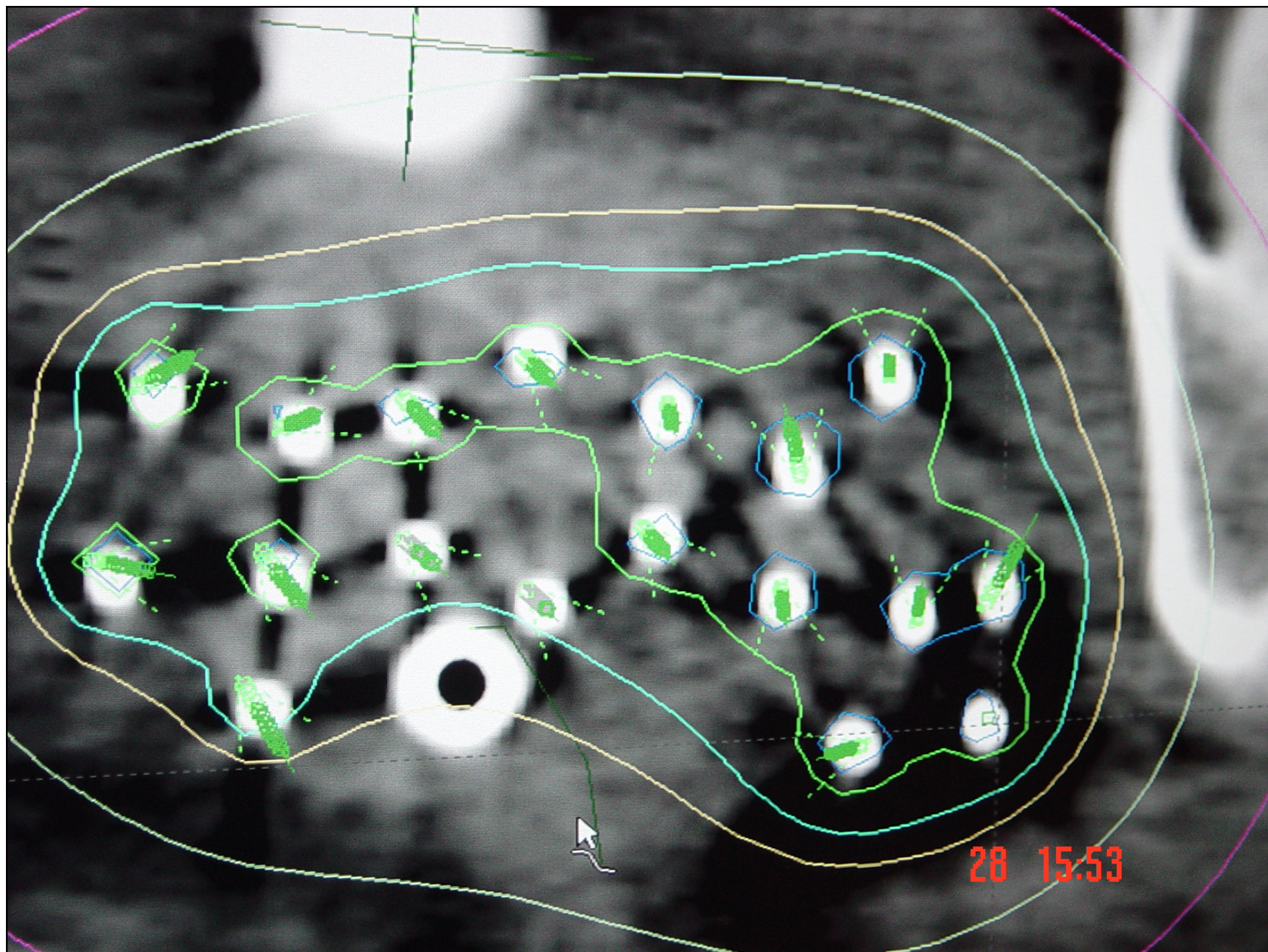
ORTHOGONAL RADIOGRAPHS



Overlap issues

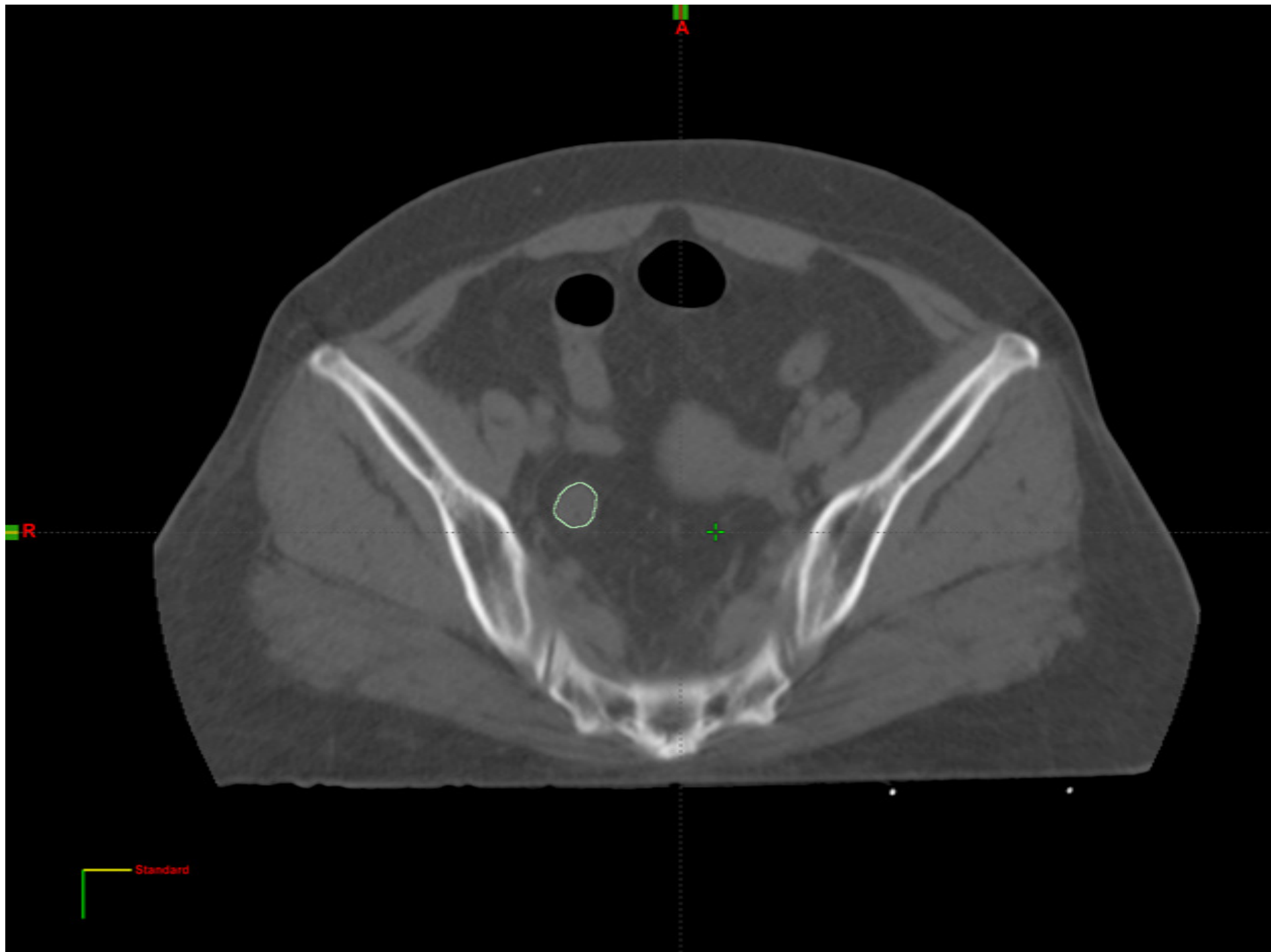
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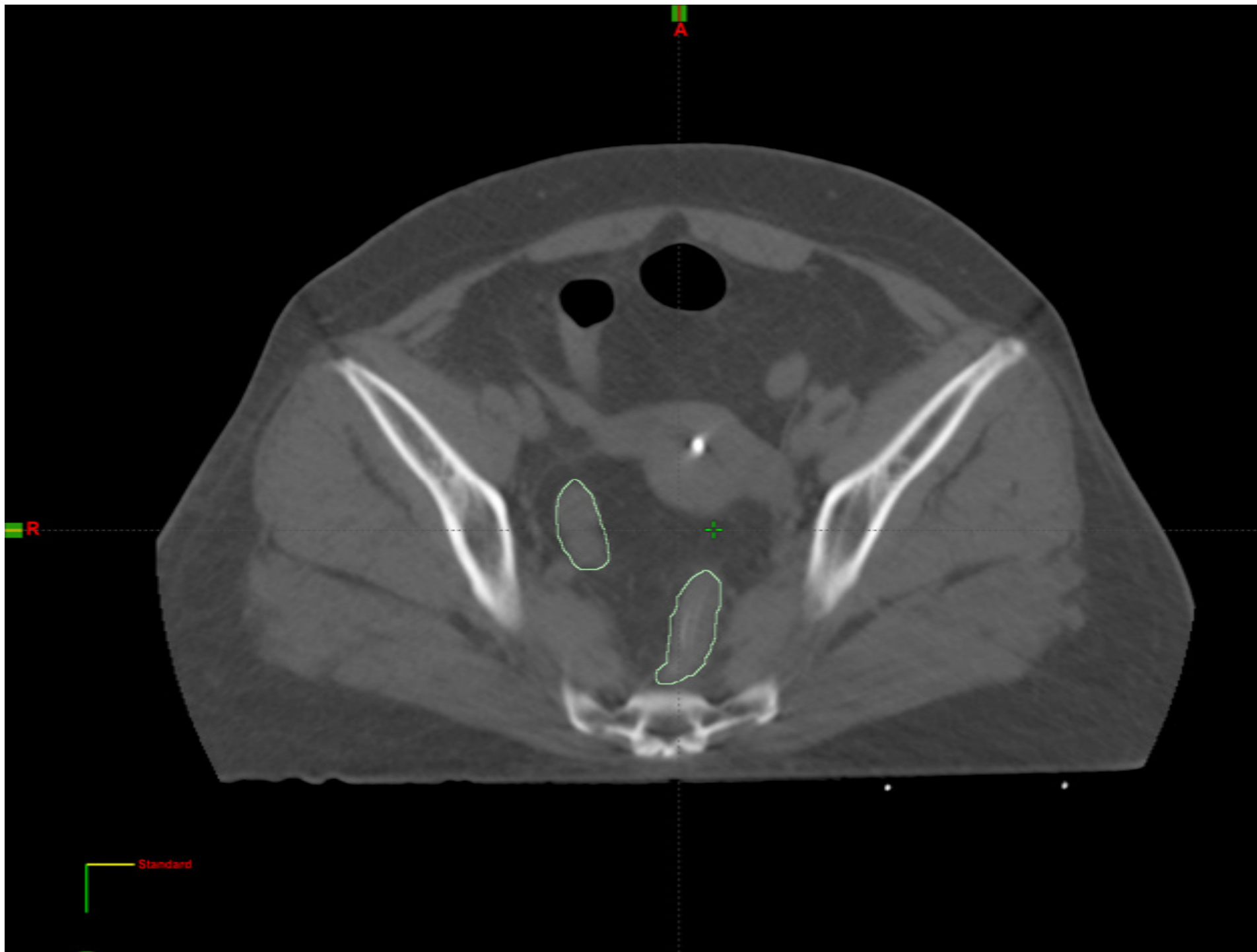
Inaccurate in determining which portion of organ is closest to implant

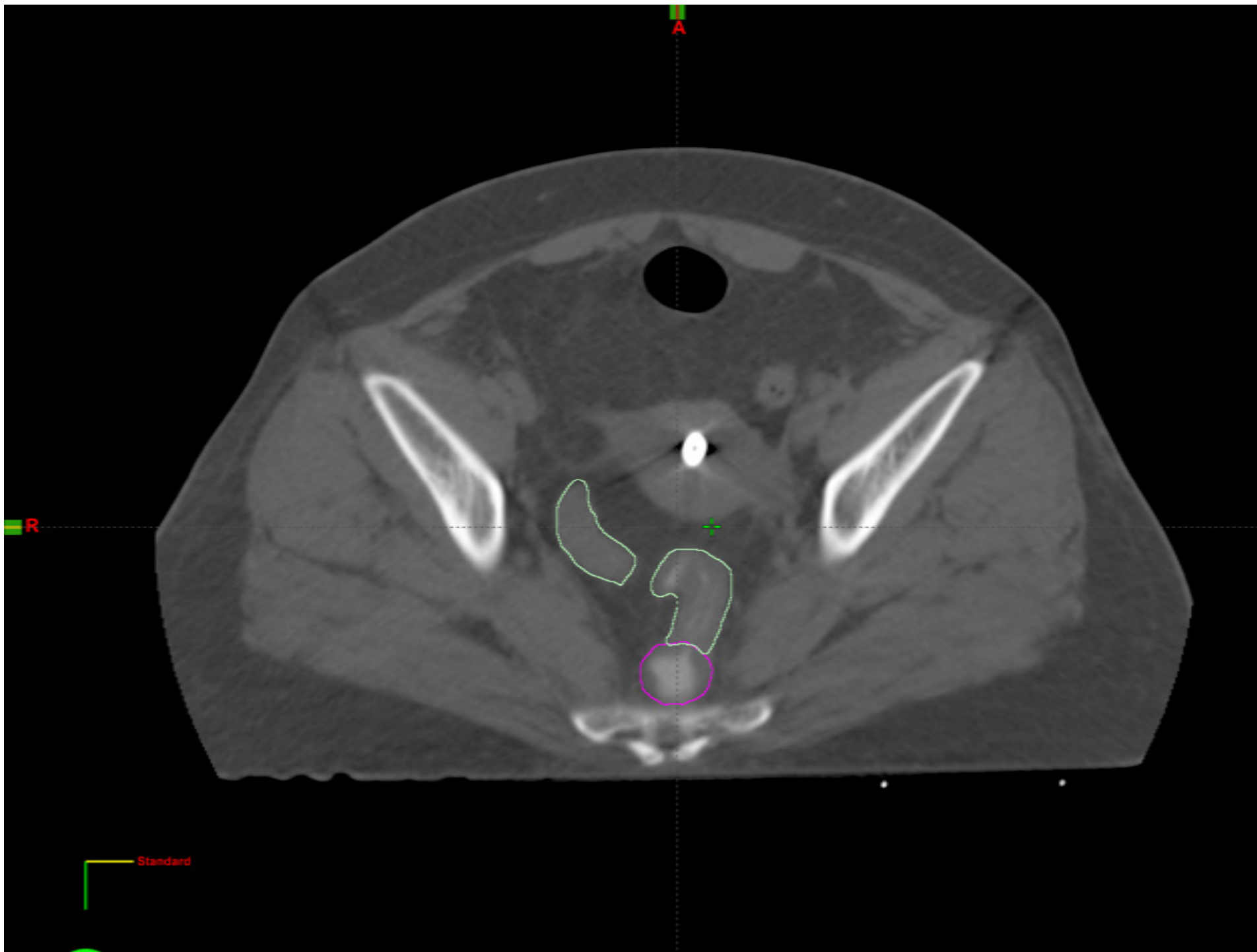


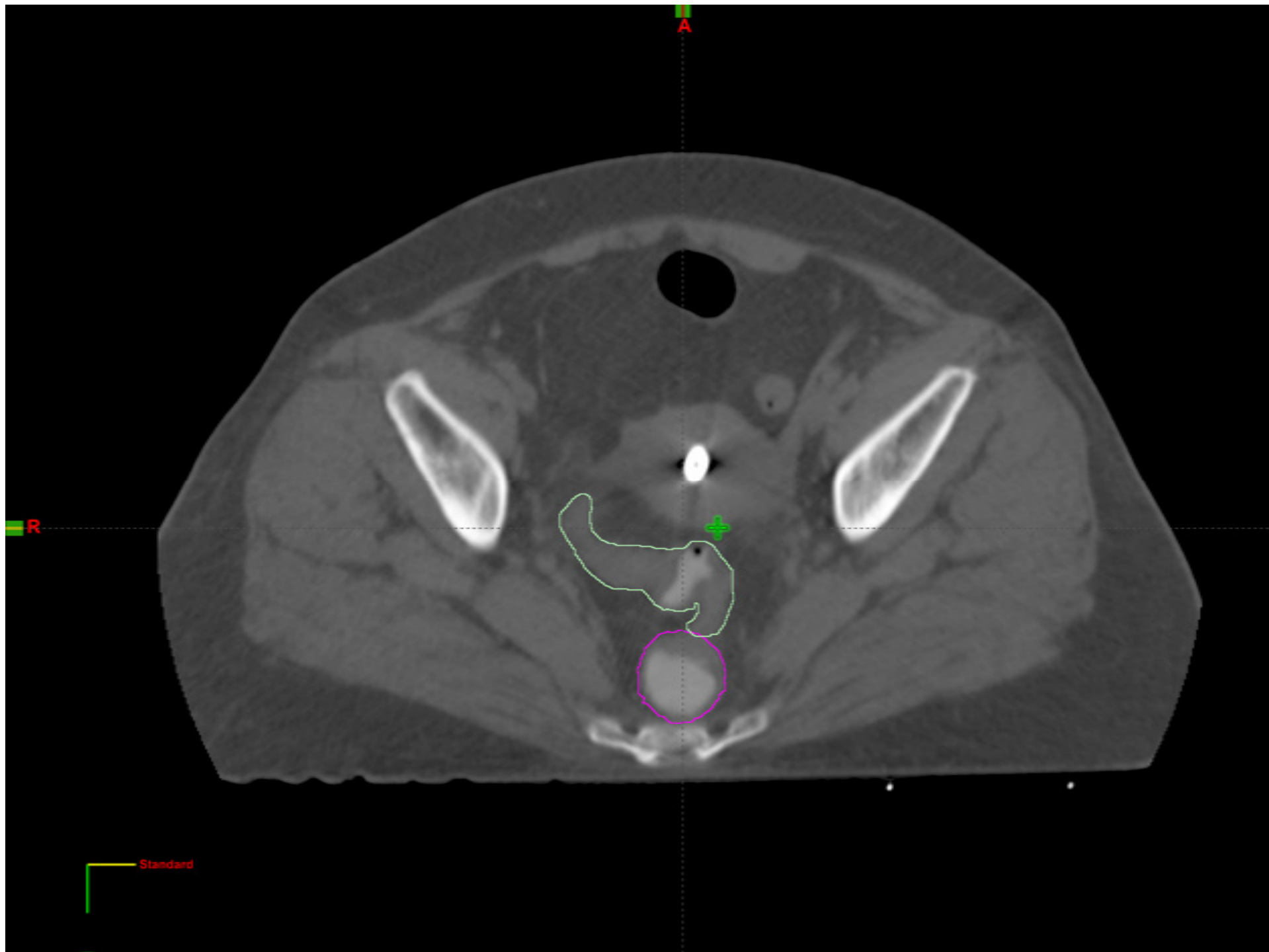
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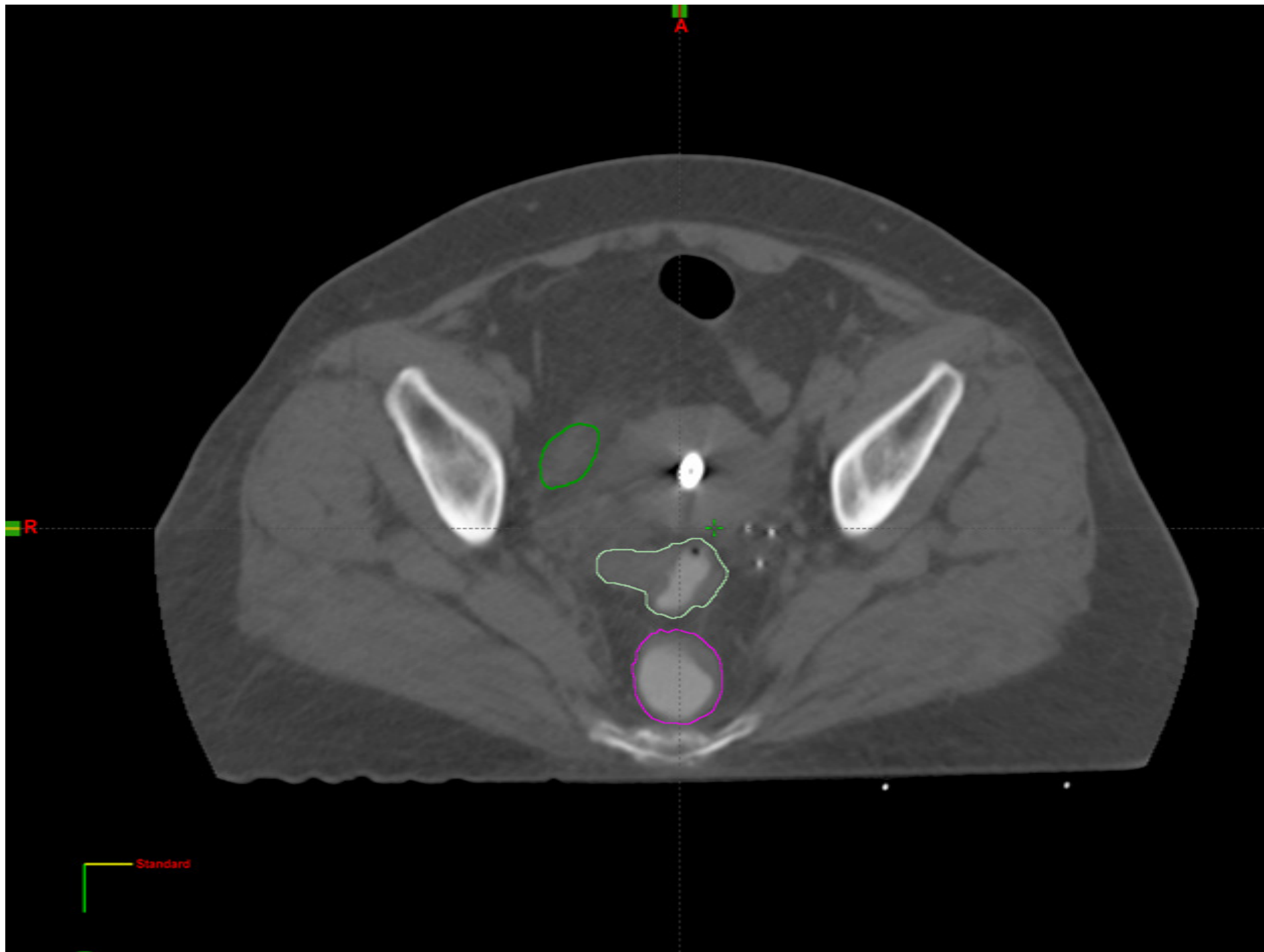
- 50 ml of dilute contrast (5ml in 100 ml saline) in bladder
- 20 ml of same contrast in rectum and sigmoid
- DELINEATION – Using GEC-ESTRO MRI definitions
GTV– not delineated
CTV --
 - 1st session – Original disease extent – IRCTV
6.5 Gy x 2
 - 2nd session – Present disease extent -- HRCTV –
6.5Gy X 4
- OAR – Rectum, sigmoid, bladder
- Plan evaluation –
CTV -- D90, V100, V150
Rectum, bladder, sigmoid – D.1, D1, D2

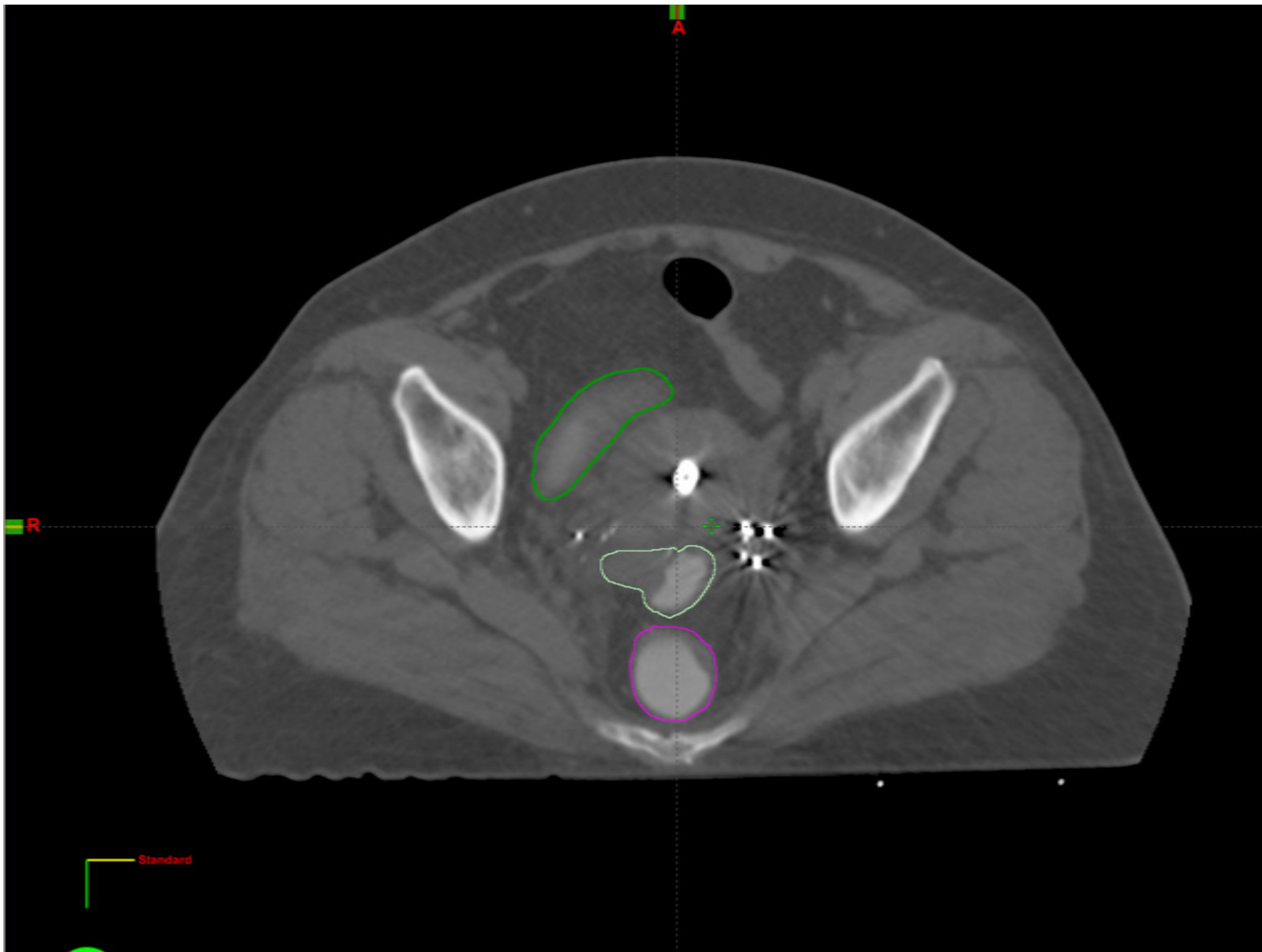


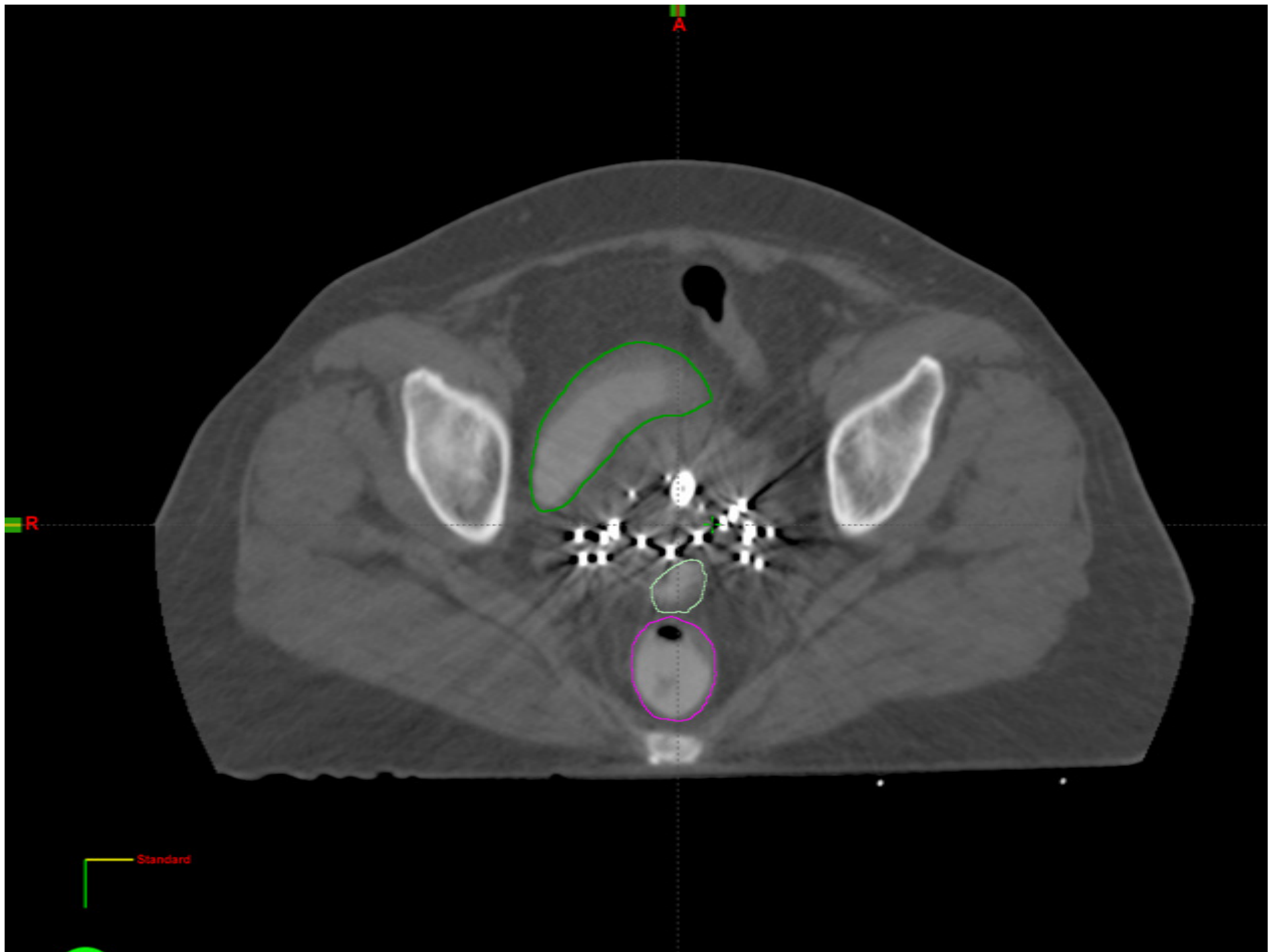


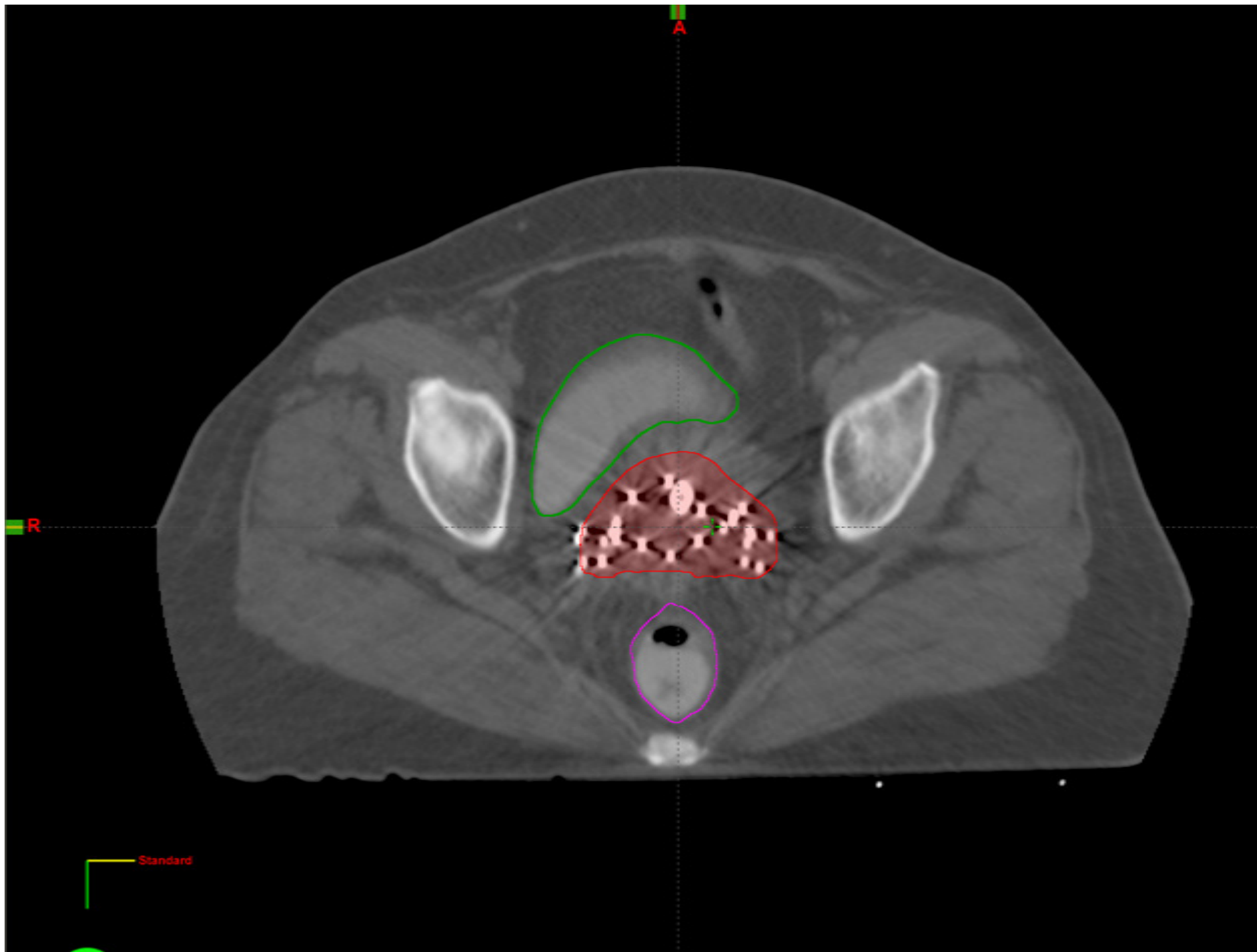


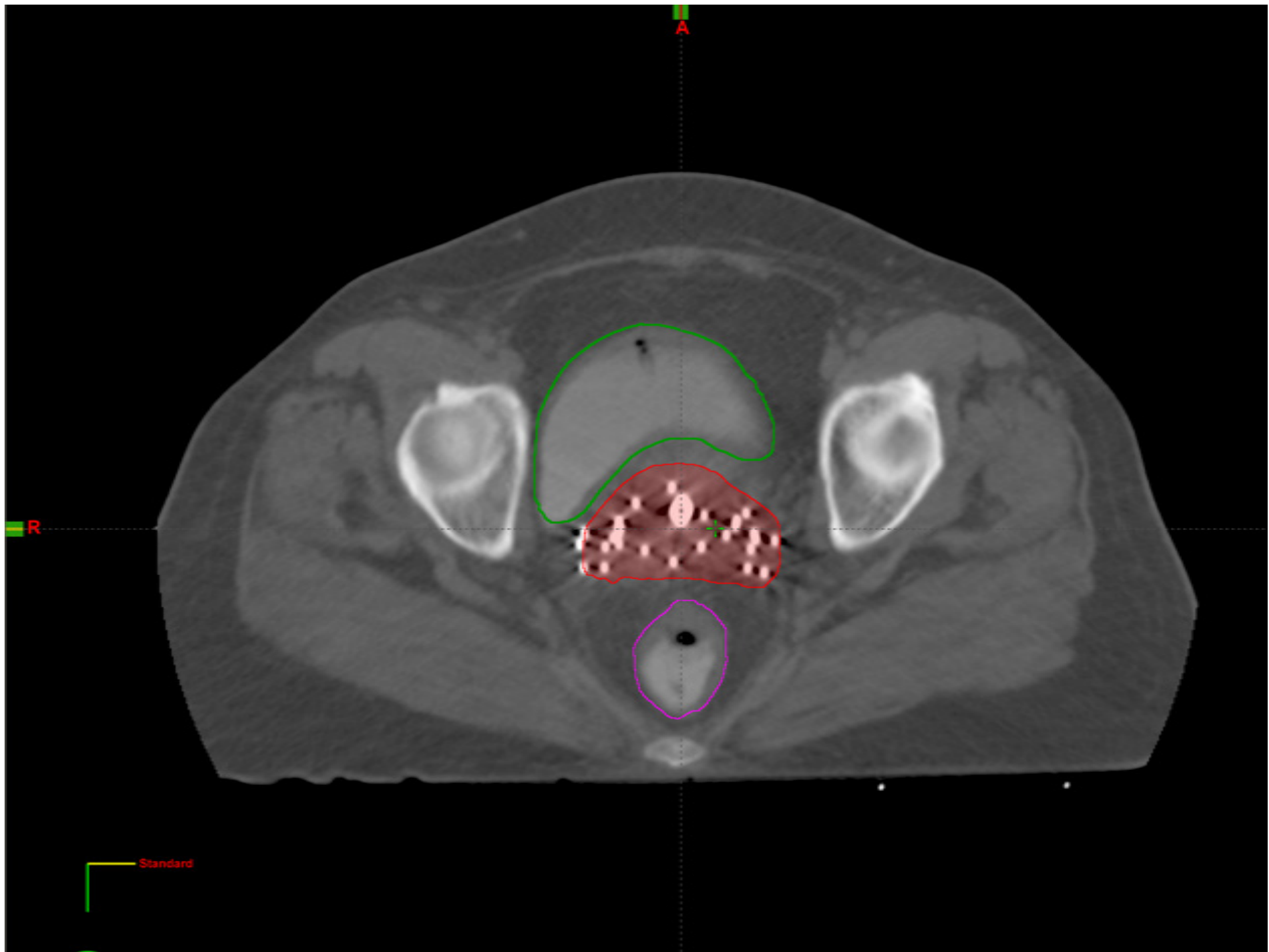


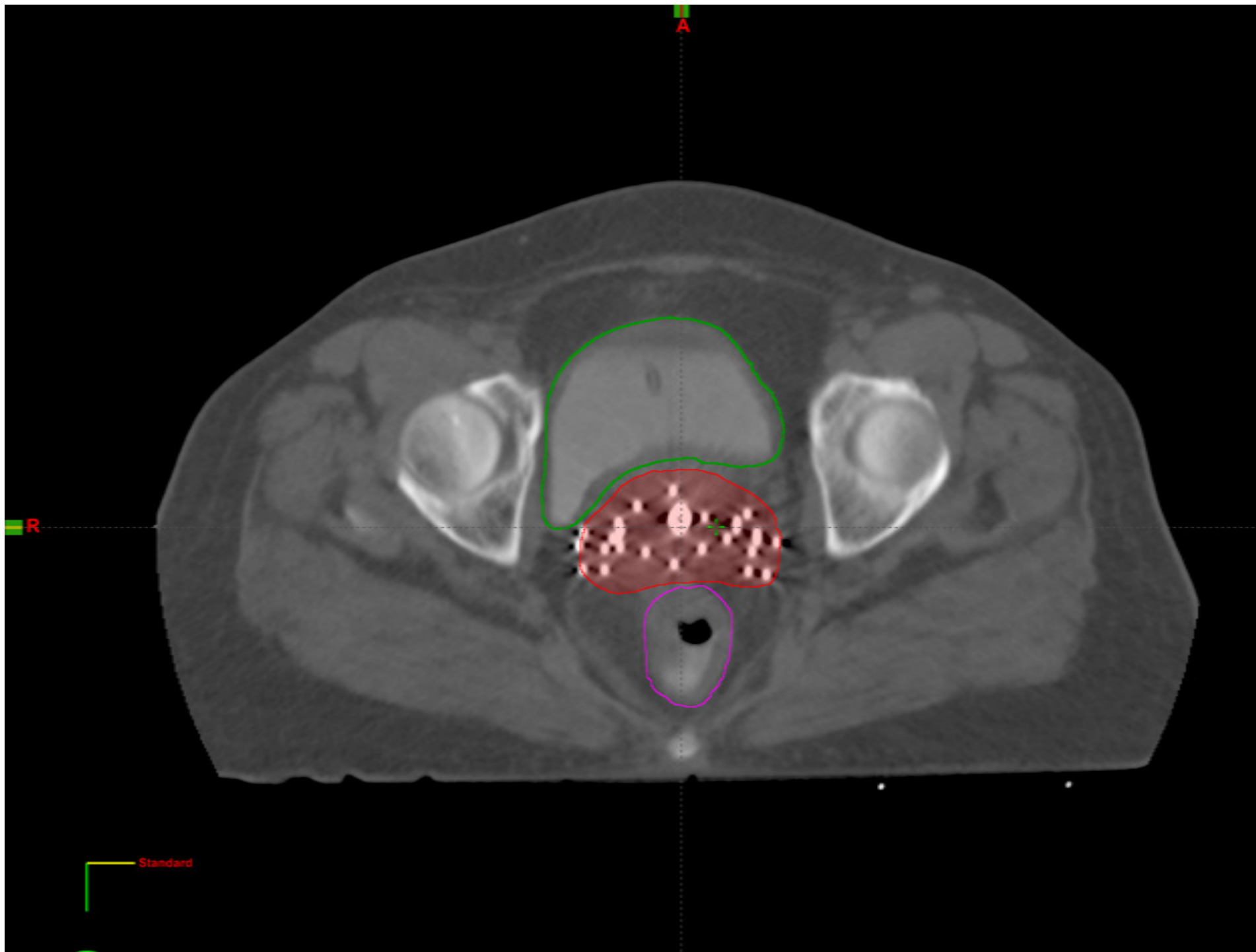


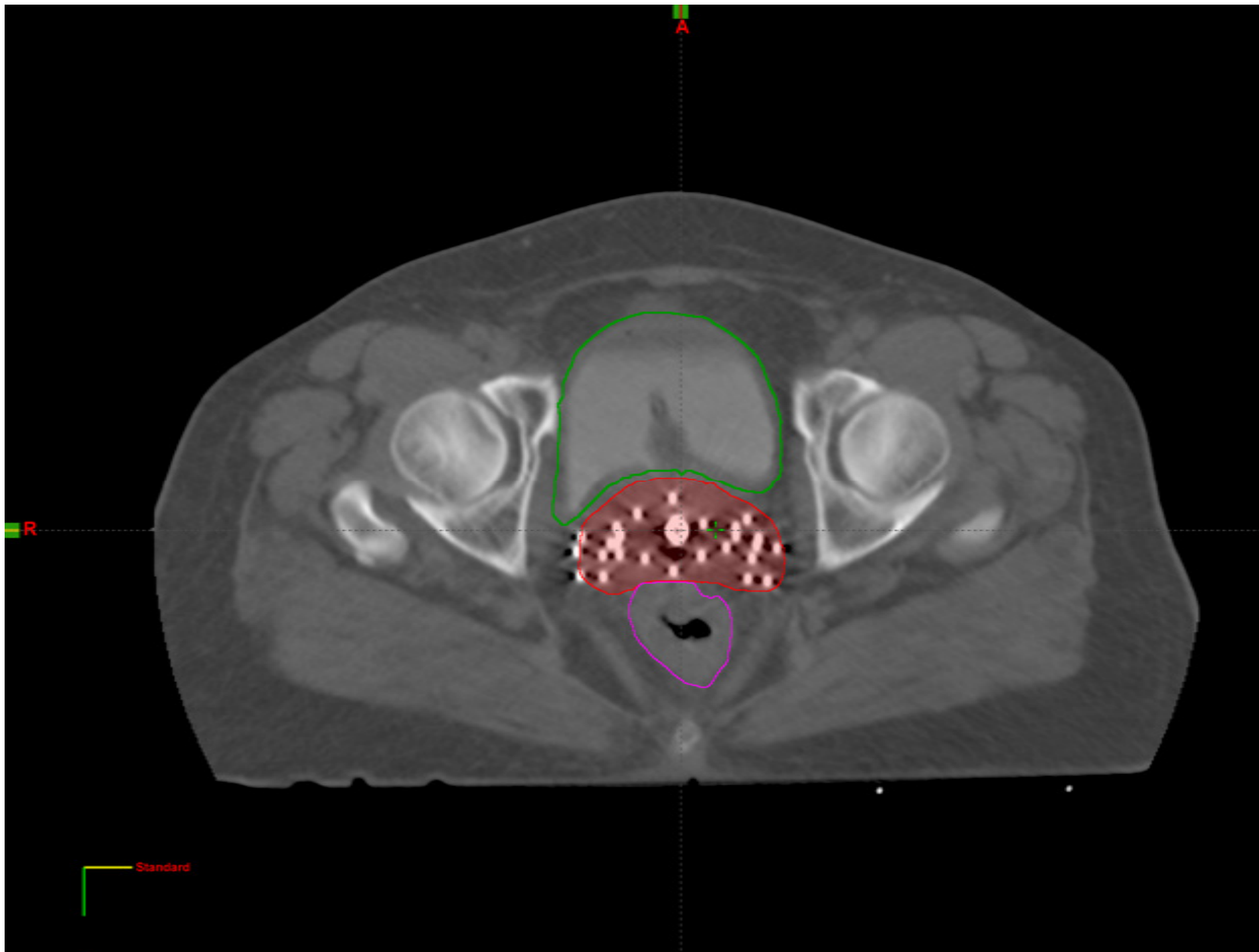


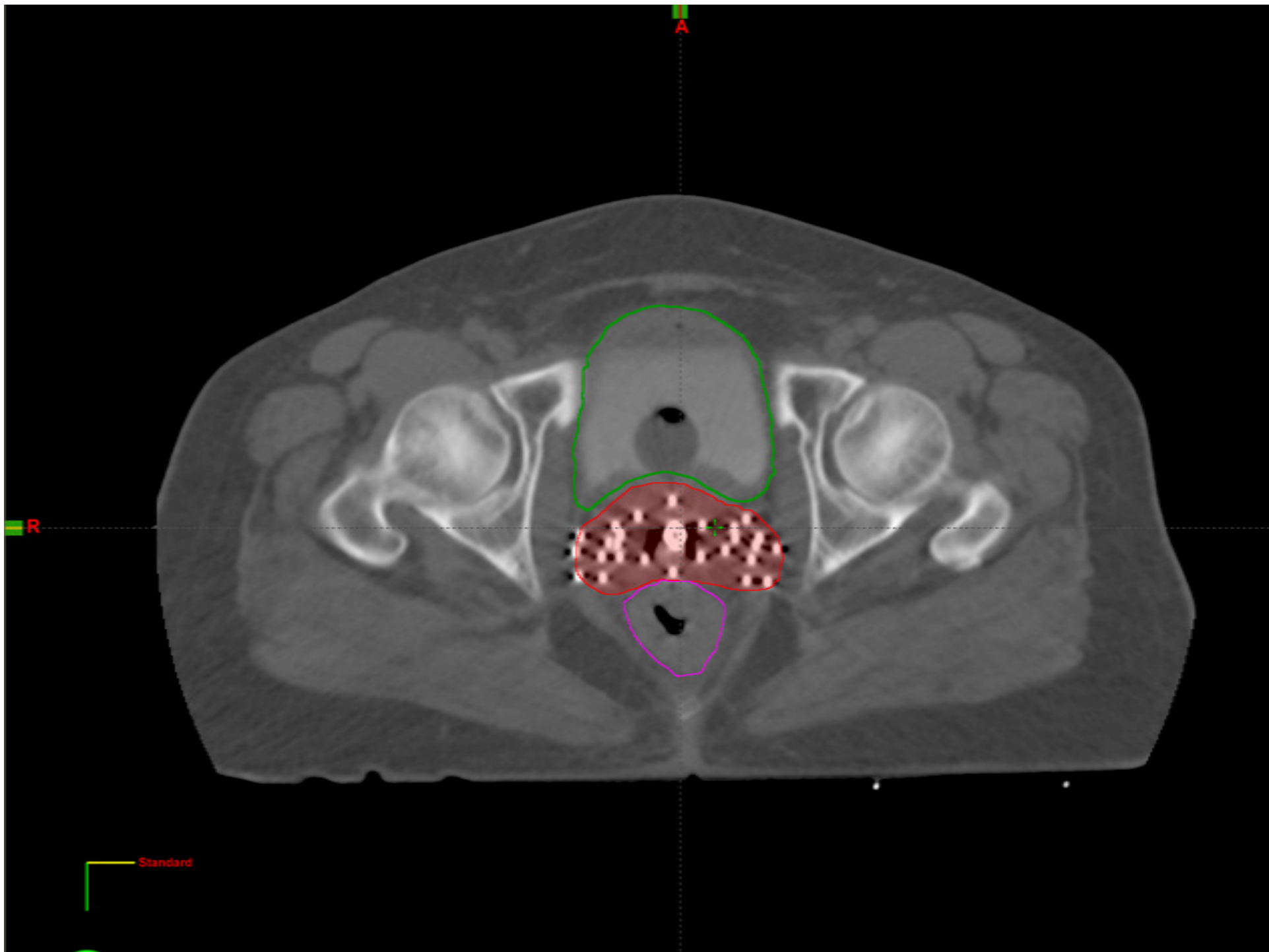




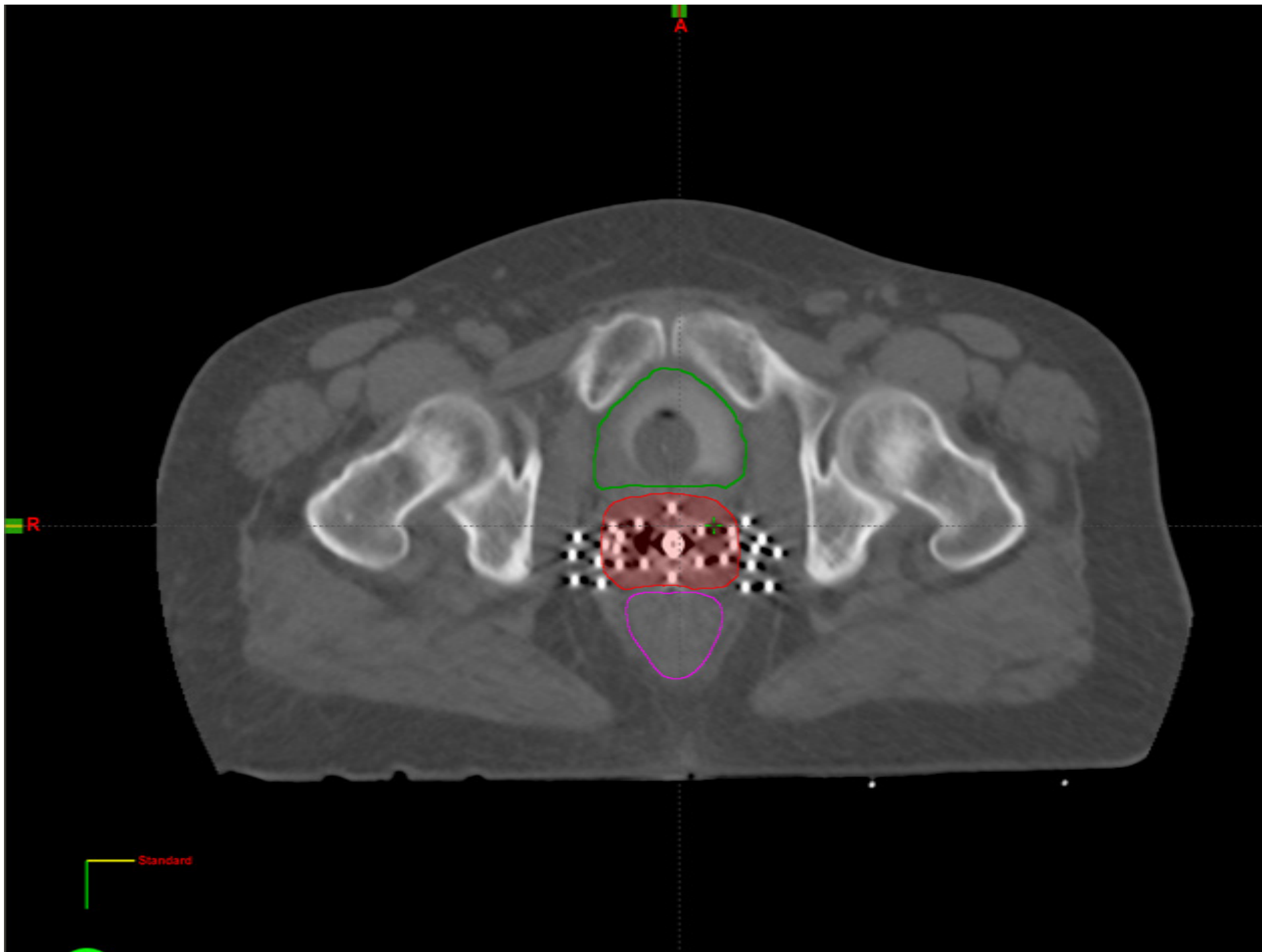


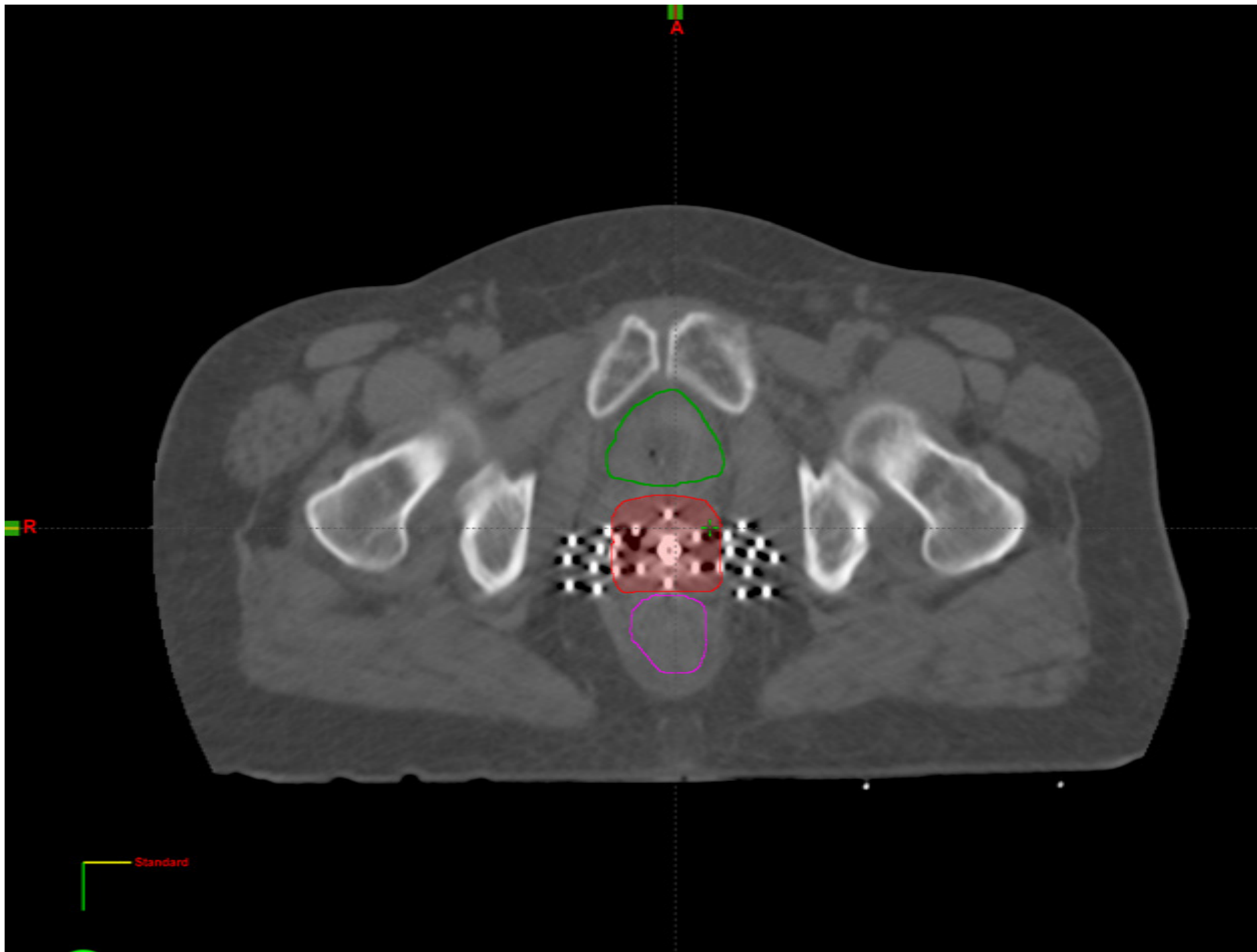


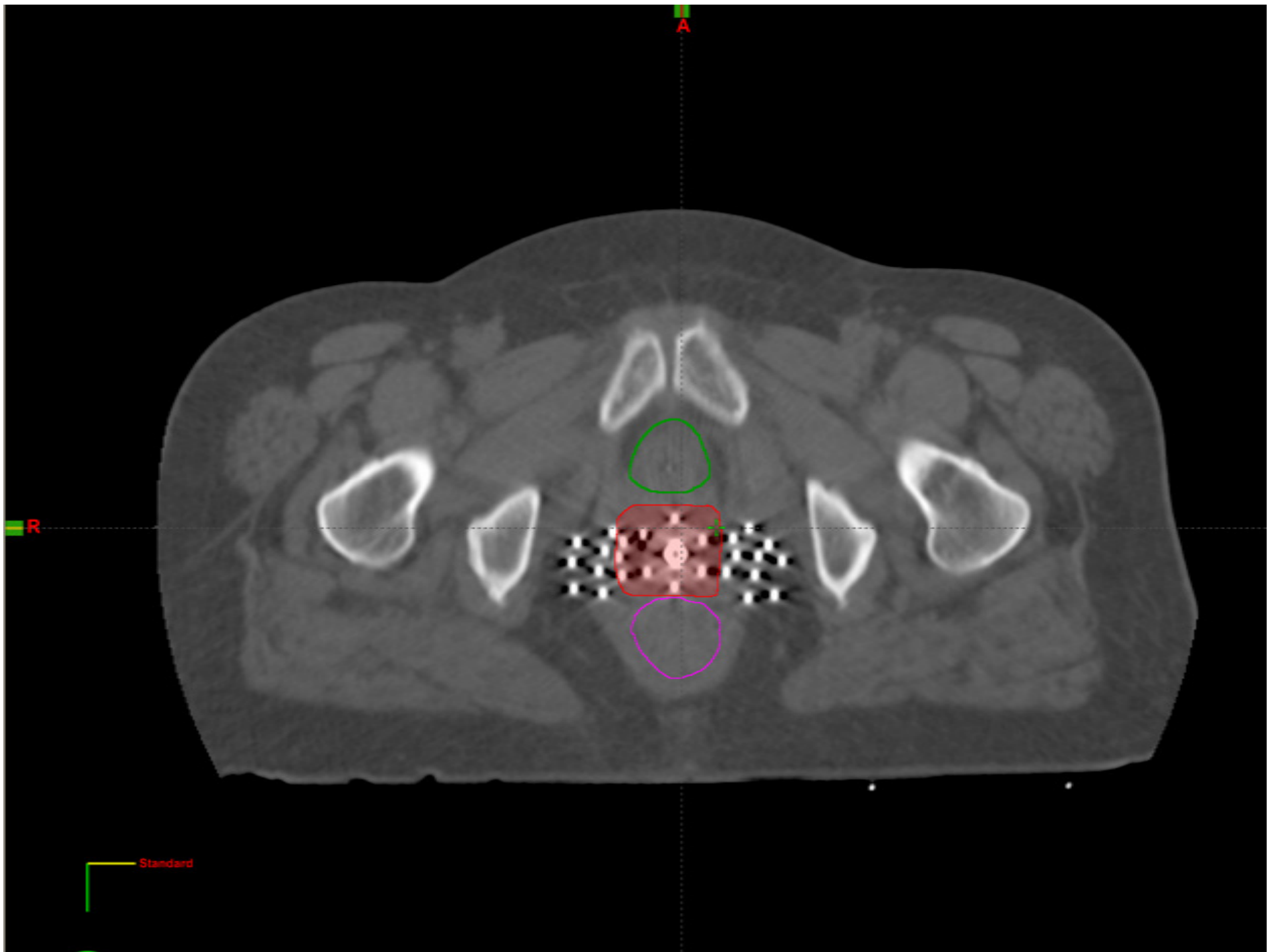


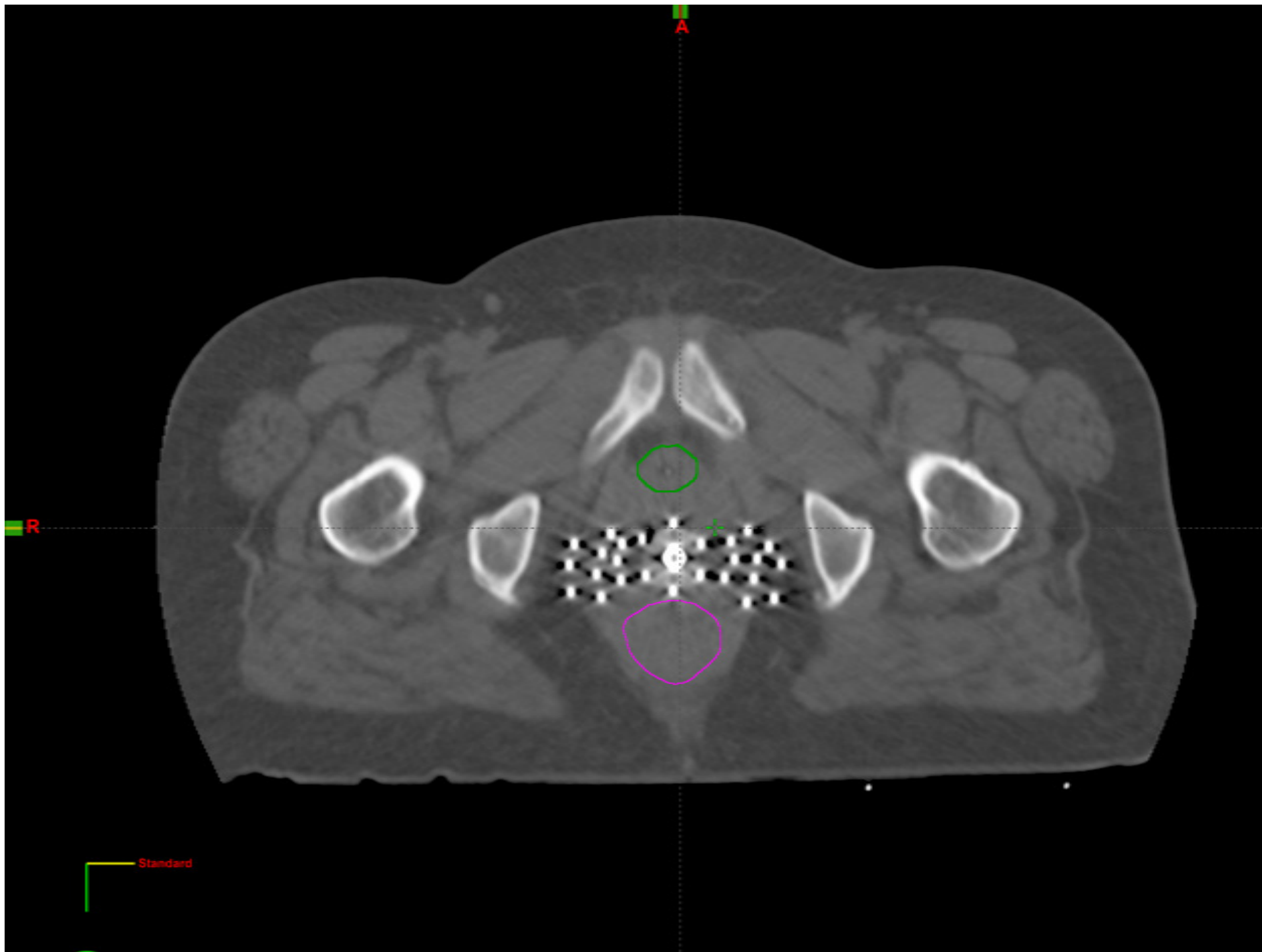


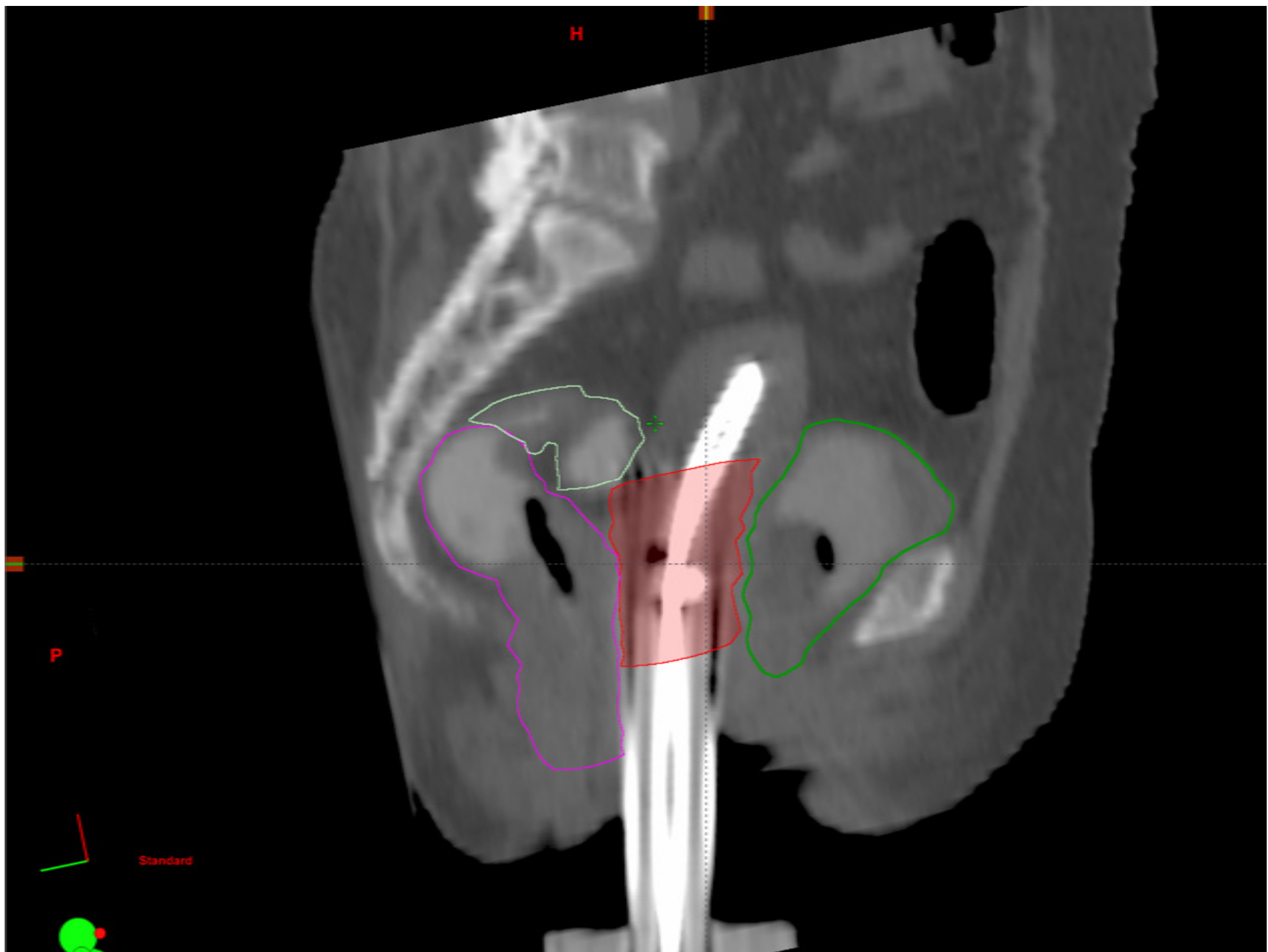


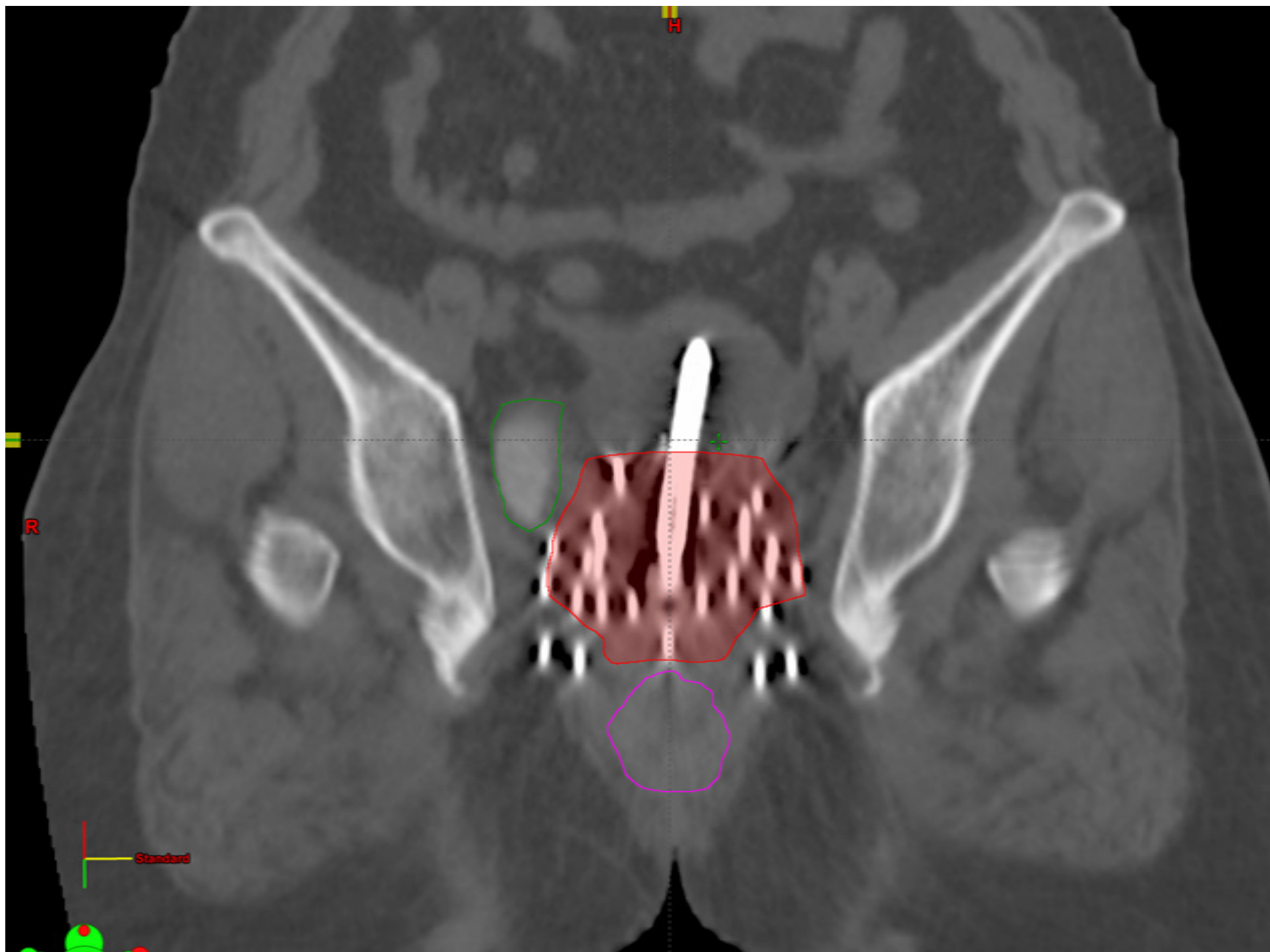












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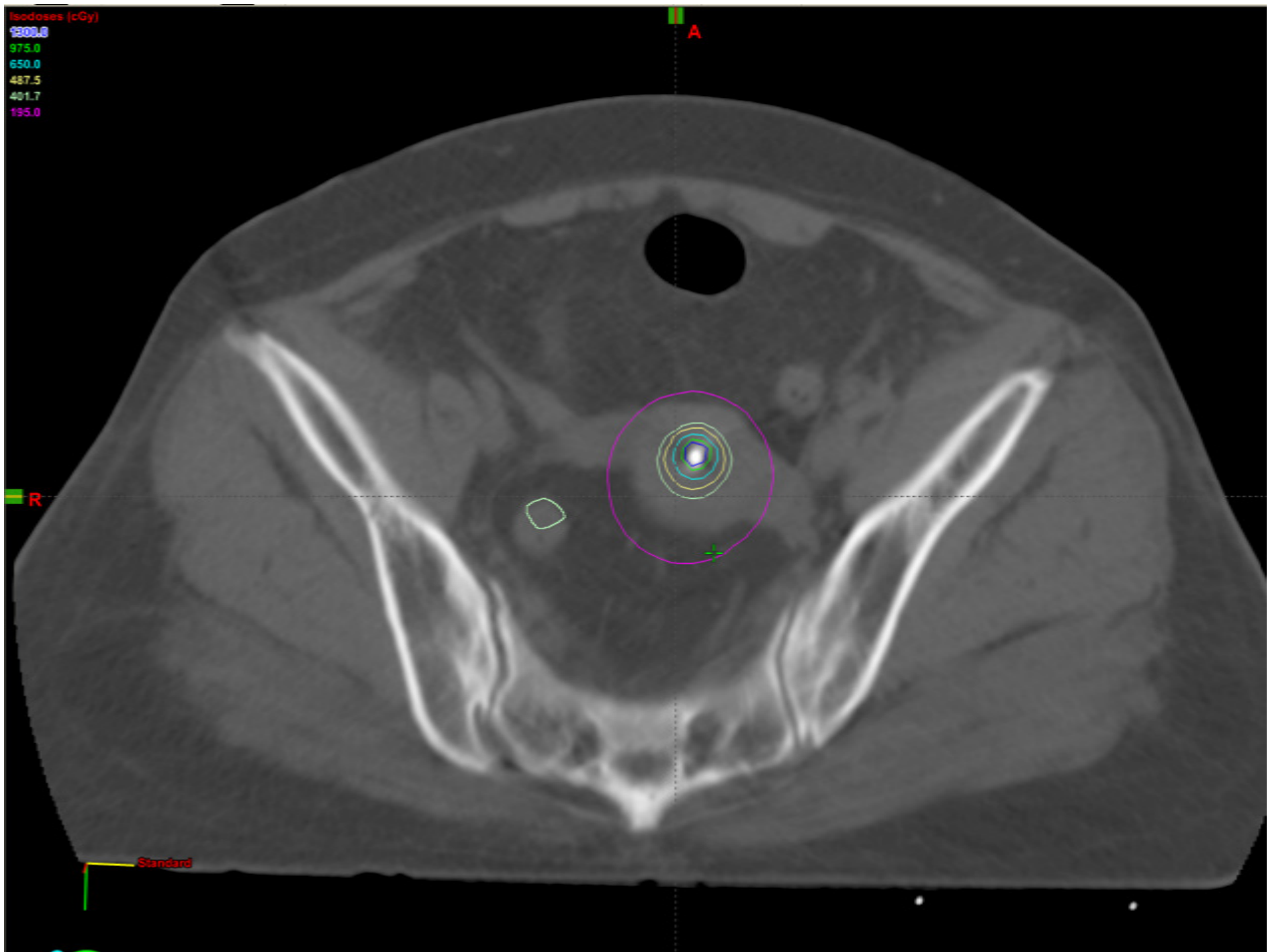
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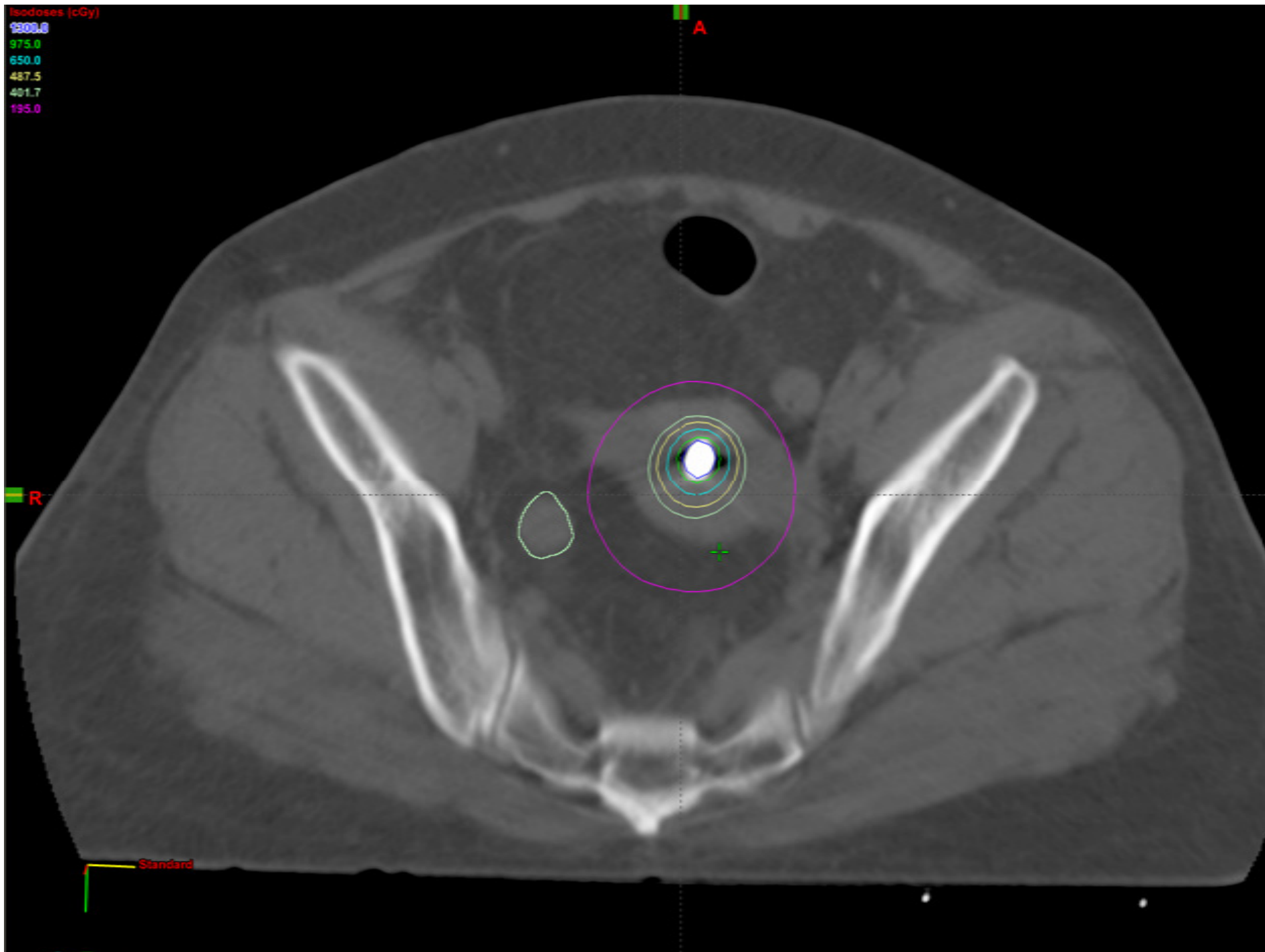
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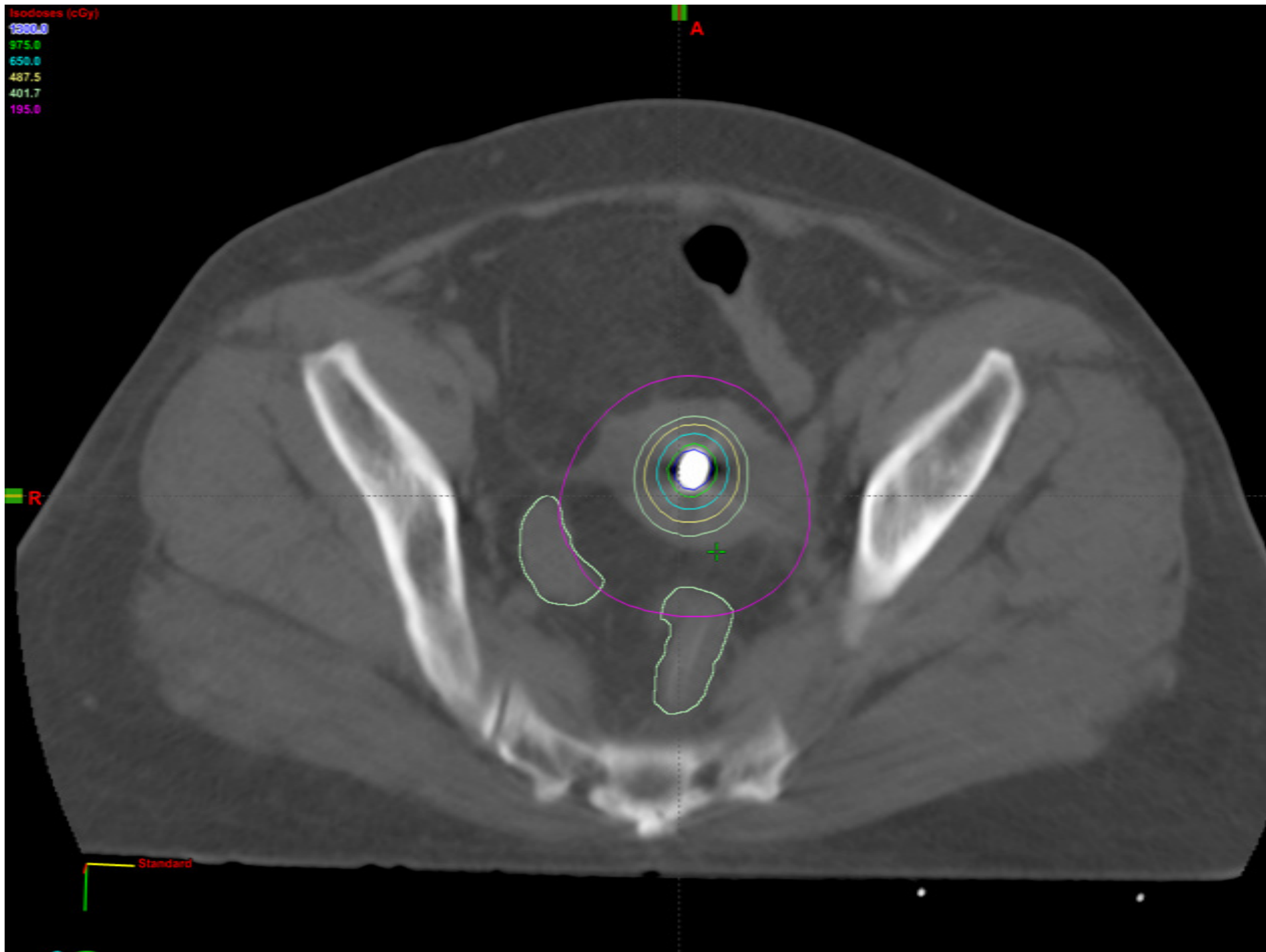
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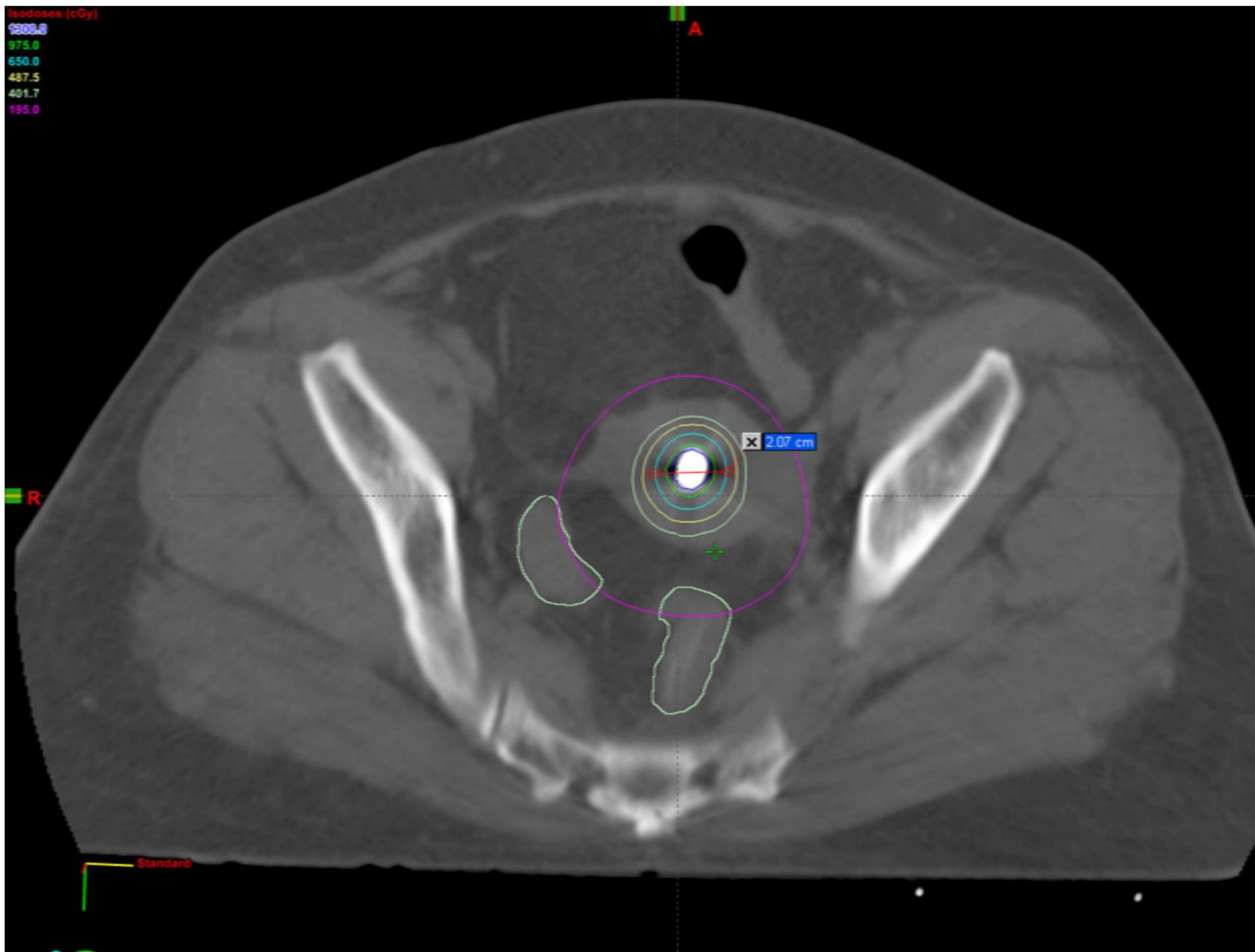
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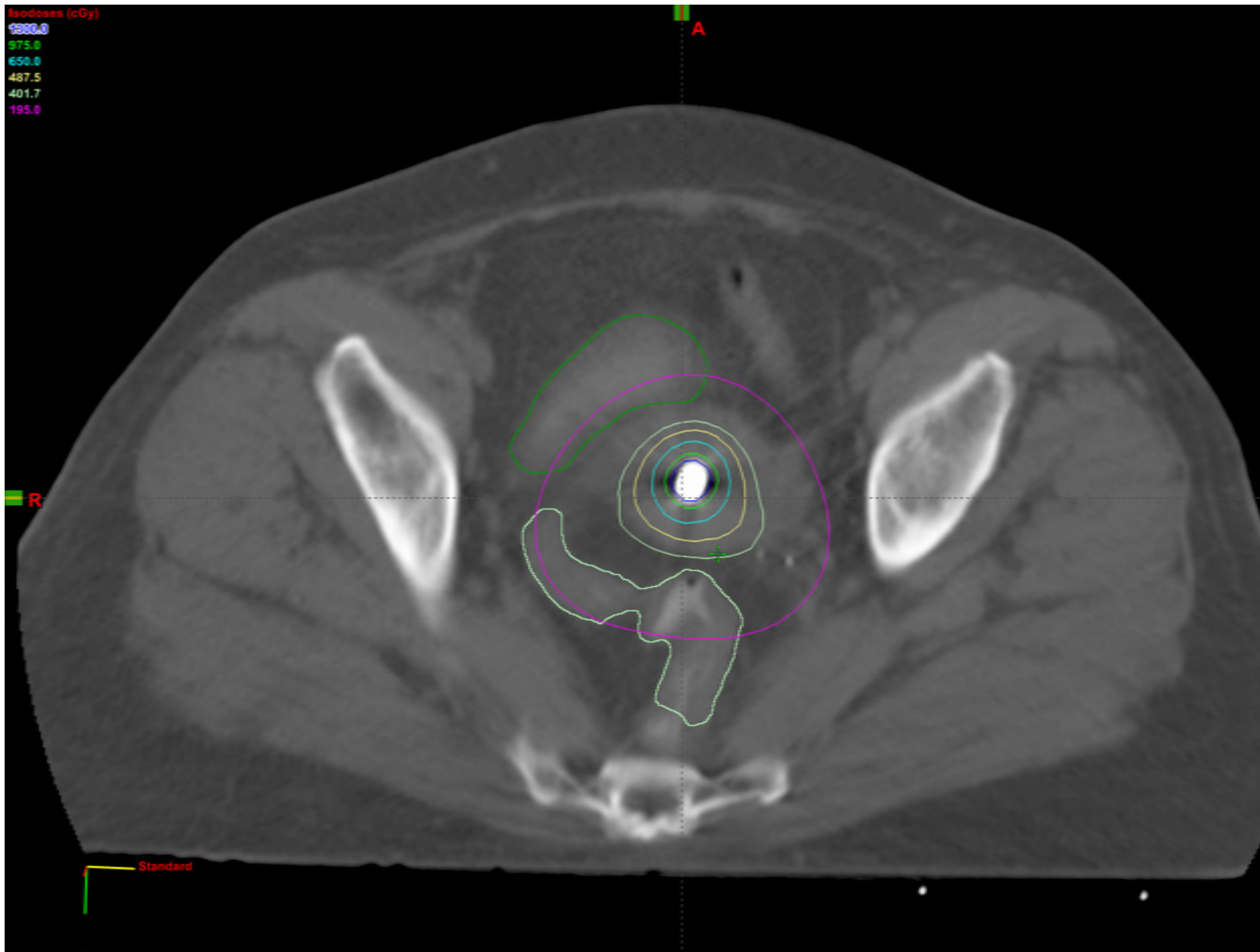
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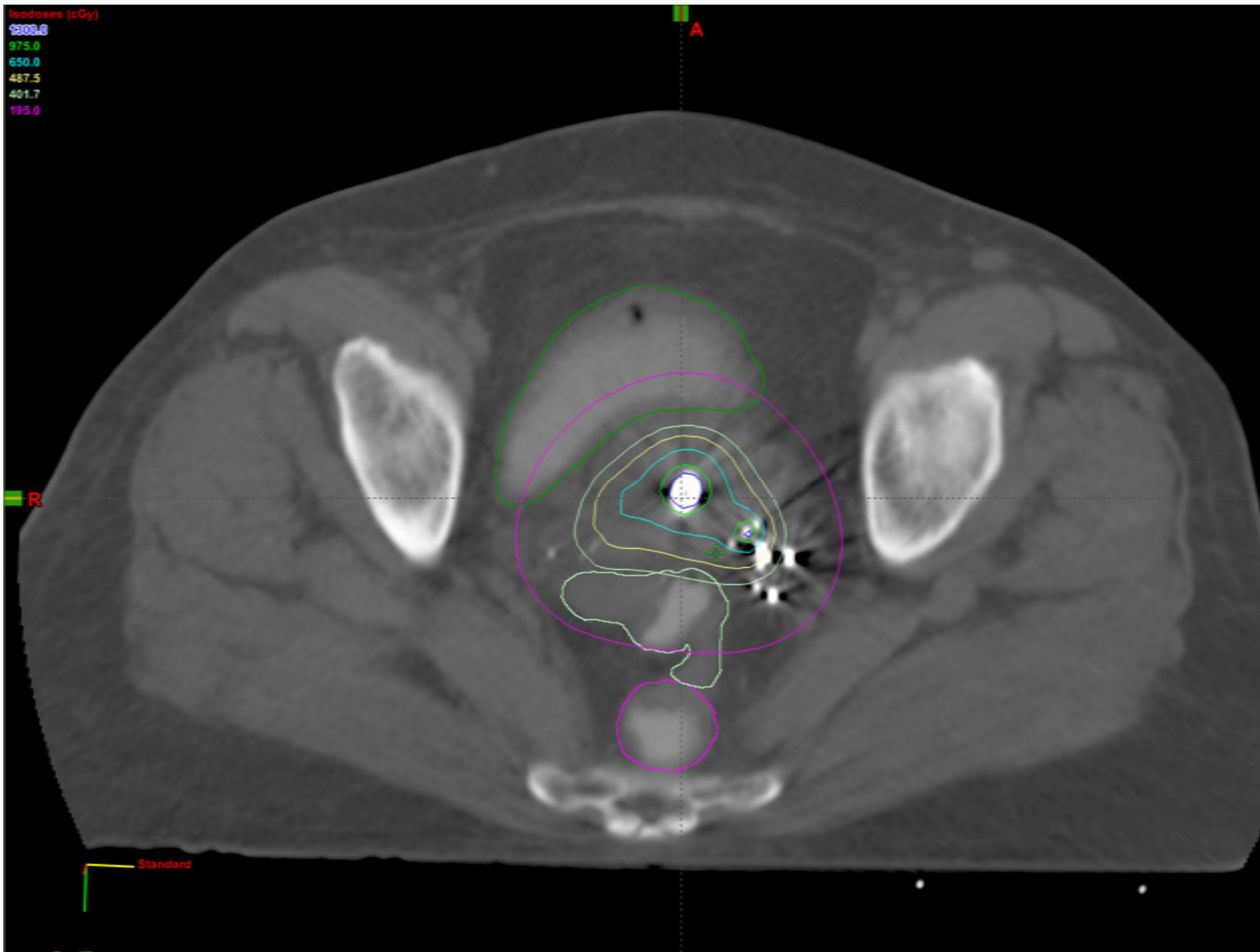
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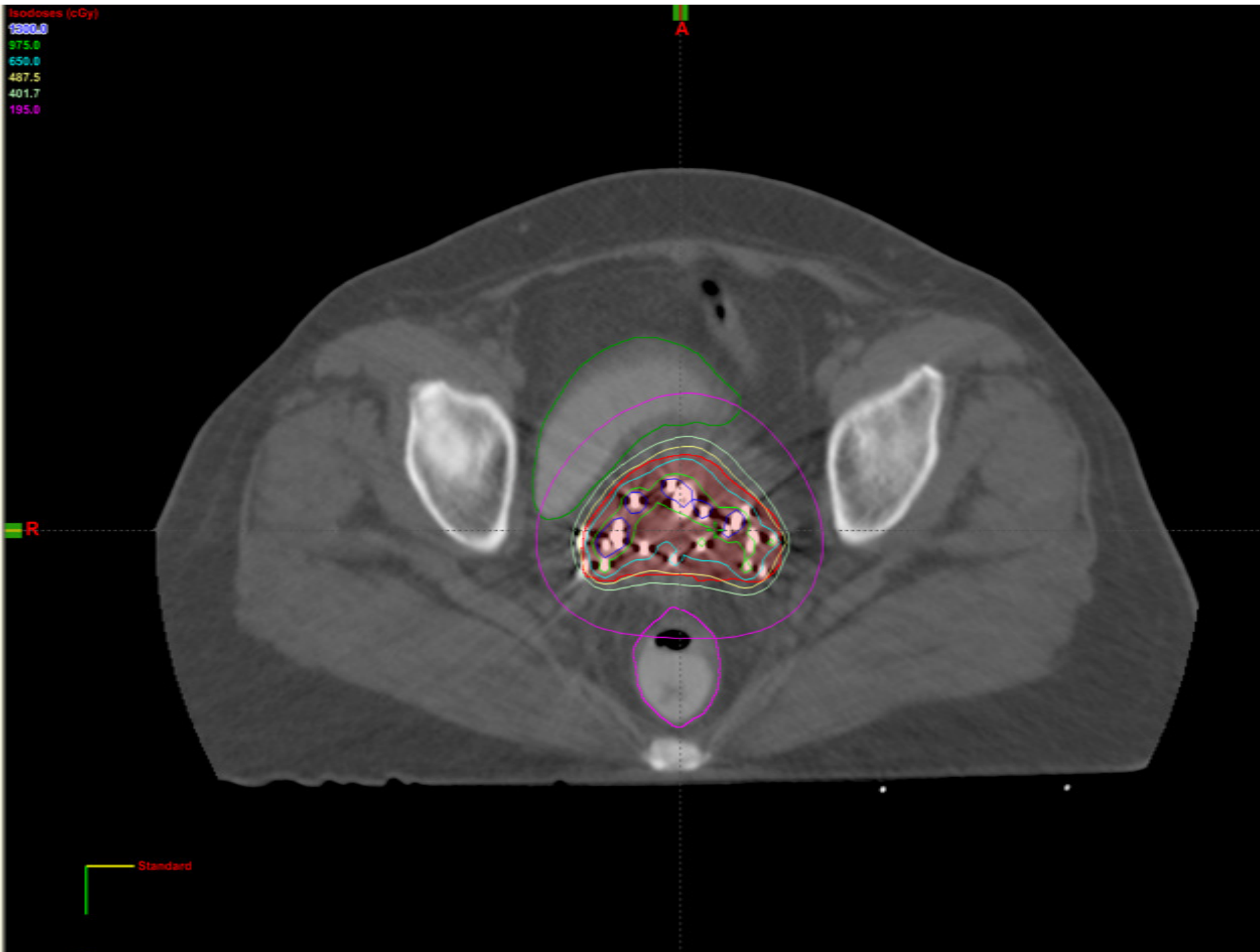
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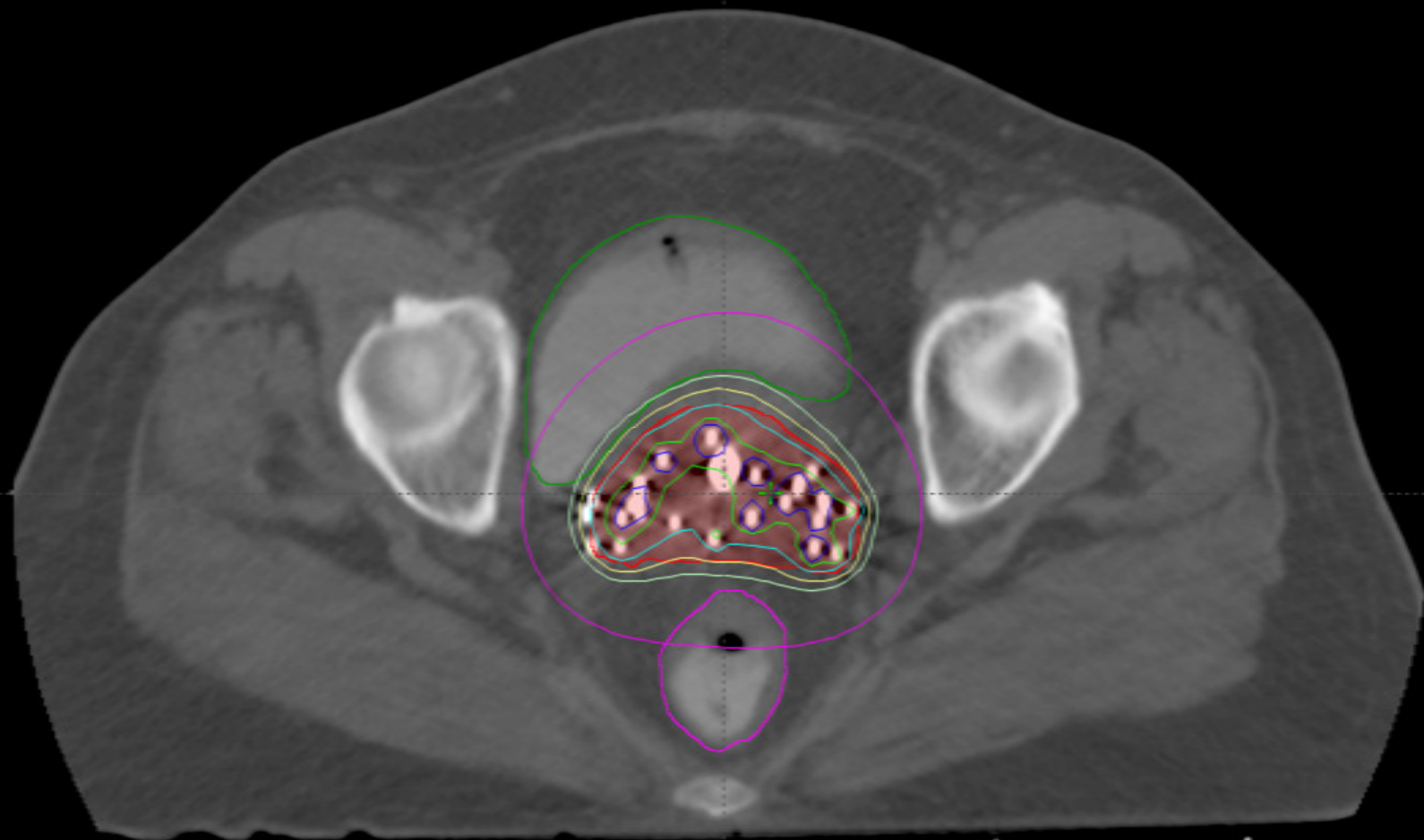
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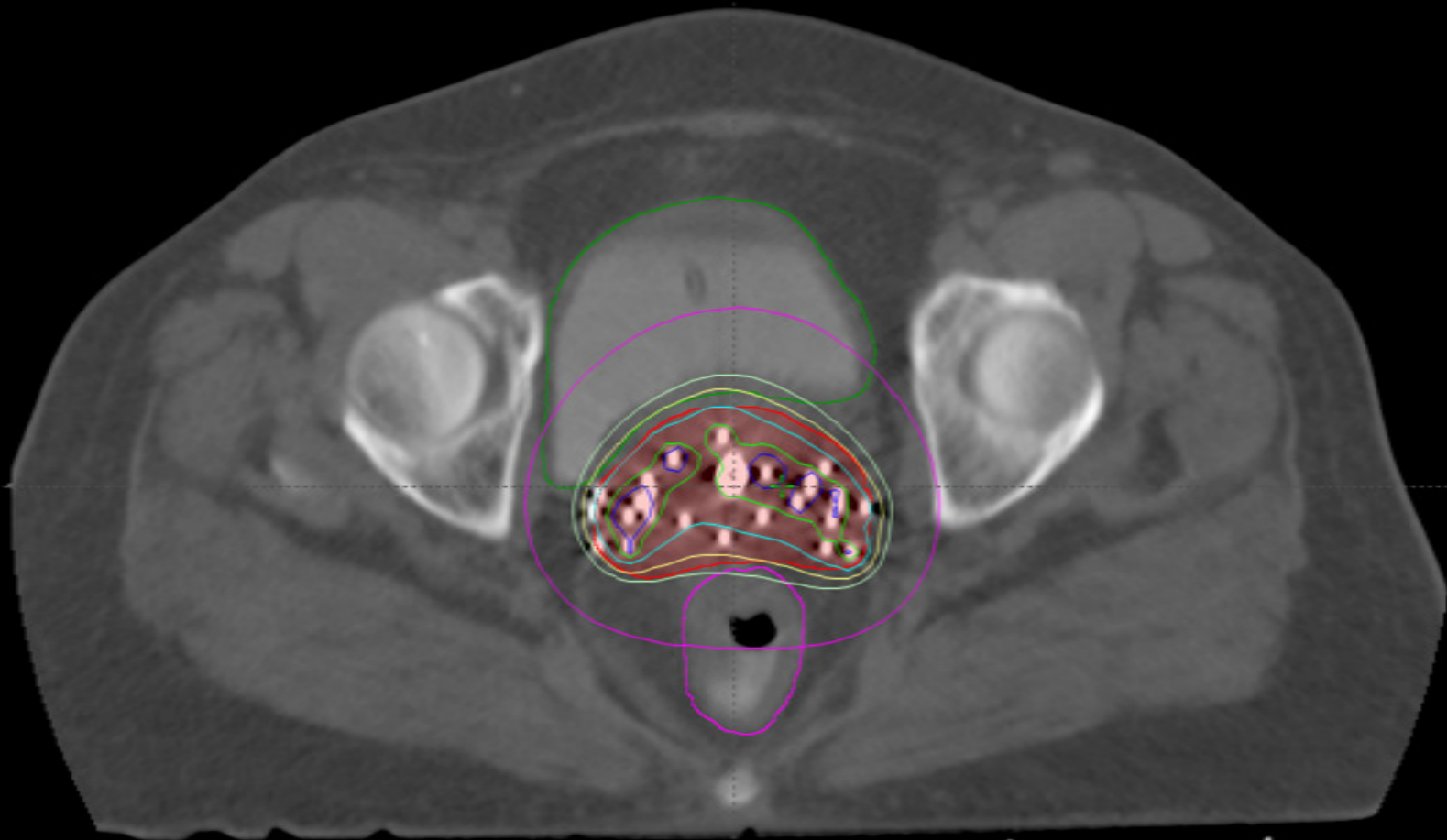
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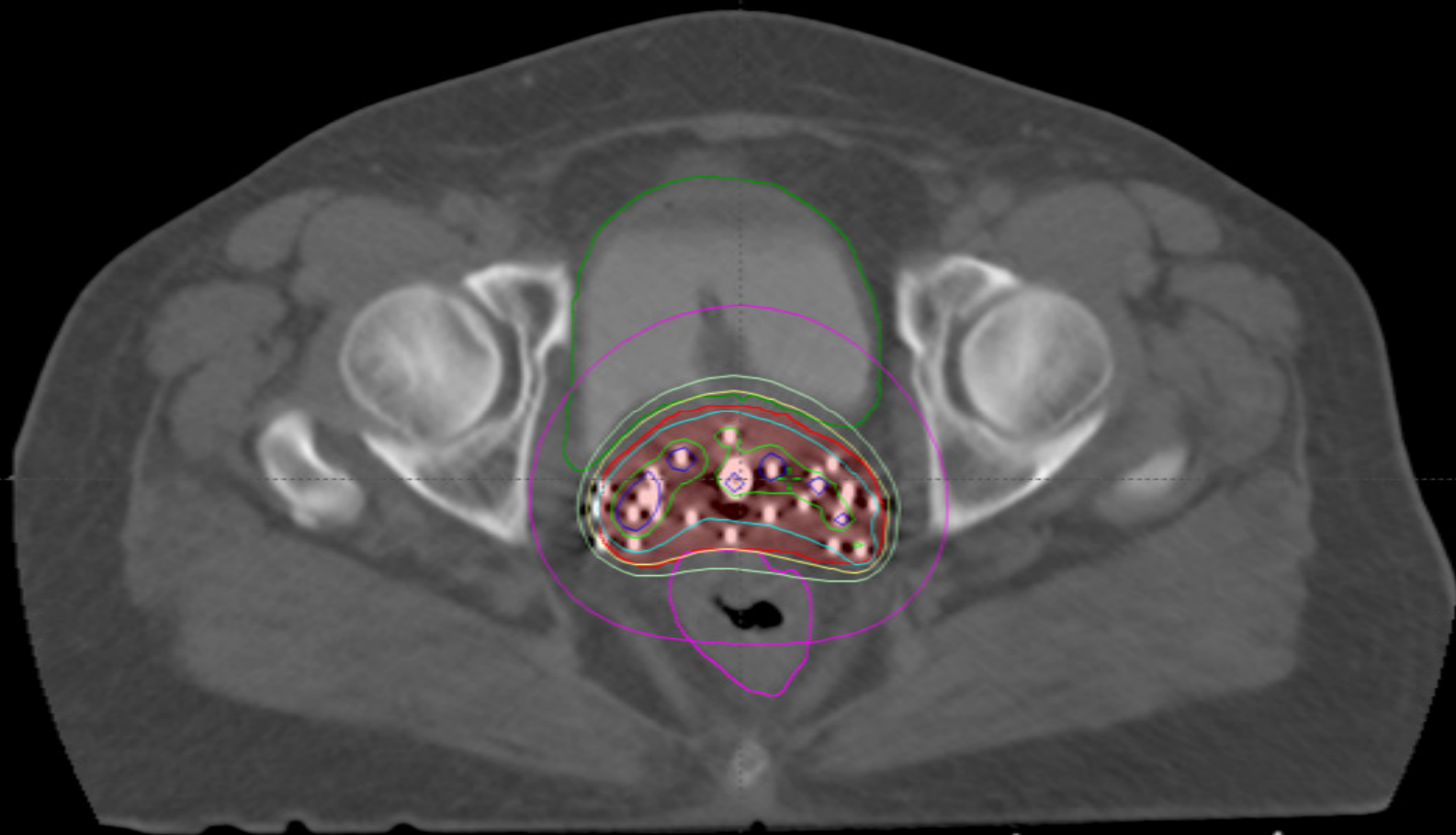
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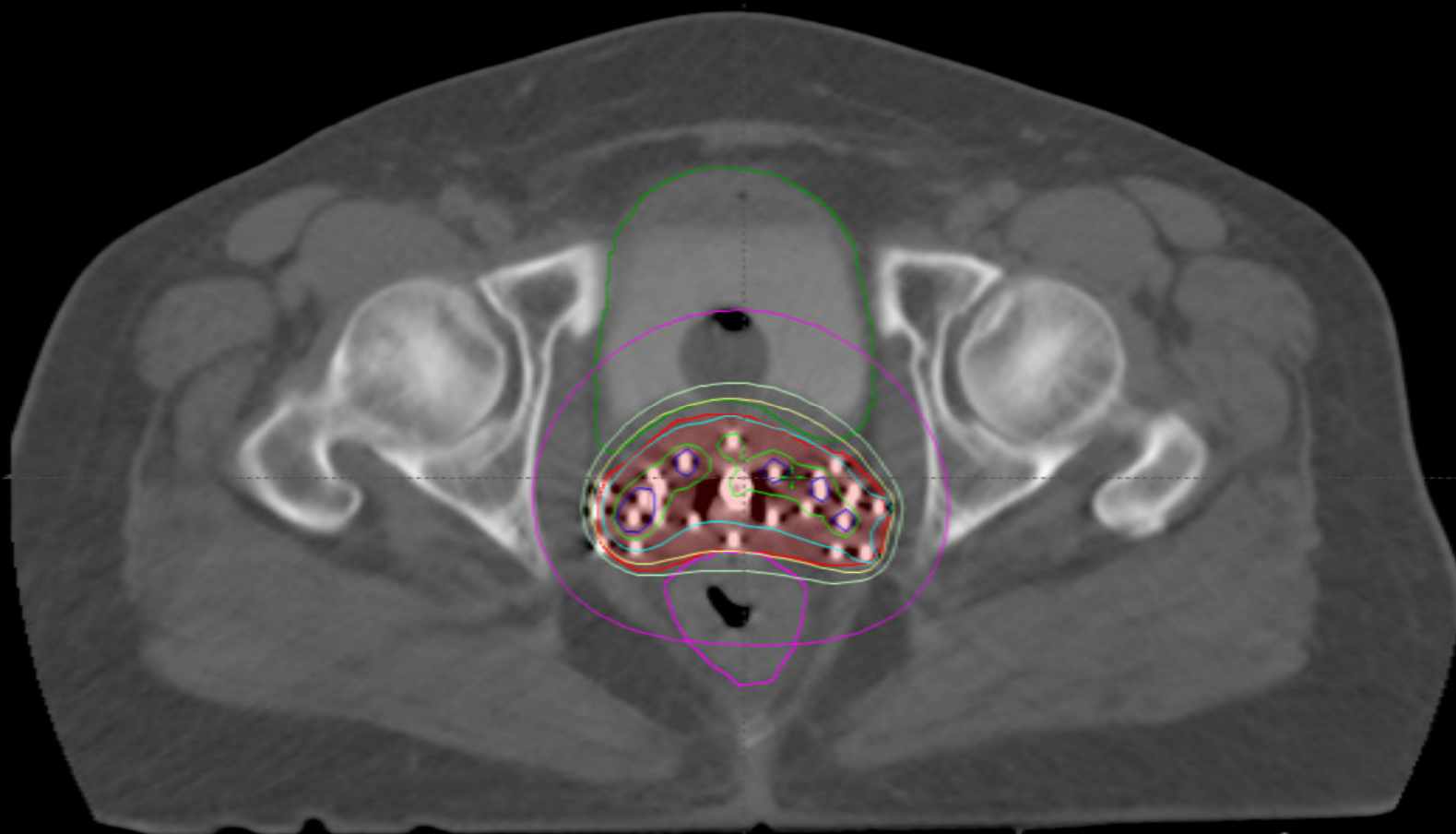
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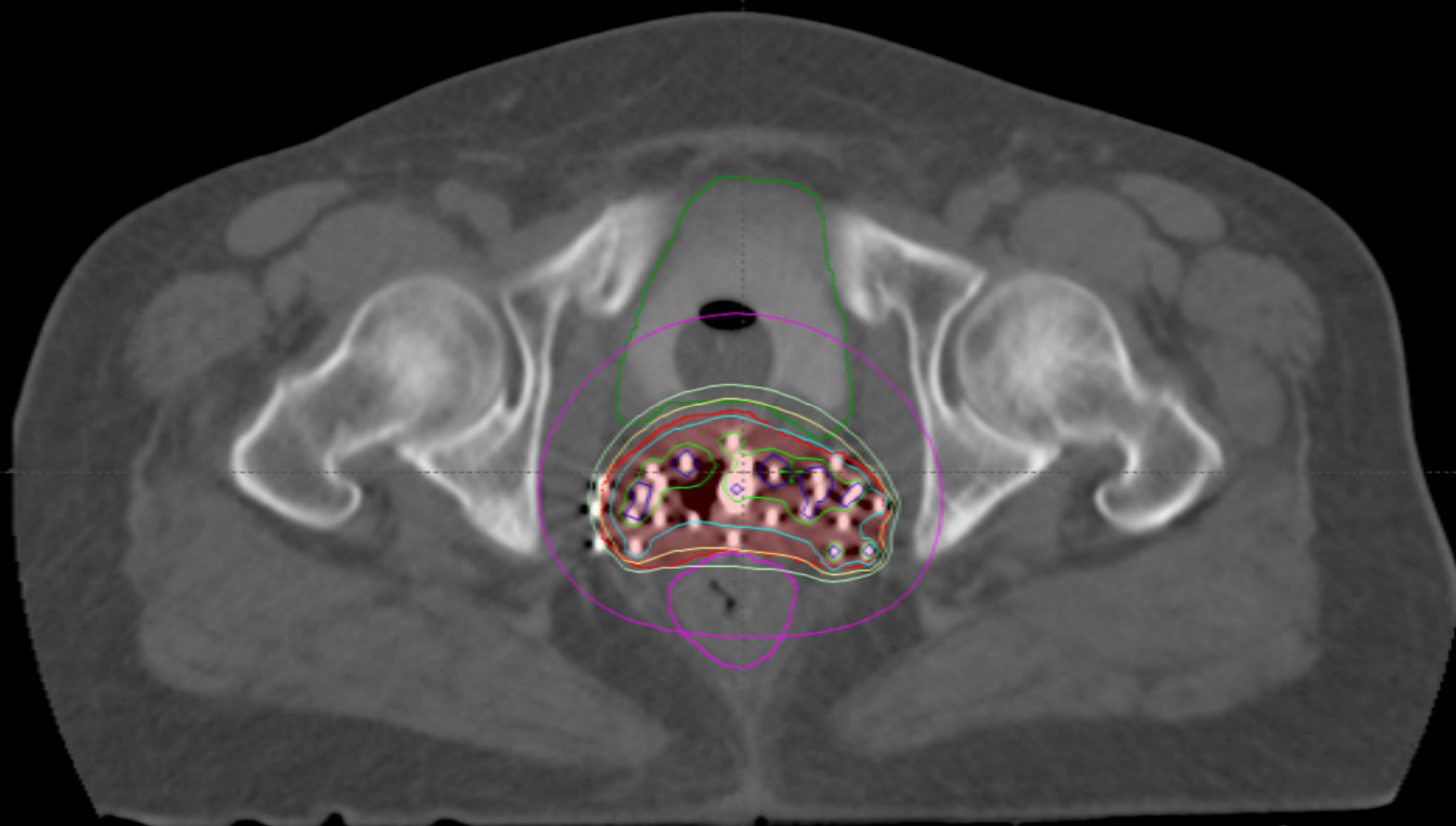
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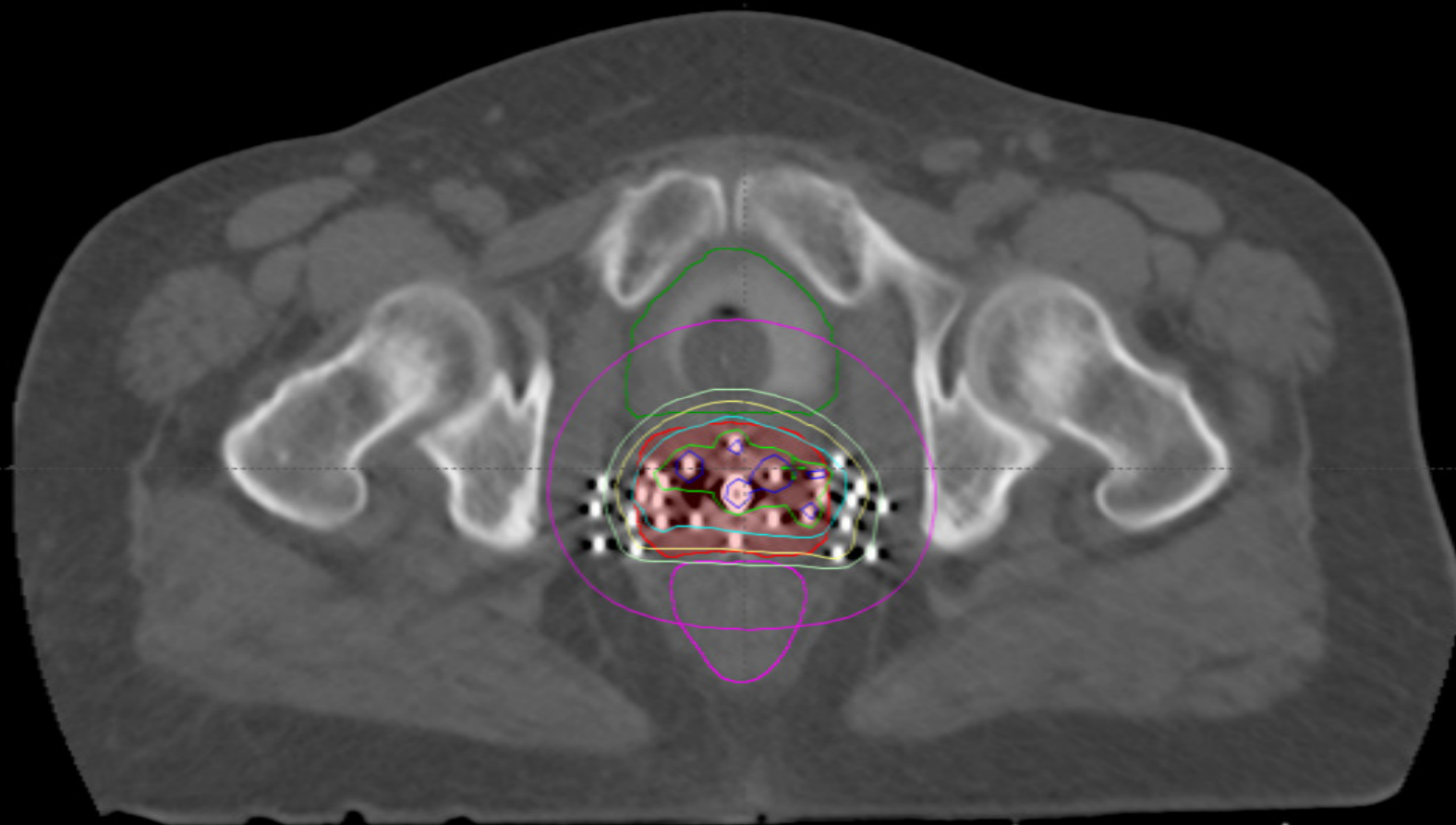
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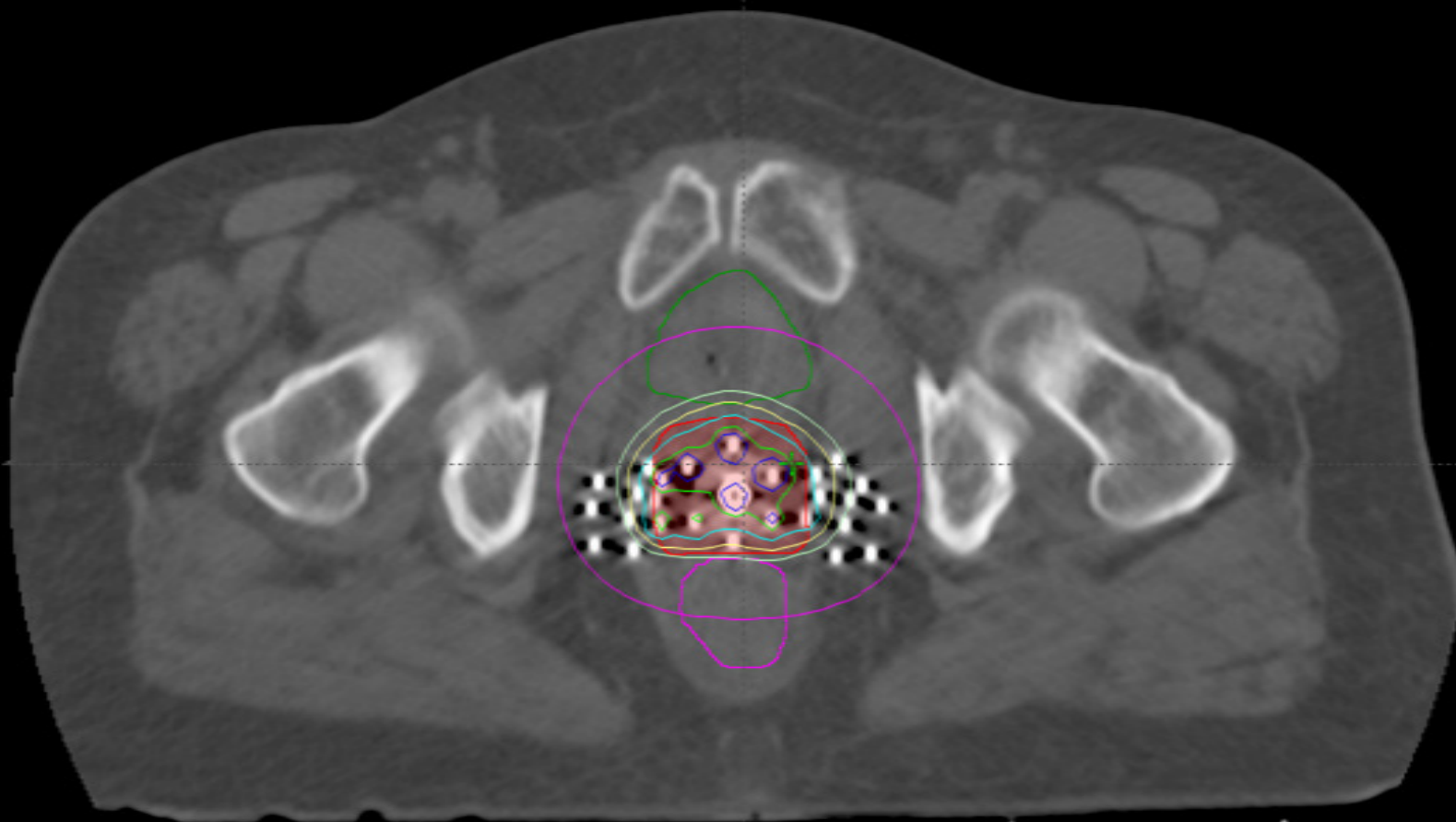
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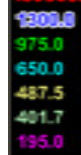
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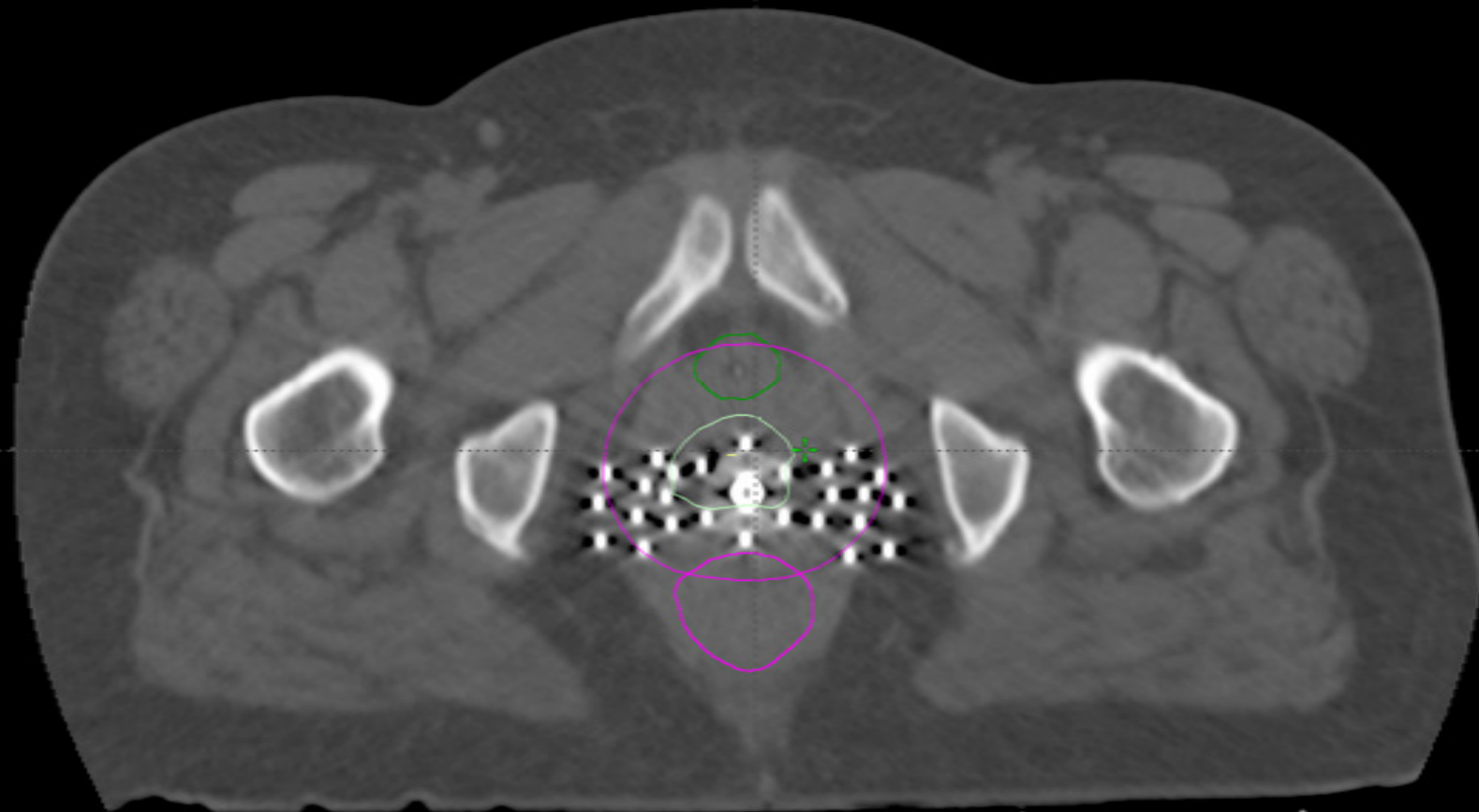
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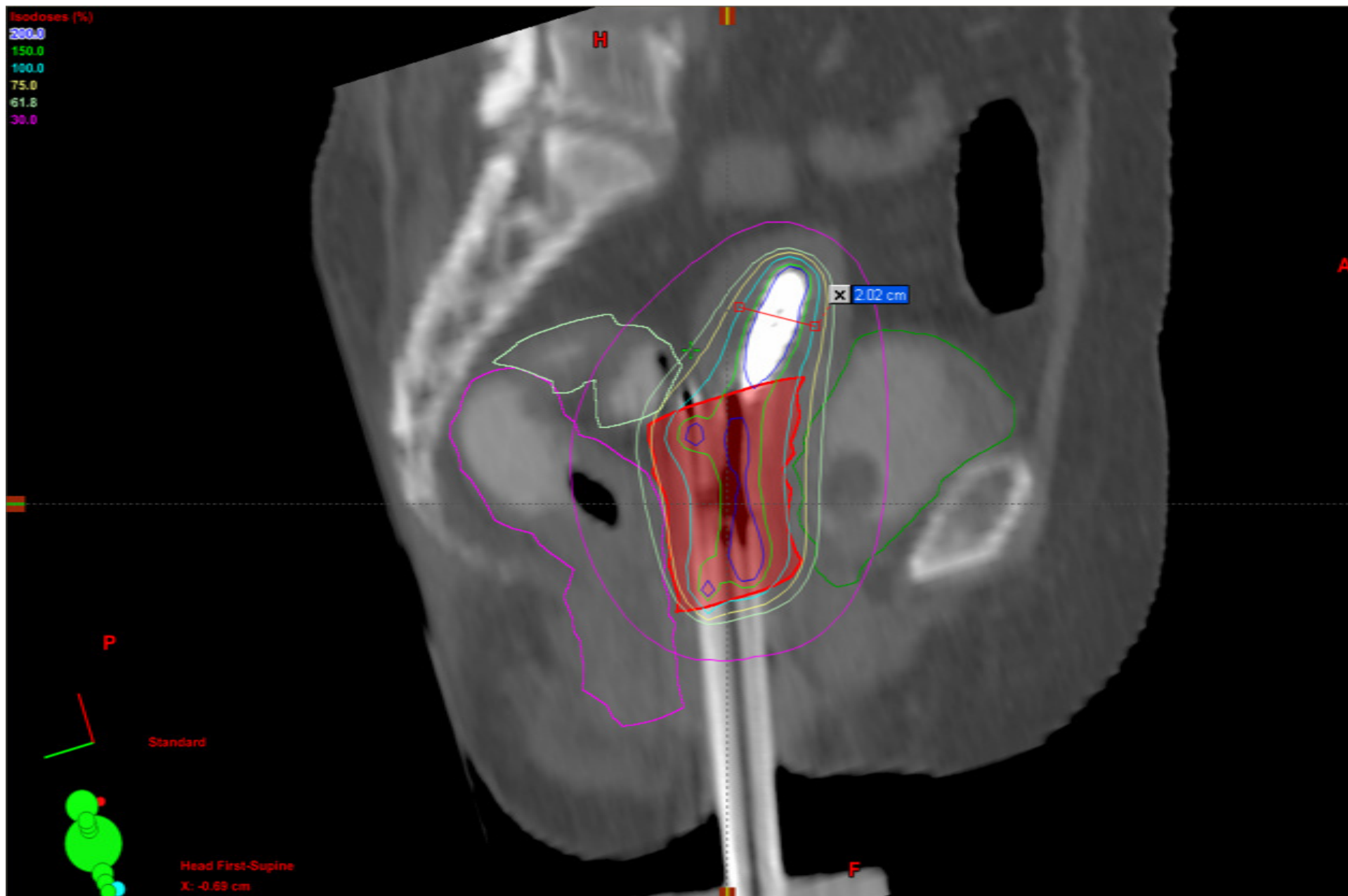
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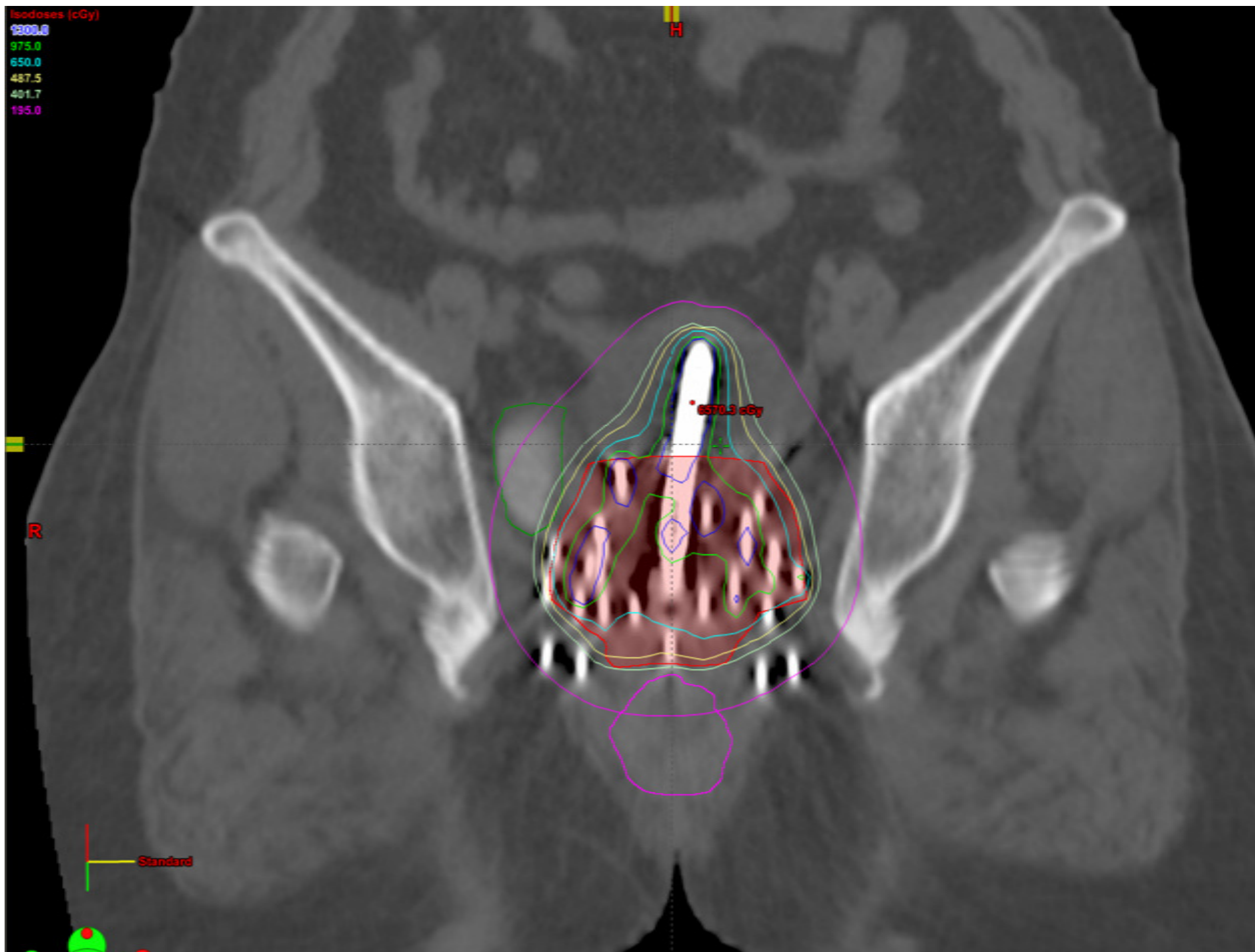
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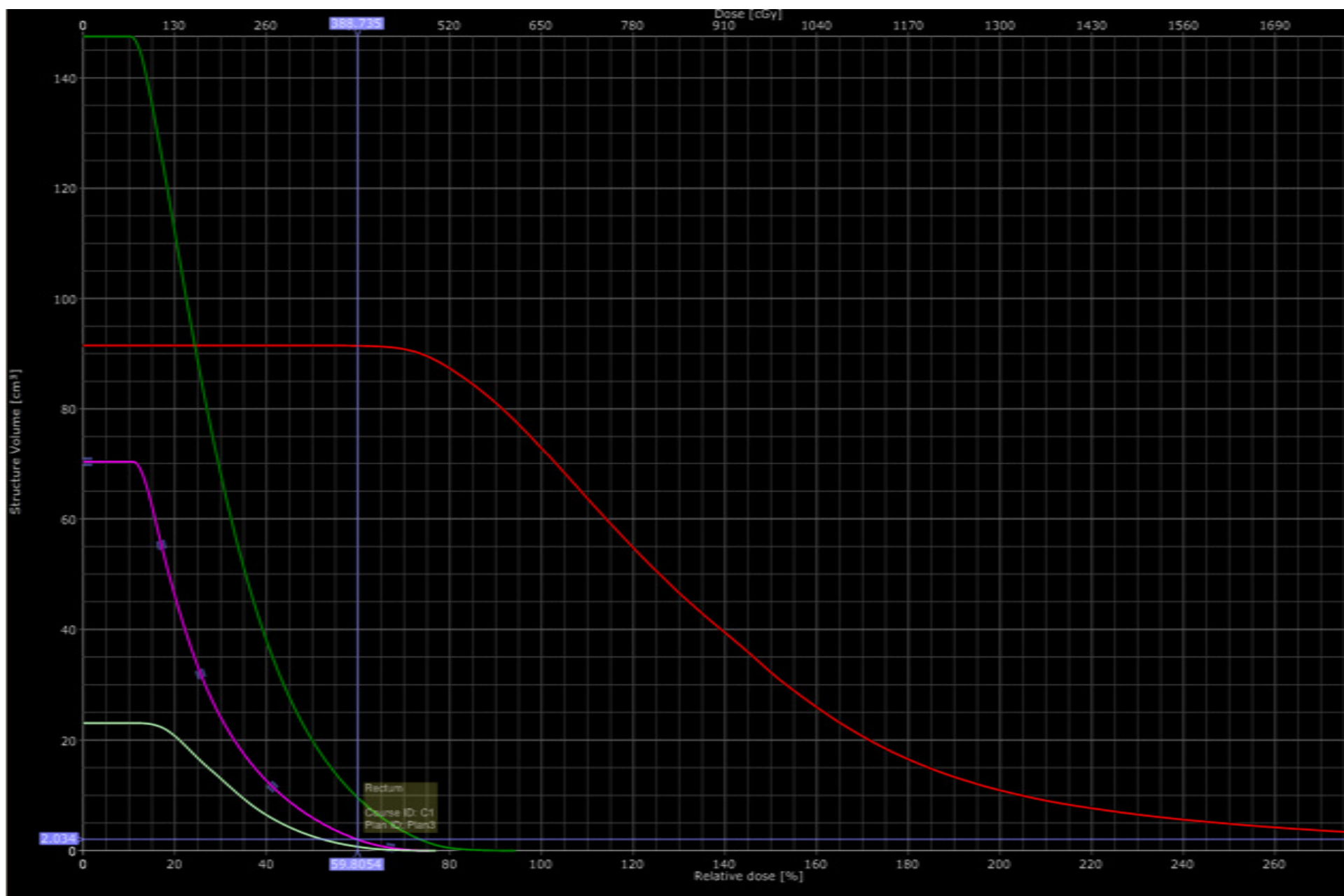
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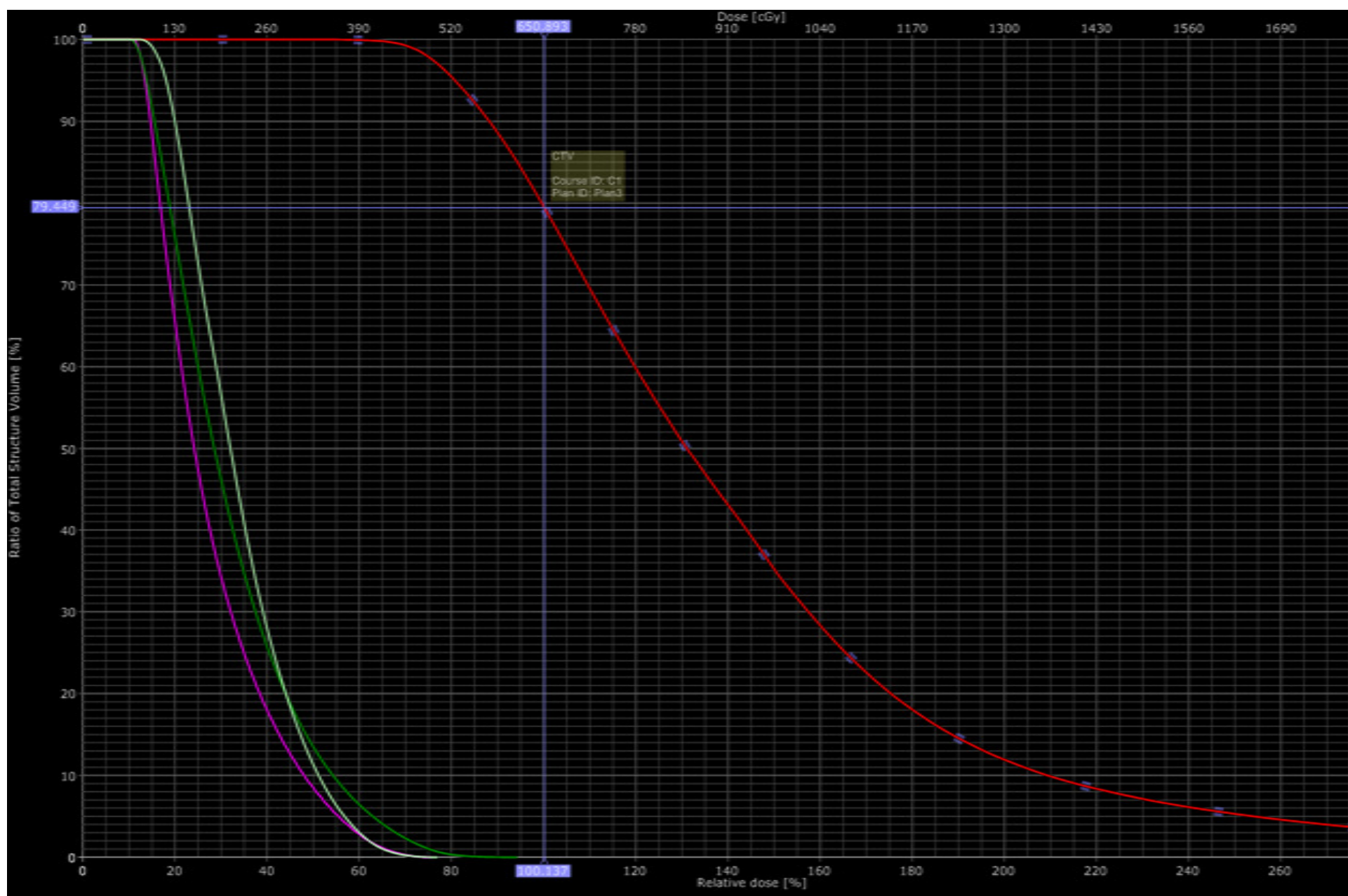
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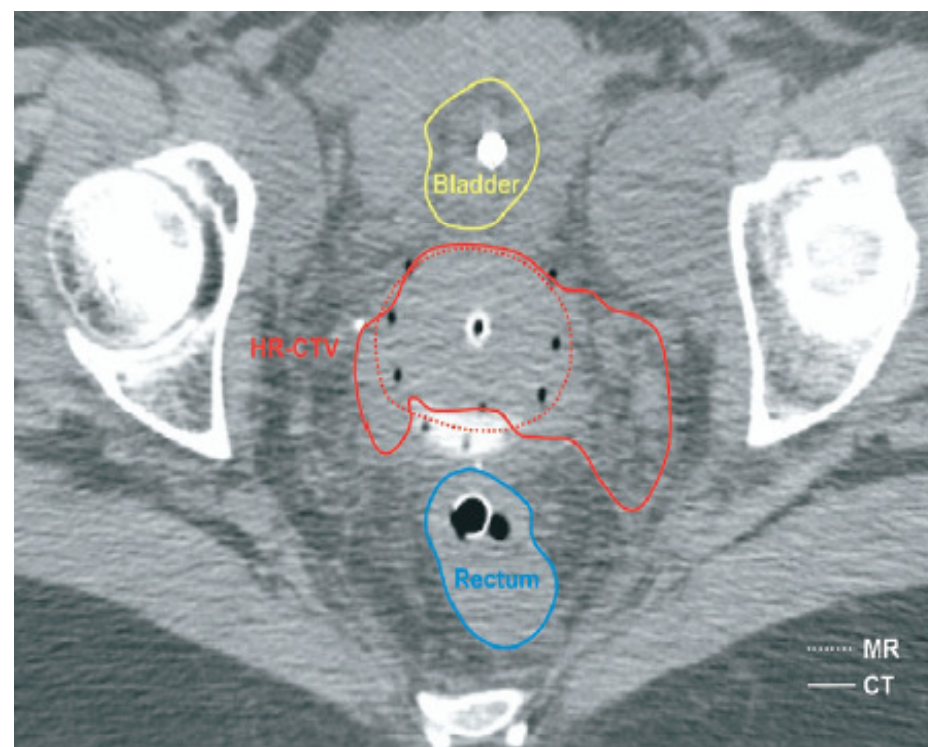
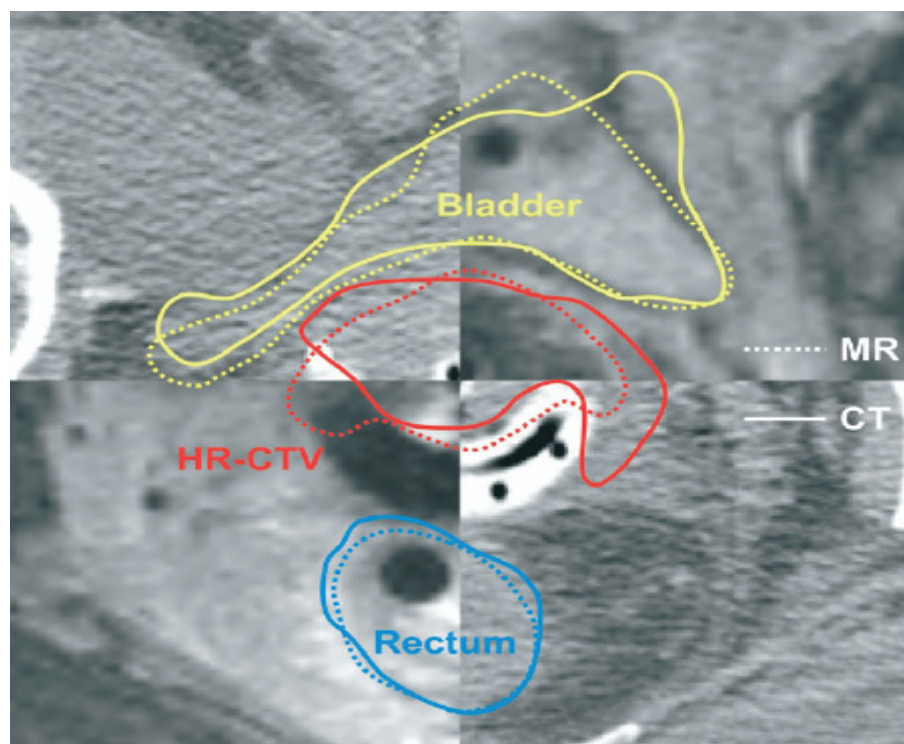




COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY VERSUS MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING-BASED CONTOURING IN CERVICAL CANCER BRACHYTHERAPY: RESULTS OF A PROSPECTIVE TRIAL AND PRELIMINARY GUIDELINES FOR STANDARDIZED CONTOURS

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Similar for OAR contouring
CT inferior for CTV delineation
Overestimation required to ensure adequate coverage

DOSE AND FRACTIONATION

- LDR – 40-60 Gy in 1-2 implants at 40-60 cGy/ hr using differential loading
- HDR –

ABS – 3 implants of 5.5 – 6Gy X 2 after 25-36 Gy XRT (Demanes et al)

Syed – 2 implants of 5-6Gy X 3 after 50.4 Gy XRT

Beriwal – 1 implant 3-3.5 Gy X 6-7 after 45Gy XRT

Vishwanathan -- 1 implant 2-3 Gy X 9-10 depending upon XRT dose

MANIPAL – 2 implants of 6.5 Gy X 2 after 45 Gy XRT

POST OPERATIVE CARE

- Analgesia – preferably epidural especially if single implant lasting 2-3 days

Opoids

- Antibiotics
 - Anticoagulant prophylaxis
 - Anxiolytics
 - Template shift
-
- Nutritional issues
 - Hemorrhage – not an issue

TOXICITY

- Acute
 - Discomfort attributed to movement restriction
 - Pressure sores over thighs
 - Hemorrhage – not an issue
 - Infection
- Sub acute
 - Thromboembolism -- ? Prophylaxis
- Chronic – Proctitis, cystitis, sigmoiditis

REMOVAL

- Hemorrhage from implant site
- Hematuria – Hyperhydration

Bladder irrigation

- Vasovagal attack
- Urinary retention







RESULTS

- January 2008- June 2010
- Minimum follow up – 6 months
Median – 16 months (range 8-32)
- LRC IIIB 7/9 IIB 11/12 IB-IIA 7/8 25/29
- Proctitis – Gr I-II 2 Gr III-IV 0
- Cystitis – nil
- Sigmoid -- nil

FUTURE CHALLENGES

- Image guidance
- Artifact free needles
- Accurate contouring
- Faster treatment planning
- Outcome data
- Patient comfort

A DOSE-VOLUME ANALYSIS OF MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING-AIDED HIGH-DOSE-RATE IMAGE-BASED INTERSTITIAL BRACHYTHERAPY FOR UTERINE CERVICAL CANCER

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