

# Brachytherapy: General Principles

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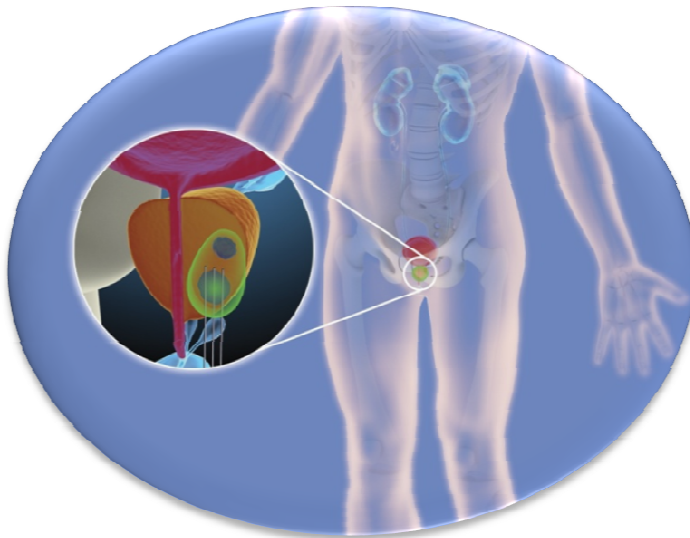
# Brachytherapy:

## *The precise answer for tackling cancer*

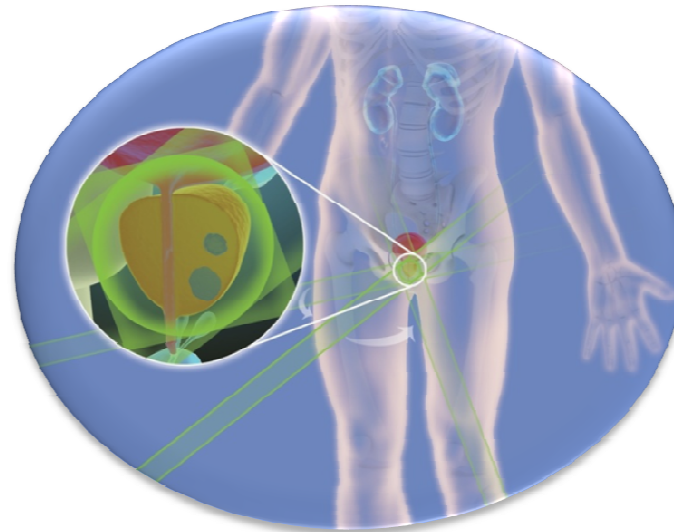
Derives from the Greek word 'brachy' – meaning short-distance  
Brachytherapy involves placing small radiation sources internally, either into or immediately next to the tumor in a geometrical fashion , allowing precise radiation dose delivery<sup>1</sup> –

**Treating the cancer 'from the inside, out'**

**Brachytherapy works  
'from the inside, out'**



**EBRT works  
'from the outside, in'**

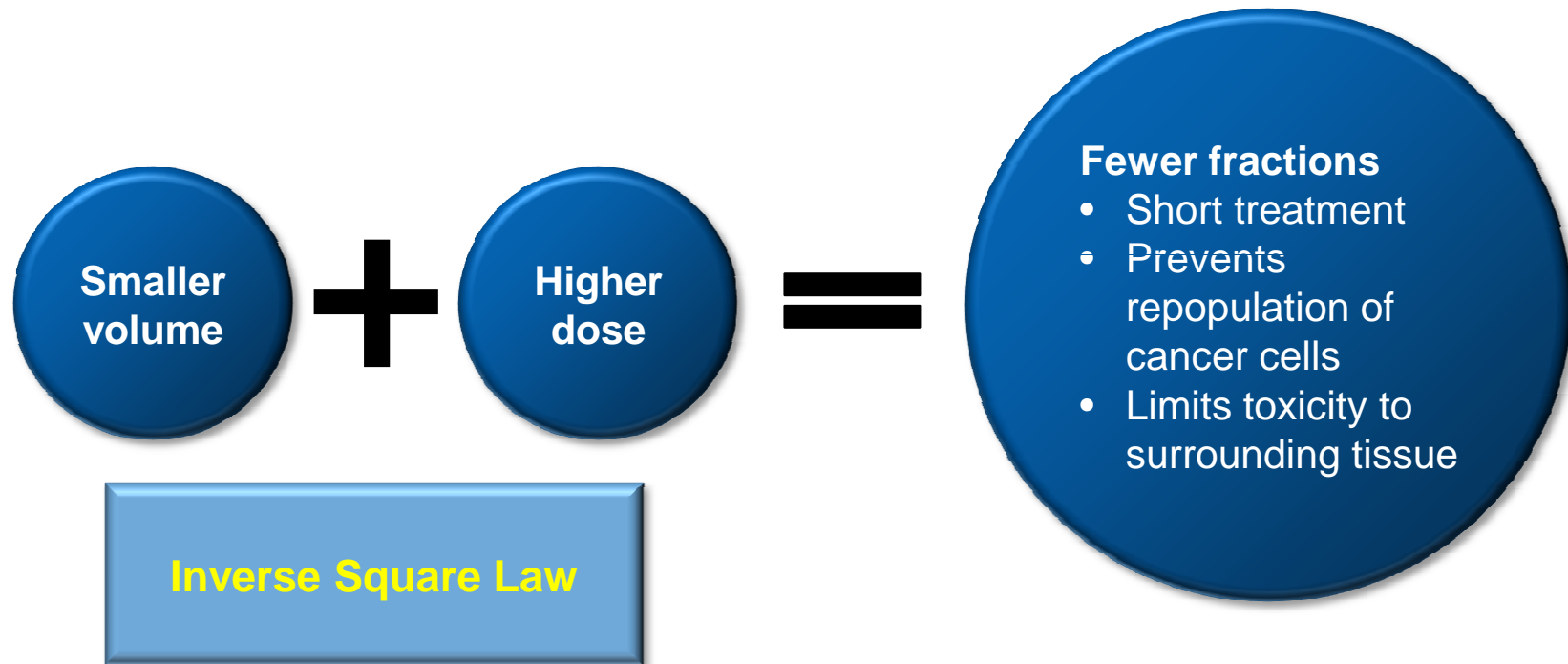


# Traditional EBRT and brachytherapy

	<b>EBRT</b>	<b>Brachytherapy</b>
<b>Treated volume</b>	<b>Large</b>	<b>Small</b>
<b>Dose distribution</b>	<b>Homogenous</b>	<b>Heterogenous</b>
<b>Dose rate</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Variable HDR, LDR, (PDR)</b>
<b>Fractionation</b>	<b>Multiple</b>	<b>Few</b>
<b>Treatment duration</b>	<b>Long; weeks to months</b>	<b>Short; hours to days</b>

# Key concepts: Dose distribution

Unlike EBRT, brachytherapy is able to deliver a highly conformal dose at a high dose rate



# Brachytherapy:History

1896

- Radioactivity was described by Becquerel

1898

Marie curie extracted radium from pitchblende ore

1901

- Danlos and Bloc performed first radium implant (1901)

1931

The term brachytherapy proposed first time by Forsell

1940-1970s

$\text{Co}^{60}$ ,  $\text{Ta}^{182}$ ,  $\text{Cs}^{137}$ ,  $\text{Ir}^{192}$  first used in brachytherapy

$\text{Cs}^{137}$  began to replace  $\text{Ra}^{226}$

1953

- Afterloading technique first introduced by Henschke in New York – removed hazard of radiation exposure. Also Ir-192 used first time by Henschke

# Brachytherapy:History

1940-50

Brachytherapy rules were developed and followed

1953

LDR brachytherapy became the gold standard

1968

- HDR brachytherapy was introduced

1950s and 1960s

- New radioactive sources, techniques and equipment, which prevented unnecessary radiation exposure to patients and clinicians led to a renaissance for brachytherapy<sup>1</sup>

1970s

- Brachytherapy is established as a safe and effective standard of care for many gynecological cancers<sup>5</sup>

Present day

- Brachytherapy a valued treatment option for many types of cancer, with a wealth of supporting evidence<sup>4,5</sup> with many advances.

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# History of Brachytherapy

Rules for implantation were made for LDR

## Interstitial Brachytherapy:

Manchester system  
Quimby System  
Memorial System  
Paris system

## Surface Mould

Manchester system

## Intracavitary Brachytherapy:

Stockholm system (1914)  
Paris System (1926)  
Manchester System (1938)

Last 4 decades have seen the emergence of remote after loading system  
( selectron machine – LDR machine – first time used in 1970 for ca cx )

HDR became widely accepted after a long struggle in early 90's

PDR has been developed

Now with more sophisticated imaging, hardware and software : image based and image guided brachytherapy has come up.

# Advantages

1. ***High dose*** of radiation is delivered to *tumor* in short time.  
So biologically very effective
2. ***Normal tissue*** spared due to rapid dose fall off
3. **Better tumor control**
4. **Radiation morbidity minimal**
5. **Cosmetic superiority over teletherapy**
6. **Acute reactions appear when treatment is over; so no treatment breaks. Also radiation reactions localized & manageable**
7. ***Treatment time* short** – reduces risk of tumor repopulation
8. **Therapeutic ratio high**
9. **Also decreased burden on patient & family**



# Limitations

1. Applicable to *accessible* sites only
2. Application limited to *small size* tumors  
( T1 , T2 )

# Disadvantages

1. **Invasive procedure**
2. ***Radiation hazard* due to radioisotopes (in olden days due to preloading techniques, now risk decreased )**
3. **General anesthesia required**
4. **Dose inhomogeneity is higher than EBRT (but acceptable if rules followed)**
5. **Because of greater conformity, small errors in source placement can lead to extreme changes from the intended dose distribution**
6. **Present day brachytherapy is costly**

# Types of brachytherapy

## Classification schemes:

1. depending on use/radionuclide position
2. depending on loading pattern
3. depending on duration of irradiation
4. depending on dose rate

# Types of Brachytherapy.....

- **Depending on use** (surgical approach to target volume)
  - Source in contact with but superficial to tumor:
    - surface moulds
  - Source inside the tumor/target
    - Interstitial
    - Intracavitary
    - Intraluminal
    - Intravascular

- **Surface dose applications** (plesiocurie/mold therapy)
  - consists of an applicator containing array of radioactive sources designed to deliver a uniform dose distribution to skin/mucosal surface
- **Interstitial brachytherapy**
  - surgically implanting small radioactive sources directly into target tissues
- **Intracavitary brachytherapy**
  - consists of positioning applicators bearing radioactive sources into the body cavity in close proximity to target tissue
- **Transluminal brachytherapy**
  - consists of inserting single line source into a body lumen to treat its surface & adjacent tissue
- **Intravascular brachytherapy**

# Types of Brachytherapy.....

- **Depending on source loading pattern:**
  - ***Preloaded:*** inserting needles/tubes containing radioactive material directly into the tumor
  - ***After loaded:*** first, the non-radioactive tubes inserted into tumor
    - **Manual:** Ir<sup>192</sup> wires, sources manipulated into applicator by means of forceps & hand-held tools
    - **Computerized remote controlled after loaded:** consists of pneumatically or motor-driven source transport system

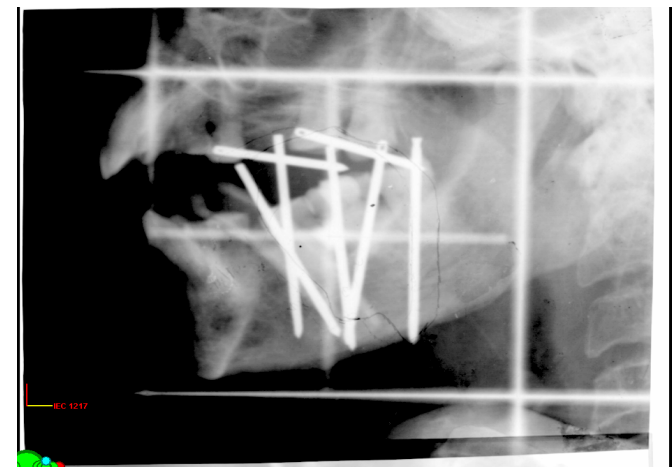
# Preloading pattern

- **Advantage:**

- Loose & flexible system (can be inserted even in distorted cervix)
- Excellent clinical result
- Cheap
- Long term results with least morbidity (due to LDR)

- **Disadvantages:**

- Hasty application -Improper geometry in dose distribution
- Loose system – high chance of slipping of applicators – improper geometry
- Application needed special instruments to maintain distance.
- Radiation hazard
- Optimization not possible



# After loading pattern

## MANUAL AFTERLOADING

### Advantages

1. Circumvents radiation protection problems of preloading
2. Allows better applicator placement and verification prior to source placement.
3. Radiation hazard can be minimized in the OT / bystanders as patient loaded in ward.
4. Advantages of preloading remain as practised at LDR.

### Disadvantages:

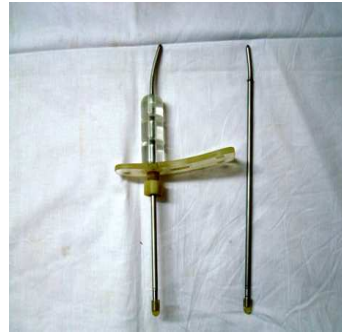
specialized applicators are required.



# APPLICATORS



Gynae Applicators

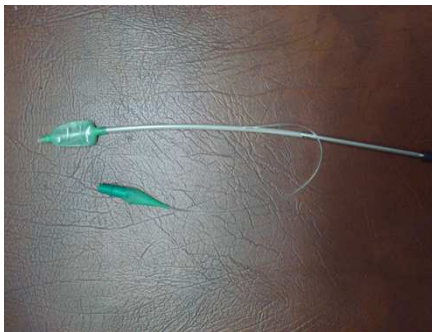


Vaginal Sorbo

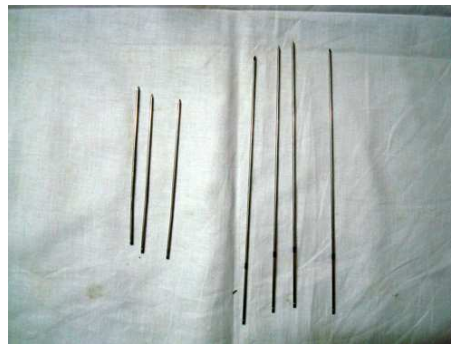


Esophageal Bougie

Nasopharyngeal Applicator



Steel Needles



Plastic Catheters & Buttons



## **REMOTE AFTERLOADING**

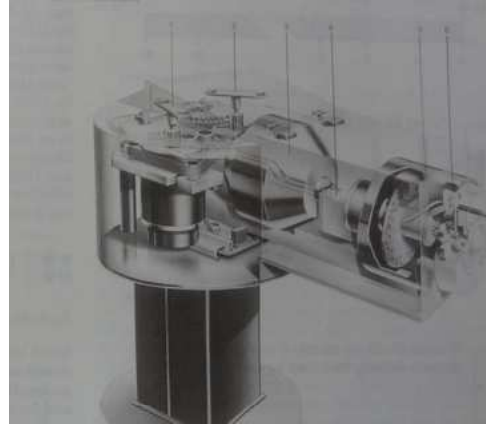
### **Advantages :**

- 1. No radiation hazard**
- 2. Accurate applicator placement**
  - ideal geometry maintained**
  - dose homogeneity achieved**
  - better dose distribution**
- 3. Information on source positions available**
- 4. Individualization & optimization of treatment possible**
- 5. Higher precision , better control**
- 6. Decreased treatment time- opd treatment possible**
- 7. Chances of source loss nil .**

### **Disadvantages :**

- 1. costly**
- 2. Still some grey areas in dose conversions**

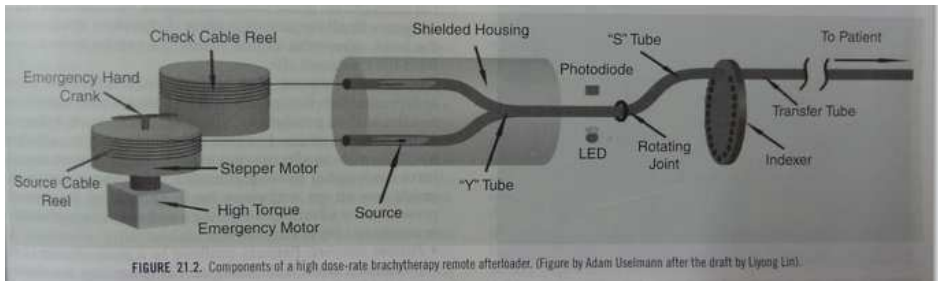
# Afterloading Systems



Selectron MDR



Microselectron,Varies Source & Gammamed



# Types of Brachytherapy.....

## Depending on Dose-Rate used

Acc. To ICRU REPORT no.38 :

- *Low dose rate (LDR): 0.4-2 Gy/hour*  
Hours to days- Confinement to bed  
LDR A/L: 1970s using Cs<sup>137</sup>
- *Medium dose rate (MDR): 2-12 Gy/hour*  
in Mid 70s Cs<sup>137</sup>-
- *High dose rate (HDR): >12 Gy/hour (0.2 Gy/min)*  
1<sup>st</sup> in 1968-joslin (cathetron)  
1984-PGI  
(Co<sup>60</sup> source drawn to high intensity)
- *Ultra-low dose rate (ULDR): 0.01-0.3 Gy/hour*

### ▪ROUGHLY

- LDR – 10 Gy/day
- MDR -10 Gy/hr
- HDR – 10 Gy/min

# LDR-advantages

## 1. *Clinical effects* –predictable

- large body of data spanning 4-5 decades
- experience with various radionuclides

## 2. *Radiobiologically superior*

- allows continuous radiation to tumor as well as simultaneous repair of sublethal damage in normal tissues

## 3. *Long experience*

- well defined rules for use exist which allow optimum implant dosimetry

## 4. **Less morbidity & best tumor control**

## 5. **Cheap**

## 6. **Since 1-2 sessions required**

- intersession variability in dose distribution minimized

# **LDR-disadvantages**

- 1. Treatment continuous and prolonged.  
-confined to bed**
- 2. Geometry and distribution not properly maintained**
- 3. Limited applicability in elderly patients,  
with  
respiratory, cardiac problems**
- 4. Individualization & optimization not possible**

# MDR

## ADVANTAGES :

1. treatment completed in shorter treatment time
2. increased patient convenience
3. considered radiobiologically nearer to LDR brachytherapy

## DISADVANTAGES :

1. without correction, increased incidence of late complication (20 – 30 %)
2. few results despite widespread use at one time



# HDR-advantage

## 1. Shorter treatment times, resulting in:

- a) OPD based treatment possible
- b) Less patient discomfort  
( prolonged bed rest is eliminated )
- c) Reduced applicator movement during therapy(geometry well maintained)
- d) Greater displacement of nearby normal tissues.
- e) Possibility of treating larger number of patients





- 2. Allows use of smaller & thinner applicators than are used in LDR:**
  - a) Resulting in lesser tissue trauma**
  - b) Reducing the need for dilatation of the cervix and therefore reducing the need for heavy sedation or general anesthesia (allowing treatment for high-risk patients who are unable to tolerate general anesthesia).**
  - c) Geometrical sparing can circumvent radio biological disadvantage**
- 3. Tailor dose distribution to target through *optimization* due to stepping source technique used.**
- 4. *Elimination of exposure* to personnel**

# HDR-disadvantages

## 1. Decreased therapeutic ratio

-short treatment time-doesn't allow repair of sublethal damage to normal tissues and redistribution & reoxygenation of tumor cells(radiobiologically inferior as normal tissue becomes more sensitive)

## 2. Multiple sessions

-different geometry each time

## 3. Less time to detect & correct error

## 4. Limited experience

-till recently, no standard guidelines

## 5. Economic disadvantage

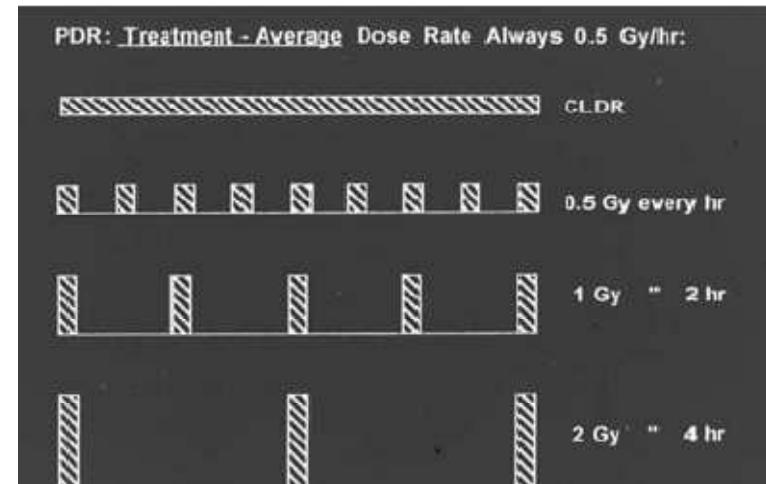
-Labour intensive

-large capital investment



# PDR Brachytherapy

- **Series of short HDR treatments ( 10 minute pulse repeated at 1 hr intervals) replacing the continuous LDR treatment lasting several days- PDR BT.**
- **Overall time remains same as LDR**
- **Source strength : 1 Ci**
- **ADVANTAGE:**  
radiobiologically nearer to LDR  
optimization possible



# Types of Brachytherapy.....

- **Depending upon means of controlling dose delivered(duration of irradiation)**
    - **Temporary/Removable implants**  
when the radioactive source implanted into the tumor tissue is allowed to remain there for definite period . Ex  $\text{Cs}^{137}$ ,  $\text{Ir}^{192}$
    - **Permanent implants**  
when the sources are implanted indefinitely ex:  
 $\text{Pd}^{103}$ ,  $\text{Au}^{198}$
- These terms used for interstitial form of brachytherapy**

# Permanent implant

## Advantages :

1. Useful for less accessible sites (e.g. prostate, endovascular)
2. Allows a continuous ultra-low dose rate treatment (maximum biological effectiveness)
3. Allows better normal tissue healing due to low dose rate
4. Cell kill predominantly by alpha damage (KeV photons , PE effect)– better efficacy in slow growing and radio-resistant tumors.
5. Patient mobility maintained after procedure



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## **Disadvantages :**

- 1. Radiation protection issues in case of source being excreted (e.g. urine)**
- 2. Dosimetry uncertain due to short half life – latter part of treatment becomes progressively less effective**
- 3. Source migrations known to occur – resultant perturbation in dose distributions**
- 4. Sources expensive – can't be reused.**
- 5. Complicated implant procedure – difficult to maintain geometry esp. for larger tumors.**
- 6. Radiobiologically inferior in rapidly proliferating tumors**

# Radioactive sources

- *Obsolete or historical*

$^{226}\text{Ra}$ ,  $^{222}\text{Rn}$

- **Currently used sealed sources**

$^{137}\text{Cs}$ ,  $^{192}\text{Ir}$ ,  $^{60}\text{Co}$ ,  $^{125}\text{I}$ ,  $^{103}\text{Pd}$ ,  
 $^{198}\text{Au}$ ,  $^{90}\text{Sr}$ .

- **Developmental sealed sources**

$^{241}\text{Am}$ ,  $^{169}\text{Yb}$ ,  $^{252}\text{Cf}$ ,  $^{131}\text{Cs}$ ,  
 $^{145}\text{Sm}$ .

# Characteristics of a radioisotope

- **Half life-**

Time required for the activity of the source to decay to half the initial value.

- **Gamma energy**

- **Specific activity-**

Activity per unit mass of a radio nuclide.(Ci/gm)

- **Half value layer-**

Thickness of the material required to decrease the intensity of the incident beam to half of its original value

- **Exposure rate constant- Gamma ray constant**

Defined as the exposure in R/hr at a point 1 cm from a 1 mCi point source.(R cm<sup>2</sup>/hr/mCi)

- **Beta Energy & filtration**

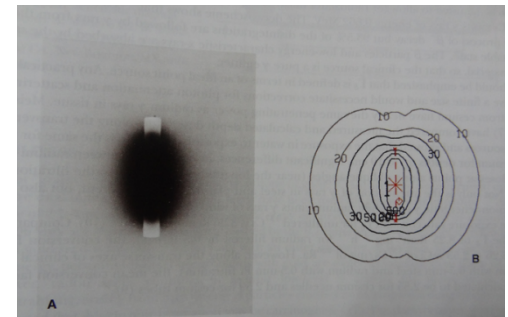


# What is an Ideal Radionuclide?

- **Easily available & Cost effective**
- **Gamma ray energy high enough to avoid increased energy deposition in bone by PEE & low enough to minimise radiation protection requirements**
  - **Preferably monoenergetic: Optimum 300 KeV to 400 KeV(max=600 kev)**
- **Absence of charged particle emission or it should be easily screened (Beta energy as low as possible: filtration)**
- **Half life such that correction for decay during treatment is minimal**
  - Moderate (few years) T1/2 for removable implants
  - Shorter T1/2 for permanent implants
- **Moderate gamma ray constant (determines activity & output) & also determine shielding required.**

# What is an Ideal Radionuclide?

- **No daughter product; No gaseous disintegration product to prevent physical damage to source and to avoid source contamination**
- **High Specific Activity (Ci/gm) to allow fabrication of smaller sources & to achieve higher output (adequate photon yield)**
- **Material available is insoluble & non-toxic form**
- **Sources can be made in different shapes & sizes: Tubes, needle, wire, rod, beads etc.**
- **Should withstand sterilization process**
- **Disposable without radiation hazard to environment**
- **Isotropic: same magnitude in all directions**
  - **around the source**
- **No self attenuation**



# Why Ra not used now?

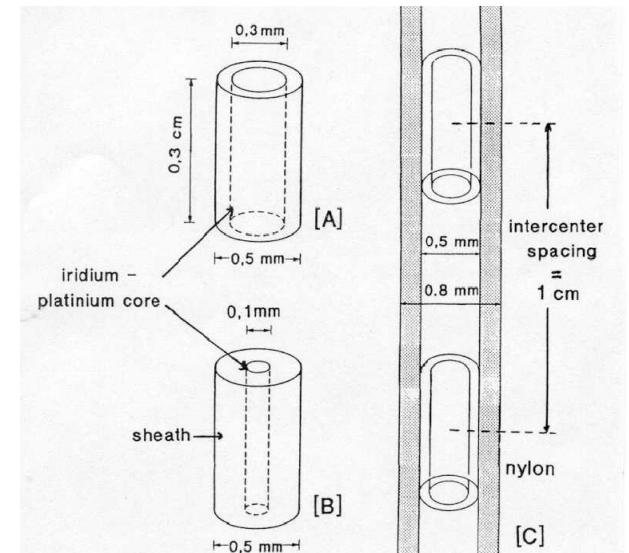
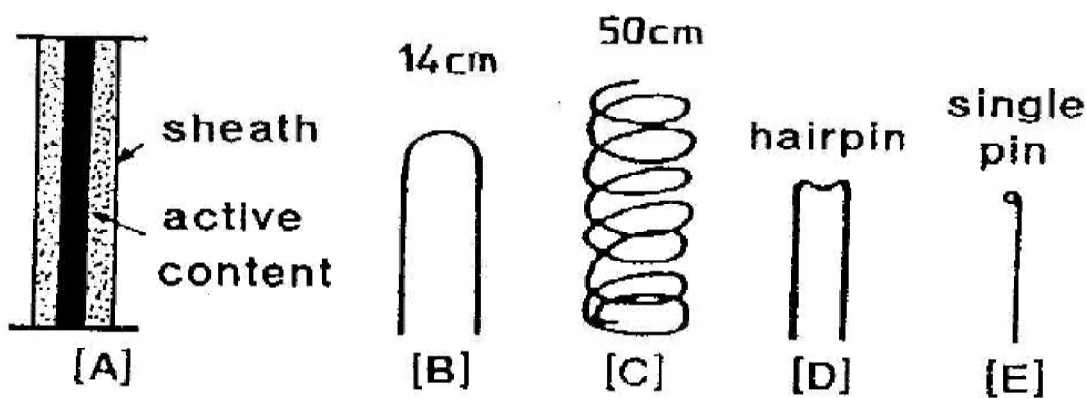
- **Spectrum** has >8 photon energies ranging from 0.047-2.45 MeV : gives heterogenous beam & non uniform dose distribution
- **Low specific activity** : 1 Ci/gm : large dia of needles will be needed
- **High gamma ray constant**: requires more protection
- **High energy**: large HVL reqd :high radiation shielding will be reqd
- **Rn 222** being the gaseous daughter product-threat of leaks especialy from long bent needles(long t<sub>1/2</sub>)
- **Storage & disposal** of leaked sources a big problem
- **Ra source** costly



• **Currently used sealed sources**

Element	Energy (MeV)	Half-life	HVL-Lead (mm)	Exposure rate constant	Source Form	Clinical application
Iridium Ir <sup>192</sup>	0.397 average	73.8 days	6	4.69	Seeds in nylon ribbons; Metal wires; Encapsulated source on cable	LDR & HDR temporary implants HDR I/C Intravascular

wire



# **Ir-192 near ideal radioisotope?**

- **Compatible with after loading techniques**
- **Ideal energy (0.3 – 0.4 Mev) – monoenergetic – more radiobiological effect**
- **Flexible & malleable – can be used in form of wires of any size**
- **Energy is low – thinner shields reqd for radiation safety**
- **$\beta$  energy is low – so lesser filtration reqd**
- **No products**
- **Easily available, less costly**

## **Limitation**

**Short half life so source has to be replaced every 3 months**

- **Currently used Seed sources**

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<b>Gold Au<sup>198</sup></b>	<b>0.412</b>	<b>2.7 days</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2.35</b>	<b>Seeds</b>	<b>Permanent Implants</b>
<b>Iodine I<sup>125</sup></b>	<b>0.028</b>	<b>59.6 days</b>	<b>0.025</b>	<b>1.45</b>	<b>Seeds</b>	<b>Permanent Implants</b>
<b>Palladium Pd<sup>103</sup></b>	<b>0.020</b>	<b>17 days</b>	<b>0.013</b>	<b>1.48</b>	<b>Seeds</b>	<b>Permanent Implants</b>

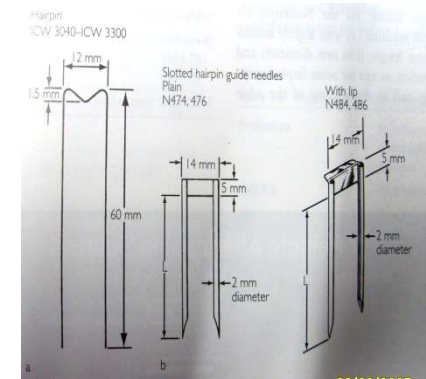
# Newer Isotopes

Name	T <sub>1/2</sub>	Photon energy (KeV)	10 <sup>th</sup> VL	Comment
<b>Samarium 125</b>	<b>340 days</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>Sensitization of cells to radiation damage by iodinated deoxyuridine due to photon energy</b>
<b>Americium 241</b>	<b>432 yrs</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>0.42</b>	<b>Low specific activity and <math>\alpha</math> emitter</b>
<b>Ytterbium 169</b>	<b>32 days</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>Highest specific activity and lower tissue attenuation</b>
<b>Californium 252</b>	<b>2.65 yrs</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Neutron emitter used in brachytherapy and as EBRT source. <math>2.3 \times 10^9</math> / sec (neutrons)</b>

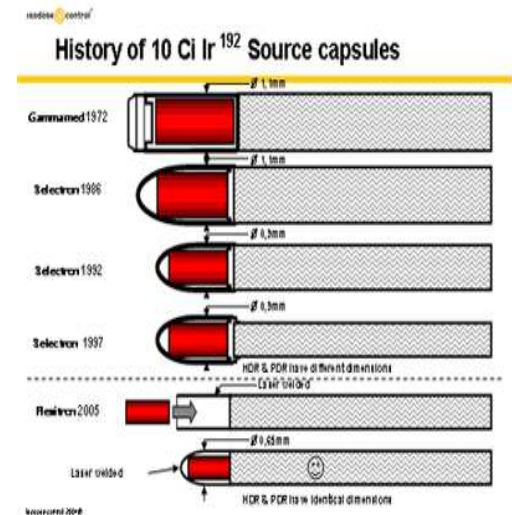


# SOURCE FORMS

- Needle
- Tube
- Wire
- Hair pin
- Cylinder
- spherical
- Beads
- Pellets
- Micro pellets



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# Radio-isotopes Used in Radiotherapy and their Physical Characteristics

Sr. No.	Radio-Isotope	$\gamma$ -Energy (MeV)	$\beta$ - Energy (MeV)	Gamma Constant	Half Lfie	HVL (Pb)	Form	Use
1.	Ra-226	0.047-2.44	0.017-3.26	8.25 R	1620 yrs.	1.4	Needles, tubes	I/C, Mould, Ints.
2.	Rn-222	0.047-2.44	0.017-3.26	8.25 R	3.8 yrs.	1.2	Seeds	Ints.
3.	Tn-182	0.043-1.45	0.18-0.514	6.71R	115 days	1.2	Wires, pins, ribbon	Ints.
4.	Co-60	1.17-1.33	0.313	13.25R	5.2 yrs.	1.2	Needles, tubes, teletherapy sources	I/C, Mould, Ints. ,I/L
5.	Cs-137	0.33	0.52-1.17	3.22 R	30 yrs	0.65	Needles, tubes, pallets	-do-
6.	Ir-192	0.3.06	0.24-0.67	4.62 R	74.2 days	0.30	Wires, seeds, ribbons	-do-
7.	I-125	0.035	None	1.20 R	60.2 days	0.0	Seeds	Ints.
8.	An-198	0.4-1.08	0.96	2.32 R	2.7 days	0.33	Seeds	Ints.
9.	P-32	None	1.71	--	14.3 days	0.01	Plaques	I/V Stent

I/C – Intracavitary, Ints. – Interstitial , I/L – Intraluminal , I/V – Intra-vascular

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10.	Sr-90	None	0.54.2.27	--	28.9 yrs	0.01	Plaques	Plaque
11.	Cr-252	1.5 & 1.0 Neutron 2.1 & 2.3	--	--	54 yrs	--	Tubes	I/C
12.	Pd-103	0.21 (mean) 0.02-0.497	--	--	17 days	0.03 mm	Seeds	Ints.
13.	Sm-145	0.041 (mean) 0.038-0.061	--	--	340 days	0.2 mm	--	-do-
14.	Am-241	0.060 (mean) 0.014-0.059	--	--	432 days	0.42 mm	--	-do-
15.	Yt-169	0.093 (mean) 0.050- 0.0307	--	--	32 days	3.3 mm	--	-do-

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# Source Strength Specification: Quantities and Units

## Quantity and Units :-

1. mg Radium or mg radium equivalent.
2. mg hours
3. Roentzen
4. Rads or Centigray

## Activity :-

1. Curie or mCi
2. Air kerma strength

## Dose Calculations :-

1. Lane's approximation
2. Sievert integral
3. Computer dose calculations.

# Radiation Safety



Radiation Shield

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# Calibration of Sources

## Well Type Chamber

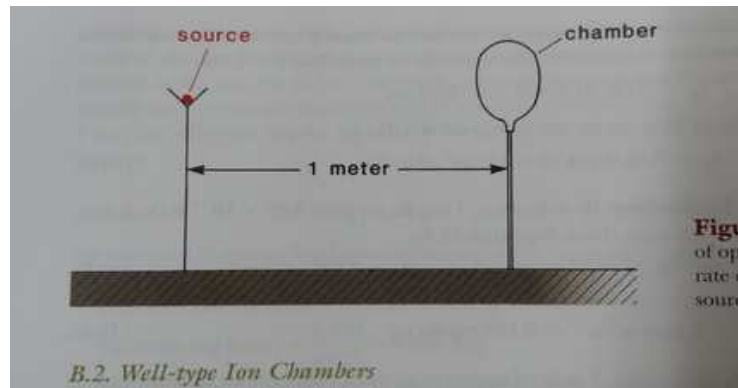
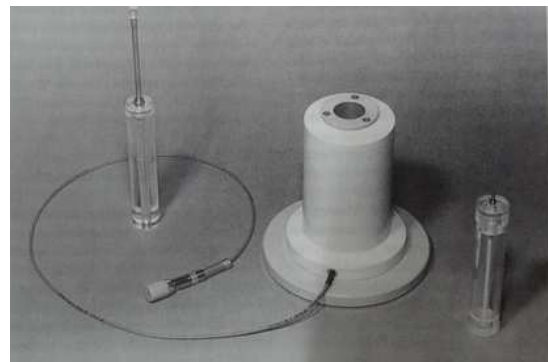
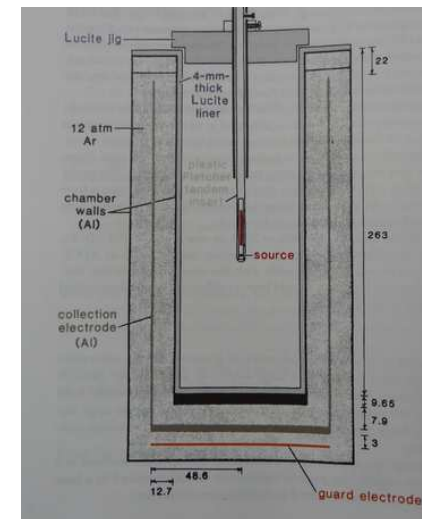
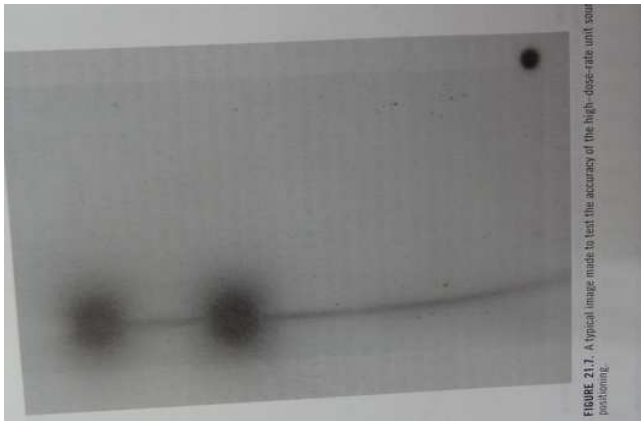


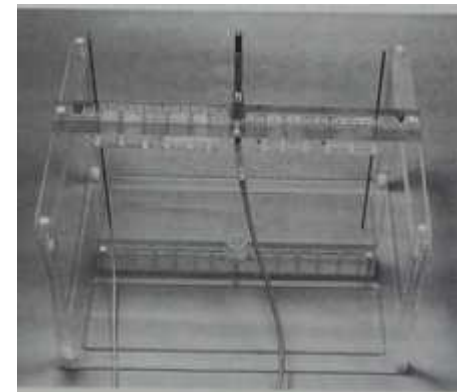
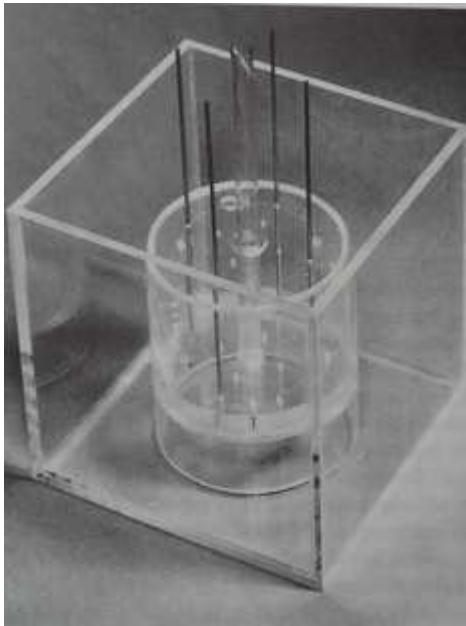
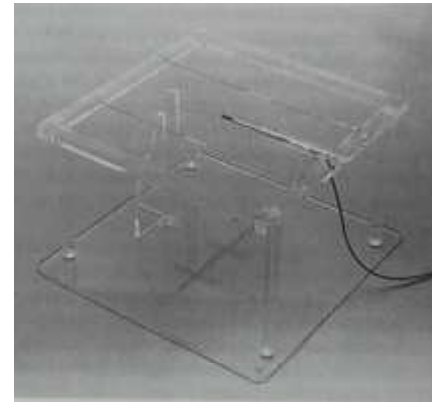
Figure of operation of source



# Calibration of Sources



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# Clinical criteria for brachytherapy

1. *Small size* tumors (3 – 5 cm)
2. Depth of penetration/thickness < 1.5 – 2 cm
3. Histology: moderately *radiosensitive* tumors (ca squamous cell);some adenocarcinomas
4. *Early stage* (localized to organ)
5. No nodal/distant metastasis
6. Location : *accessible* site with relatively maintained anatomy
7. Absence of local infection & inflammation



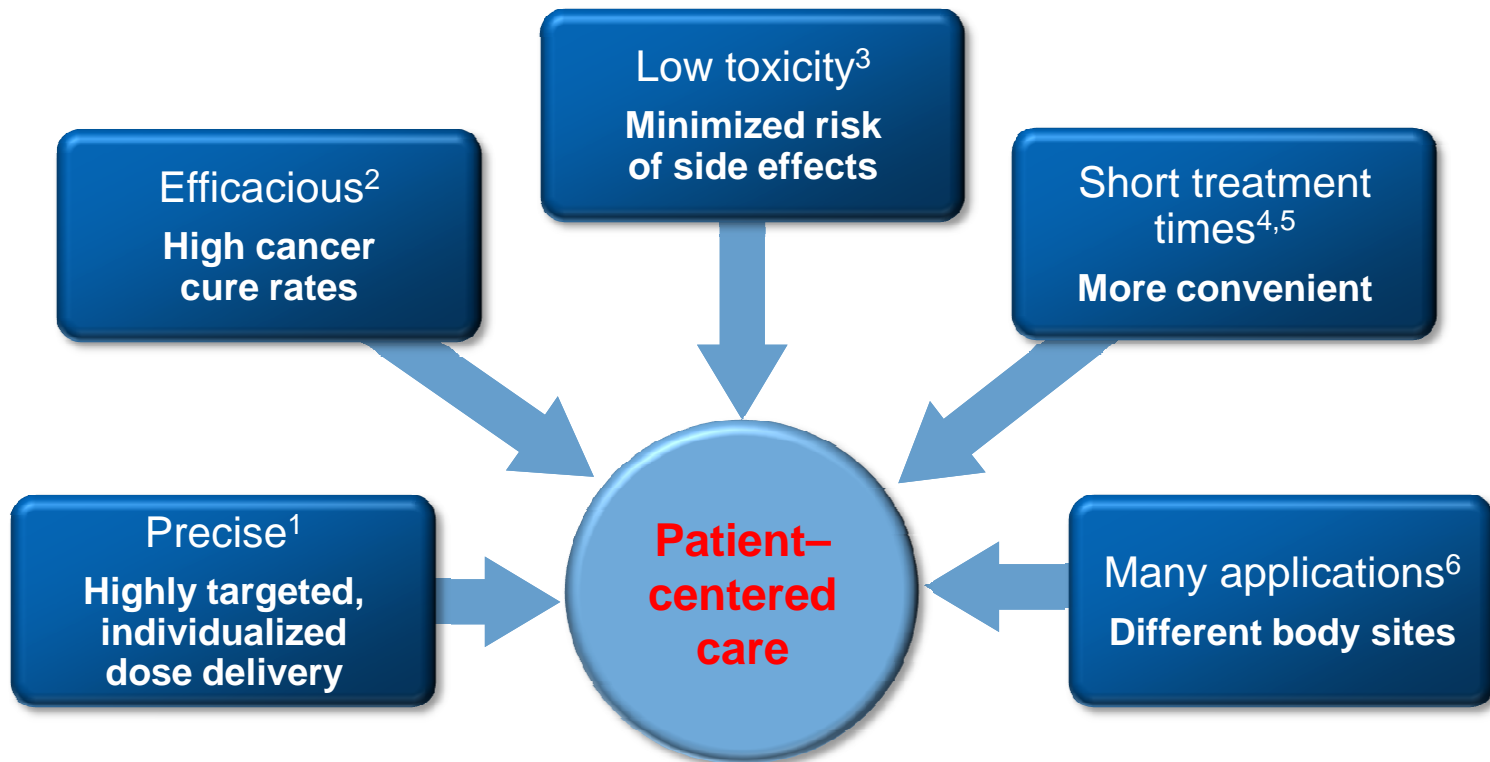
# Indications

- **For radical radiation alone:**
  - Skin tumors
  - Head and Neck cancer – Oral Cavity
  - Cervical cancer
  - Prostate cancer
  - Penile cancers
  - Ocular tumors
  - Breast cancer
- **As a boost after EBRT ± Chemotherapy:**
  - Head and neck cancers – Oral Cancer
  - Cervical cancers
  - Breast cancer
  - Esophagus
  - Anal canal

# Indications

- **In the post-operative setting:**
  - **Perioperative:**
    - Soft tissue sarcomas
    - Breast
  - **Postoperative:**
    - Endometrium
    - Cervix
    - Breast
- **Palliative setting:**
  - Bronchus
  - Bile ducts
  - Selected esophagus
  - Selected recurrent tumors (chest wall , head and neck)
- **Benign tumors:**
  - Keloids
  - Pterygium
- **Other indication:**
  - Endovascular brachytherapy
  - Radioactive stents

# Brachytherapy meeting patient's needs



**Brachytherapy offers a precise, highly effective and well tolerated treatment option tailored to the needs of individual patients**

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# Brachytherapy: Incorporating advanced imaging and computing technology into planning and treatment

## 2D Film – Based<sup>1</sup>

Standardization through protocols – Paris system (e.g. breast) and Manchester method (gyn)

## 3D Volume – Based<sup>2</sup>

Dose/volume optimization with availability of 3D imaging capabilities (CT/MRI)

Dynamic (real-time) dose based placement guidance

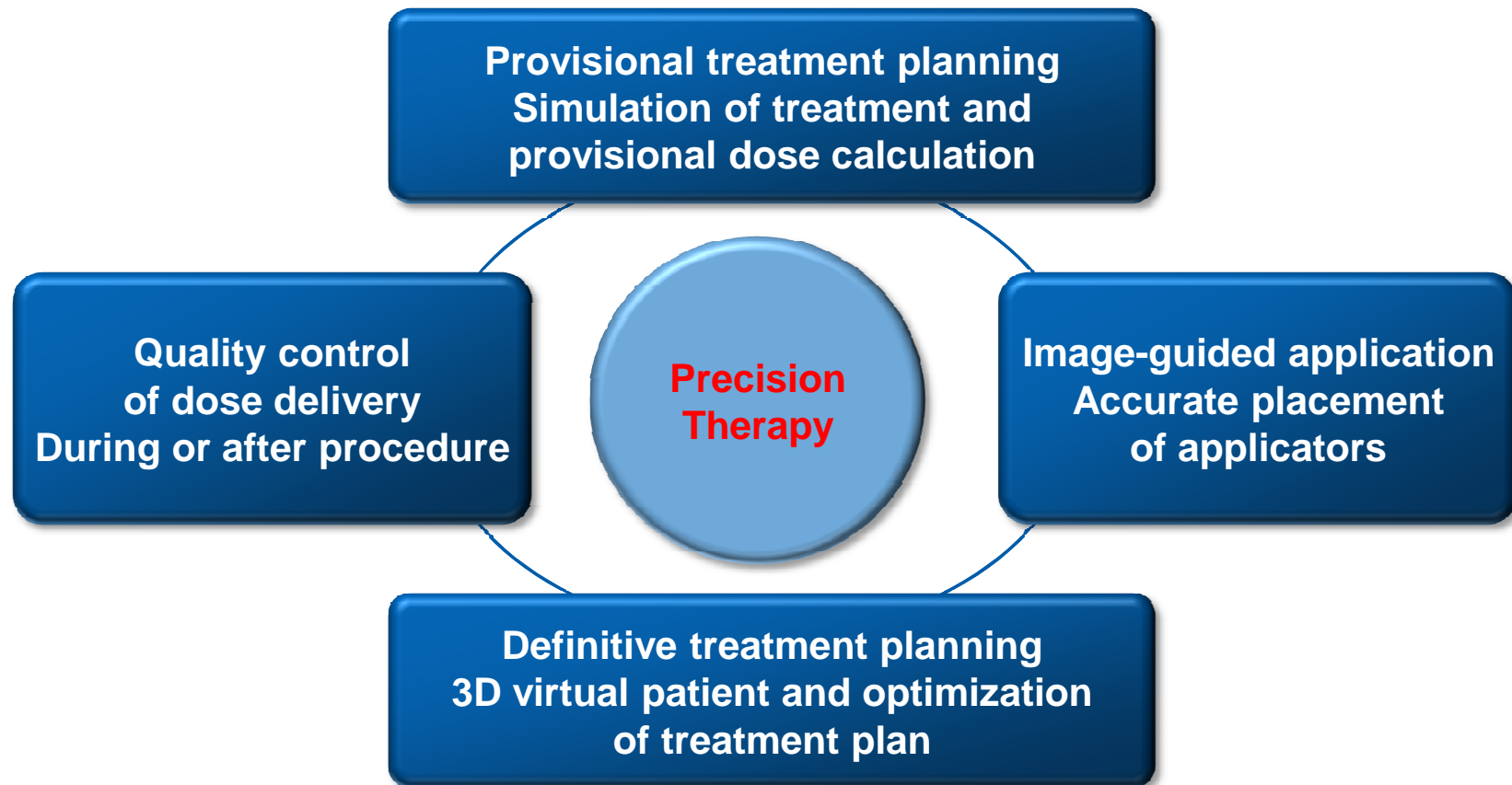
Image-guided adaptive brachytherapy

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# Image-guided planning and delivery

Advanced imaging used for virtually every step of the procedure

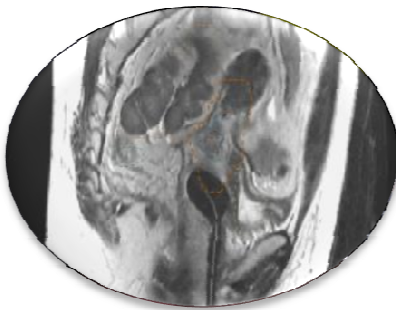


# Delivering precision treatment

Brachytherapy delivers targeted radiation through the combination of computer-based planning, imagery and treatment delivery techniques via specialized applicators

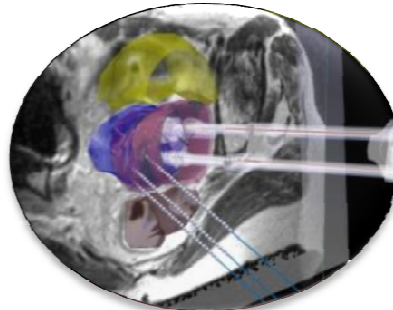
## Imaging

Clinical examination and tumor imaging



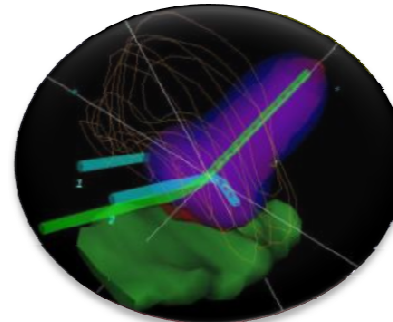
## Application insertion

Source applicators placed in body for accurate positioning



## Optimizing treatment plan

Create virtual patient via visualization and refine



## Delivery

Sources delivered to treatment site via applicators



# Brachytherapy-A multidisciplinary approach



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