

36th ICRO SUN PG TEACHING PROGRAM WEBINAR ON PLAN EVALUATION

**Plan Evaluation in Carcinoma
Nasopharynx- Understanding the Targets**

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Disclaimer



- This is an overview of the plan evaluation in carcinoma Nasopharynx.
- Details to be discussed on actual webinar day.

Points to be discussed



- Essential background knowledge.
- Brief overview of Targets and OAR for carcinoma Nasopharynx-IMRT.
- Brief on plan evolution – 2D to 3D to IMRT.
- IMRT plan evaluation- Target volume, OAR.
- IMRT technical details.
- Future directions.

Essential background evidence



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Target volume delineation

CT-based delineation of lymph node levels and related CTVs
in the node-negative neck: DAHANCA, EORTC, GORTEC, NCIC,
RTOG consensus guidelines

Proposal for the delineation of the nodal CTV
in the node-positive and the post-operative neck

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Original article

Delineation of the neck node levels for head and neck tumors: A 2013
update. DAHANCA, EORTC, HKNPCSG, NCIC CTG, NCRI, RTOG,
TROG consensus guidelines[☆]

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Selection of lymph node target volumes for definitive head and neck
radiation therapy: a 2019 Update



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International guideline for the delineation of the clinical target volumes (CTV) for nasopharyngeal carcinoma

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Nasopharyngeal carcinoma

Patterns of lymph node metastasis from nasopharyngeal carcinoma based on the 2013 updated consensus guidelines for neck node levels ☆



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Delineation of neck clinical target volume specific to nasopharyngeal carcinoma based on lymph node distribution and the international consensus guidelines

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Table 5

Selection of low risk nodal target volumes for nasopharyngeal cancers (according to recent international guidelines [68]).

Nodal Category (AJCC/UICC 8th ed.)	Levels to be included in the CTV-N-LR	
	Ipsilateral Neck	Contralateral Neck
N0	II-V, VIIa, VIIb ¹	II-V, VIIa, VIIb ¹
N1, N2	II-V, VIIa, VIIb ^{1,2,3,4}	II-V, VIIa, VIIb ^{1,2,3,4}
N3	Ib-IVb, Va,b,c, VIIa, VIIb	Ib-IVb, Va,b,c, VIIa, VIIb

OAR in Npx

- Spinal cord / BS/ optic apparatus.
- Mandible + TMJ.
- Parotids.
- DARS- pharyngeal constr, larynx. Oesophagus, oral cavity.
- Cochlea.
- Temporal lobes.
- Brachial plexus.
- Pituitary.

Important points



- Serial Vs parallel organs.
- Delineation guideline as per diff OAR.
- Consider adding PRV to serial structures.
- Delicate balance between PTV vs OAR.
- Additional help from secondary images like MRI – especially in optic chiasm, brainstem, brachial plexus.
- Keep in mind acute and late toxicity profile.
- QOL scales.



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Radiotherapy of NPC

Recommendation for a contouring method and atlas of organs at risk in nasopharyngeal carcinoma patients receiving intensity-modulated radiotherapy



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Head and neck guidelines

CT-based delineation of organs at risk in the head and neck region: DAHANCA, EORTC, GORTEC, HKNPCSG, NCIC CTG, NCRI, NRG Oncology and TROG consensus guidelines



Chapter 1

Overview of Important “Organs at Risk” (OAR) in Modern Radiotherapy for Head and Neck Cancer (HNC)

Trinanjan Basu and Nithin Bhaskar

Additional information is available at the end of the chapter

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Spinal cord & Brainstem

SC:

2 ways to delineate: spinal cord itself Vs vertebral canal.

Recommend to add PRV 3-5 mm when drawing cord itself.

Cranial: Disappearance of cerebellum.

Caudal: 2 cm below the last PTV slice.

BS:

Brain stem comprises of midbrain, pons and medulla.

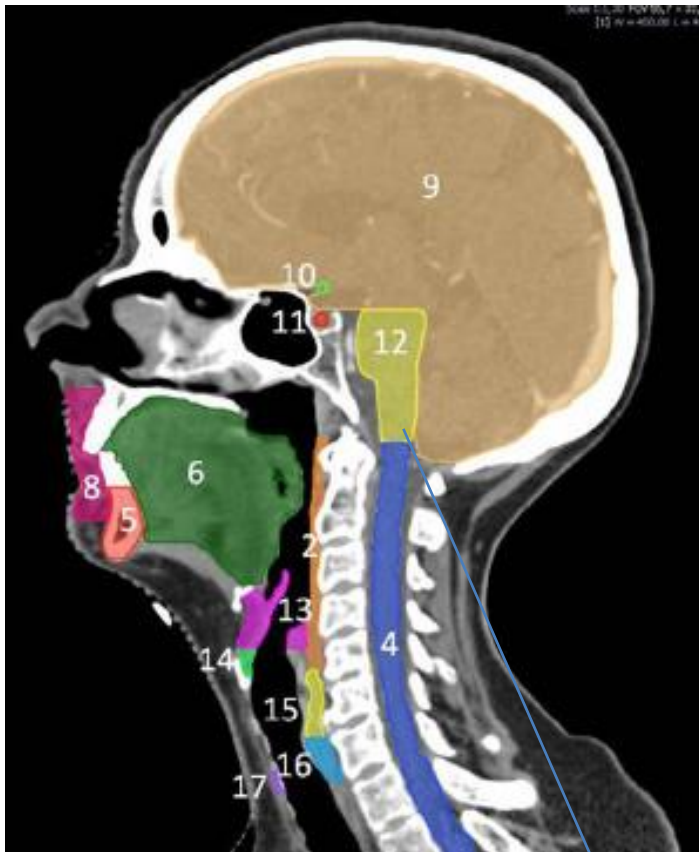
Cranial: level of inferior section of lateral ventricle. The organ is better visualized better in MRI.

Caudal: till the level of the tip of dense of C2 vertebra or foramen magnum.

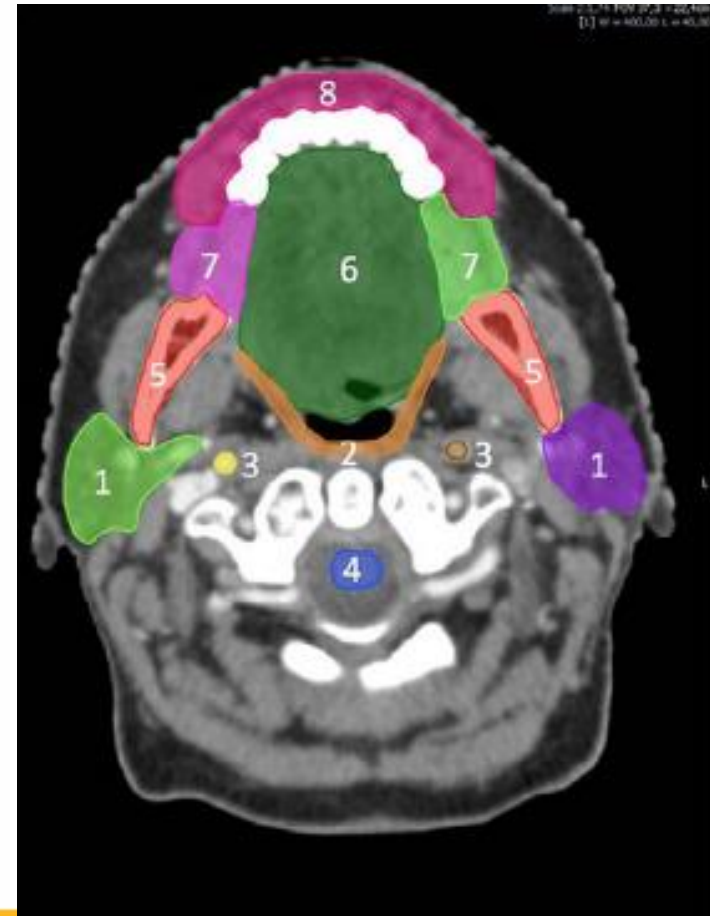
Add PRV 3-5 mm.

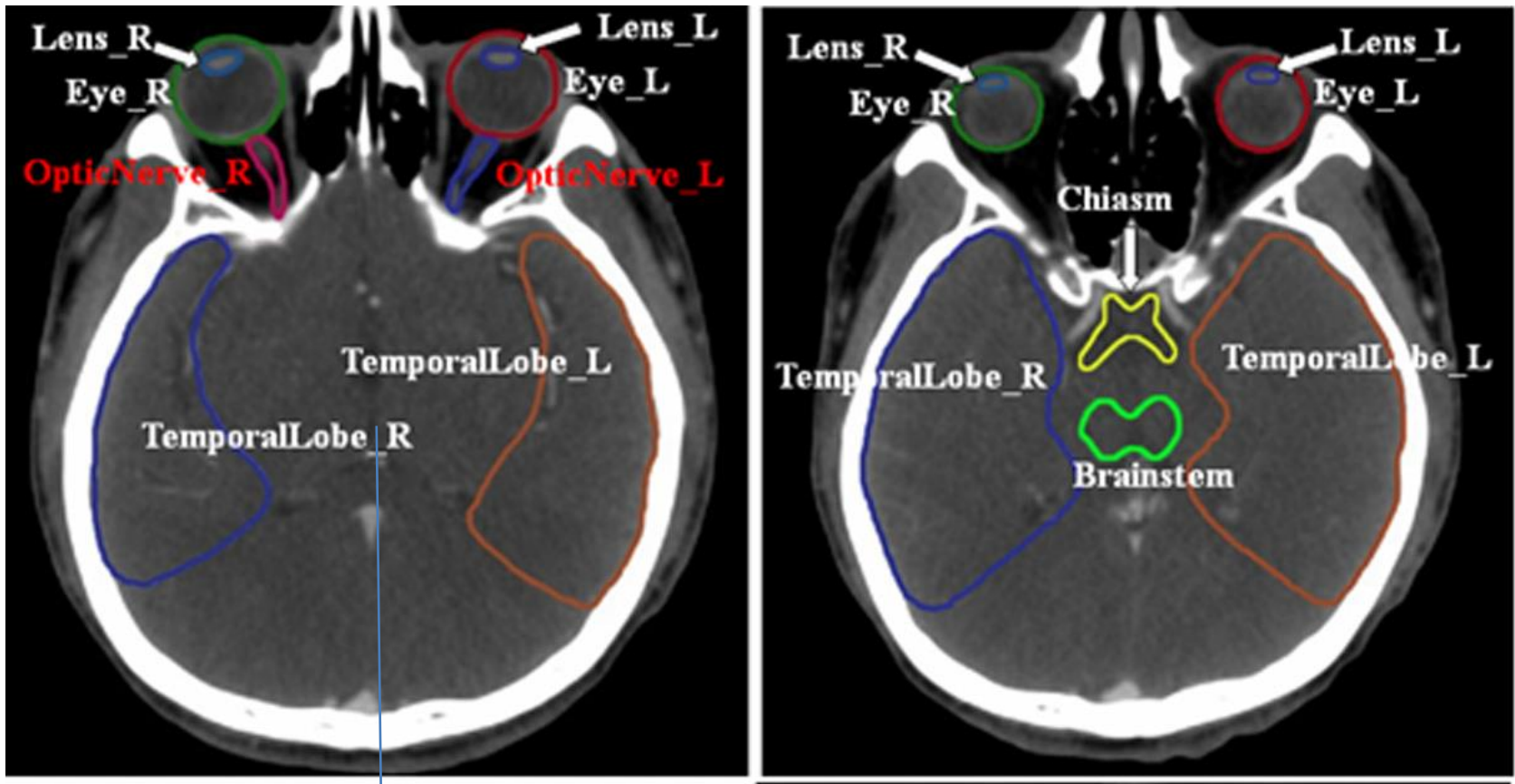
Optic apparatus

- Entire eyeball, optic nerves and optic chiasm.
- Craniocaudally: optic nerve is seen below the superior rectus.
- The nerve is 2-5 mm thick and is delineated from the posterior margin of retina and continued along its course posteriorly till it merges with the optic chiasm after passing through the superior orbital fissure.
- Optic chiasm: average it measures 8 x 14 mm (APxTrans) and is about 2–5 mm thickness in the super-inferior dimension.
- MRI helps in delineation: T1 bright signal.
- Combine all these and form PRV optics adding 2-3 mm.

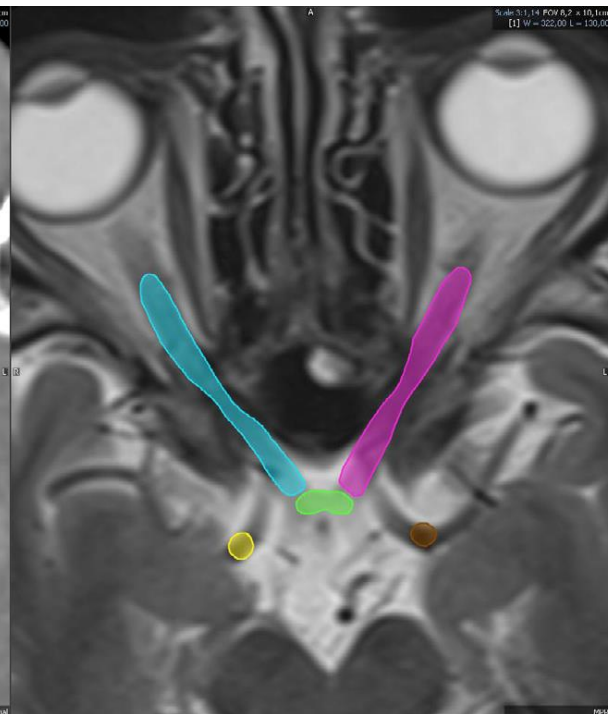
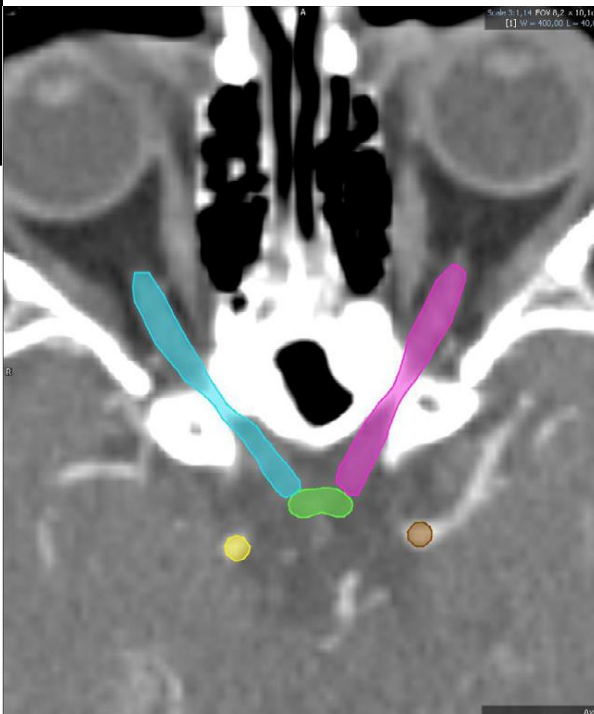
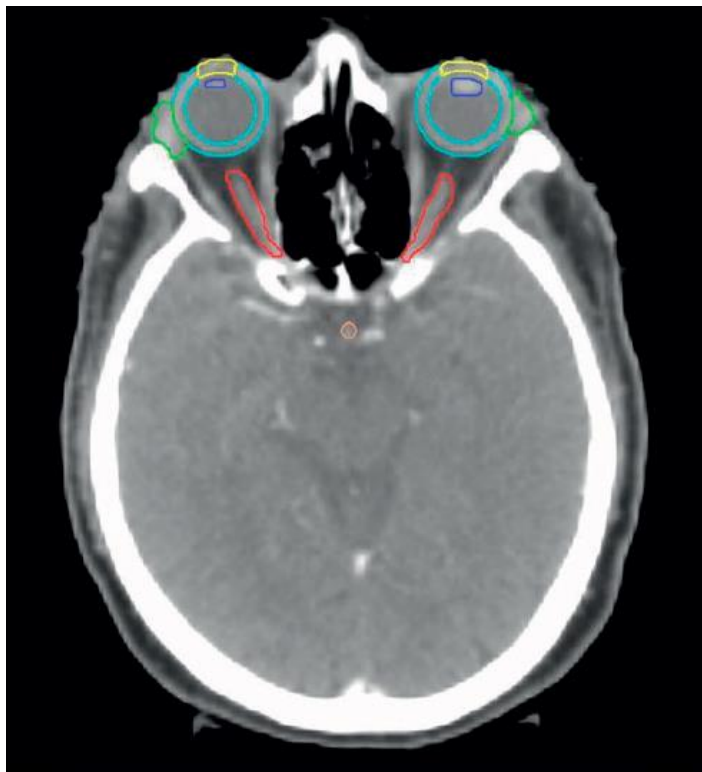


**Overlap 1 slice between SC and BS:
Monroe et.al. – to avoid dose dumping.**





Inferior most section of lateral ventricle



Parotid glands

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Teaching Case

A radiation oncologist's guide to contour the parotid gland



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Organ at risk	Remarks	Anatomic boundaries					
		Cranial	Caudal	Anterior	Posterior	Lateral	Medial
Parotid gland	Include carotid artery, retromandibular vein and extracranial facial nerve.	External auditory canal, mastoid process	Post. part submandibular space	Masseter m., post. border mandibular bone, med. and lat. pterygoid m.	Ant. belly sternocleidomastoid m., lat. side post. belly of the digastric m. (posterior-medial)	Subcutaneous fat, platysma	Post. belly of the digastric m., styloid process, parapharyngeal space

B

Superior extent

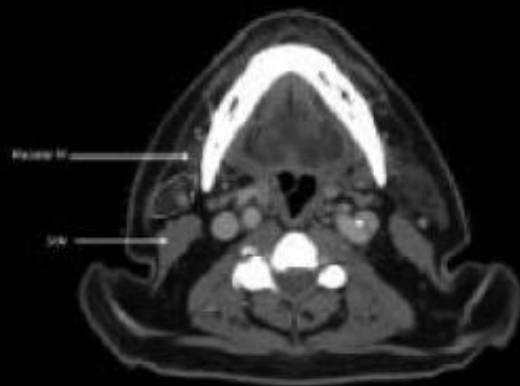


EAC: External auditory canal; M: Muscle; RMV: Retro-mandibular Vein; SCM: Sternocleidomastoid; Asterisk: Paraglossopharyngeal fat

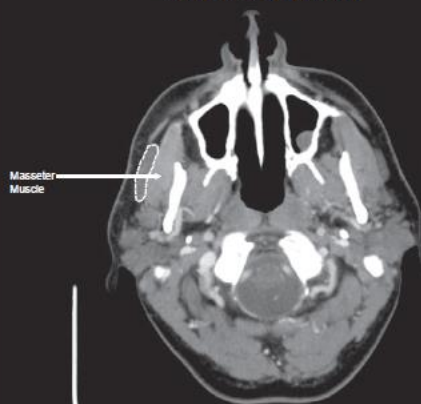


C

Inferior extent



Accessory parotid



Stenson's duct



M: Muscle; V: Vein

Parotid-sparing intensity modulated versus conventional radiotherapy in head and neck cancer (PARSPORT): a phase 3 multicentre randomised controlled trial

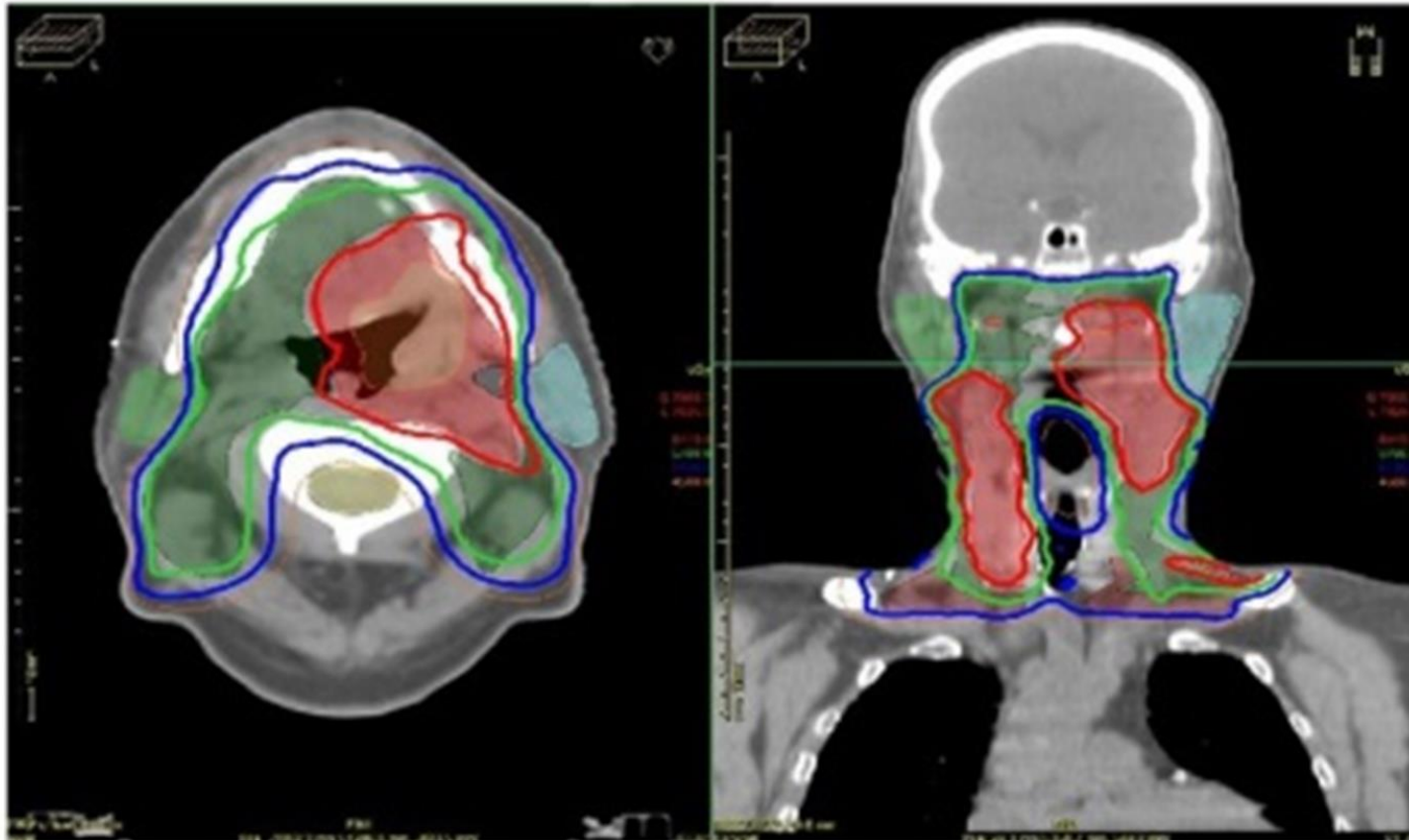


adding life to years

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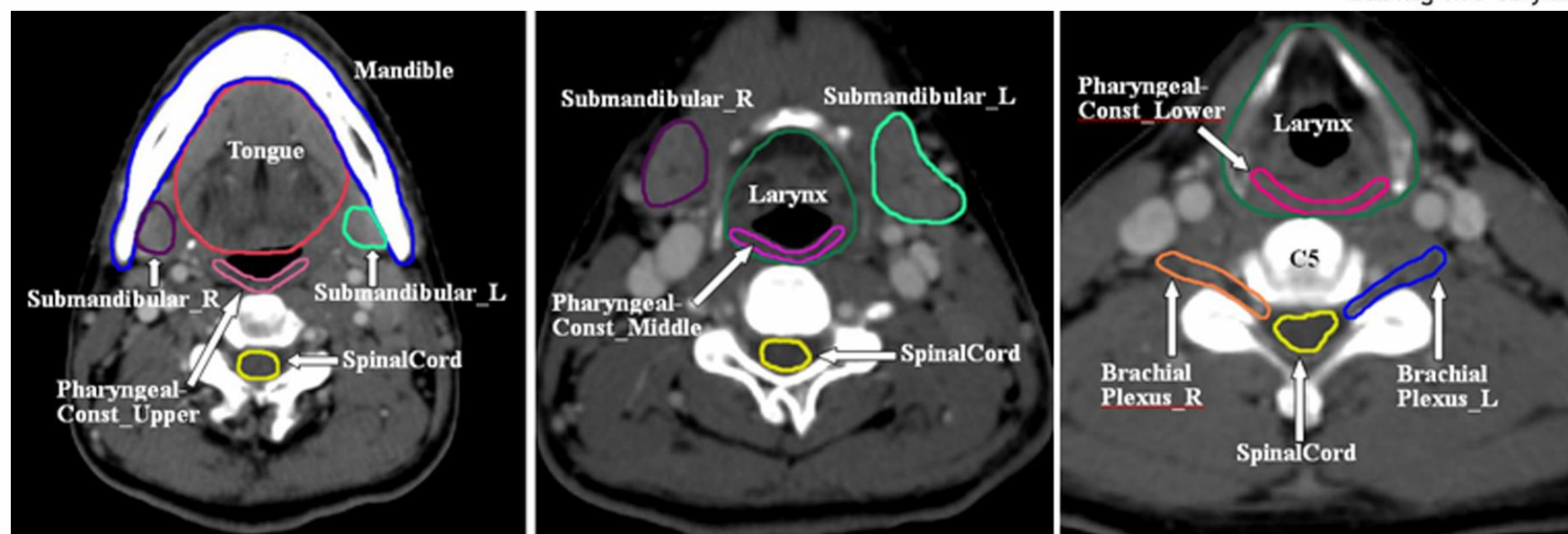
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DARS – Swallowing structures

Organ at risk	Anatomic boundaries					
	Cranial	Caudal	Anterior	Posterior	Lateral	Medial
Superior PCM	Inferior tip of pterygoid hamulus	Inferior edge of C2	Pterygoid hamulus, BOT, pharyngeal lumen	Prevertebral muscles	Medial pterygoid muscles	Pharyngeal lumen
Middle PCM	Superior edge of C3	Inferior edge of hyoid	BOT, hyoid	Prevertebral muscles	Hyoid—greater horn. Thyroid cartilage—superior horn	Pharyngeal lumen
Inferior PCM	First slice inferior to inferior edge of hyoid	Inferior edge of arytenoid cartilage	Soft tissue of supraglottis/glottis	Prevertebral muscles	Superior horn of thyroid cartilage	
Cricopharyngeal muscle	First slice inferior to arytenoid cartilage	Inferior edge of cricoid	Posterior edge of cricoid	Prevertebral muscles	Thyroid gland/cartilage, fatty tissue	
EIM	First slice inferior to cricoid	1 cm inferior to the upper extend	Tracheal lumen	Prevertebral muscles	Thyroid gland, fatty tissue	
Cervical esophagus	1 cm inferior to the cricoid	Sternal notch				
BOT	Inferior edge of C1	Superior edge of hyoid	Posterior 1/3 from mandibular bone to pharyngeal lumen	Pharyngeal lumen	Width of the lumen of pharynx	
Supraglottic larynx	Tip of epiglottis	First slice superior to the arytenoid cartilage	Hyoid, thyroid cartilage, preepiglottic space	Pharyngeal lumen, inferior PCM	Thyroid cartilage	Pharyngeal lumen (lumen to be excluded)
Glottic larynx	Superior edge of arytenoid cartilage	Inferior edge of cricoid cartilage (only the soft tissue element)	Thyroid cartilage	Inferior PCM, pharyngeal lumen/cricoid	Thyroid cartilage	Pharyngeal lumen (lumen to be excluded)

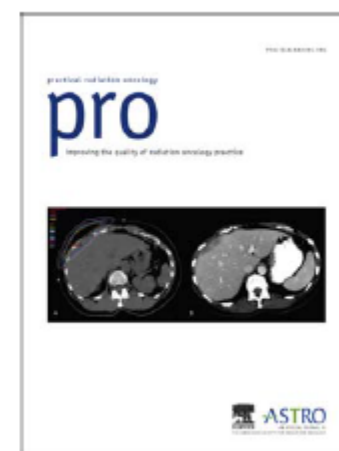


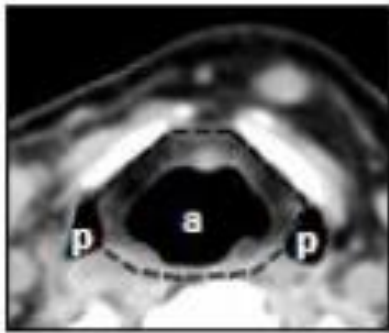
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A Radiation Oncologist's Guide to Contouring the Larynx

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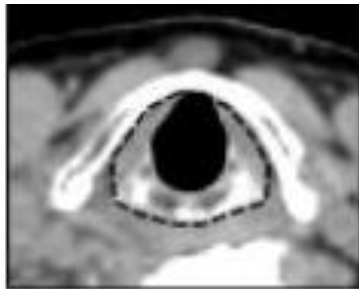
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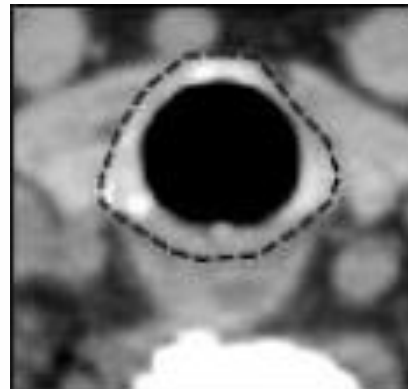


Most Superior Larynx Contour:

On the first image where you do not see the hyoid bone as you go inferiorly.

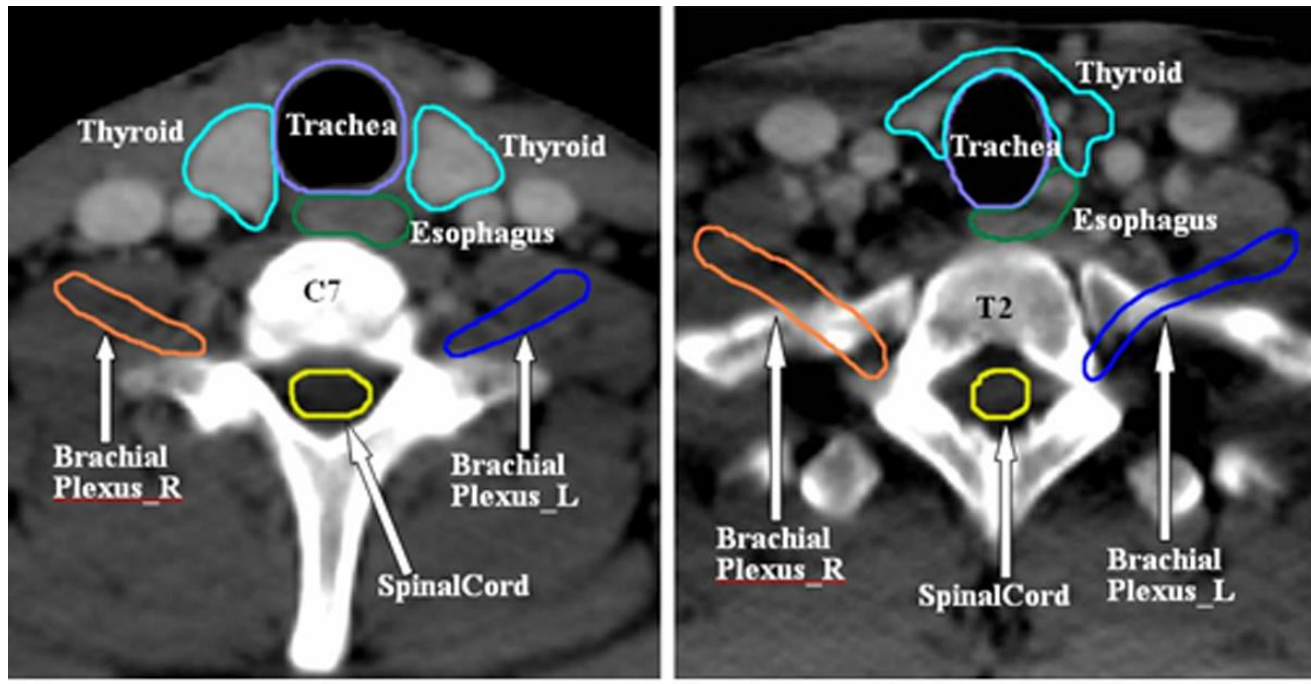


The boundary of the larynx contour is the inner edge of the thyroid cartilage anteriorly and the posterior edge of the cricoid cartilage posteriorly.



Most Inferior Larynx Contour:

The last image where you see the cricoid cartilage as a complete ring. The larynx contour is the outer surface of the cricoid cartilage



Sparing and larynx and oesophageal inlet: relation to late dysphagia and tube dependency

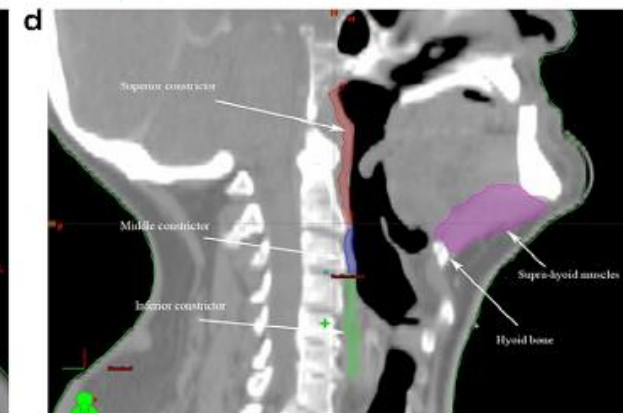
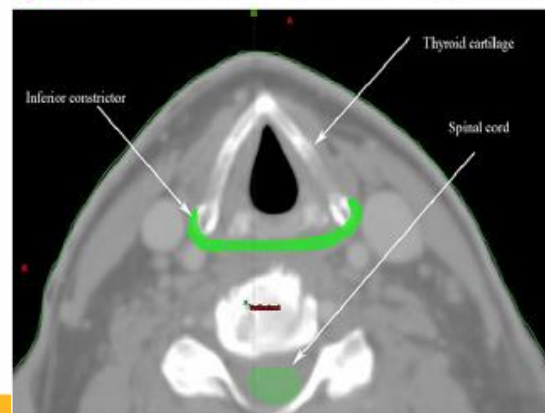
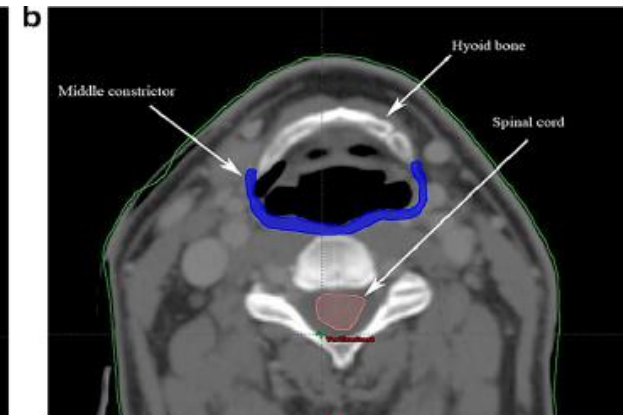
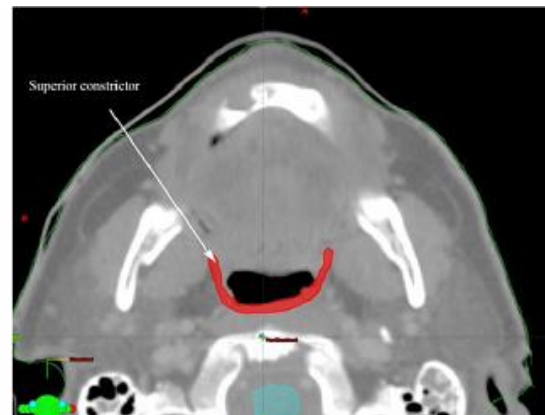


Head and neck chemoradiotherapy

Correlation between dose to the pharyngeal constrictors and patient quality of life and late dysphagia following chemo-IMRT for head and neck cancer ☆

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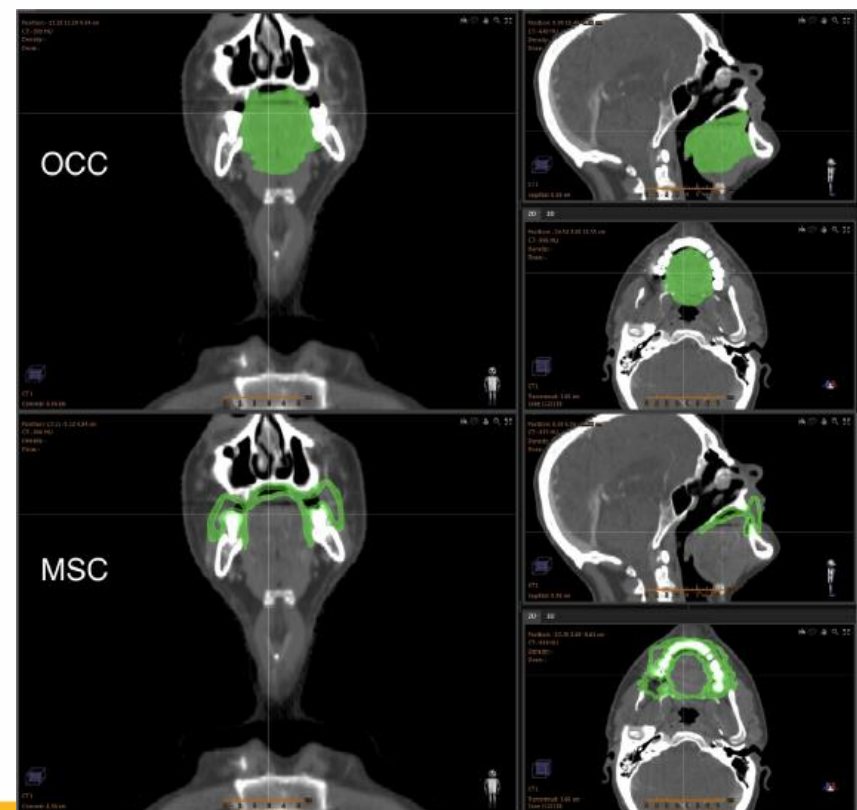
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Deliniation of oral mucosa

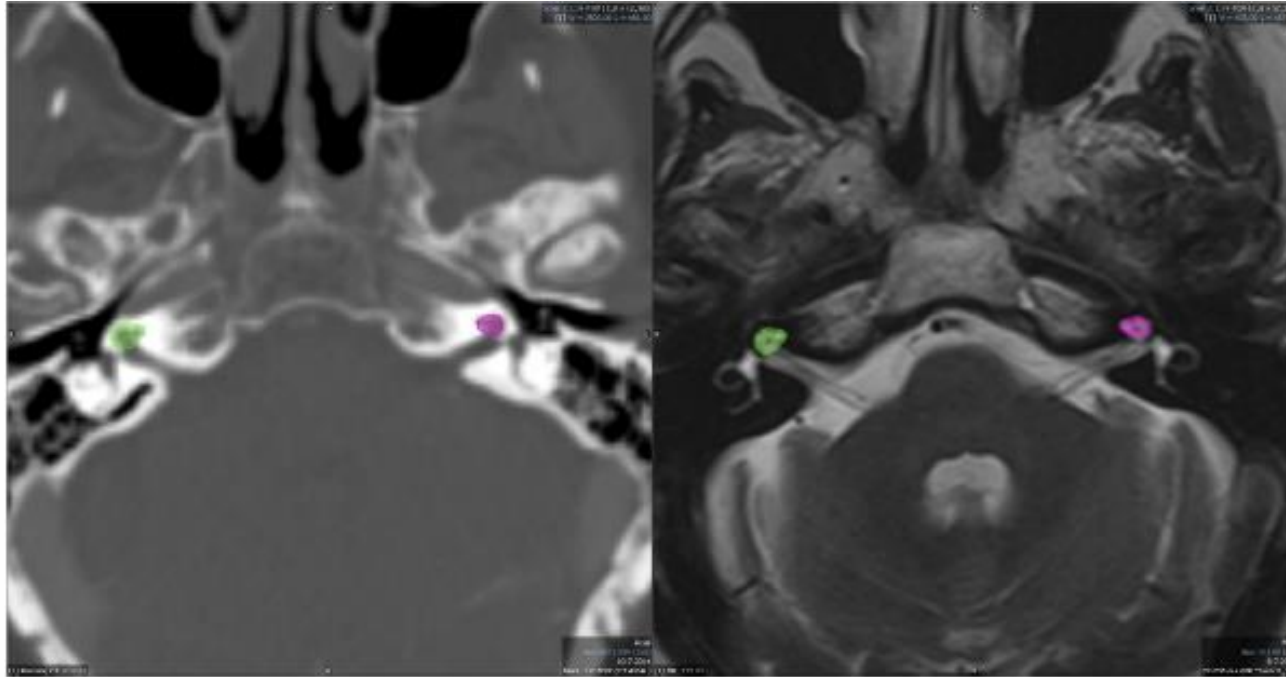
A novel method for delineation of oral mucosa for radiotherapy dose–response studies



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Cochlea



Small spiral structure of about 0.6cm³ volume located in the petrous part of temporal bone.

The small bony cavity can be visualized better with a setting of 120/1500 on CT.

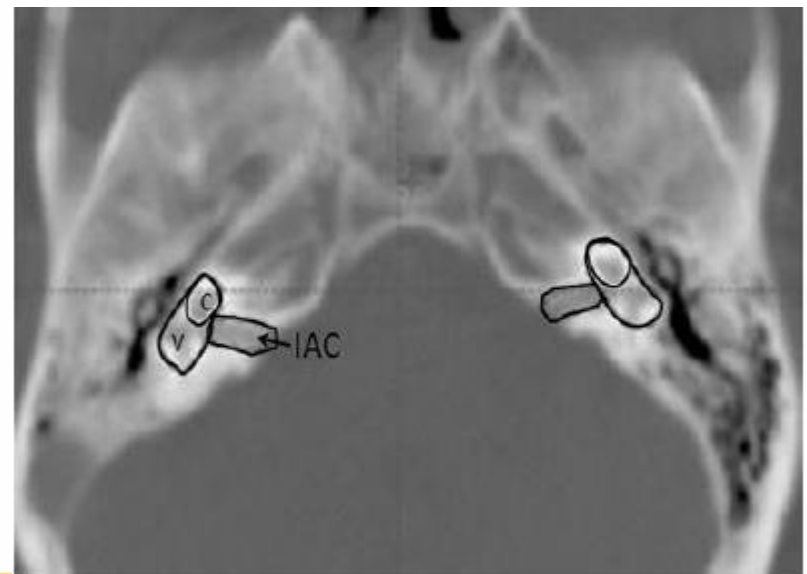
The structures of inner ear are visualized more in T2 weighted MRI images.
The semicircular canals should not be contoured.

RESEARCH

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Sensorineural hearing loss after concurrent chemoradiotherapy in nasopharyngeal cancer patients

Limiting dose to cochlea reduces SNHL.



Review Article

Toxicity with radiotherapy for oral cancers and its management: A practical approach

ABSTRACT

Radiotherapy-induced damage in the oral mucosa is the result of the deleterious effects of radiation, not only on the oral mucosa itself but also on the skin, adjacent salivary glands, bone, dentition, and masticatory apparatus. From basic skin care to dental and oral health maintenance, several ointments and lotions, oral and parenteral medications, biological response modifiers, cytoprotective drugs, newer radiation techniques and surgery have been introduced to combat and more importantly to prevent the development of these complications. Radiotherapy-induced oral complications involve complex and dynamic pathobiological processes. This in the immediate- and long-term course lowers the quality of life and predisposes patients to serious clinical disorders. Here, we focus on these oral complications of radiotherapy, highlight preventive and therapeutic developments, and review the current treatment options available for these disorders.

KEY WORDS: Future directions, management, pathobiology, QOL, radiation toxicity

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Topic in the questionnaire	Most troublesome response
Skin over the irradiated region (face and neck).	Sub cutaneous edema.
Oral cavity.	Dryness of mouth and sticky saliva .
Dental status including jaws.	Dental sensitivity .
Swallowing capability.	Increased time to swallow.
Speech.	Change in voice quality.
Nutrition.	Dietary modifications.
General physical status.	Generalised fatigue.
Personal life.	Fear of disease recurrence.
Professional life.	Regular working.
Any specific concerns not addressed in the above.	None.

Brief Communication

Head-and-neck cancer patients beyond 2 years of disease control: Preliminary analysis of intensity-modulated radiotherapy late-effect assessment scale

ABSTRACT

Over a decade of intensity-modulated radiotherapy (IMRT) improved the toxicity profile among head-and-neck cancer patients and also improved the quality of life (QOL). Several parameters' few subjective and few objectives have documented various aspects related to QOL. Patients surviving beyond a certain period will have few unattended concern. A single questionnaire-based evaluation might answer few untouched issues. This brief communication formulated such an indigenous single-institution scale named IMRT late-effect assessment scale (ILEA). The preliminary analysis identified concerns related to dryness of mouth, swallowing habit change, and fear of disease recurrence. Future large-scale prospective evaluation is needed.

KEY WORDS: Head-and-neck cancer, intensity-modulated radiotherapy, quality of life, survival

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2D to 3D to IMRT



- The background.
- Drawbacks of 2D/3D.
- Why the need of IMRT in Npx plan?
- Plan evaluation?
- Acceptance criterion.
- ICRU 83 parameters.



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Phase III randomised trial

A prospective, randomized study comparing outcomes and toxicities of intensity-modulated radiotherapy vs. conventional two-dimensional radiotherapy for the treatment of nasopharyngeal carcinoma



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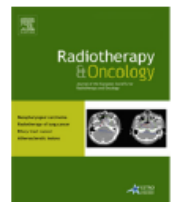
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Review

Evolution of treatment for nasopharyngeal cancer – Success and setback
in the intensity-modulated radiotherapy era



Clinical Investigation

International Guideline on Dose Prioritization and Acceptance Criteria in Radiation Therapy Planning for Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma



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INTRODUCTORY PAPER

QUANTITATIVE ANALYSES OF NORMAL TISSUE EFFECTS IN THE CLINIC (QUANTEC): AN INTRODUCTION TO THE SCIENTIFIC ISSUES

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Basic points in IMRT



- Immobilisation.
- Reproducible and accurate set up.
- Image verification.
- Serial Online image matching.
- Check for need of adaptive RT (ART).
- Re-planning.
- *MR guided RT (MgRT).*

REVIEW

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Technical guidelines for head and neck cancer IMRT on behalf of the Italian association of radiation oncology - head and neck working group

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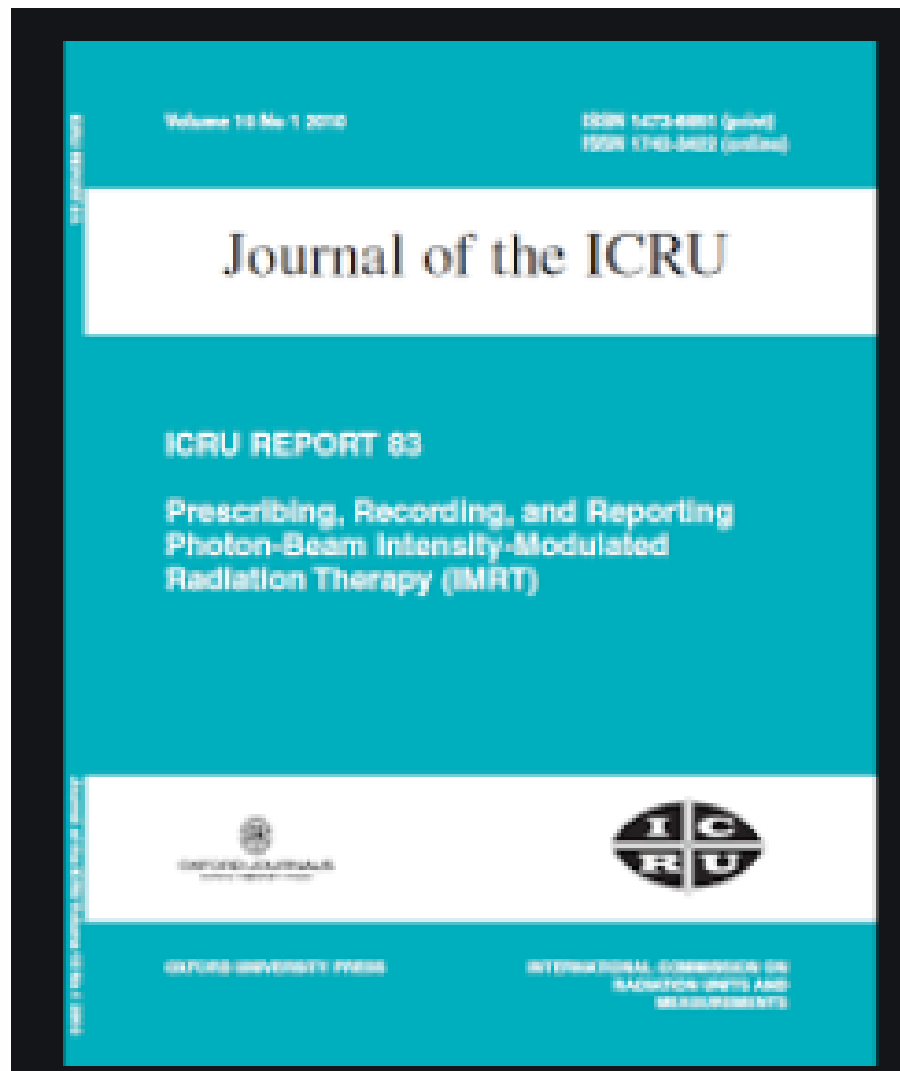


Research article

A review of Image Guided Radiation Therapy in head and neck cancer from 2009–2019 – Best Practice Recommendations for RTTs in the Clinic



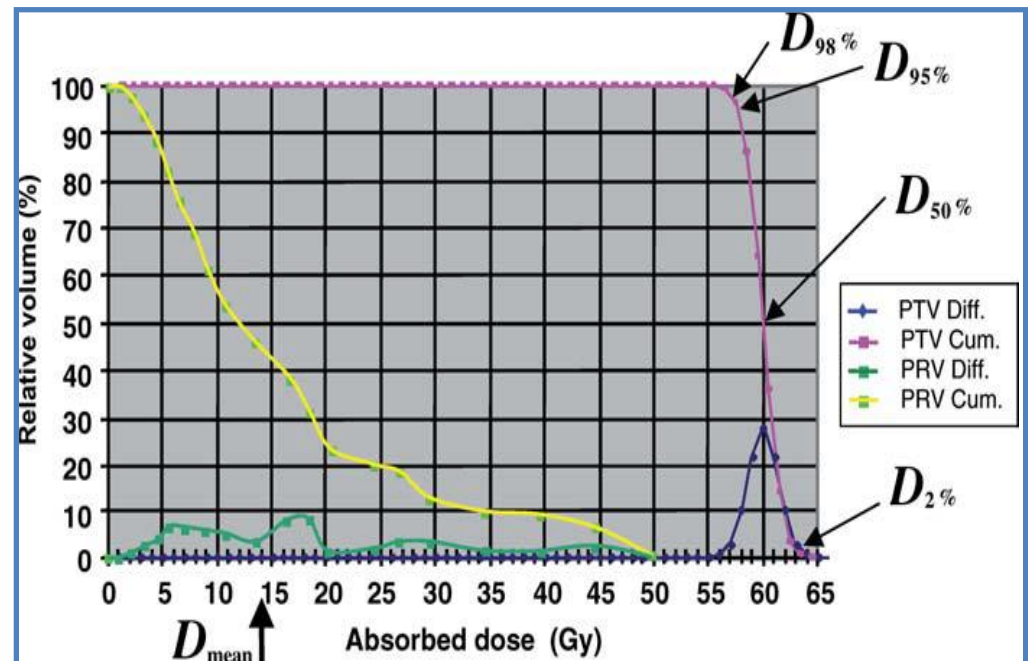
Planning concepts from ICRU 83



Important points

- **Beam related issues**
- **DVH analysis issues**
- **Overlapping volumes**
- **RVR**
- **Differential PTV in head neck**
- **Developing a systematic approach**

- Dmax and Dmin.....Change to D98 and D2, D50.
- DVH.
- OAR.
- Homogeneity index, CI, Heterogeneity-hot/cold spot.



APPLIED RADIATION ONCOLOGY

CB-CHOP: A simple acronym for evaluating a radiation treatment plan

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