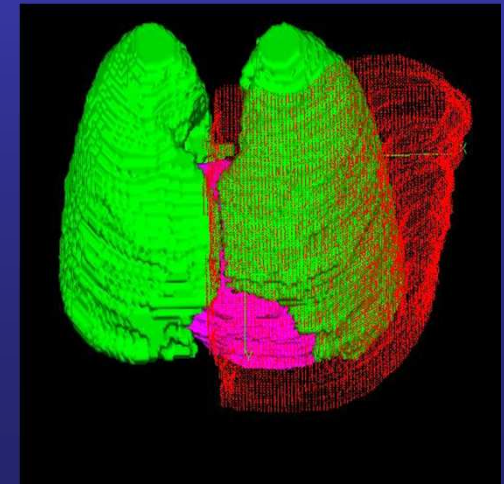


3 Dimensional Planning in Carcinoma Breast

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3 D Planning: A Clinical Perspective

- Unique power to create and manipulate dose gradients
- Detailed quantitative treatment objectives

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- Need to control and determine treatment margins through objective measurement of set-up uncertainties internal organ motion.
- All aspects of the radiotherapy process should be re-examined under more stringent requirements for accuracy and precision.



What is 3 D PLANNING???

- Its complicated!
- A integrated system of technologies:
 - Patient setup and immobilization
 - CT-Sim, with complimentary imaging
 - 3 D PLANNING???
 - Computer-aided treatment planning
 - Linac and MLC
 - Verification Imaging
- It is not a treatment modality or technique!



IMRT: A Technical Perspective

- IMRT is an extension of "3D Conformal" practices.
- Existing recommendations for RTP QA are applicable.
- IMRT technologies are *integrated*; i.e., quality of IMRT/RTP plans depends on "up- and down-stream" technologies:
 - Imaging, segmentation, R&V, accelerator, and PROCESS



The Evolution of IMRT

- The history of the arts and sciences could be written in terms of the continuing process by which new technologies create new environments for old technologies.
- You have to perceive the consequences of the new environment on the old environment before you know what the new environment is.

Marshall MacLuhan



3 DCRT Requirements

- Key technologies:
 - Imaging and Segmentation
 - Delivery
 - Optimization
 - *Strongly interdependent*
- Training.
- Systematic technical procedures and quality assurance.



When to use IMRT?

- Rapidly expanding applications:
 - GU, GI, GYN; Pelvic node irradiation, Dose escalation
 - Head & Neck: RTOG H0022, RTOG H0225
- **✓ Missing tissue and dose compensation (e.g. BREAST)**
- Preferably under protocol (e.g., RTOG)
- Previously treated patients
- Use caution:
 - moving targets (e.g., breathing, bladder filling, bowel gas)
 - tissue density variations (i.e., heterogeneities)
 - Simultaneous integrated boost (i.e., differential fractionation)
 - Achieve dose uniformity where possible



Breast 3 DCRT

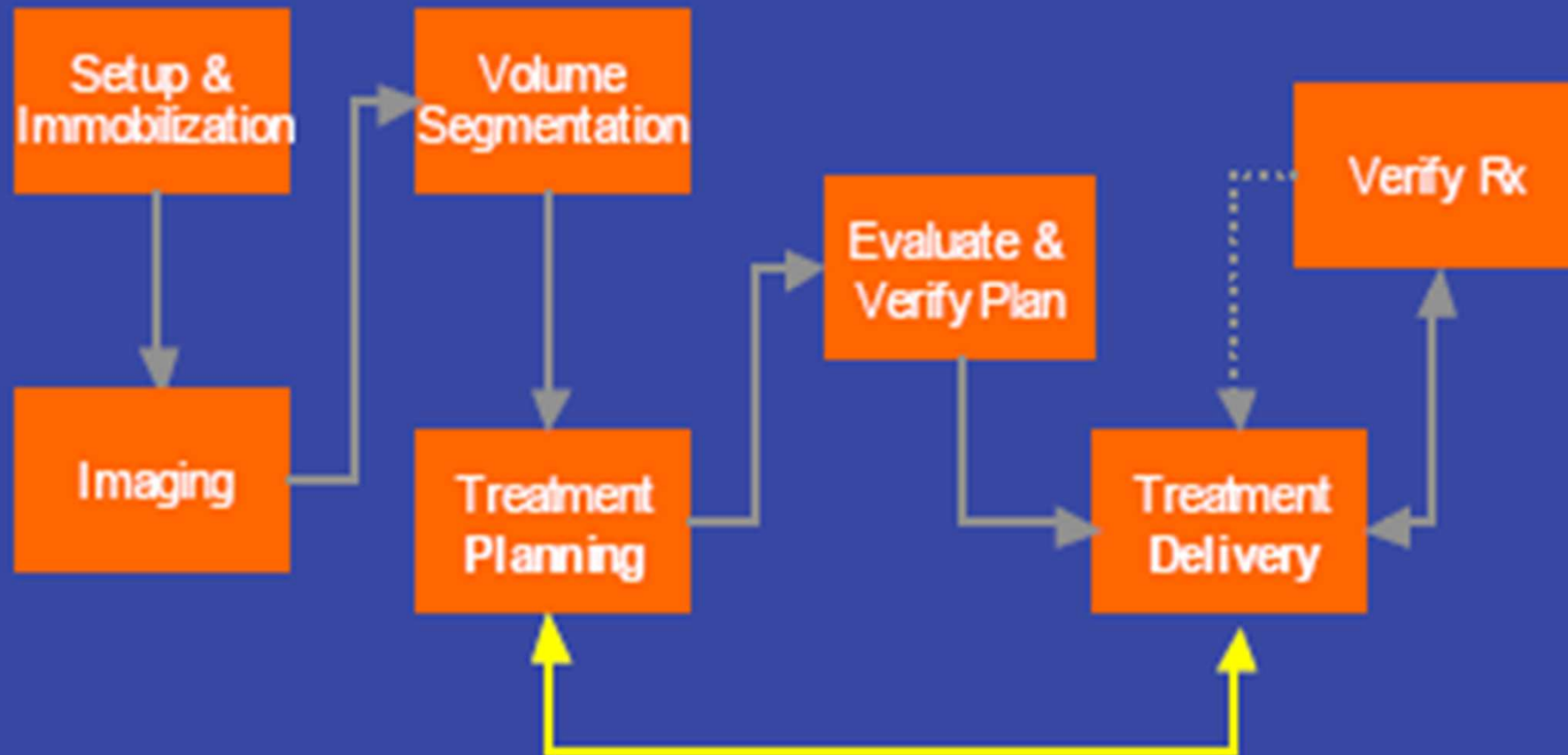
Why do we need it?

- **More conformal dose to breast**
- **Lower doses to lungs and heart**
- **Lower doses to contralateral breast**

3 D Planning: A Clinical Perspective

- **Inclusion of regional nodes**

3 D PLANNING PROCESS



Immobilization

- Minimize/control positioning uncertainties.
- Margins for uncontrolled uncertainty:
 - Internal organ movement
 - Tissue deformation
 - Breathing, cardiac motion
- Develop consistent "rituals" for use.
- Assess effectiveness, comfort.
- Reassess as treatment progresses.
- Be aware of weight loss, medications.
- Be aware of dosimetric impact, e.g., potential loss of skin sparing.
- Level of effort match clinical goal and resources





Initial Simulation

- Immobilization: alpha-cradle
- Position arms above head, keeping elbows tucked in
- Treatment side of the cradle is compressed to avoid interference with the lateral tangent setup and SSD readings

Initial Simulation

- Position the patient level and straighten under fluoroscopy
- Level marks (tattoos) are made on each side of the patient at about 5 cm below xiphoid with the lateral lasers
- Tattoos at ~10 cm off the tabletop

CT Scan

- Position patient level and straighten on the table using the midline, level marks, and the marks on the cradle
- Place a "b.b." on midline, if the medial wire placed by physician is not located on the midline

CT Scan

- Patient should be in the center of the table, unless the affected breast is too large
- If the treatment site is not in the field of view, move the patient off-center to assure a complete scan of the affected breast

CT Scan

- Acquire a scout view of the entire chest, start superiorly from the chin and end inferiorly below the leveling marks.
- Image set should include above and below the 1st and 12th thoracic rib respectively.
- Set center of the field (zero slice) in middle of the breast, between catheters placed by physician.
- Scan the central axis slice; check for straightness and rotation.



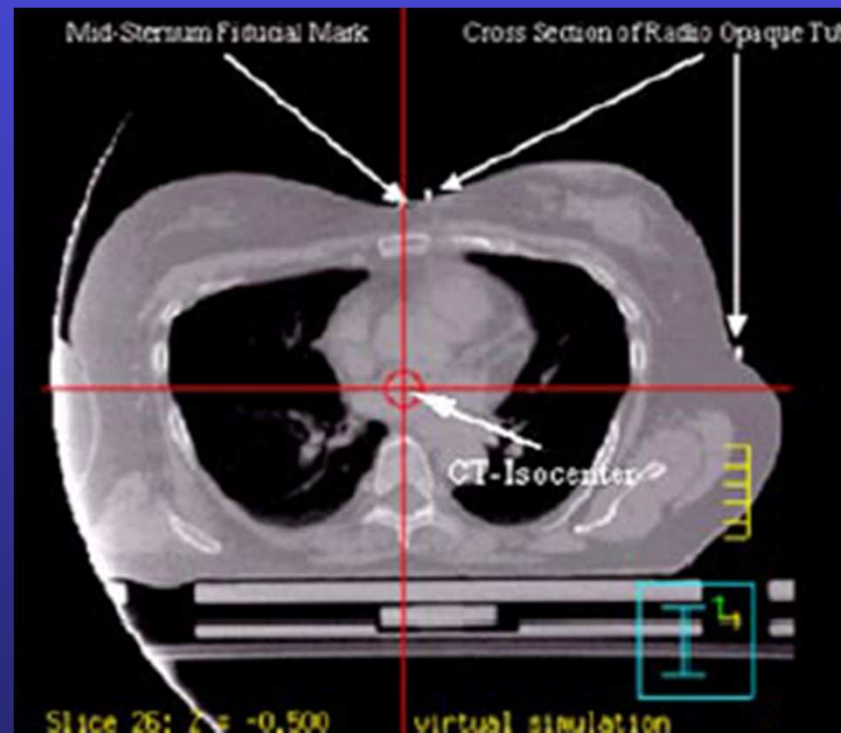
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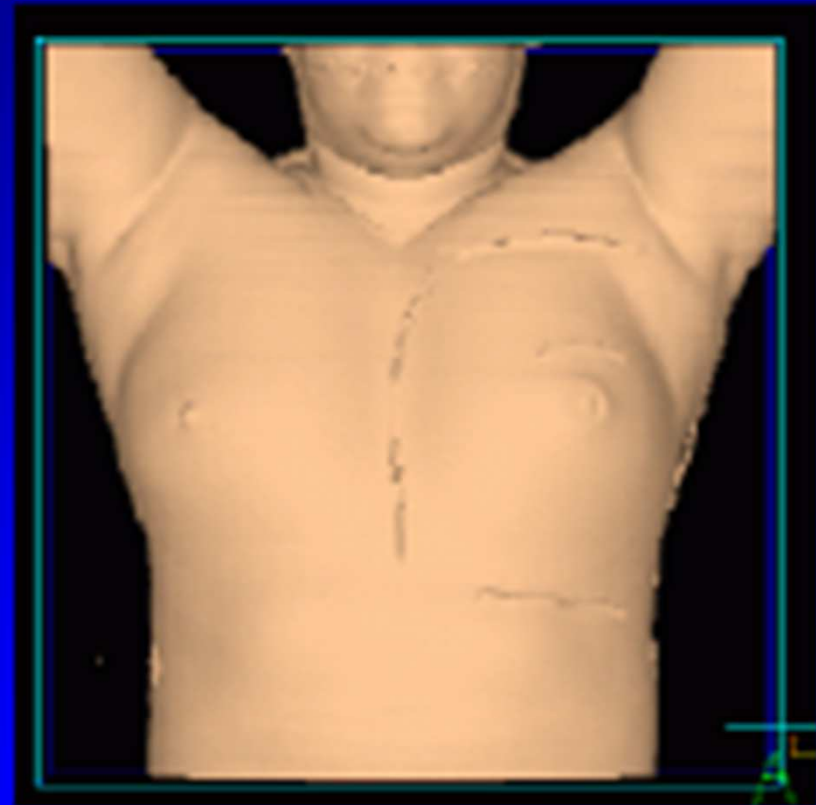
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Marker Placement for Reference to Isocenter



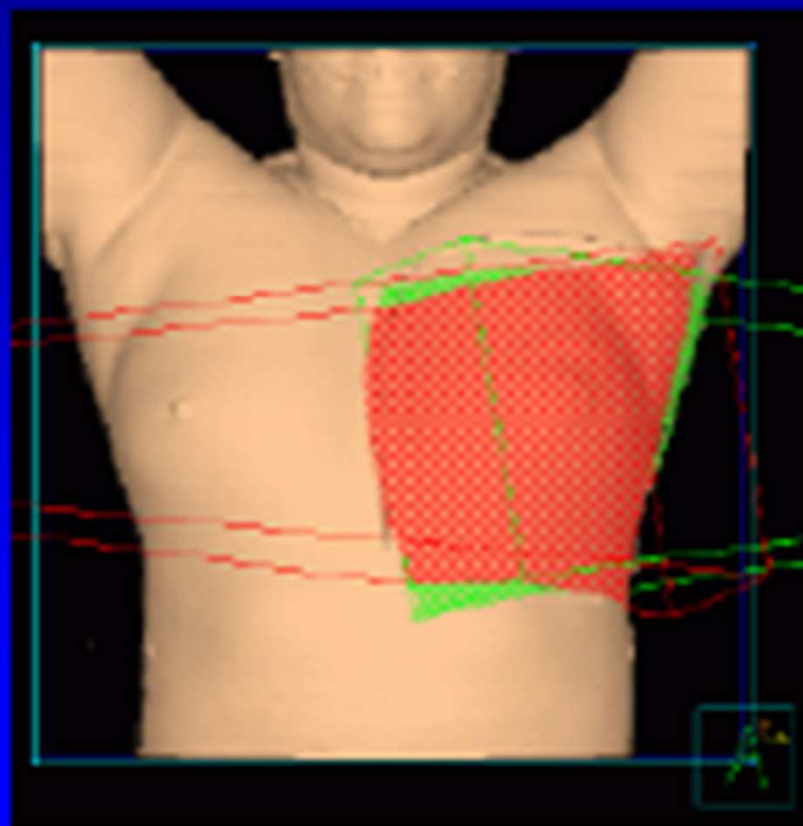
Virtual Simulation

- Virtual CT simulation in the standard treatment position
- Treating physician places radio-opaque markers at the clinical borders of the ipsilateral breast tissue



Virtual Simulation

- During treatment planning: the superior, inferior, and deep edges of the unopposed tangential beams are aligned with the radio-opaque markers



Treatment Planning

- Contour
- Beam alignment
- Beam weight



Key to Successful Treatment

OPTIMAL TARGET DELINEATION



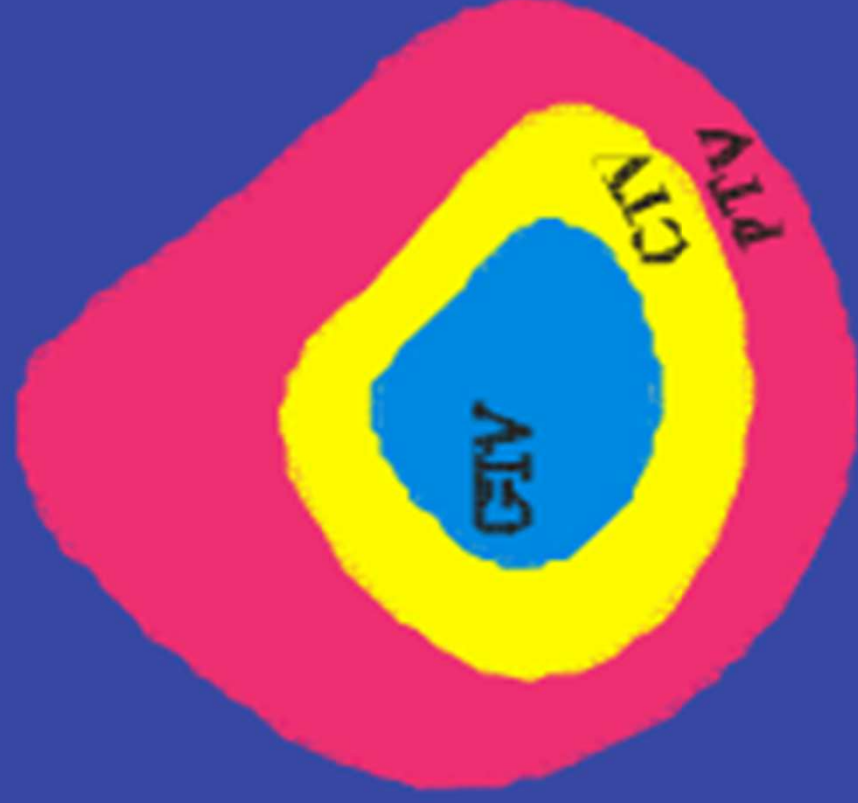
General Tissue Segmentation

- Explicitly delineate targets requiring dose, and every organ at risk (objectives, and evaluation)
- Generally more volumes than 3D planning.
- Margins:
 - Adequate evidence for designing PTV?
 - Consider margins around critical structures to partially account for organ motion, patient movement and setup uncertainties (cord + 0.5 cm)
- Avoid volumes extending outside the patient.
- If target includes buildup region, consider bolus.

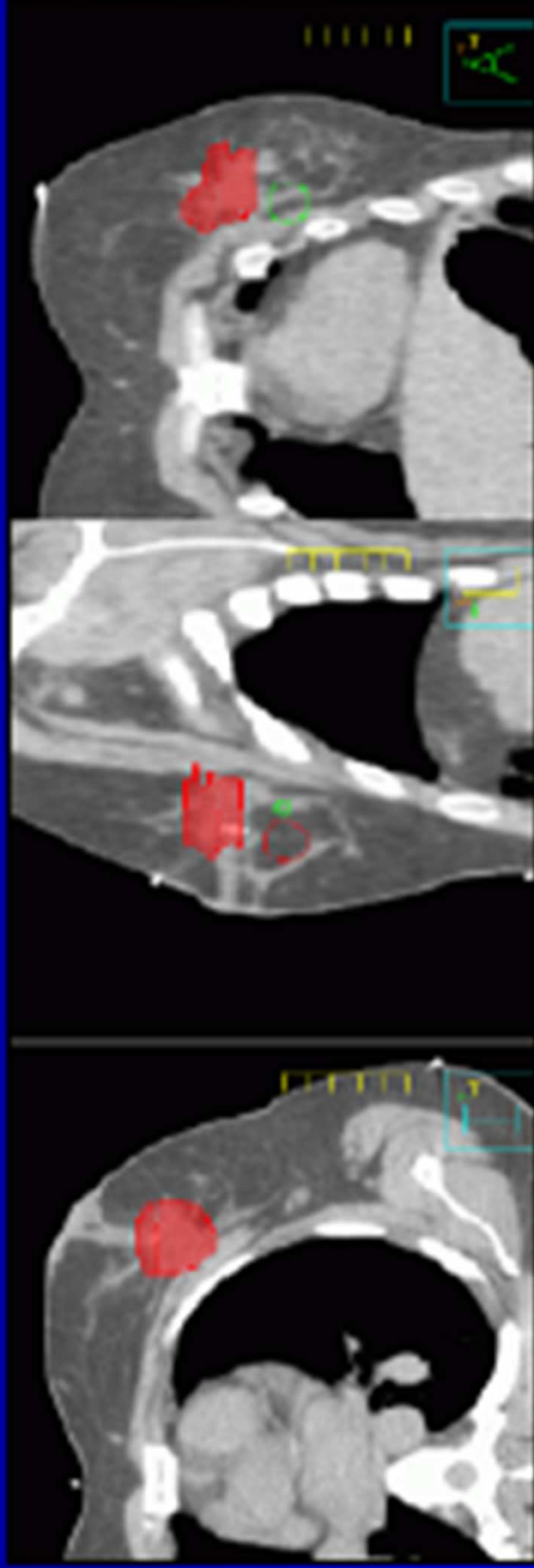


Target Volumes

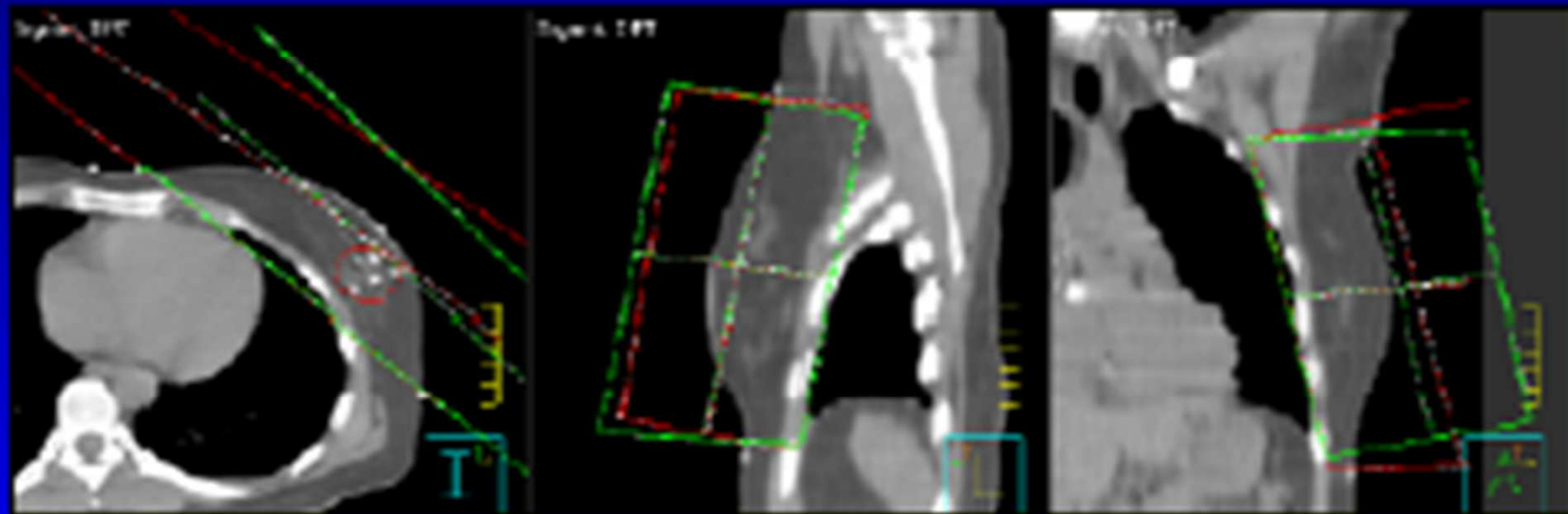
- ICRU 50 & 62
- GTV - Gross Tumour Volume
- CTV - Clinical Target Volume
- PTV - Planning Target Volume
 - Accounts for internal organ motion and patient setup variations.
- Margins should also be applied to organ at risk (OAR's \rightarrow PRV's).
- The PTV must be large enough to ensure the CTV receives the prescribed dose.
- The larger the PTV, the more normal tissue irradiated.
- Need to reconcile PTV/PRV overlap



Delineate Lumpectomy Cavity

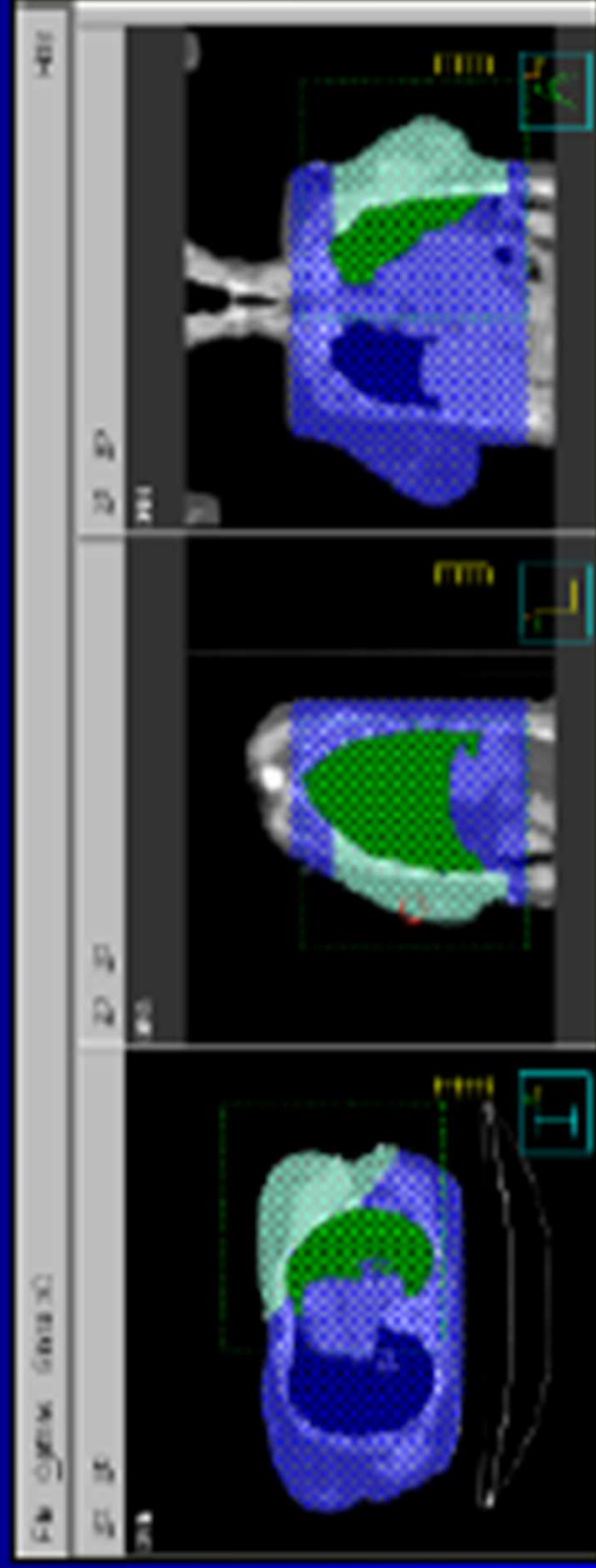


Tangent Beam Alignment



- Align tangential beams to coincide with radio-opaque markers
-
- 1.5 cm - 2 cm depth into lung

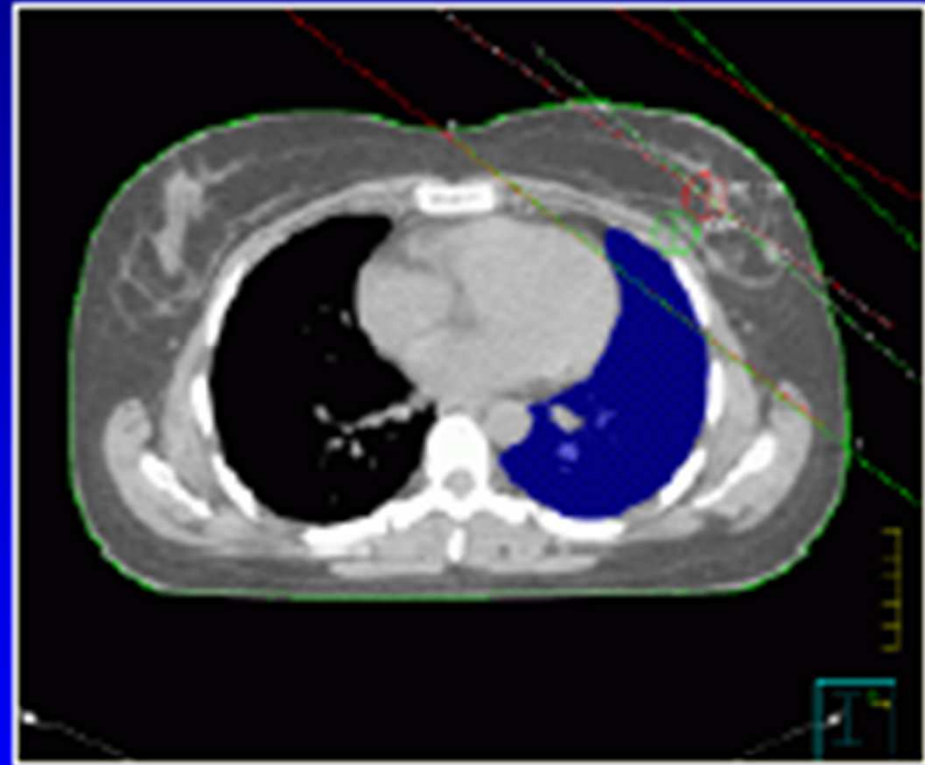
SKIN, LUNG, and BREAST



- Contour skin and lung
- Create breast contour through contraction tool

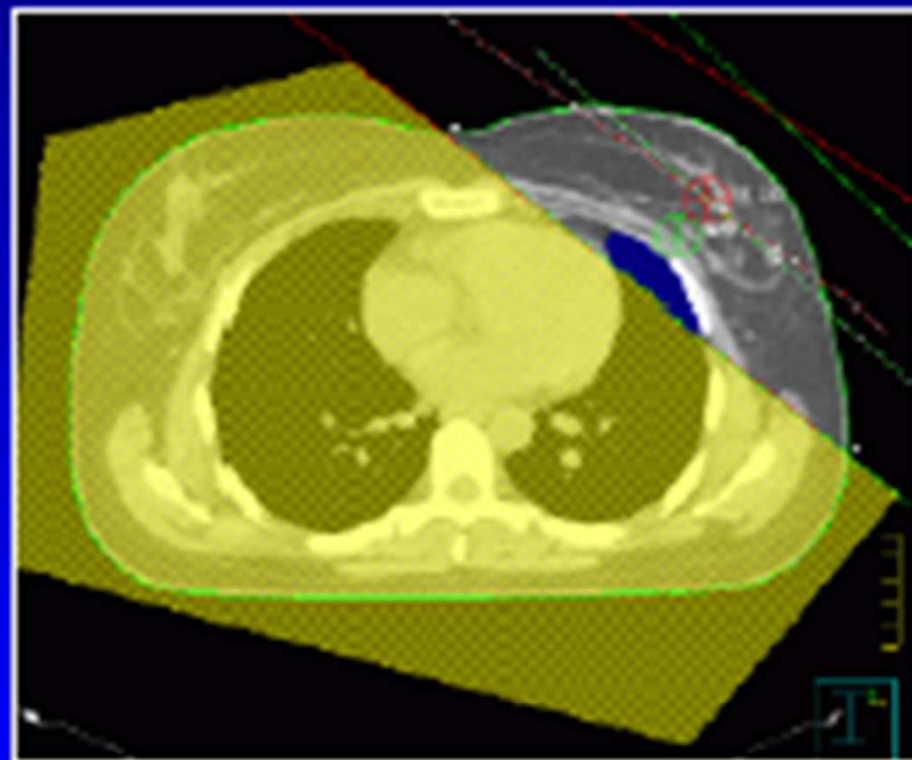
CONTOURS - Skin & Lung

- Auto contour skin and lung
- Lung
 - lower threshold 150
 - upper threshold 800



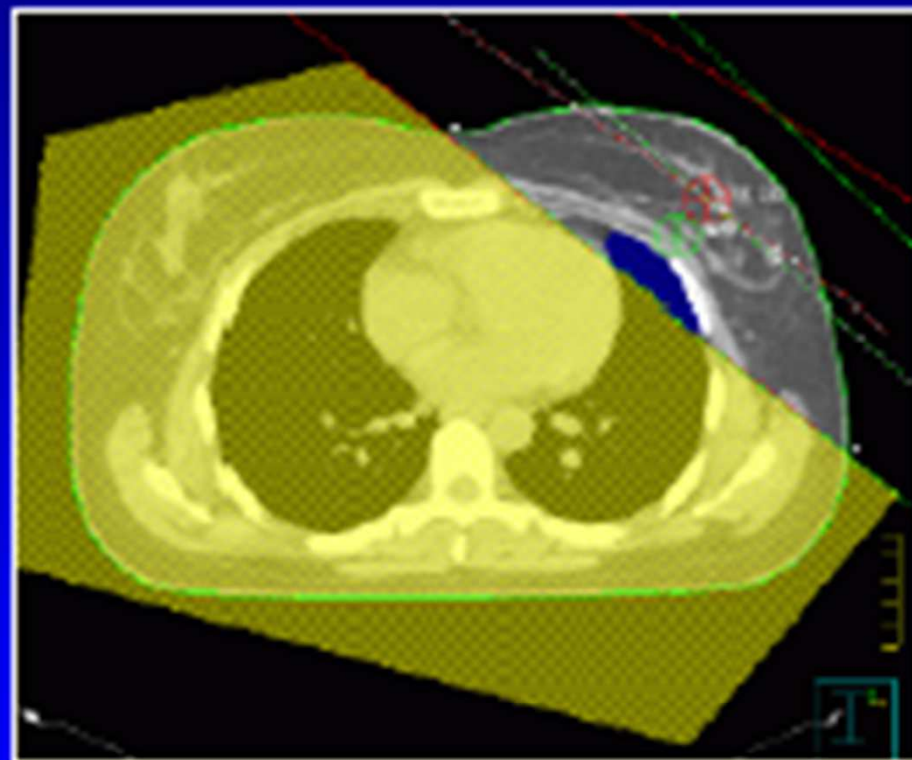
CONTOURS - Beam Edge

- Contour the tangential beam edge to create a "Dummy ROI"



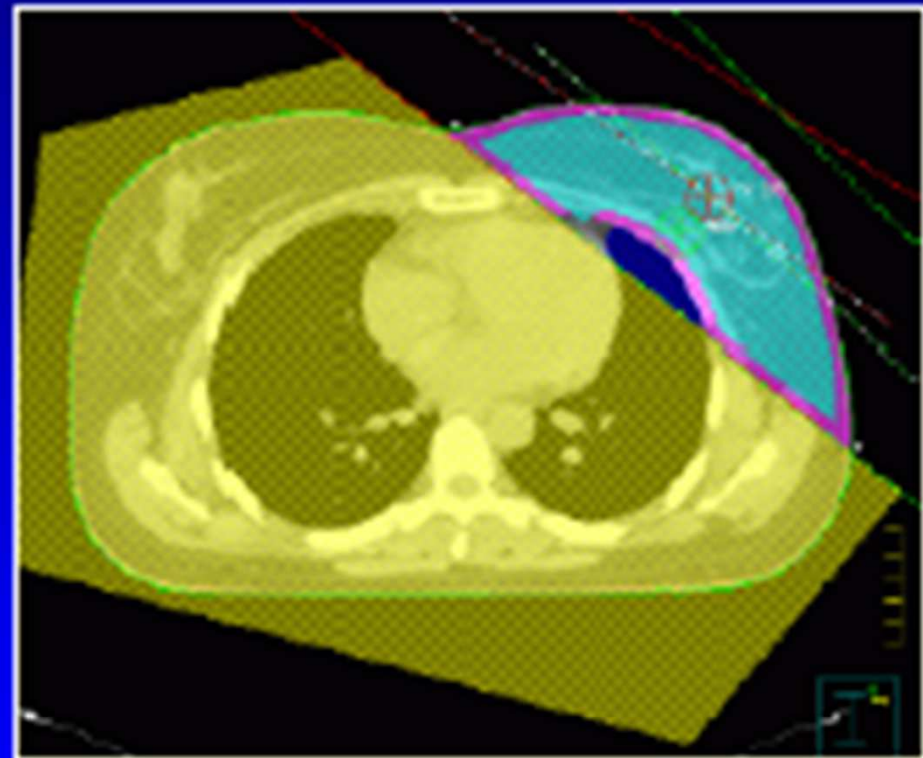
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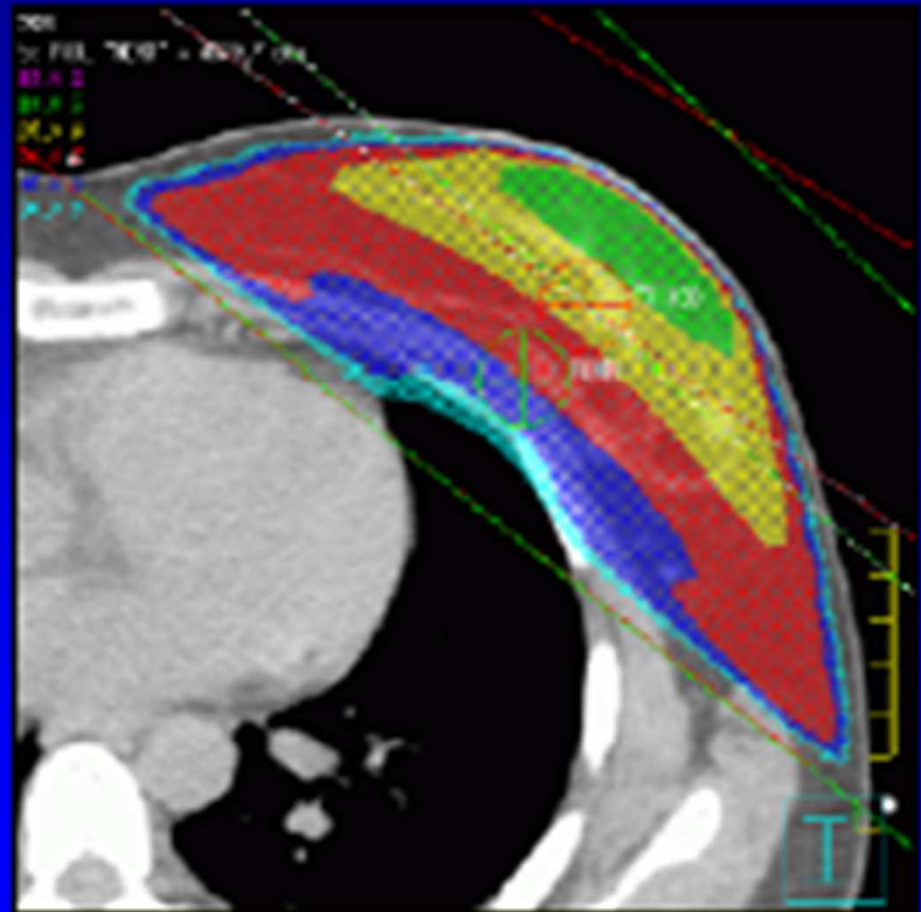
CONTOURS - PTV_eval

- Create PTV_EVAL by contracting BREAST ROI by 5mm



Beam Weight

- Open field plan is created
- Heterogeneity correction is utilized
- Beams are weighted to a normalization point 1 cm anterior to the chestwall



Beam Selection

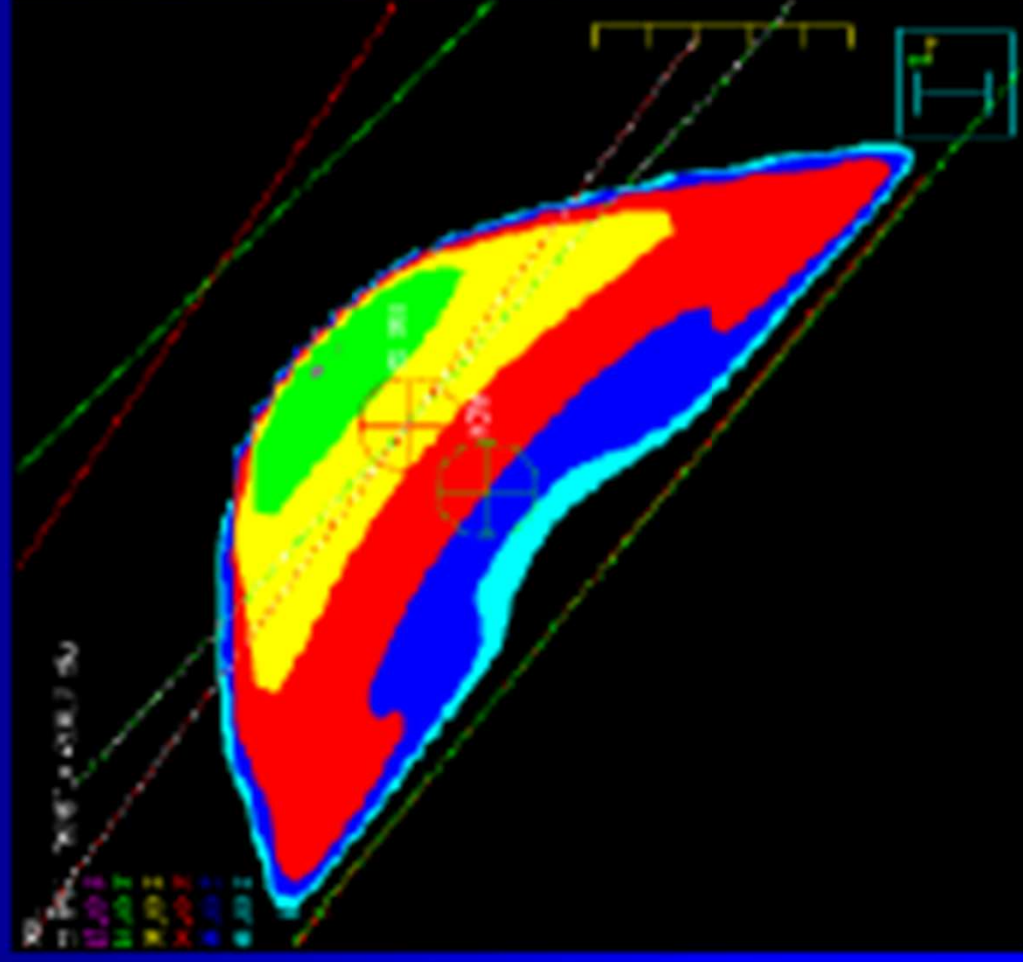
- Often, equally-spaced, unopposed, coplanar beams
- Use geometry to advantage; ie , angle beams to:
 - miss critical structures,
 - treatment table (couch bars)
 - immobilization devices
- Minimize number of beams, to reduce planning, setup, and delivery time.
- Higher energies reduce peripheral dose and less impact when more beams.
- Depends on the complexity of the target shape and its proximity to critical structures.

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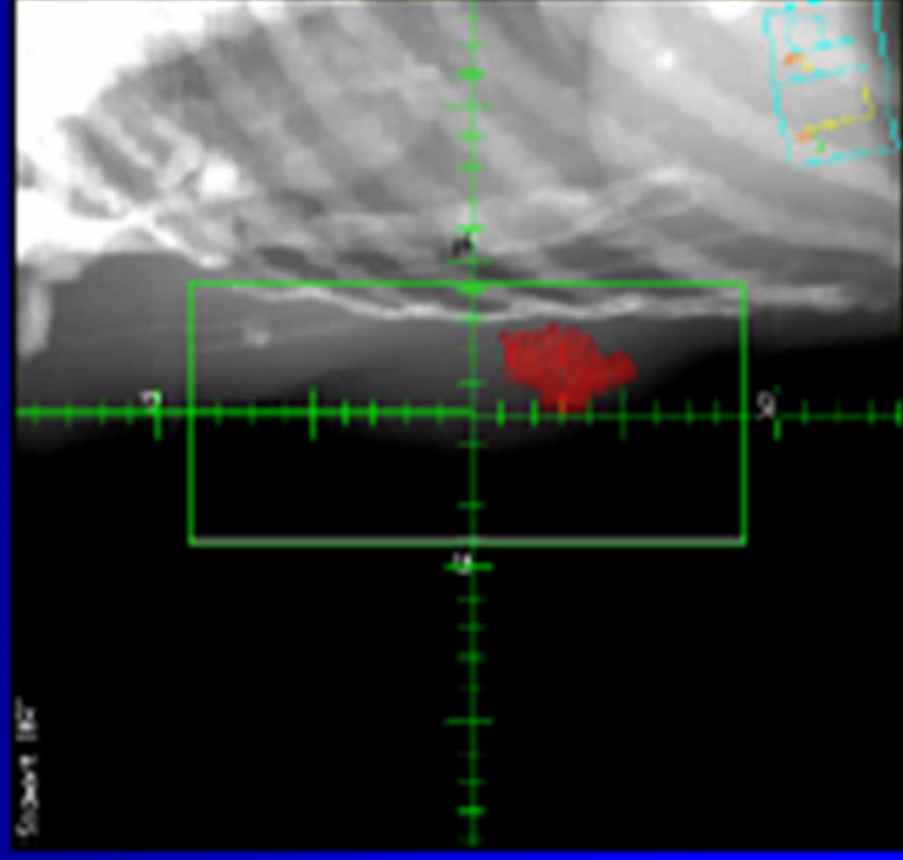
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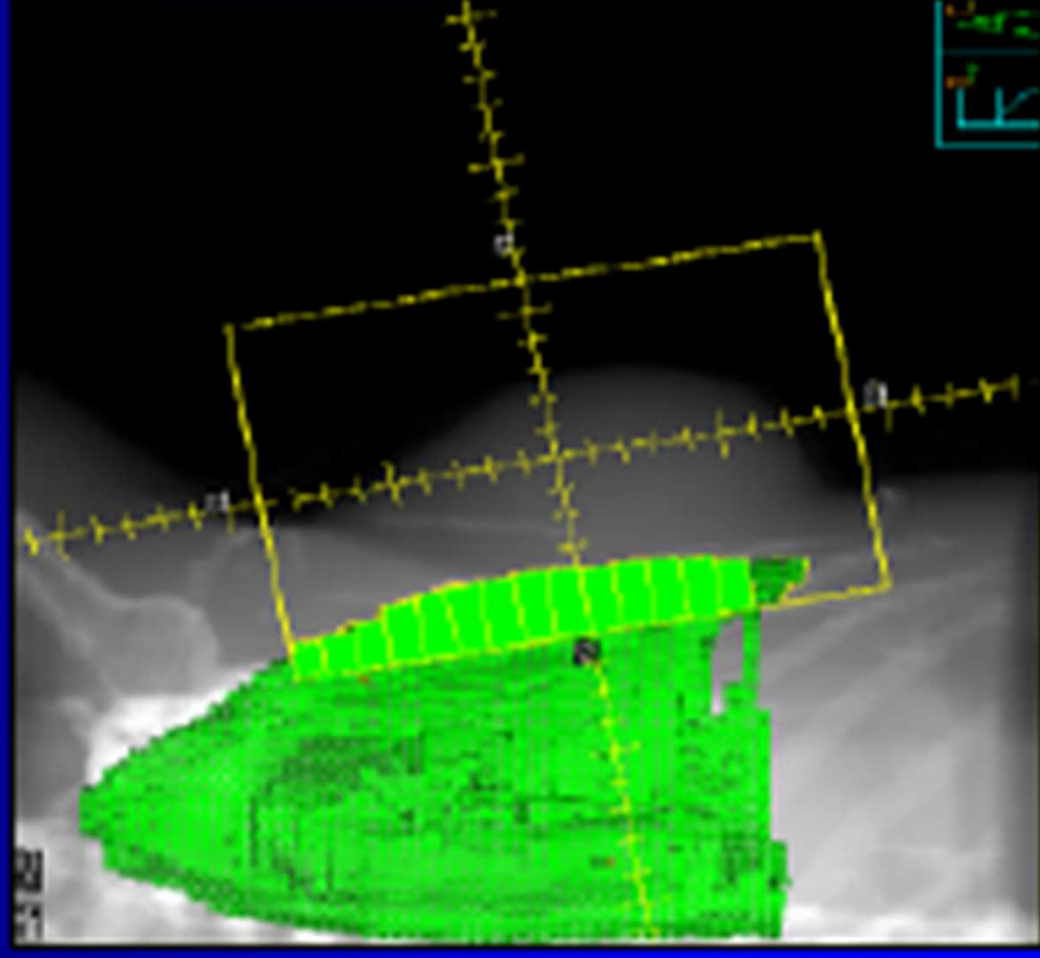
Dose Segment - ROI



Beam Segments - Open Field

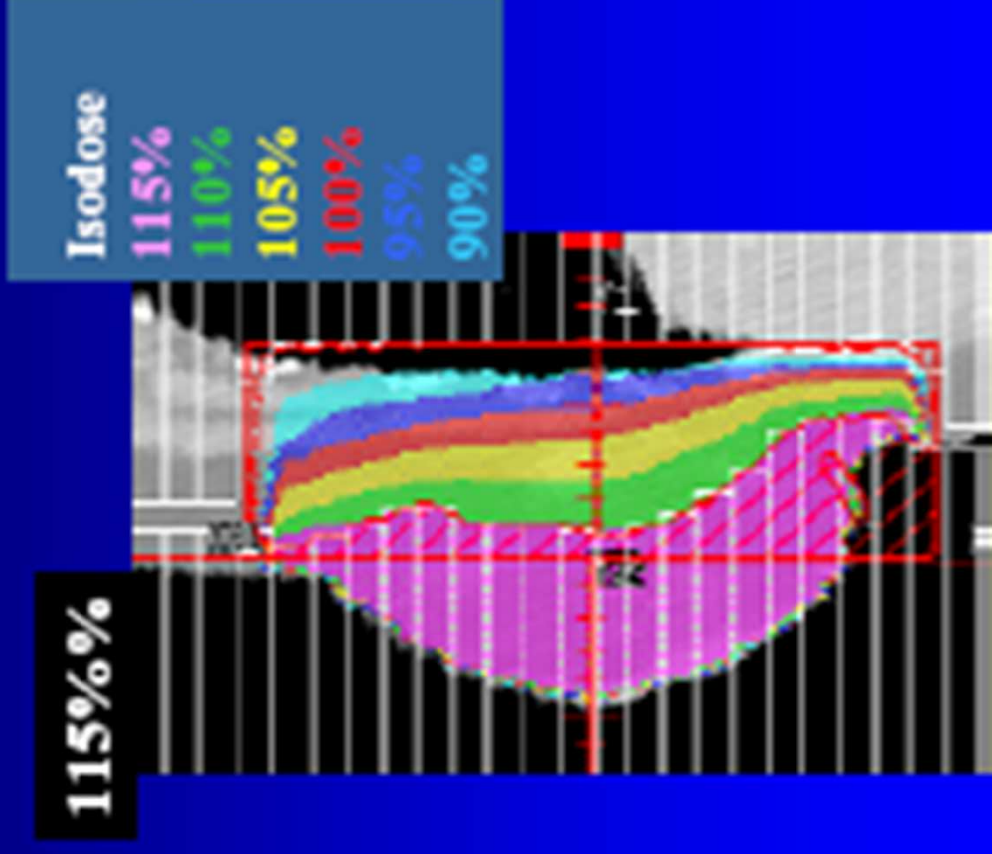


BEV: Block to Lung

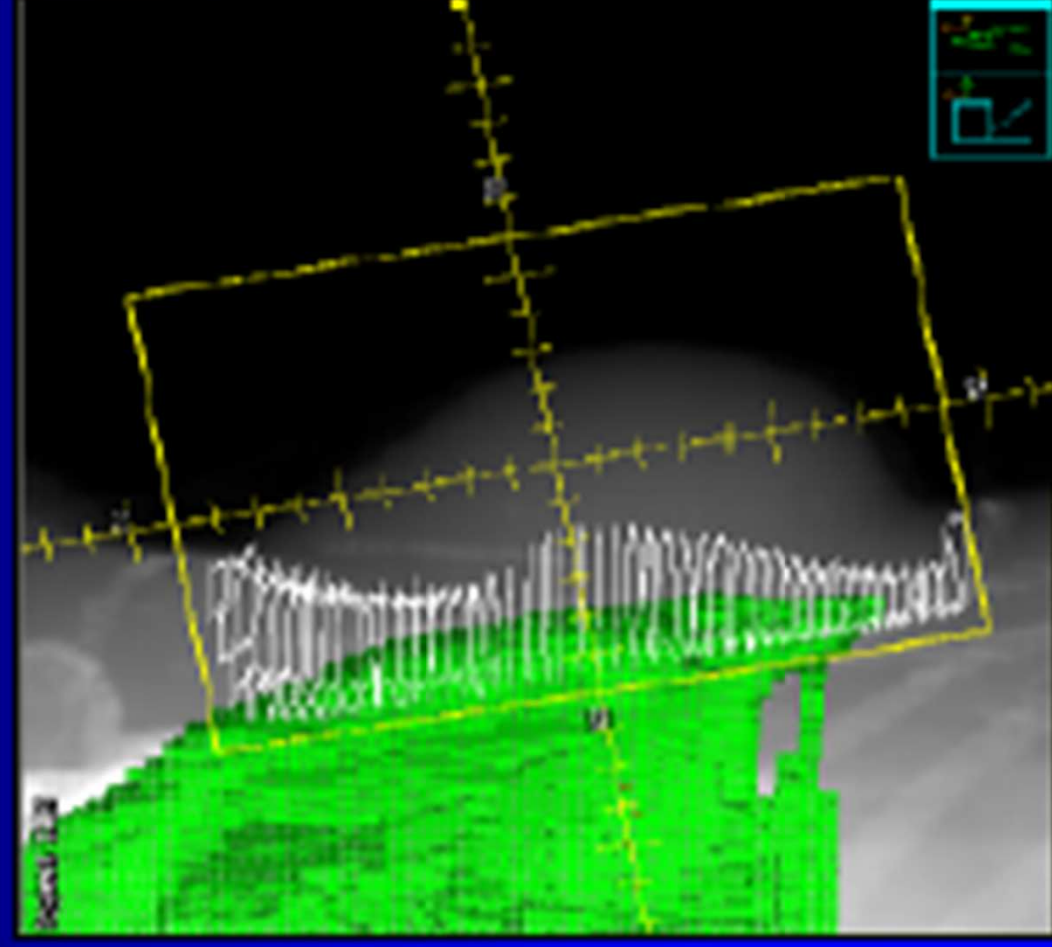


MLC Segments

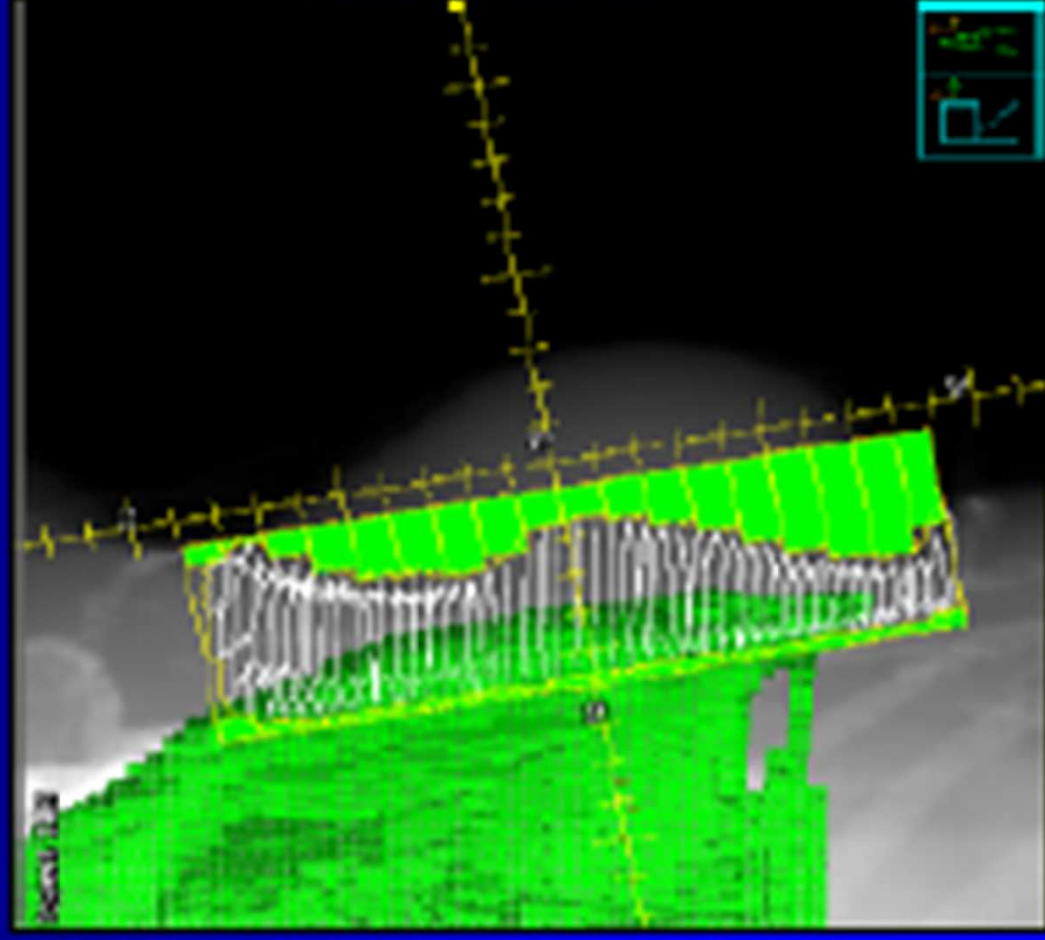
- Calculate an isodose distribution for a pair of open tangential fields (no blocks or wedges)
- Subdivide medial and lateral beams into MLC segments; conform to isodose lines, in 5% increments, i.e., 120%, 115%, 110%, 105% ...



BEV: Dose ROI

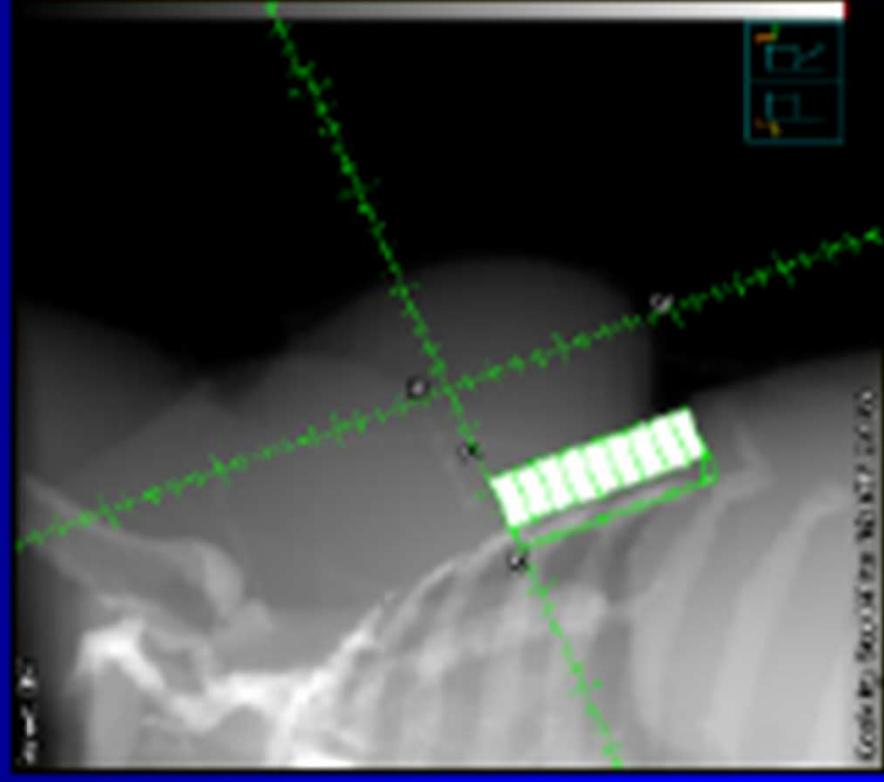


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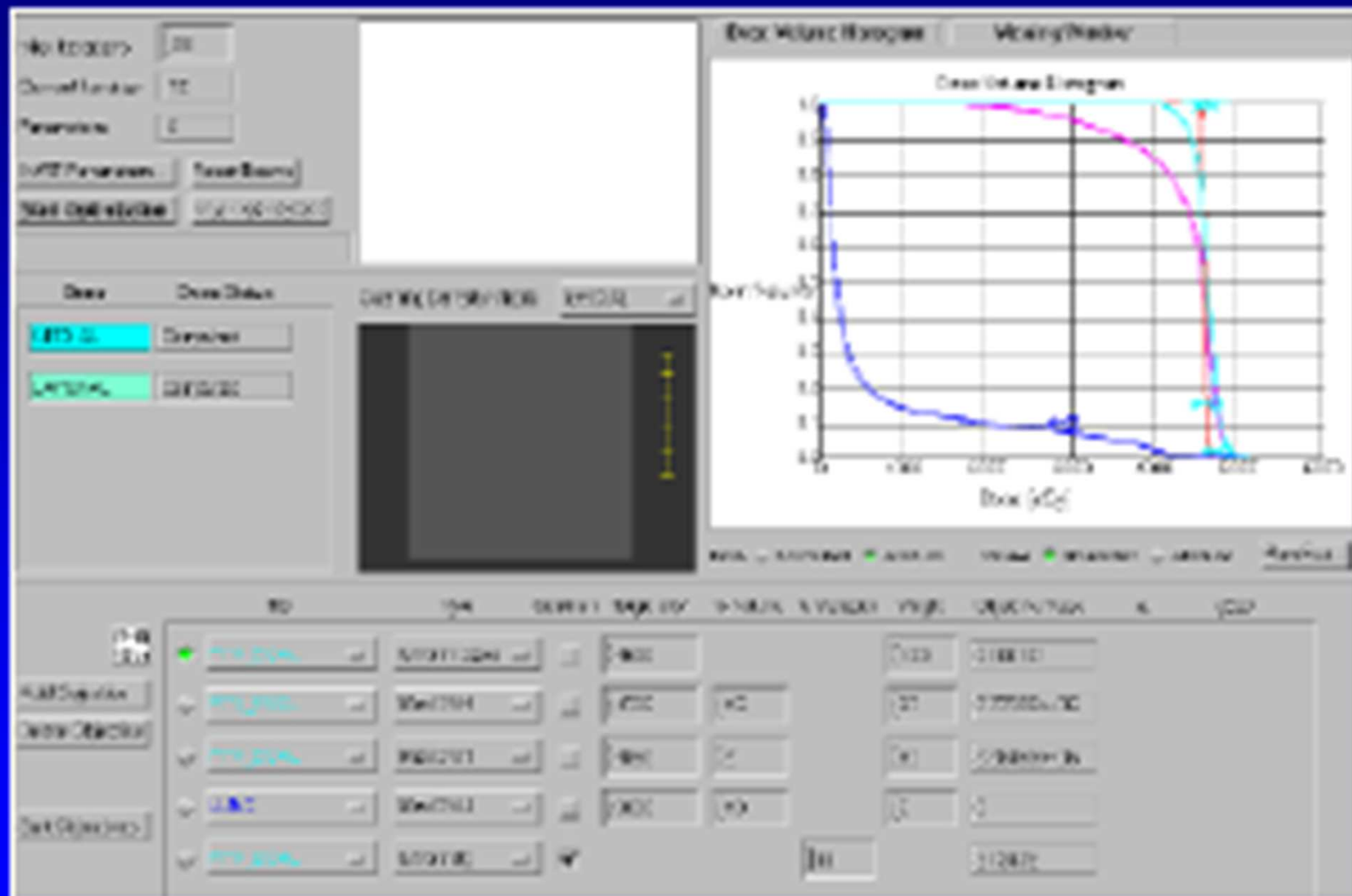


MLC Segments

- Open Field
- Lung Block
- Multiple Segments



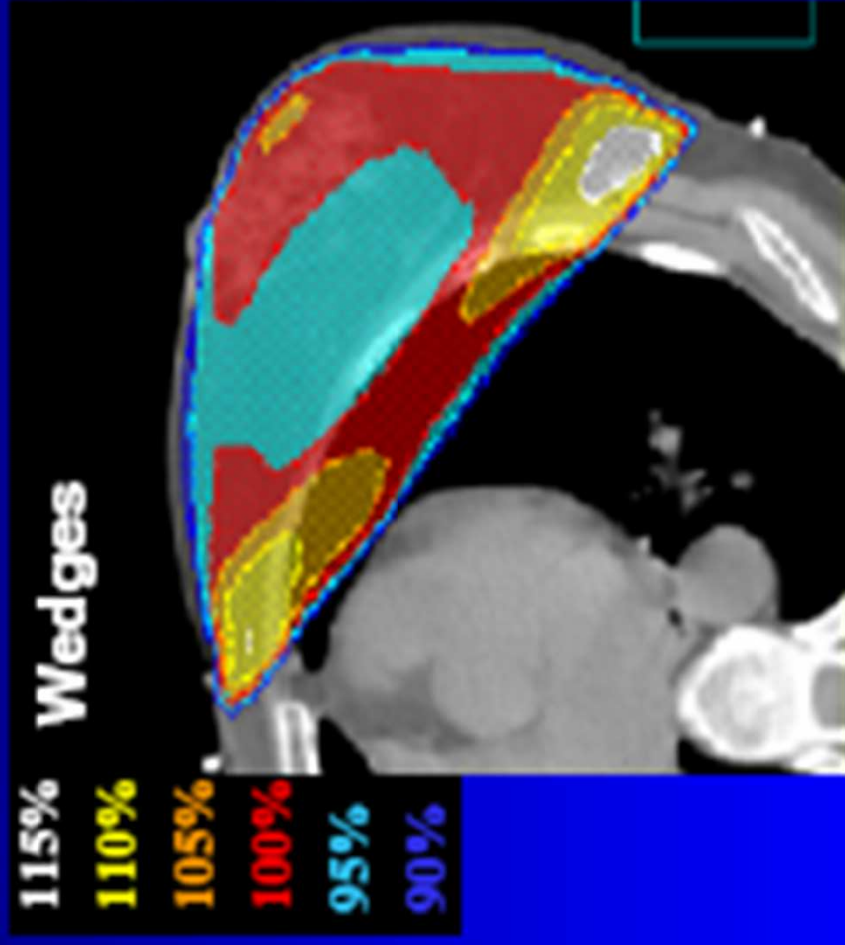
3 DCRT : Optimization



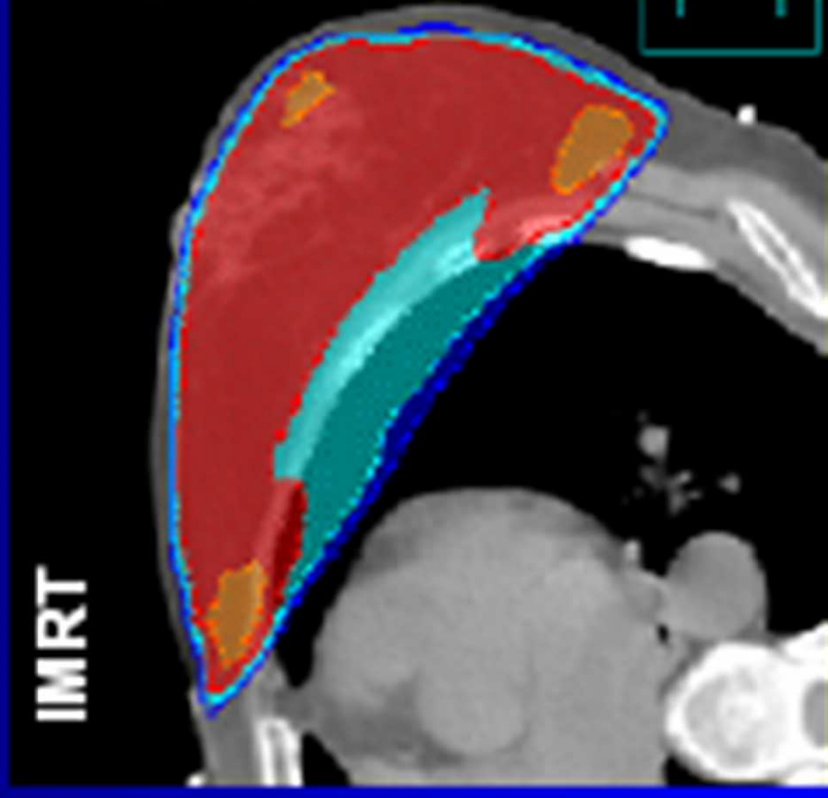
PLAN EVALUATION

- Dose uniformity is achieved throughout the treatment volume
- $<15\%$ of breast volume receives $>105\%$ of the prescribed dose
- $<2\%$ of breast volume receives $>110\%$ of the prescribed dose

Transverse View

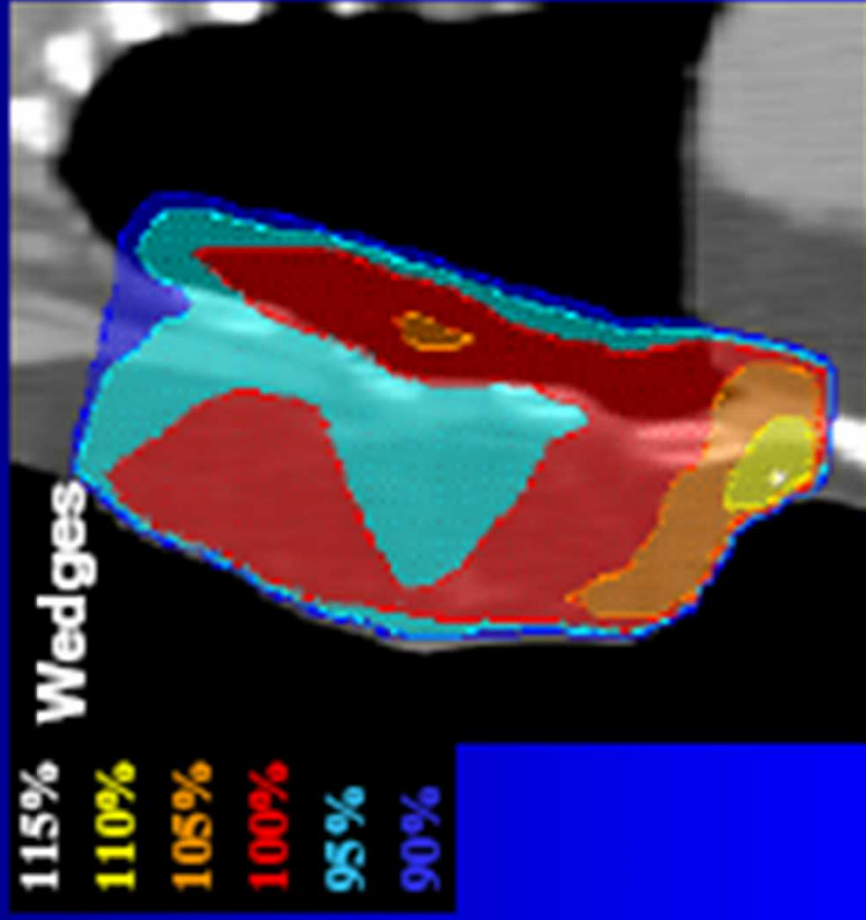


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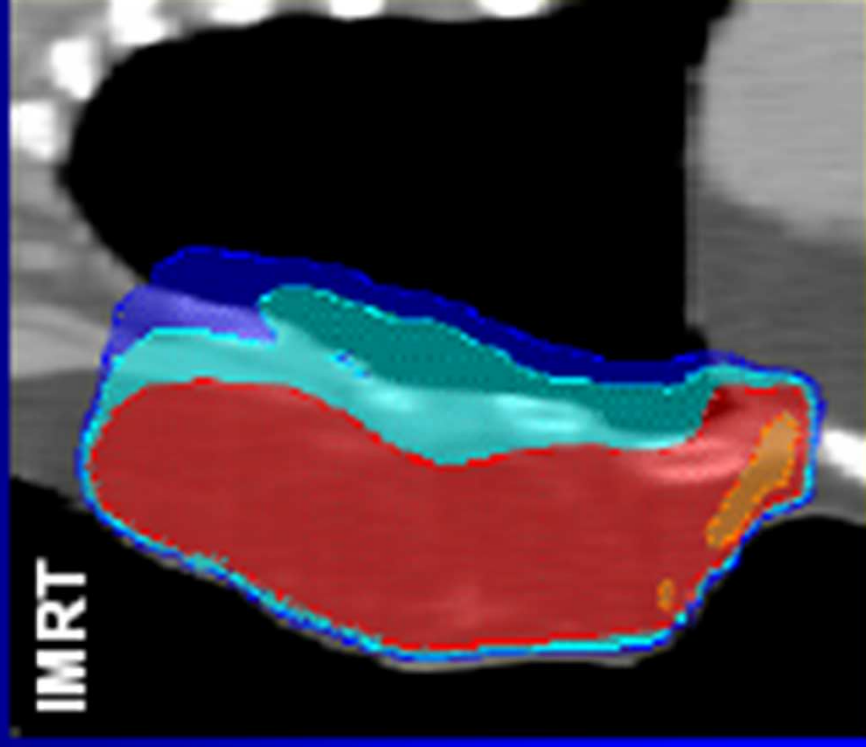


IMRT Plan

Sagittal View

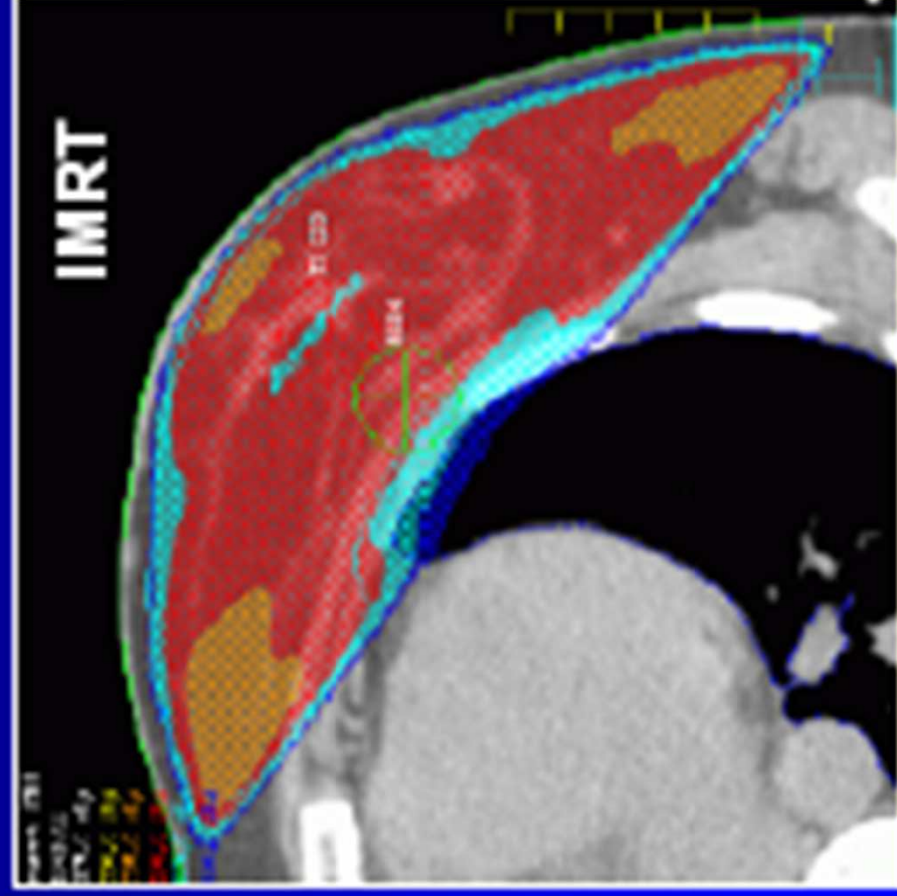
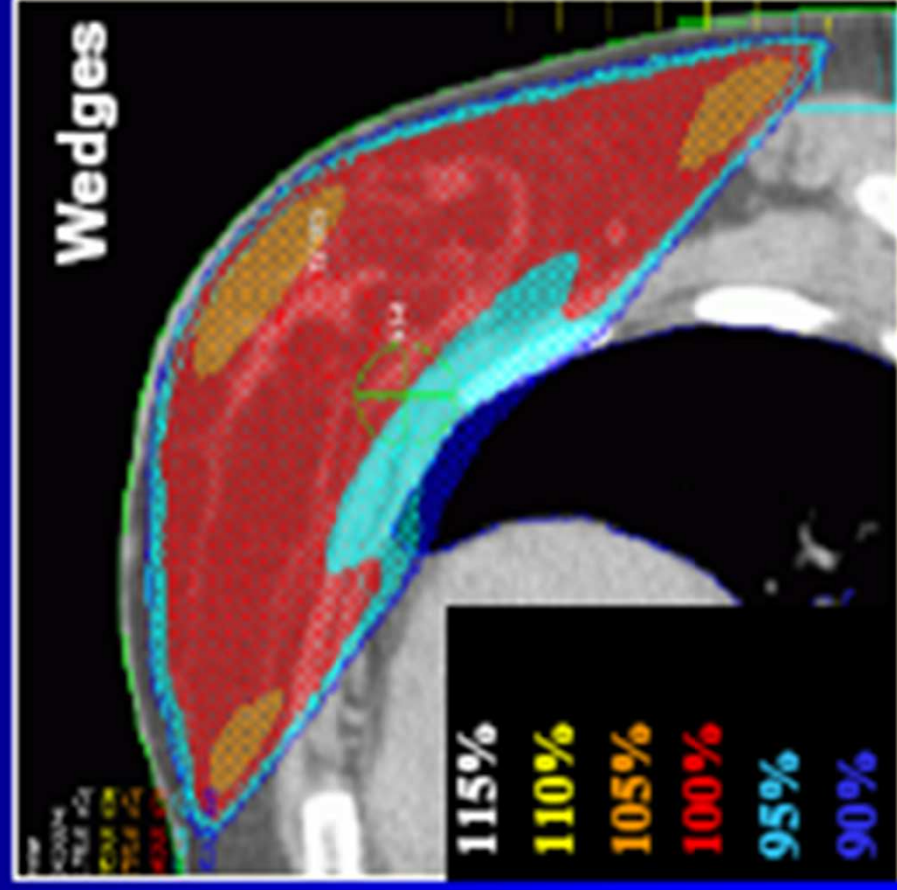


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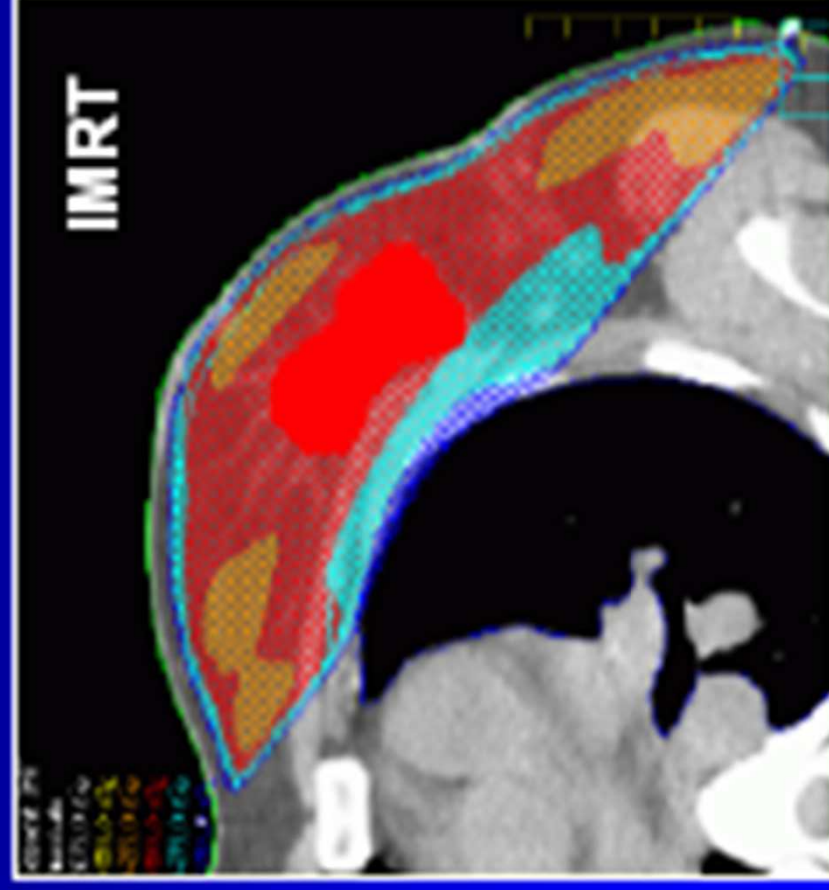
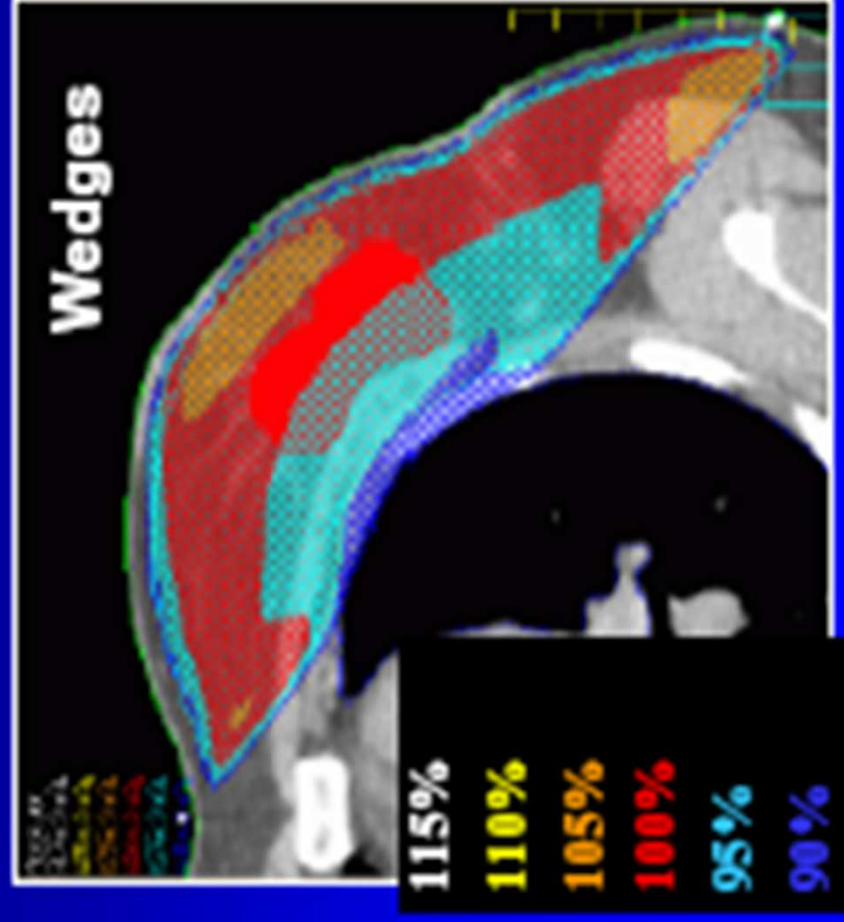


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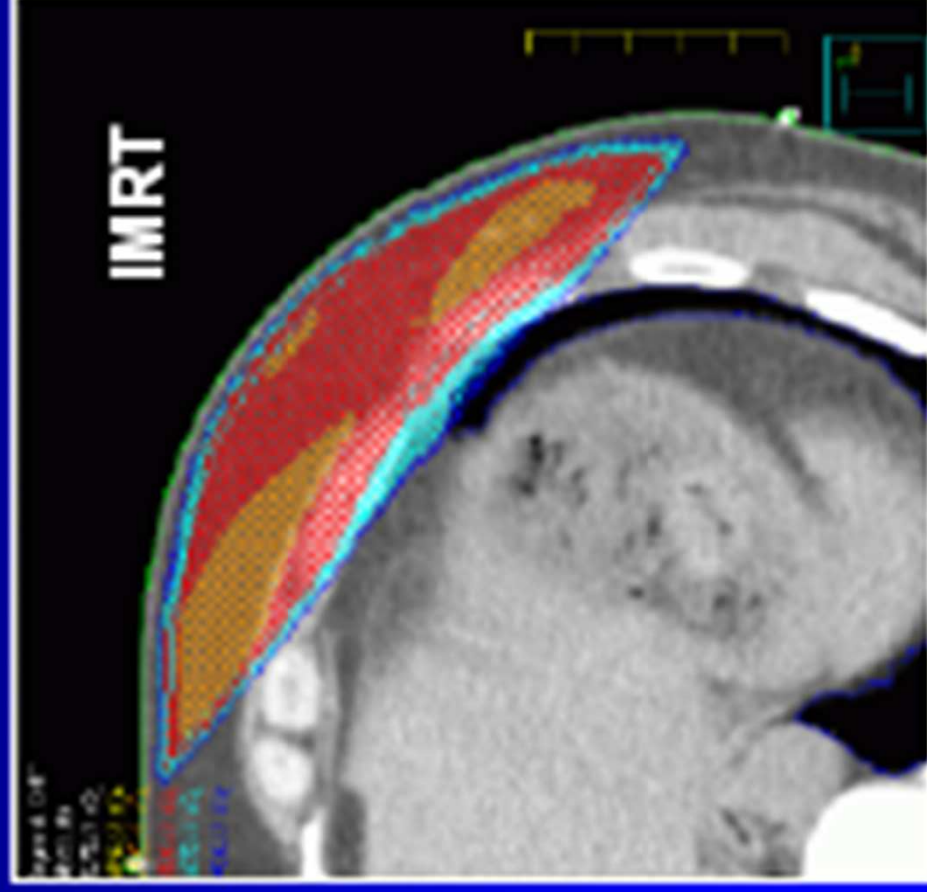
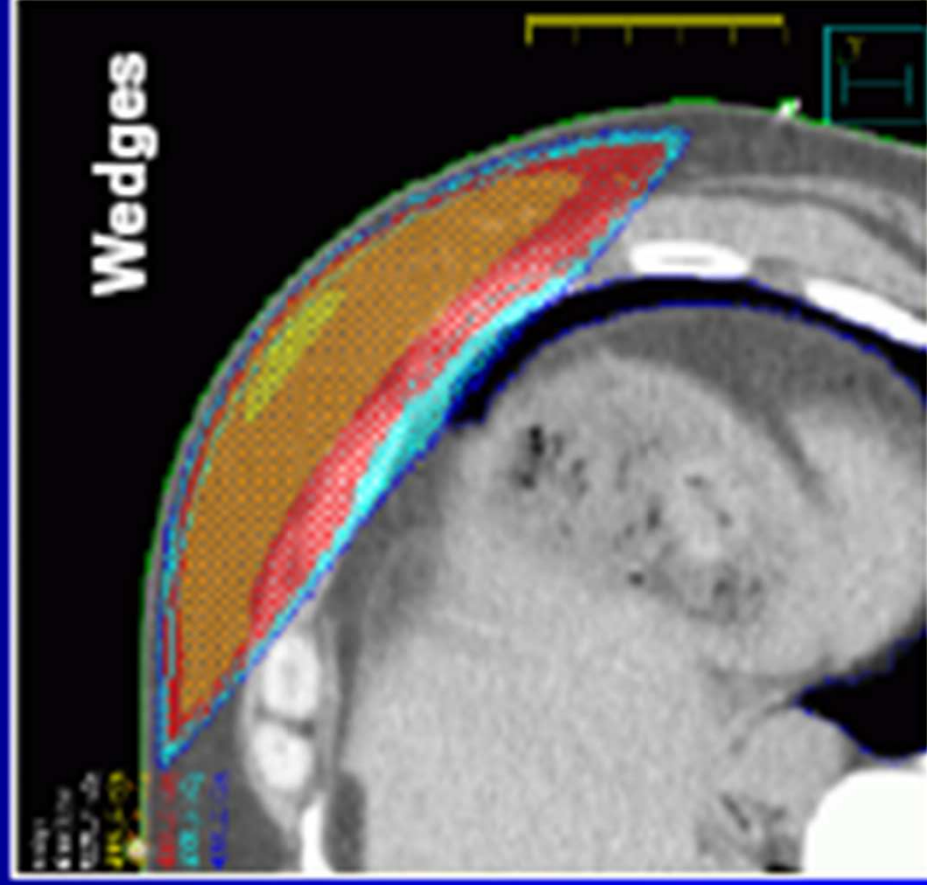
Isodose Distribution Central Axis



Isodose Distribution Biopsy Cavity



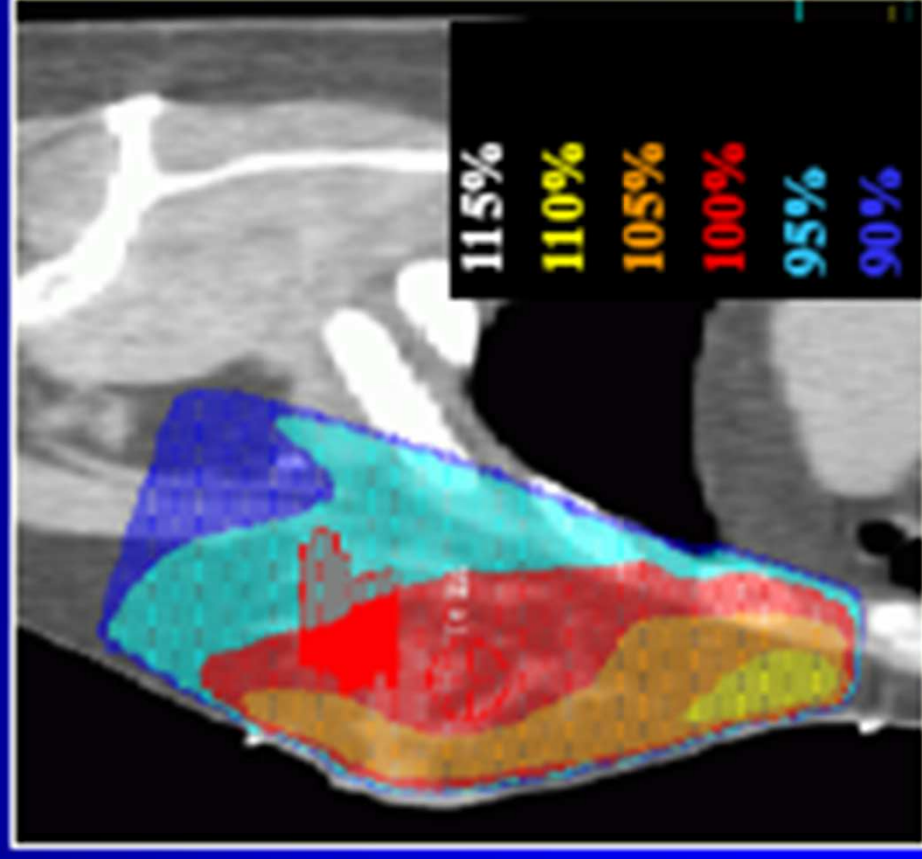
Isodose Distribution Inframammary Fold



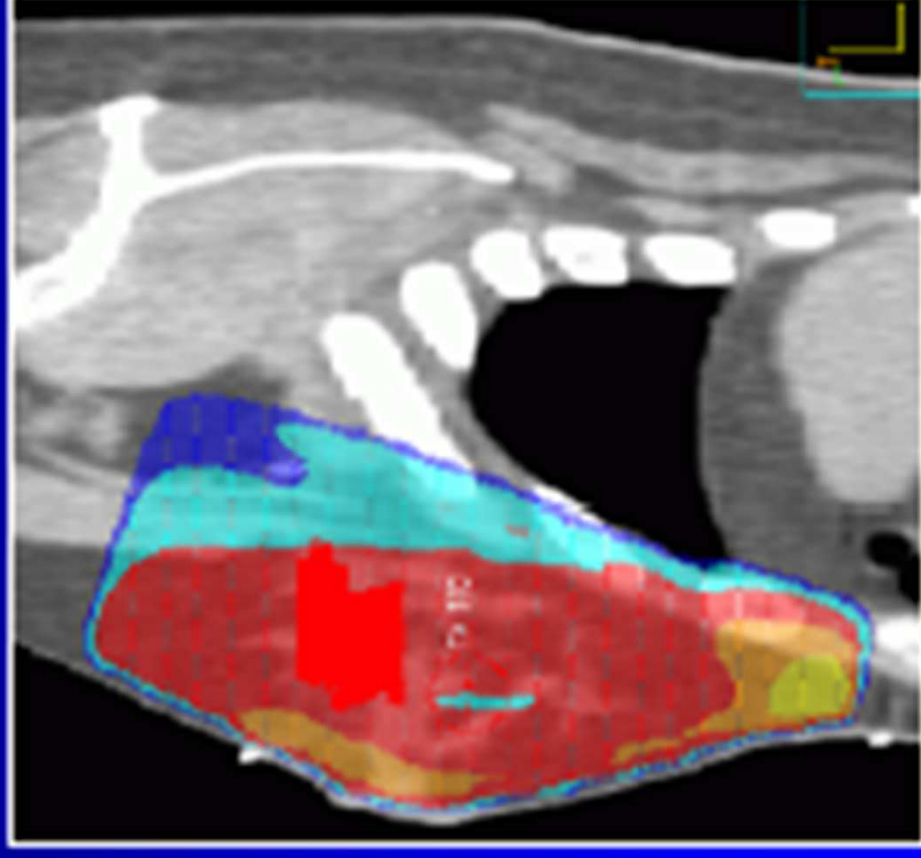
Isodose Distribution

Sagittal View

Wedges



IMRT



Final plan evaluation

- Review the DVHs, all structures.
- Review ROI statistics (min, mean, max dose)
- Adjust your prescription isodose, if necessary.
- Review the isodose distribution:
 - in multiple planes;
 - 3D dose clouds.
 - Un-segmented tissues.
- Check the maximum dose for the plan.
- Several different dose distributions may satisfy the same set of dose-based objectives
- Run several competing plans scenarios if needed.



Technical Procedures & QA

- Key to success
- Clear (Documented)
- Concise
- Meaningful
- Maintainable
- Review and Revise
- Avoid Moving Targets!



Quality Assurance

- Hand calculation at isocenter
- Central axis diode measurement
- Daily electronic portal verification
- Segment review
- MapCheck measurements



EPID (Electronic Portal Imaging Device)

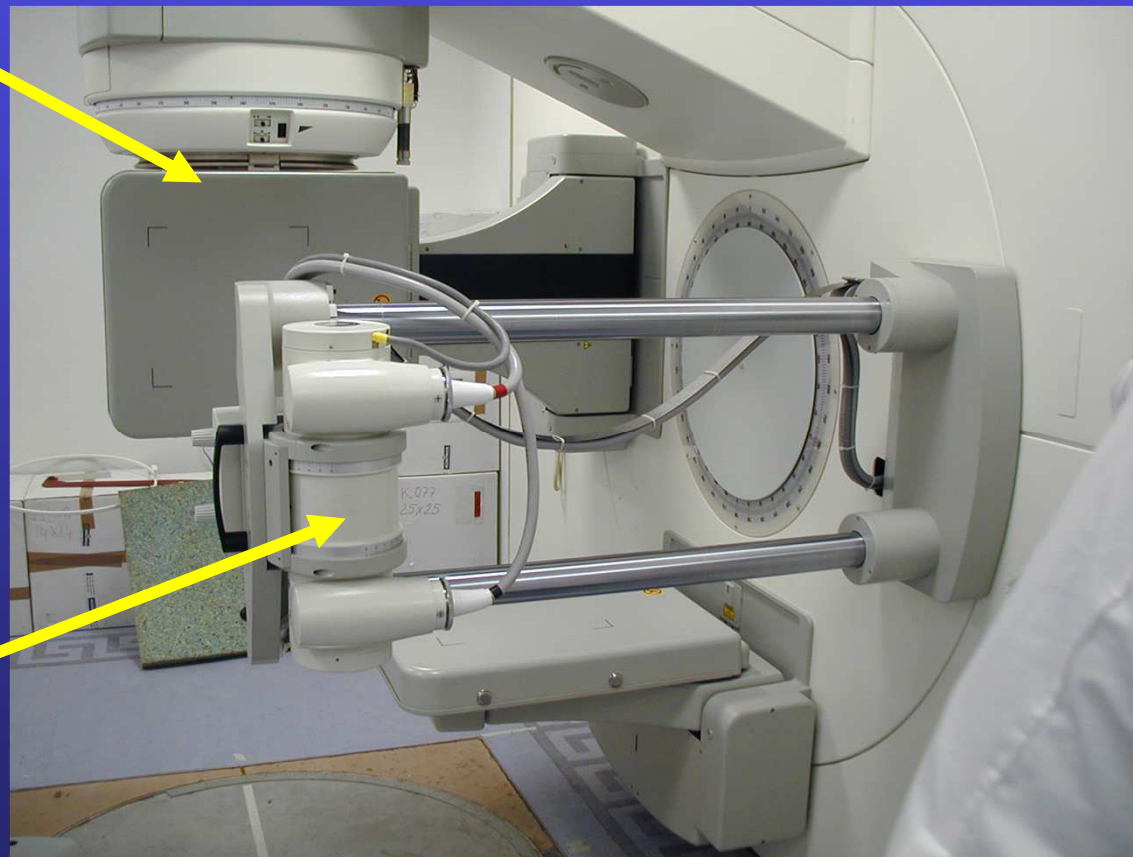
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KV Imaging on the Treatment Machine

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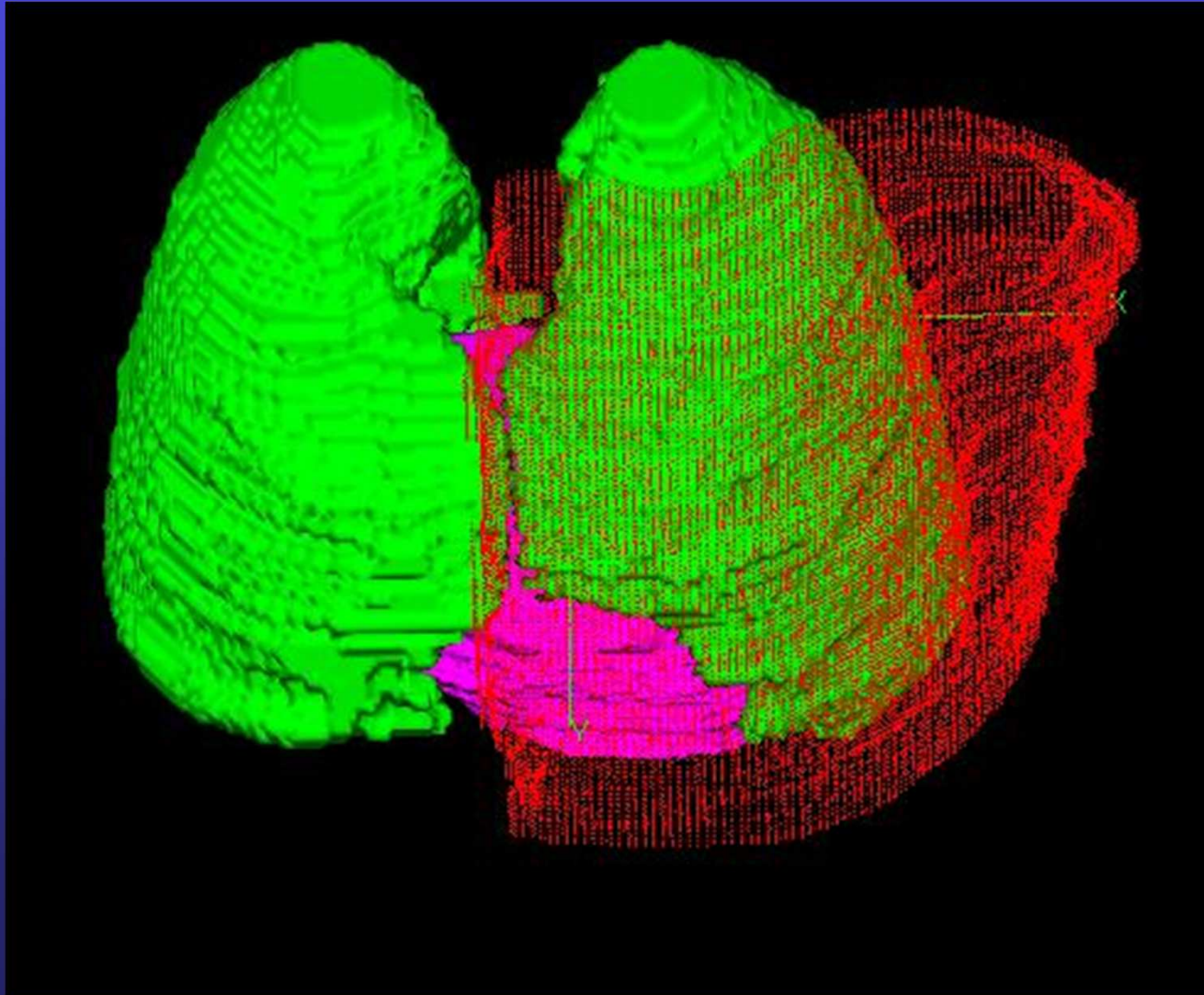
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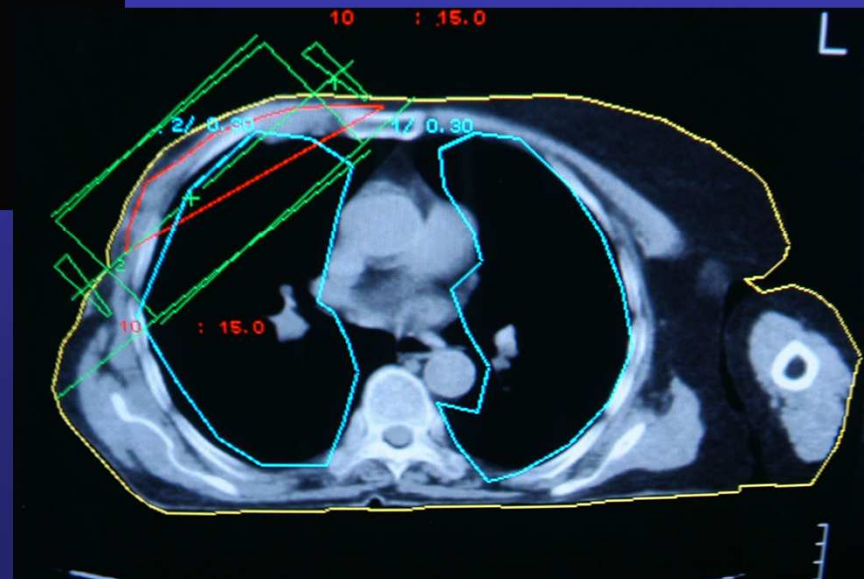
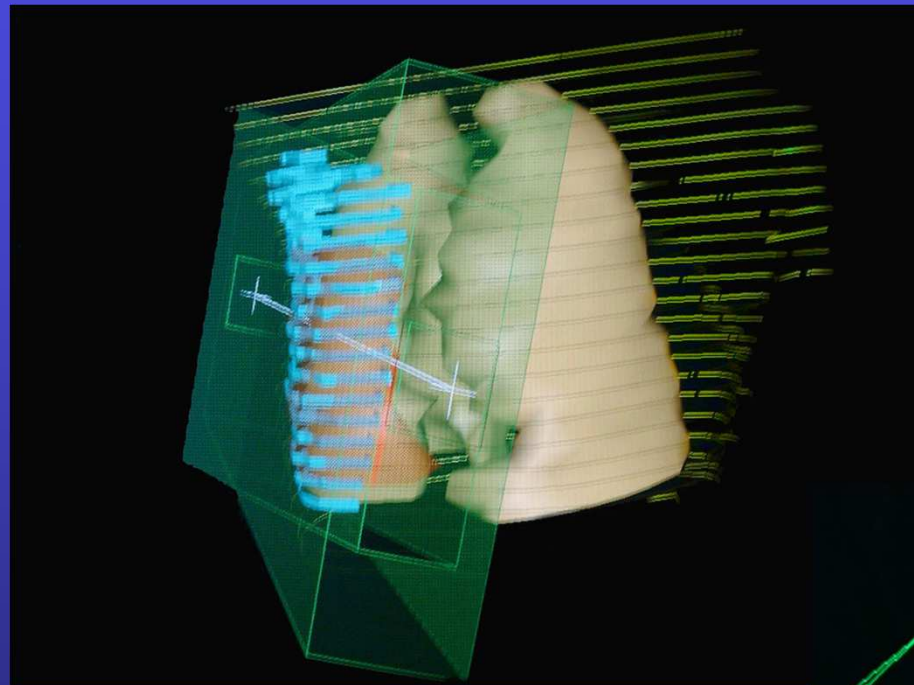
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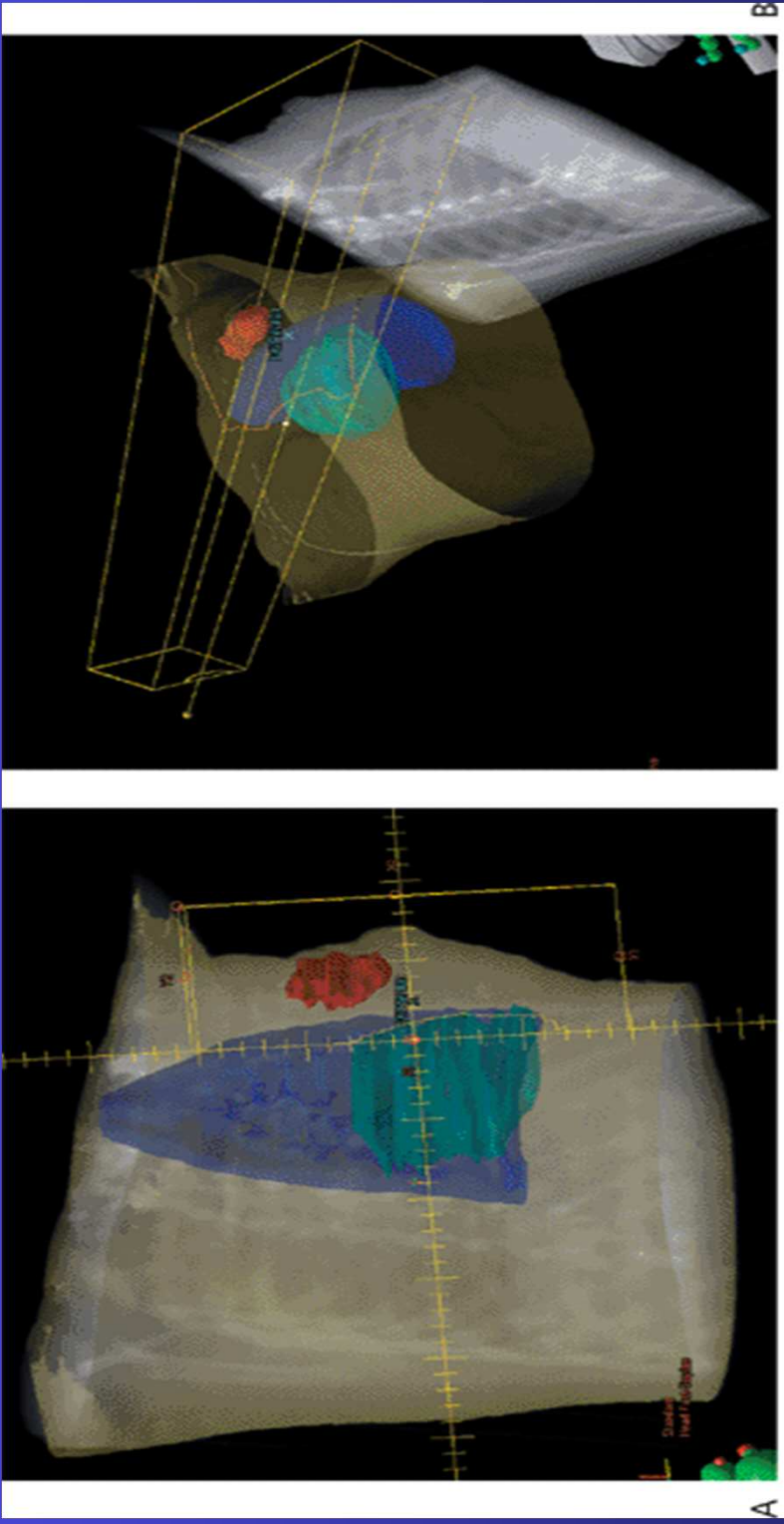
- Treatment time (~10 minutes) is not increased compared to conventional techniques
- Electronic portal images of medial and lateral daily
- Image acquired during first few monitor units of open segment

Ca Breast

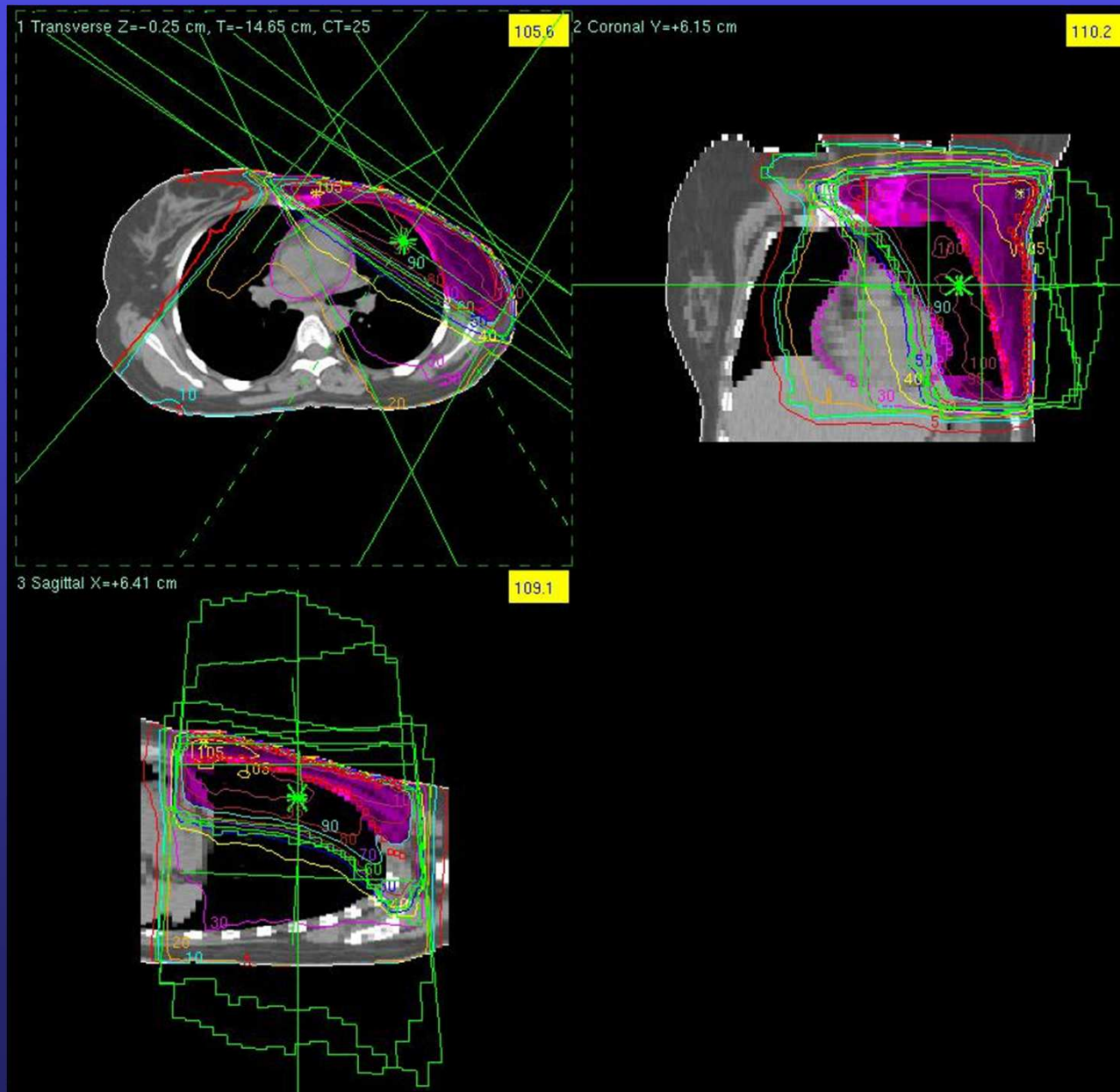


3D planning of two tangential beams





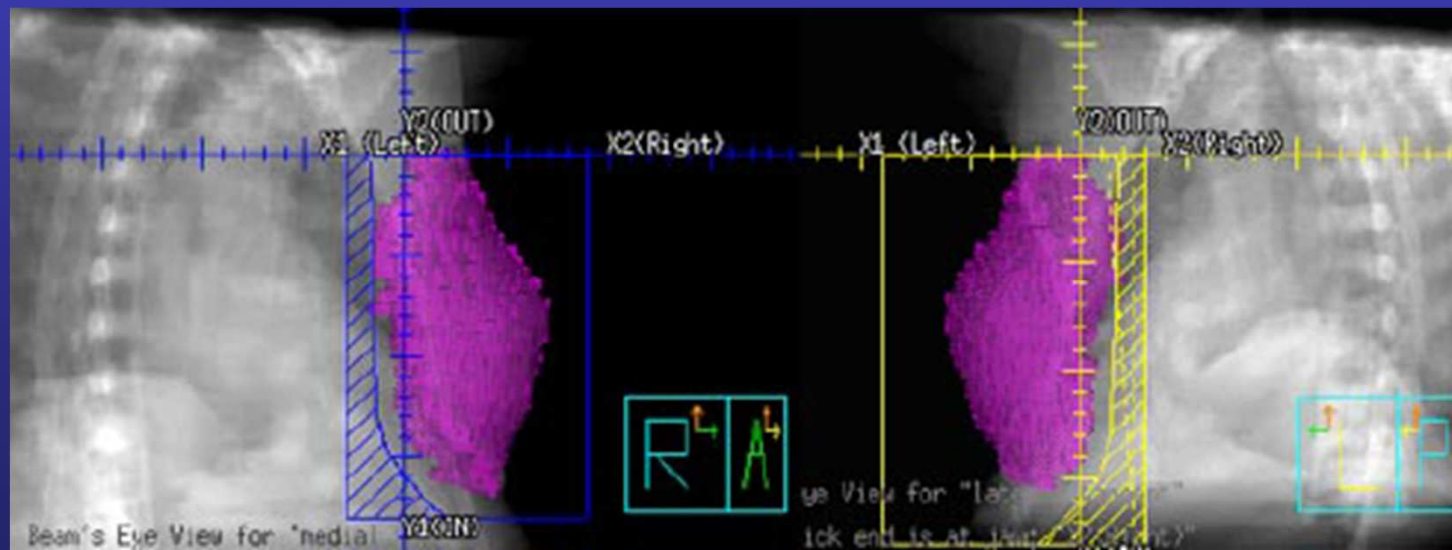
Ca Breast - Isodose



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FIG. 12. (Color) Lateral and medial tangent digitally reconstructed radiographs for setup verification of the lateral and medial tangent treatment field. The heel of the wedge is towards the X_1 (left) yaw as indicated in the DDR of the lateral tangent field on the right.

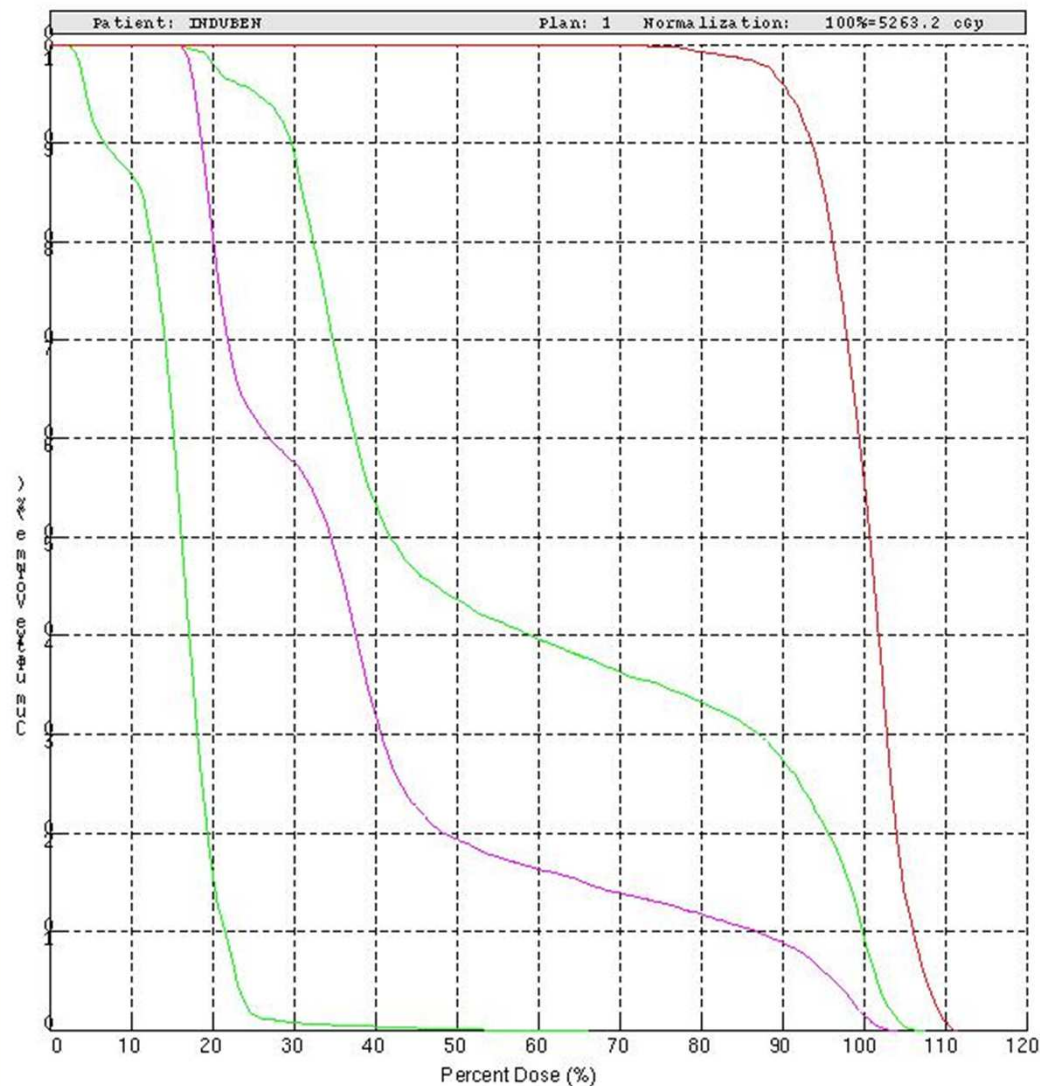


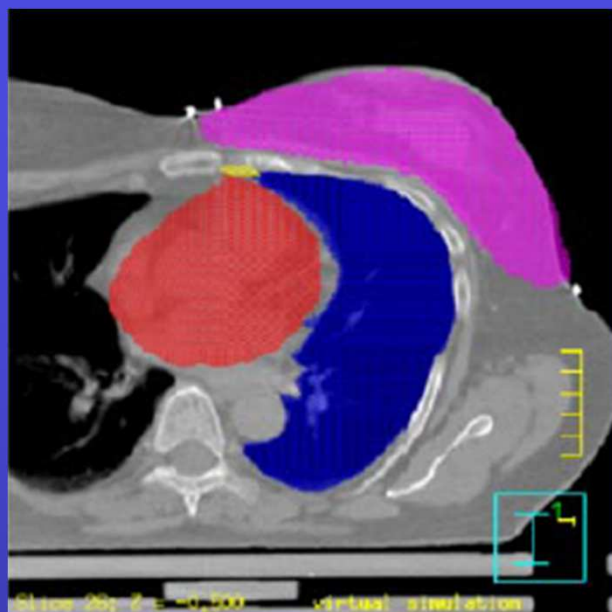
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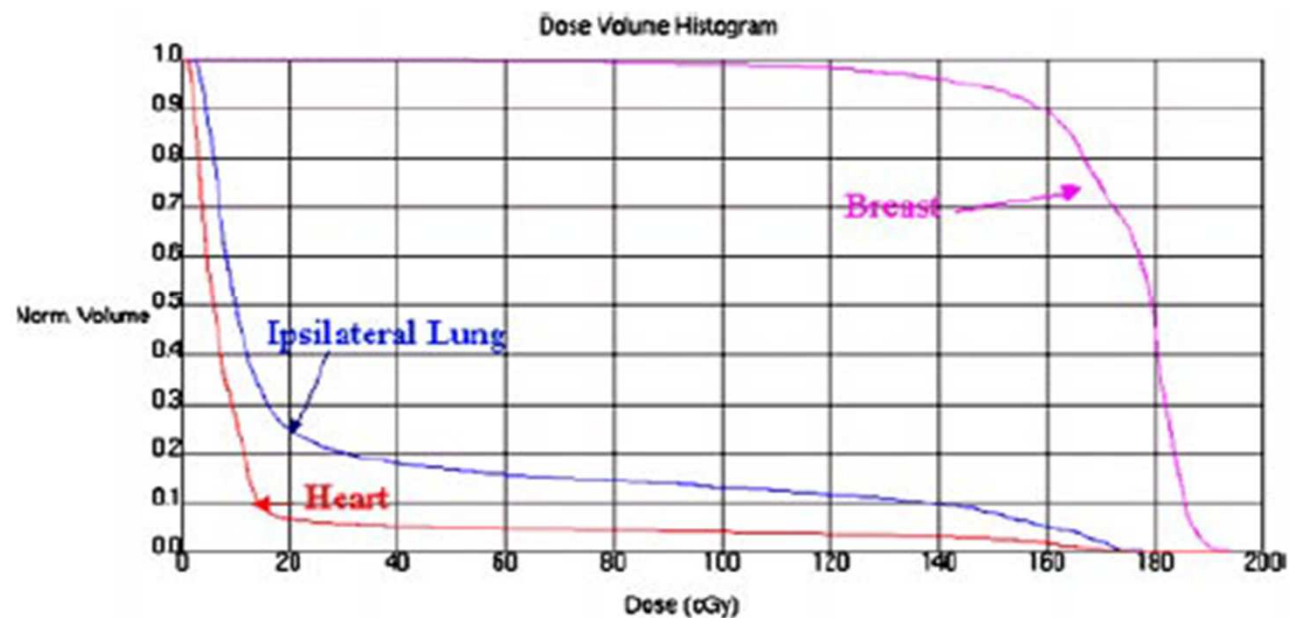
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	Heart	INDUBEN(01)	16	103	39	488.4
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Dose Volume Histogram (DVH)





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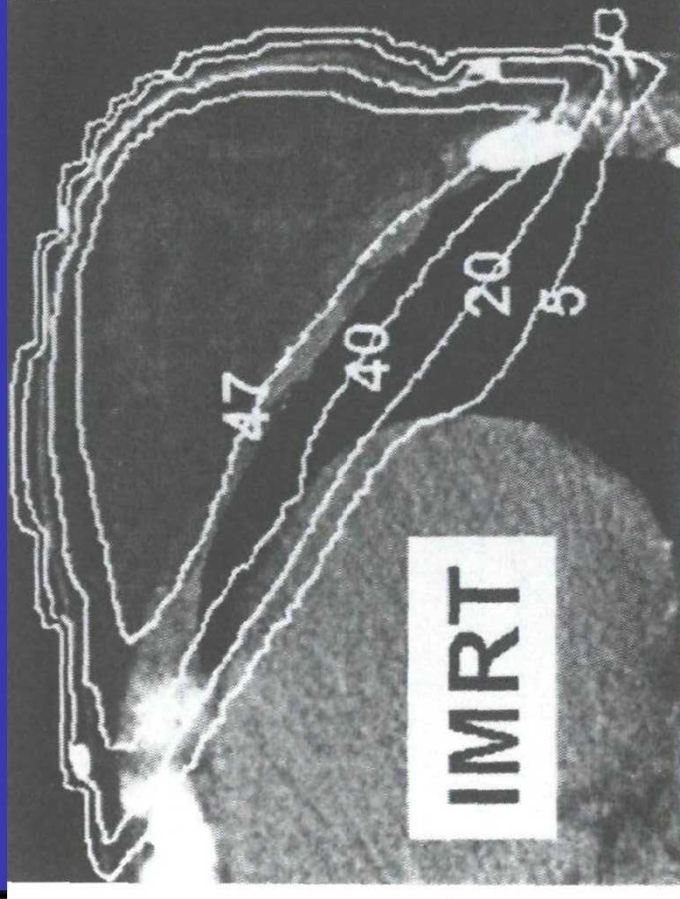
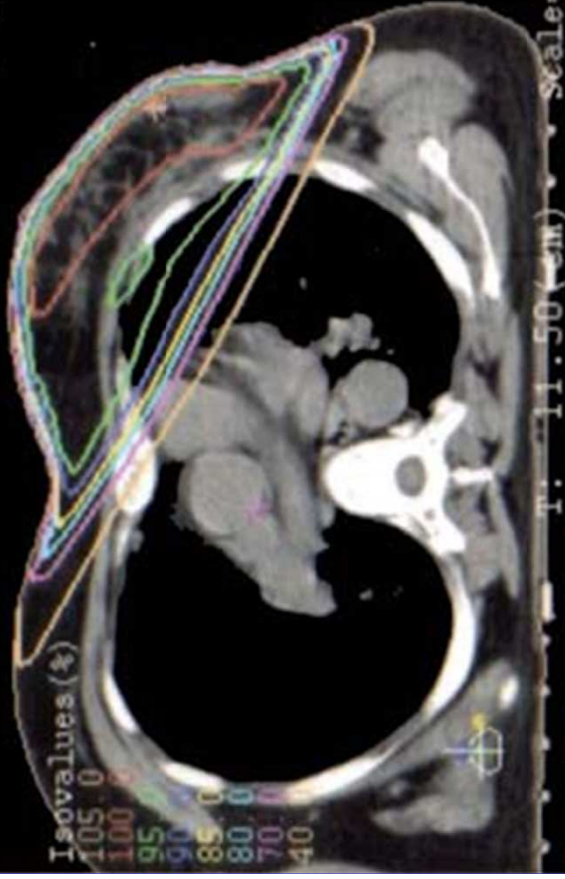
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 Y (cm) : 11.25
 Z (cm) : -1.32
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 global max (cGy) : 5407.5
 local max (cGy) : 5195.5



3 DCRT SUMMARY

- **3 DCRT** technical evolution, not a treatment modality *per se*.
- Consider all aspects of the radiotherapy process.
- Commission planning system, “learn how to drive”, and validate each treatment planning procedure.
- It is difficult to “decouple” all components of **3 DCRT** planning software.
- The dependence of **3 DCRT** on images and segmentation requires adherence to clinical protocols

3 DCRT SUMMARY PLANNING





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