#### HÝPERTHERMIA IN ONCOLOGY : LUNG & ESOPHAGUS

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#### History of Hyperthermia

• Greek HYPER ("to raise") and THERME ("to heat").

• 3,000 B.C., Egyptian doctors treated tumors with heat (i.e. hot and hot water) and in Indian Auyerved hot baths were mentioned

•Hyperthermia as a therapeautic modalitiy in epic of Ramayan

• Hyperthermia was given legal status as an approved medical procedure in 1984.

•There has been a disconnect between therapeautic and clinical practice.

#### **History**

1866	W. Bush	Germa
1893	William Coley	USA
1898	F. Westermark	Swede
*1909	H. Schmidt	Germa
*1910	C. Mueller	Germa
1912	R.A. Lambert	USA
*1913	A. Teilhaber	Germa
*1921	P. Liebensy	Austria
*1921	Rhodenberg & Primo	Germa
1927	N. Westermark	Swede
1934	K. Overgaard	Hollan
*1937	J. Arons	USA
*1958	Selawary	USA
1961	Crile	USA
1967	Cruke	USA
2002	Vander Zee	Nether
2002	Nagraj G.Huilgol	INDIA

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\* Hyperthermia combined with radiation

#### **Conventional Strategies**

**Fractionation** CHART **MDF Hypofractionation Dose Escalation Chemo-radiation Hyperthermia with radiation Chemo-radiation with hyperthermia** 



#### Targets for Hyperthermia

Plasma Membrane
Cytoskeleton
Nucleolus



# Therapeutic options in combating tumour hypoxia

# Hypoxia modification

- hyperbaric oxygen
- vasoactive drugs
- blood transfusion
- erythropoietin

# Elimination of oxic cell compartment

hyperfractionation cytotoxic drugs radiation

radiosensitisers nitroimidazoles Hypoxic cell

# Molecular targeting

- antiangiogenic agents
  - **COX-2** inhibitors
- **EGFR** inhibitors

Hypoxic cell toxins

hyperthermia

hypoxia-activated

gene therapy

- bioreductive drugs

#### **Techniques & Technologies for Regional Hyperthermia**

> Microwave

> Radiofrequency

> Ultrasound



#### **Biological Basis of Hyperthermia**

- Cells in S phase are sensitive to HT and not for RT
- > Cells in acidic pH are sensitive
- > Targets of HT are different for than that for RT
- Can improve perfusion at low temperature.





#### **ANGIOGENESIS**



#### **Specification of the RF Heating System**

<b>Power Source</b>	Single phase, 200V, 50~60Hz, 30A	
Max. Input	4KVA	-
RF Output	8MHz	1
Electrode	Twin plate electrodes, <b>\$10cm</b> , <b>\$14cm</b> , <b>\$25cm</b>	
Temp. Measurement	Micro thermocouple sensor (0.64mm diameter)	
Temperature Control	<b>On-Off control</b>	1
Heating Method	<b>RF</b> Capacitive coupling heating	Ż

#### Physical agents and techniques in Hyperthermia

MW- External (Waveguide applicator)	MW-Interstitial (Co-axial antennas)	RF-External (Plates , coils)	RF-Interstitial (Needle arrays)	Ultrasound arrays
300-2450MHz	300-1000 MHZ	0.1-27 MHz	0.1-1 MHz	0.3-5MHz
Up to 3 cm	1-1.5 cm	Up to 8 cm	1-1.5 cm	Up to 6 cm
20-300 W	10-200 W	20-400 W	10-200 W	10-100 W
Superficial tumors	Tumors that can be implanted	Deep seated	Tumors that can be implanted	Deep seated tumors with focused beam



#### FACTORS AFFECTING RESPONSE TO HYPERTHERMIA

- **Temperature**
- **Duration of heating**
- **Rate of heating**
- **Temporal fluctuations in temperature**
- Spatial distribution of temperature
- Environmental factors (such as pH and nutrient levels)
- Combination with radiotherapy, chemotherapy, immunotherapy, etc.
- Previous history
- **Intrinsic sensitivity**

#### **Thermal Sensitizers**

Hyperglycemia
Amiloride
Hydralazine
Nitroprusside
Arsenic Trioxide



#### Changes in Tissue pH

Accumulation of lactic acids
Changes equilibrium of intra and extra cellular buffer state
Increase in ATP hydrolysis
Increase in pCO<sup>2</sup> level
Inhibition of the Na<sup>+</sup>/H<sup>+</sup> ion pump



#### **Sequence of HT**

#### HT — RT

#### **RT** \_\_\_\_\_ **HT**

#### Simultaneous HT & RT



#### Thermotron:

Capacitive heating

(photograph by N. Huilgol)











## Pre-cooling. **Pre-cooling spares the fa** and increases penetration of EM field

#### THERMOMETRY

- Thermometry is a procedure to measure the intra-tumoural temperature
- Angiocath is inserted in the tumour at a point, which is perpendicular to the direction of the electrical flow
- Temperature is measured by putting a thermocouple in the angiocath
- Lowest Thermal Dose (lowest temperature x time) and Maximum Thermal Dose (highest temperature x time) are recorded







### Thermometry

#### **Temperature x Time**



# THERMOMETRY



#### Interstitial Hyperthermia with Microwaves

- Miniature antennas fabricated from microwave cocables are implanted
- Utilises higher microwave frequency such as 3000 1000 MHz
- Energy propagates through tissue as EM waves ins of low frequency currents unlike in RF
- Routinely compatible with Ir-192
- Nylon implants used in Brachytherapy

## Effect of heat alone

- (46-43 °C)-Vascular destruction in highly perused tissue
- 43°C -Vascular destruction in poorly perused tissue
- 42-41°C-Celluar Cytotoxicity enhanced at low pH and S-Phase
- 40°C-increased perfusion in all tissue types

Interaction with XRT

- 44°C-Increaded Therma cytotoxicity
- Thermal radiosensitisation
- Improved nutrients & Oxygen supply of radioresistent hypoxic cells inhibited repair of XRT.

**Dormothermia** 

#### ICMR TRIAL OF HT+RT HYPERTHERMIA IN HEAD AND CANCER



#### **DEMOGRAPHIC DATA**

Parameters	RT-Group	RT + HT-Group
No. of Cases	26	28
@Age (yrs) Mean SD Range	58.42 11.39 40-76 yrs	57.71 12.93 31-78 yrs
#Sex (%) Male Female	24(92.3) 02(07.7)	22(78.6) 06(21.4)

@ By Student't' Test

# By Chi-square Test

P > 0.05 Not Significant

In this data, RT group patient's mean age was 58.42 and ranged from 40-76 yrs which was statistically comparable with mean age of 57.71 of RT+HT group patients which ranged between 31-78 yrs. In RT group 92.3% were male which was more than 78.6% in RT+HT group but it did not made statistical significance.

#### **PROFILE OF SITES OF DISEASE**

Site	RT-Group (N=26)		RT-Group         RT + 1           ite         (N=26)         (I		RT + H (N	HT-Group N=28)	
	No	%	No	%			
Oropharynx	17	65.4	10	35.7			
Hypopharynx	05	19.2	12	42.9			
Oral cavity	04	15.4	06	21.4			

Patients in RT group with Oropharynx as the site of disease were 65.4% followed by 19.2% with disease at Hypopharynx and 15.4% diseased in oral cavity. In case of RT+HT group patients 35.7% suffered at Oropharynx, then 42.9% with Hypopharynx and rest affected by oral cavity



#### COMPARISON OF RESPONSE BETWEEN TWO TREATMENT GROUPS

Response	RT-Group (N=26)		RT + H' (N=	Г-Group =28)
	No	%	No	%
Complete Response	11	42.4	22	78.6
Partial Response	13	50.0	03	10.7
No Response	01	03.8	-	-
PD	01	03.8	03	10.7

#### By Chi-square test

#### P > 0.05 Significan

There is a statistical significance in getting complete response from the patients in both the groups as it was 42.4% in RT group and 78.6% in RT+HT group.

Partial response was also a significant one as 50.0% cases was observed in RT group and only 10.0% cases in RT+HT group.

In RT+HT group 10.7% of subjects showed PD response which was more than 03.8% in RT group but difference was not statistically significant.

#### **PROFILE OF FOLLOW UP PERIOD**

Durations	RT-Group (N=26)		RT + H (N:	T-Group =28)
	No.	%	No.	%
< 6 months	16	61.5	11	39.3
6-12 months	08	30.8	12	42.8
> 12 months	02	07.7	05	17.9

By Chi-square test

P > 0.05 Not Significant

Included subjects were assessed according to their follow-up period, where 61.5% of subjects in RT group had followed up for less than 6 months as compared 39.3% in RT+HT group which was not a significant difference.

17.9% subjects in RT+HT group followed up for more than 12 month which was more than 07.7% in RT group but was not a significant difference.



#### **Treatment Protocol**

- Patients were treated by conventional EBRT with concurrent weekly Hyperthermia and Chemotherapy (with Taxane or Cisplatin)
- RT Dose was planned conventional 200 cGy/#, total dose 70 Gy.
- Weekly Hyperthermia was administered at 42°C for 40 m pre cooling for 10 mins.
- Weekly chemotherapy was administered according to the protoregimen.

Our Data-Hyperthemia and chemoradiation in Heal and neck cancer

Out of 40 patients, 38 were evaluated-

Out of 38 CR – PR –

29 (76.32%)

09 (23.68%)

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#### Our data-38/40 patients- Overall survival by the Kaplan–Meir method is 75.69%

at 1 year(95%Confidence interval(CI)-51.88-88.85) and at 2 years, i

63.08% (with 95% CI-30.98-83.43).



#### HEATING LECHNIQUE

- THERMOMETRY AT LEAST ONCE,
   WITH INVASIVE THERMISTOR PROBES
   PRIMARY HEAD & NECK NOT DONE
- APPROPRIATE ANTENNAE ARE ARRANGED IN PARALLEL WITH ACTIVE SIDE TOWARDS THE LESION
- POWER : 400 900 W
- RF 8 MHz THERMATRON CAPCITATIVE HEATING

#### **Toxicities**

✓ Thermal burns – generally Grade I

✓ Pain

✓ Systemic stress



#### Acute Toxicities Thermal Burns

Grade I	5
Grade II	2
Grade III	1



#### Phase –III Hyperthermia Studies

		Pts Number	RT	RT +HT	Signif.	
1.	Valdagni et al.1998,1993: H&N , N2/3	44	37% 0%	83% CR 53% 5yrs	+ +	
2.	Rotterdam (Van der zee 1994) Pelvin tumors (Cervical carcinoma)	147	37%	58% CR Survival	+	
3.	Berdov, Metshashviii 1990: T4 Rectal carcinoma	115	27% 7%	56% Resectability 30% 5 yrs	+ +	· 2 ·

#### Comparison with Published Literature

Studies	No. of pts.	RT-	- HT	
		CR	PR	
Valdagni et.al.	44	83	17	
Huilgol et.al.	47	72.34	23.4	

#### Lung Carcinoma





#### Two Lung Cancer Cells, Classified

Non Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC)

- Adenocarcinoma
- Squamous Cell Carcinoma
- Large Cell Carcinoma

Small Cell Lung Cancer (SCLC)

- Oat Cell
- Intermediate
- Combined

#### Lymph node classification for lung cancer staging



#### **Superior Mediastinal Nodes**

- 1 Highest Mediastinal
- 2 Upper Paratracheal
- **3** Pre-vascular and Retrotrachea
- 4 Lower Paratracheal (including Azygos Nodes)

N<sub>2</sub> = single digit, ipsilateral N<sub>3</sub> = single digit, contralateral or supraclavicular

#### **Aortic Nodes**

- 5 Subaortic (A-P window)
- 6 Para-aortic (ascending aorta or phrenic)



#### **Inferior Mediastinal Nodes**

- 7 Subcarinal
- 8 Paraesophageal (below carina)
- 9 Pulmonary Ligament

#### N<sub>1</sub> Nodes

- 10 Hilar
- 11 Interlobar
- 12 Lobar
- 13 Segmental
- 14 Subsegmental

Figure 1. Regional lymph node stations for lung cancer staging. Adapted from Naruke et al,6 and the ATS/North American LCSG2 (copyright 1996, Mountain and Dresler; may be reproduced for educational purposes without permission).

#### Treatment and Staging NSCLC

Stage	Description	Treatment Options
Stage I a/b	Tumor of any size is found only in the lung	Surgery 7
Stage II a/b	Tumor has spread to lymph nodes associated with the lung	Surgery
Stage III a	Tumor has spread to the lymph nodes in the tracheal area, including chest wall and diaphragm	Chemotherapy followed by radiation or surgery
Stage III b	Tumor has spread to the lymph nodes on the opposite lung or in the neck	Combination of chemotherapy and radiation
Stage IV	Tumor has spread beyond the chest	Chemotherapy and/or palliative (maintenance) care

#### **Esophageal carcinoma**

#### CLASSIFICATION

Squamous carcinoma

Adenocarcinoma

-Type-1

Intestinal metaplasia of tubular oesophagus

-Type-2

True junctional tumor of the gastric cardia -Type-3

Subcardial tumors which is infiltrate superiorly



#### Staging

Primary tumors(T) invades

T1 L.propria/submucosa T2 M.propria T3 Adventitia T4 Adjacent structures Metastases(M) Lower oesophagus M1a coeliac axis node M1b distant mets

Regional LNs(N) N1 Regional LN mets Mid/upper oesophagus M1a not applicable M1b distant metastases





#### Endoscopy

#### Small flat tumor at distal end of oesophagus occupying <20% lumen





#### Thermal ablative therapy





# **CLINICAL INVESTIGATION**

RADIOTHERAPY WITH 8-MHZ RADIOFREOUENCY-CAPACITIVE REGIONAL HYPERTHERMIA FOR STAGE III NON-SMALL-CELL LUNG CANCER: THE INTRAESOPHAGEAL TEMPERATURE AND CLINICAL OUTCOMES RADIOFREQUENCY-OUTPUT POWER CORRELATES WITH THE

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Lung

#### **Lung Cancer**







#### **Oesophageal cancer**

#### CLINICAL INVESTIGATION

**Esophagus** 

#### PROGNOSTIC SIGNIFICANCE OF LYMPHOCYTE INFILTRATION FOLLOWING PREOPERATIVE CHEMORADIOTHERAPY AND HYPERTHERMIA FOR ESOPHAGEAL CANCER

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 $^{T}P \sim 0.01$ . Numbers in parentheses represent percentages.





## HT+RT+CT in Oesophageal cancer





#### **Future Direction**

Hyperthermia with Radiation and Chemotherapy with drugs encapsulated in heat sensitive liposomes



Hyperthermia is an useful adjunct to Radiotherapy and Chemotherapy



Hyperthermia is an option to explore now instead of waiting for an exotic treatment to arrive to increase survival









