

# *Helical Tomotherapy*

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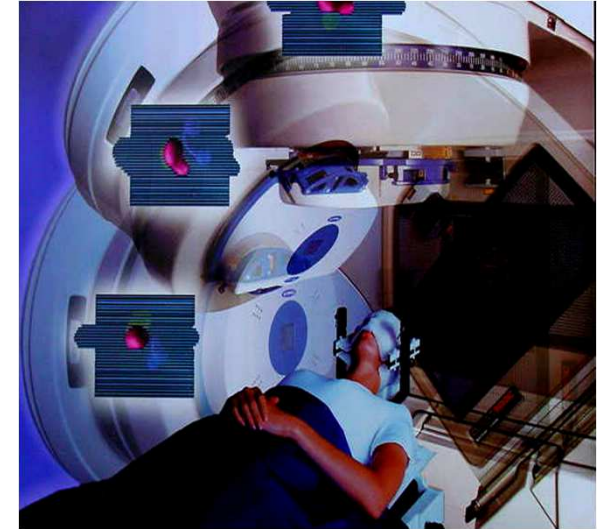
# Changing Technology Impacts Every Sphere of Life



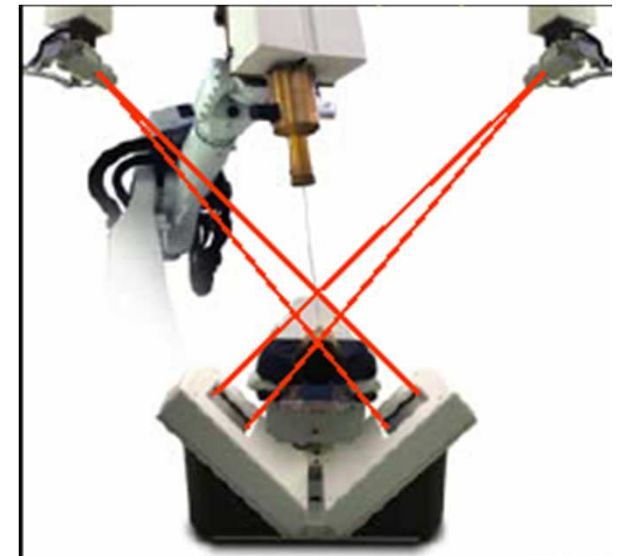
# Radiotherapy: The Technology Conundrum



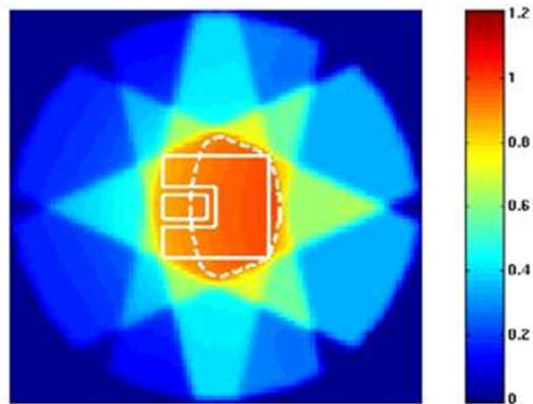
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- *SRS/SRT*
- *IMRT/IMRS*
- *IGRT*



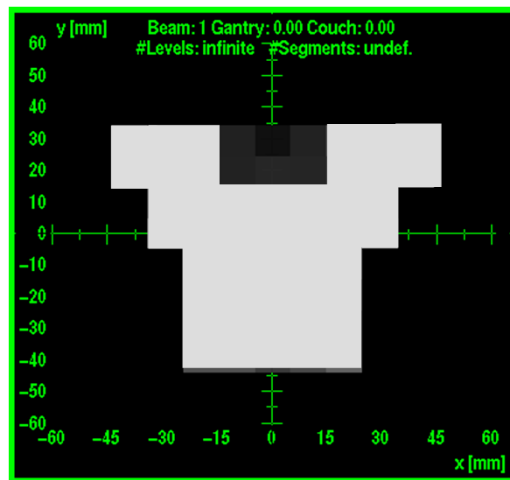
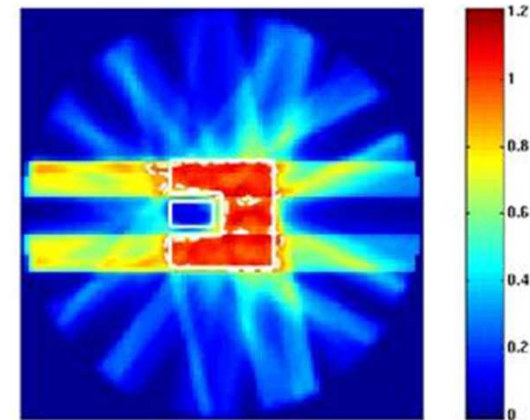
- *CART*
- *Proton Beam RT*
- *Robotic RT*
- *BIO-ART*



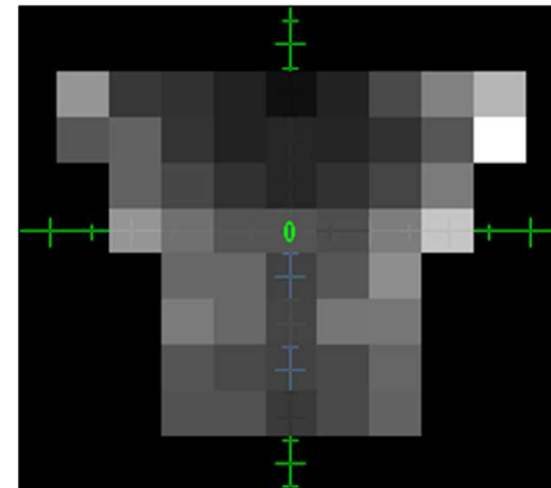
## 3-D CRT



## IMRT

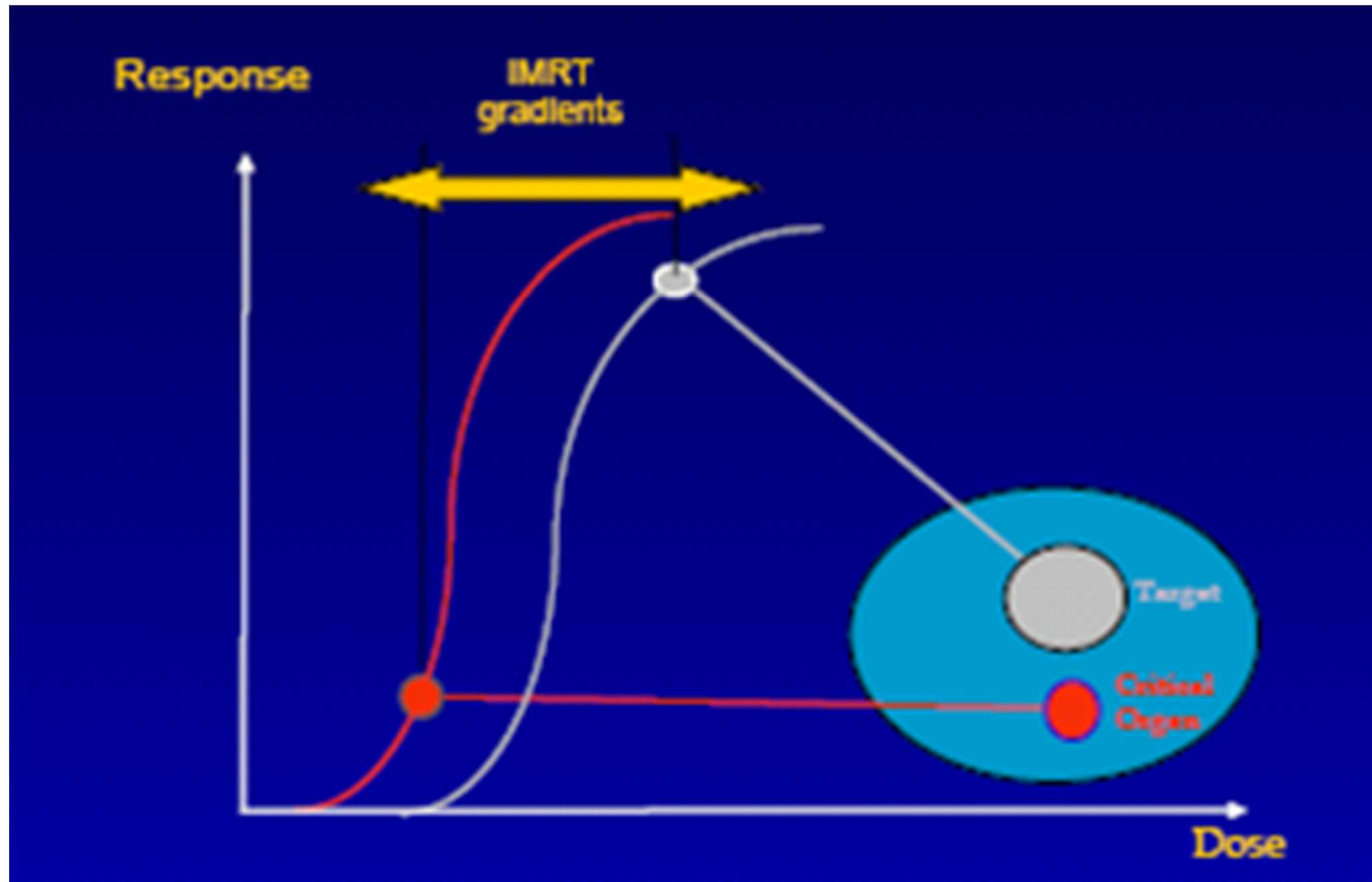


Uniform intensity



Non-uniform intensity

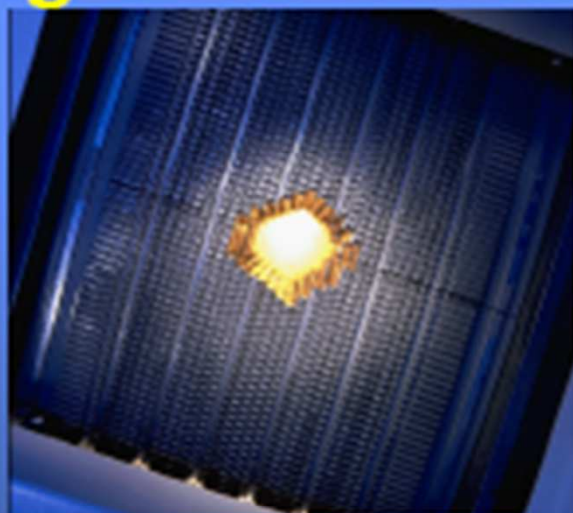
# IMRT strategy



*Relatively simple to understand, quite complex to implement*



# IMRT Using Conventional MLC's



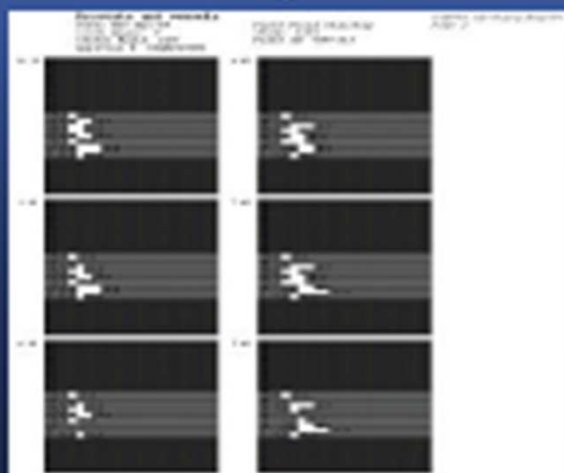
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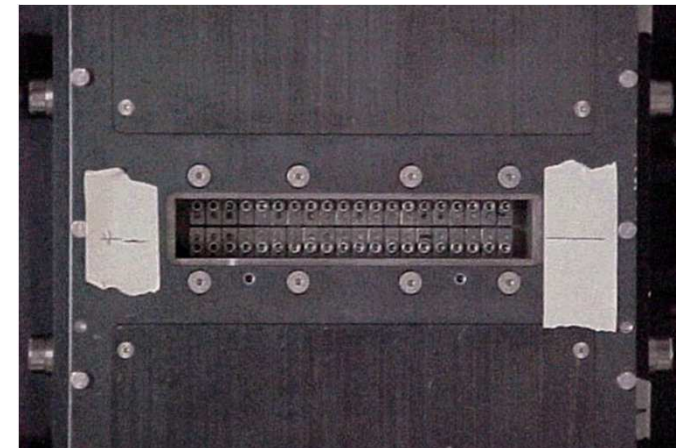
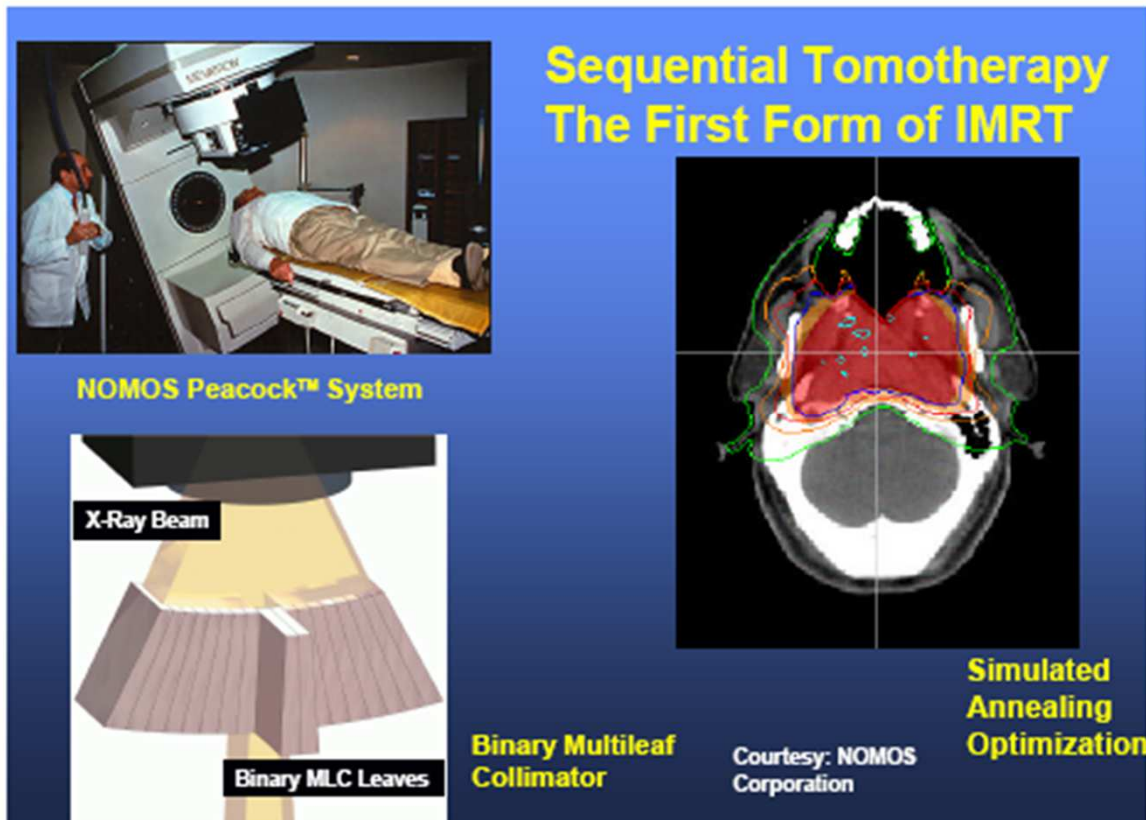
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## Limitations of conventional LA based IMRT

- Limitations of field size & MLC overtravel restricts magnafield IMRT
- Feathering & abutment dosimetry uncertain; prone to error
- Consists of small MUs & small segments; poor linearity
- Non-coplanar fields - range of possible beam angles is circumscribed by the need to avoid collision of LA head and treatment couch
- Uncertainty of tumor or OAR geometry at each treatment fraction - average positioning based on anatomy at time of planning image acquisition

## TomoTherapy: Is it REALLY new?



Serial Tomotherapy was delivered using number of discrete arcs or indexed arcs of finite width between which treatment couch was moved longitudinally. NOMOS introduced the PEACOCK system with intensity modulation provided by **Multileaf Intensity Modulating Collimator (MIMiC)**<sup>®</sup>

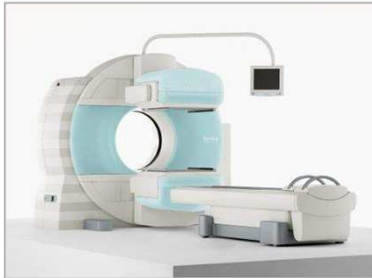


# **TOMO** is the Buzzword in Imaging Technology

Computed **TOMO**graphy



SPECT **TOMO**graphy



MR **TOMO**graphy



Positron **TOMO**graphy



Helical **TOMO**therapy



*All these revolutionary technologies are based on ring gantry design*

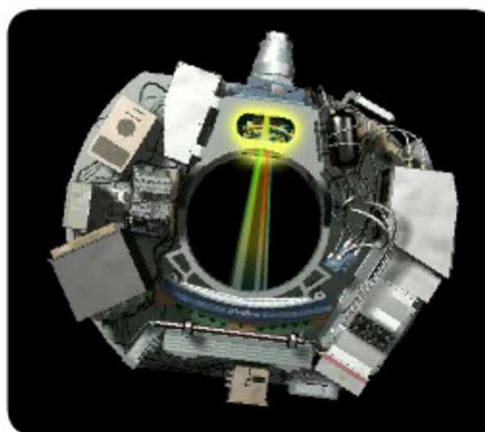
# Helical TomoTherapy: Revolutionary Novel Technology

Fast Binary MLC



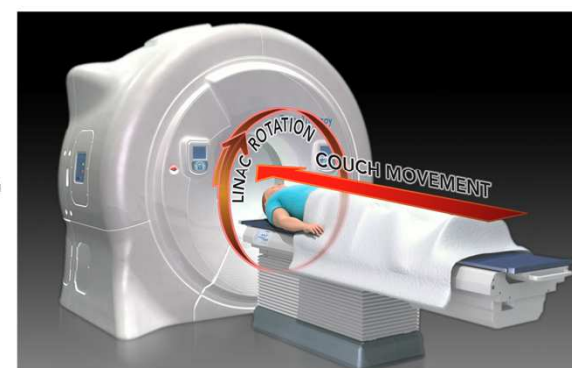
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Continuous  
Gantry Rotation

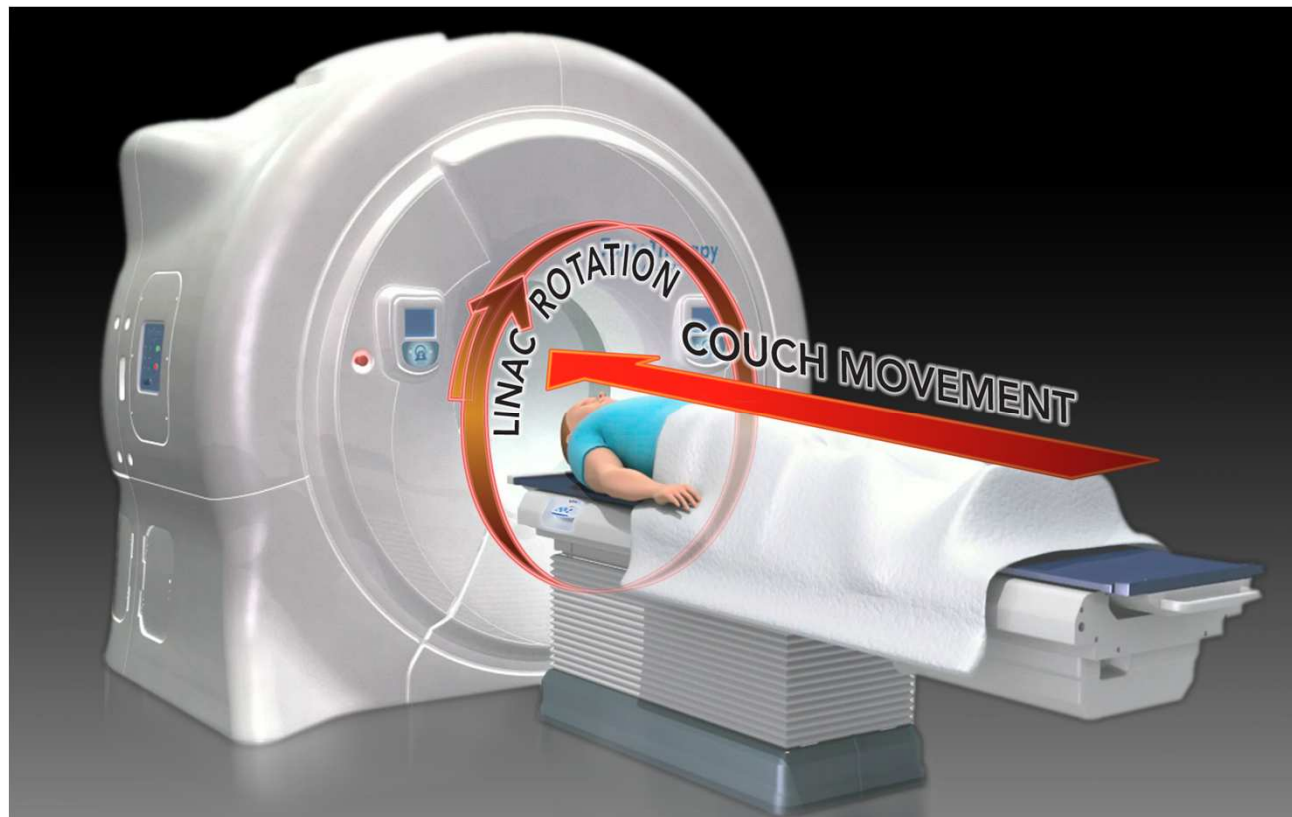
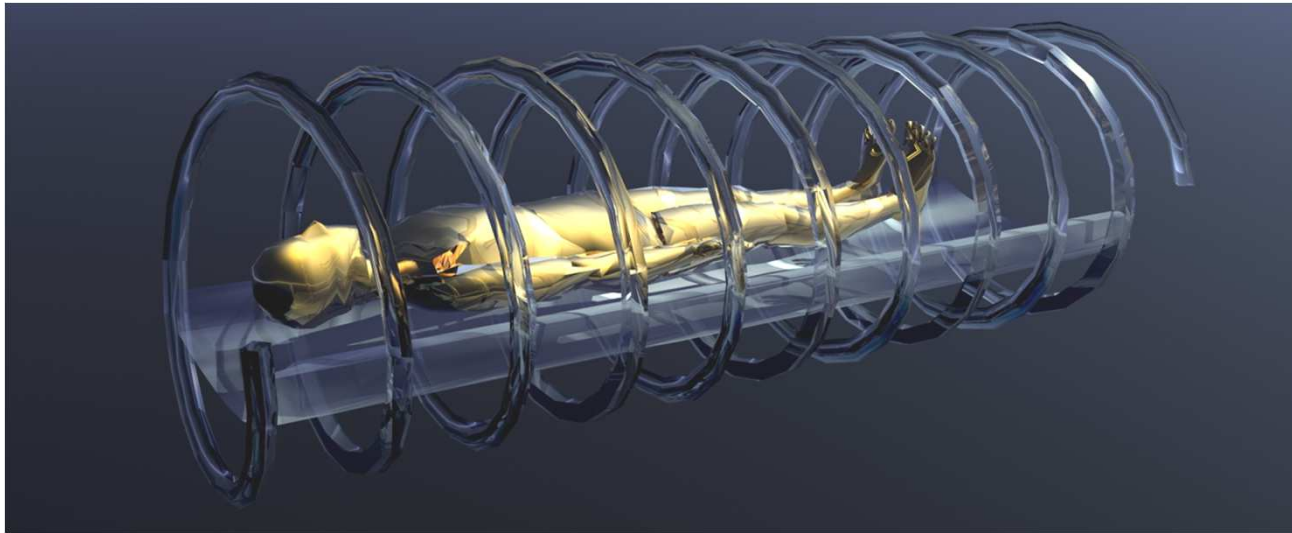


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Simultaneous  
Couch Movement



- MLC leaves that move at 250 cm/s to open or shut in milliseconds
- Thousands of beamlets throughout multiple 360 degree rotations
- Coverage of a target extent up to 160 cm in length with no matching



# What is Helical TomoTherapy ?

- TomoTherapy literally means “Slice Therapy”
- It is derived from the word ‘Tomography’
- Helical Tomotherapy is the delivery of IMRT using helical rotational delivery in the manner of a CT scanner
- A modified Linac fitted into CT ring gantry configuration for therapeutic radiation using rotating fan beam modulated by multileaf collimators
- System uses tomographic imaging for treatment verification and tomographic reconstruction for optimal treatment

# Helical TomoTherapy Features

- Up to 850 cGy/min @ axis
- 85 cm diameter gantry bore
- 64 pair of MLCs with 6.25 mm resolution @ axis
- 40 cm x 160 cm maximum field @ axis
- Slice field width from 5 mm to 40 mm @ axis
- Minimum beamlet size 5 mm x 6.25 mm @ axis
- Xenon CT detectors with per pulse acquisition
- 0.25 mm precision CT couch
- Leaves 10 cm thick, 95% tungsten alloy
- Primary collimator 22 cm thick 95% tungsten alloy



# What's different about Helical TomoTherapy

- No flattening filter (inherently modulated beam)
- No machine isocentre
- No accessories (wedges, blocks, compensators)
- No field sizes or equivalent squares
- No electrons (nor high energy photons)
- No junctions (forget abutment dosimetry)
- No couch, collimator, gantry angles

# Helical TomoTherapy Processes

- Imaging / Contouring
- Planning / Optimizing
- In-room megavoltage CT imaging
- Image Registration (IGRT)
- Treatment delivery
- Adaptive Radiotherapy
  - Dose Guidance (Recalculation / Reconstruction)
  - Dose Modification

## Why Image Guidance?



“If you can’t see it, you can’t hit it.  
If you can’t hit it, you can’t cure it”

H.E. Johns or W. Powers

# Helical TomoTherapy

☀ Is it the ultimate form of photon teletherapy

☀ What are its current clinical applications

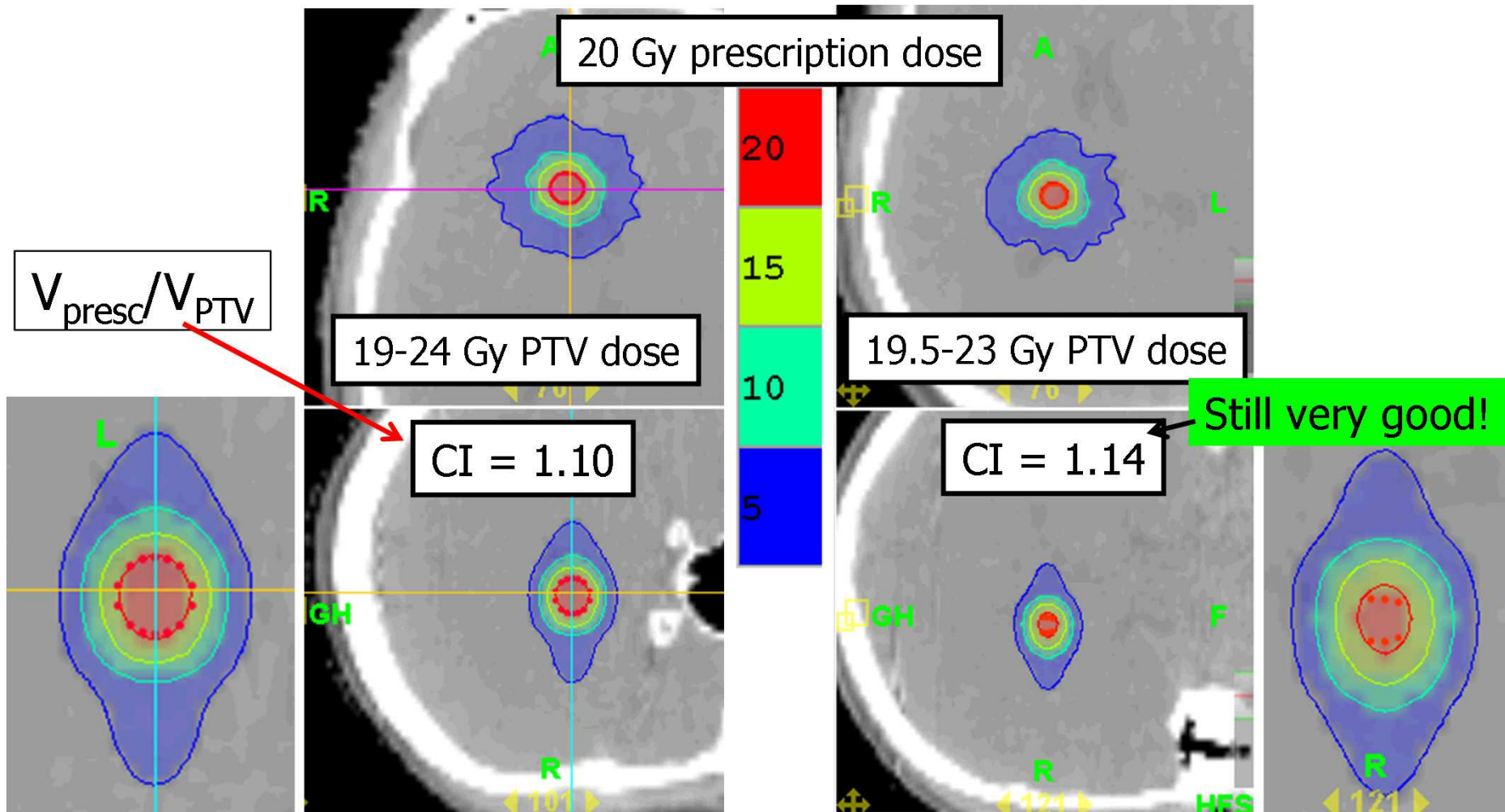
☀ What is its future potential



# How small can TOMO treat ?

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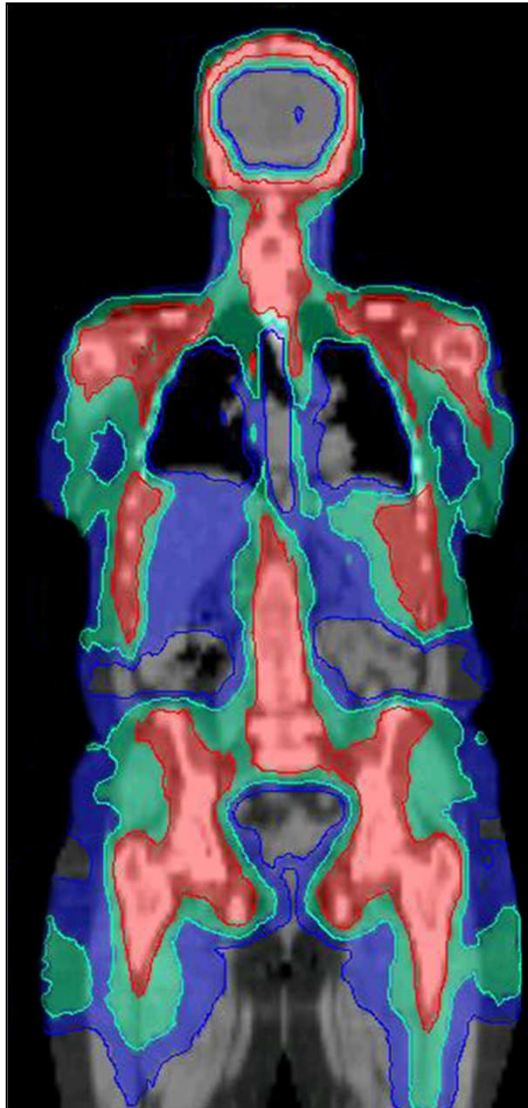
0.6 cc PTV





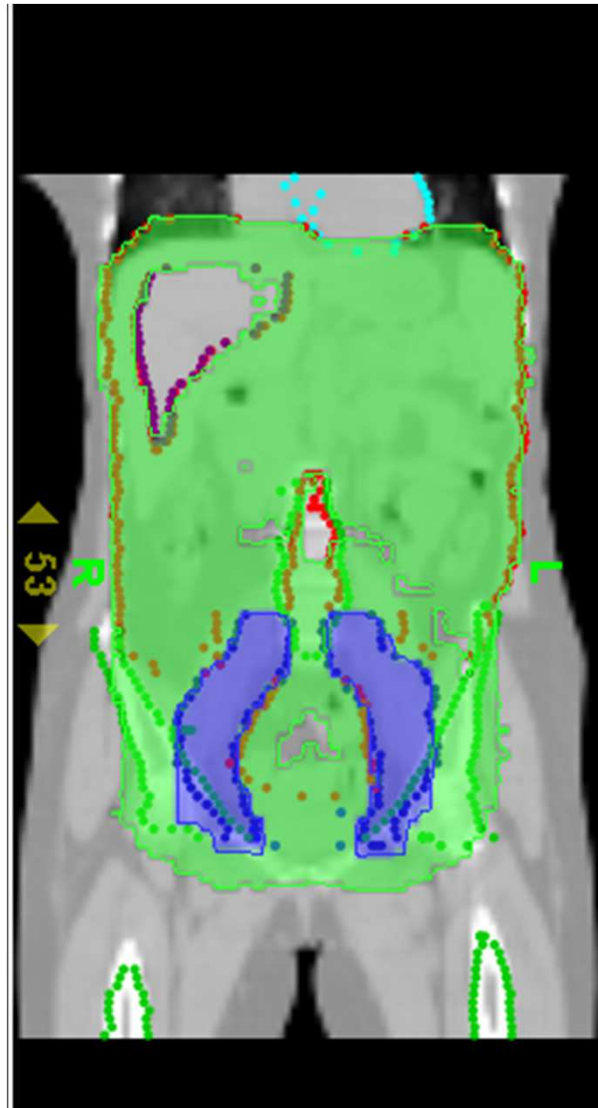
# How long/large can TOMO treat?

6500 cc



TMI/TLI

5000cc



WAR

2500 cc



CSI

# Single fraction Radiosurgery

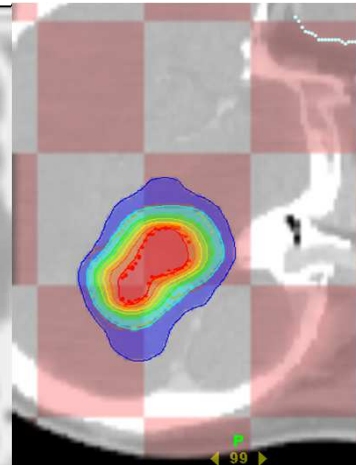
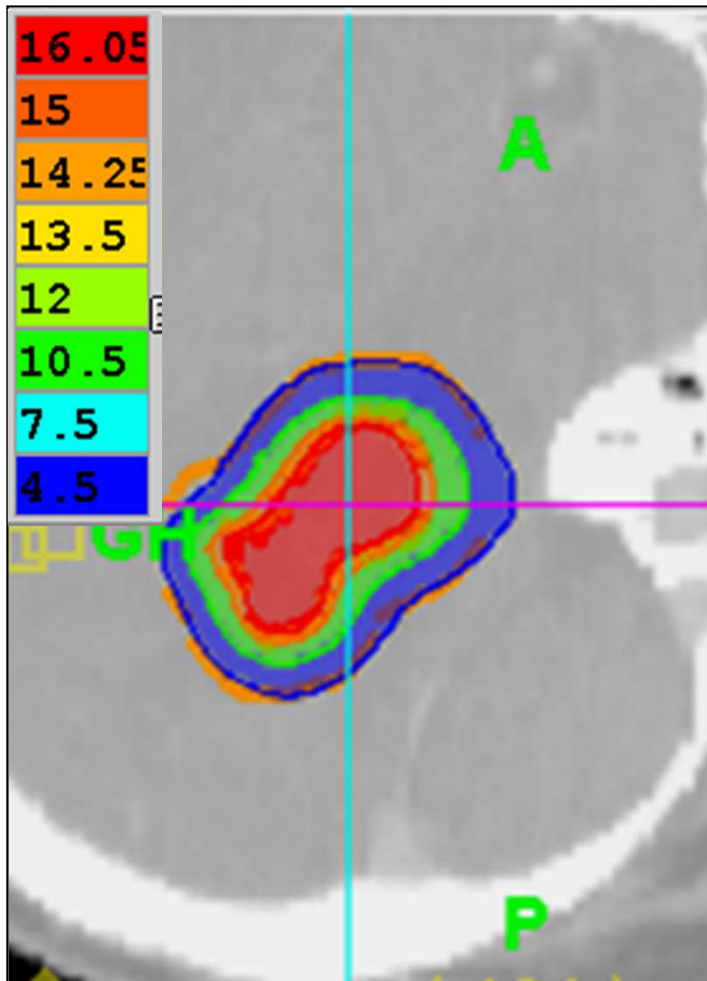
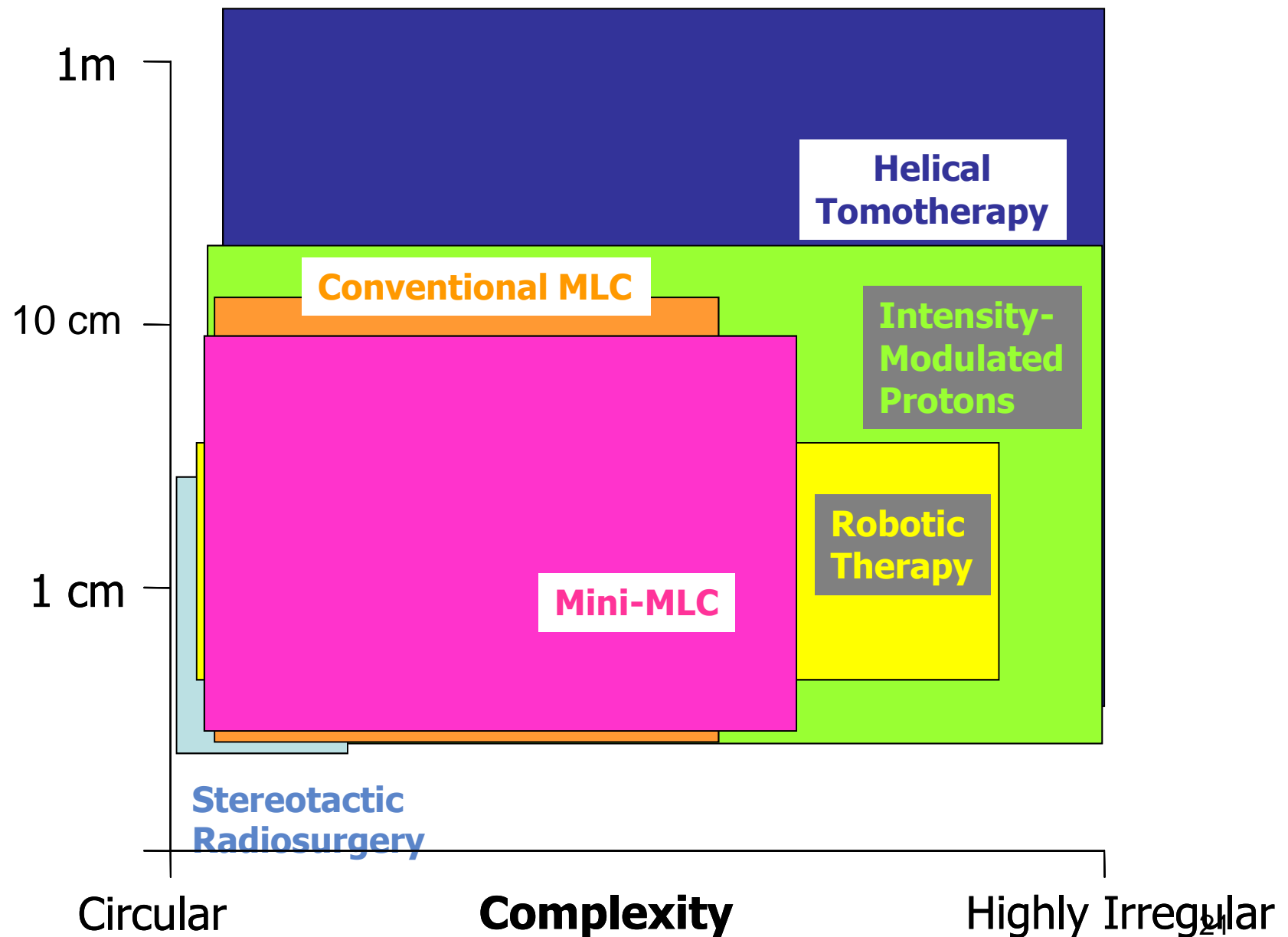


Image-guided  
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MVCT

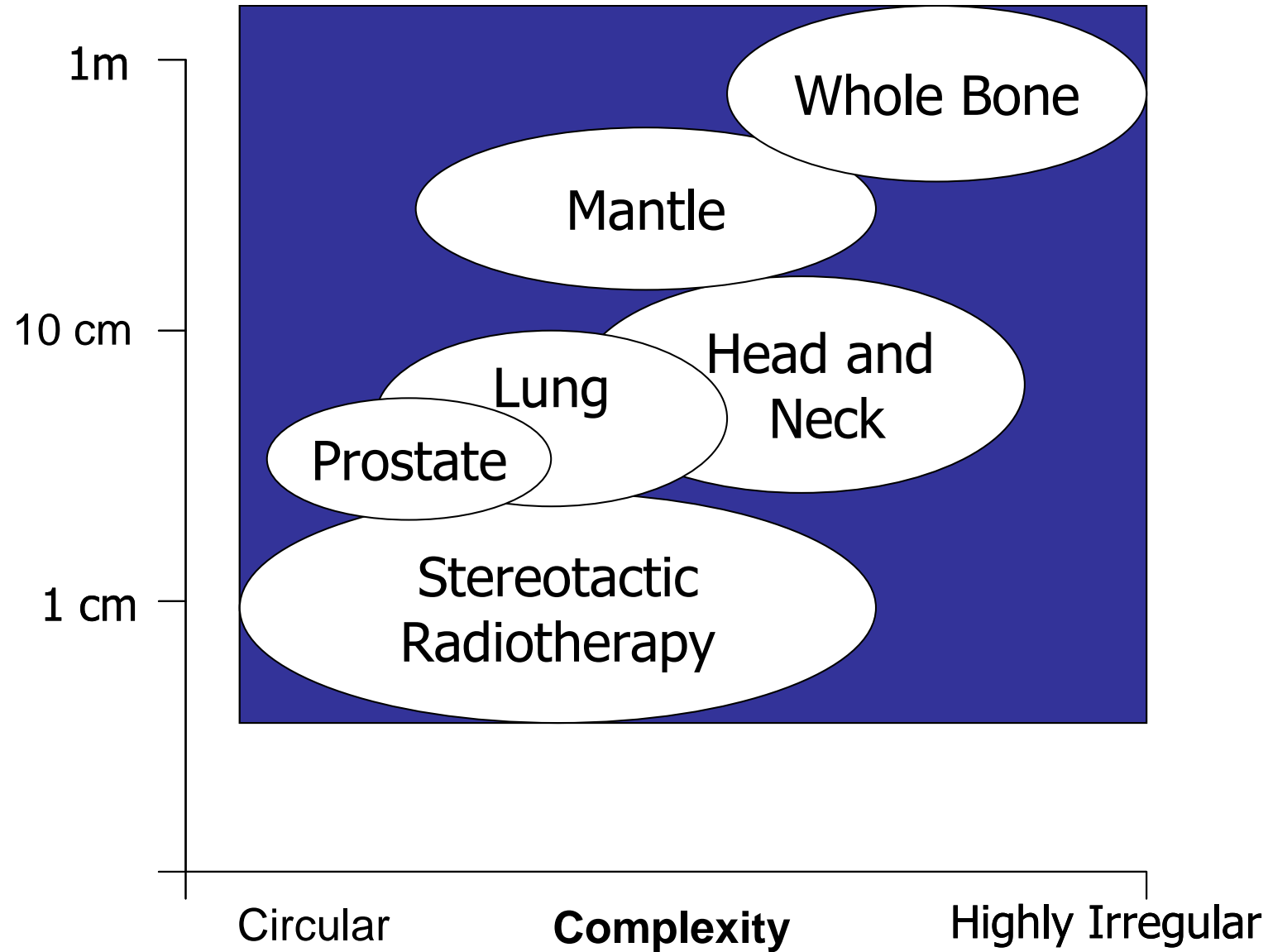
**Delivery time:  
16 minutes for 15 Gy**

**Ave. dose gradient:  
11% per mm  
(100%-50% in 4.5 mm)**

## Balance of size and complexity for precision radiotherapy



## Current Clinical Applications of Helical TomoTherapy



*Medical Physics*

Comparison of advanced irradiation techniques with photons  
for benign intracranial tumours

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**Arc SRS/SRT vs. Conventional IMRT vs. Helical TomoTherapy  
vs. CyberKnife vs. IM Arcs (AMOA)**

***TomoTherapy provides best overall indices:***

***Target coverage, Conformity index, and OAR sparing***



# Exciting Clinical Applications

## **Magnafield radiotherapy – Large Field IMRT**

- Total Marrow Irradiation (TMI) & Total Lymphoid Irradiation (TLI)
- Whole Abdominopelvic Radiotherapy (WAR)
- Craniospinal Irradiation (CSI)
- Mantle, Mini-Mantle, Extended Mantle field
- Inverted-Y, Spade field

## **Simultaneous targeting of multiple lesions**

- Synchronous double primaries
- Multiple metastases closely or far apart
- Primary plus metastatic lesions

## **Conformal avoidance**

- Whole Brain sparing scalp radiotherapy
- Scalp sparing Whole brain radiation therapy (WBRT)
- Hippocampal & neural stem cell sparing WBRT
- Cardiac sparing mediastinal radiotherapy

## Newer Perspectives & Future Potential

- **Planned ADAPTIVE: Dose-Guided Radiation Therapy (DGRT)**
- **Deformation mapping-modeling and Adaptive Radiotherapy (ART)**
- **Scan, Plan, Treat (SPT): Quick-fix solution for palliative treatments**
- **TopoTherapy (Static gantry for breast treatments)**
- **Intensity Modulated Helical Proton Therapy (IMHPT)**

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## RADIATION-INDUCED SECOND CANCERS: THE IMPACT OF 3D-CRT AND IMRT

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## INTENSITY-MODULATED RADIATION THERAPY, PROTONS, AND THE RISK OF SECOND CANCERS

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## The Inaugural Frank Ellis Lecture — Iatrogenic Cancer: The Impact of Intensity-modulated Radiotherapy☆

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***Nearly doubles the incidence of second cancers at 10 years*** 26



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### OVERPRICED TECHNOLOGY IN RADIATION ONCOLOGY

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## ICTR 2003

## Translational Research and Pre-Clinical Strategy Study

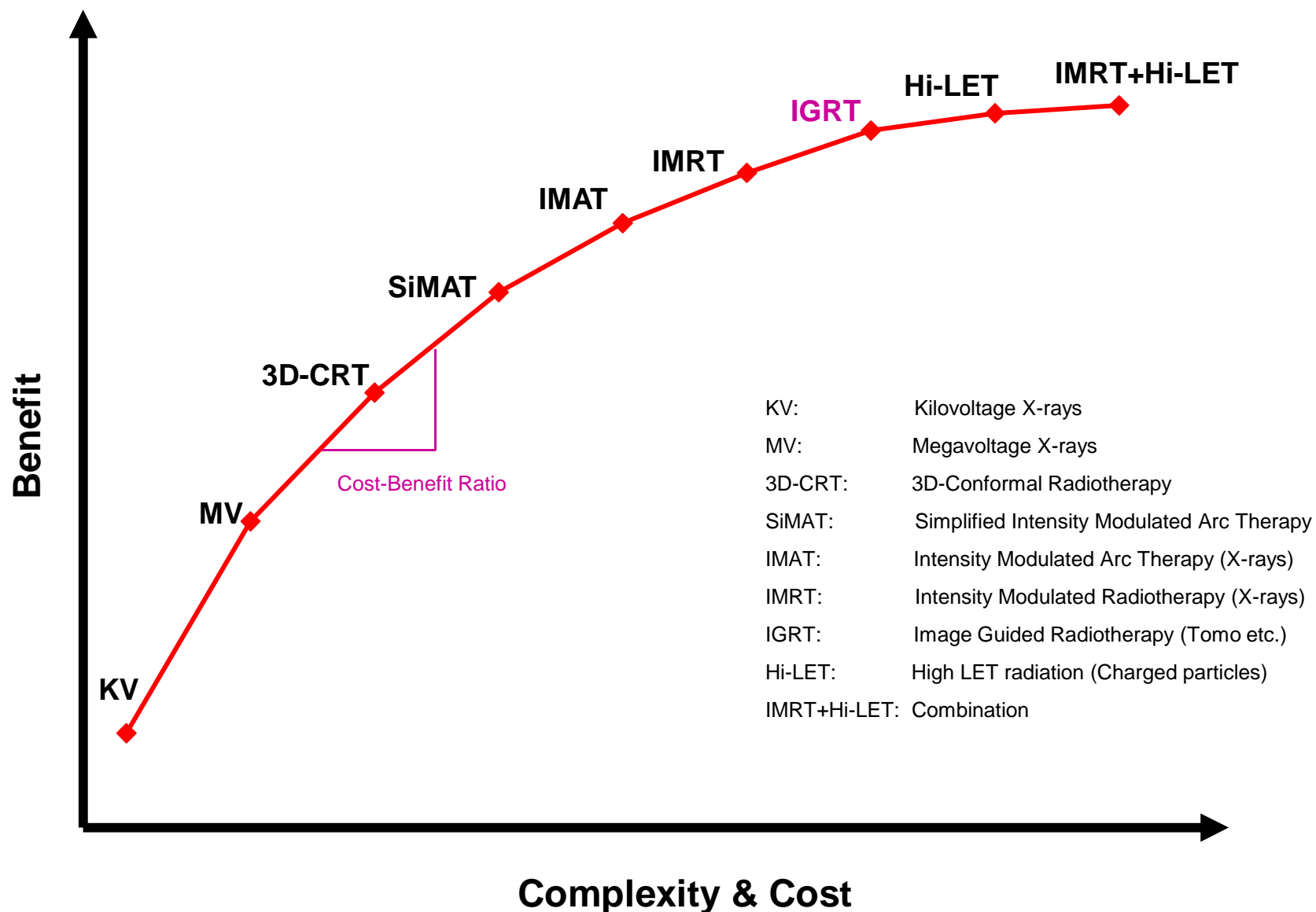
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### HIGH-TECH IN RADIATION ONCOLOGY: SHOULD THERE BE A CEILING?

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## High-cost Technology in Radiation Oncology: A value judgment





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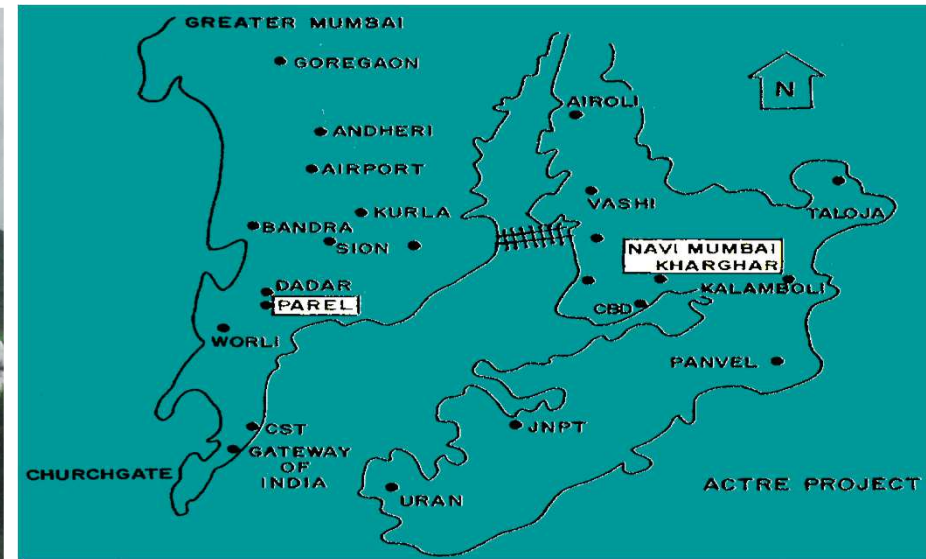


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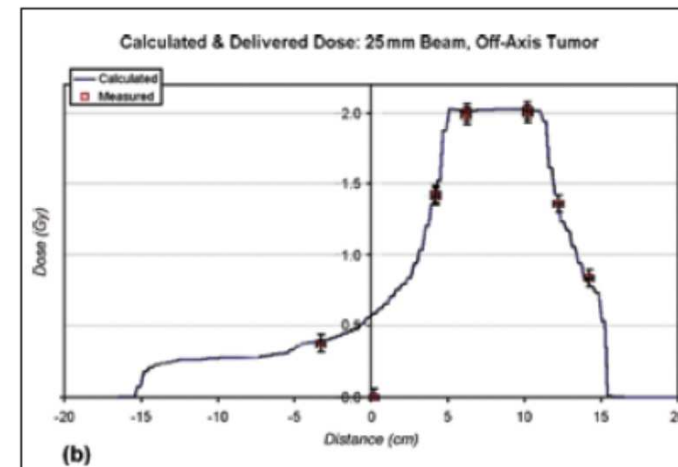
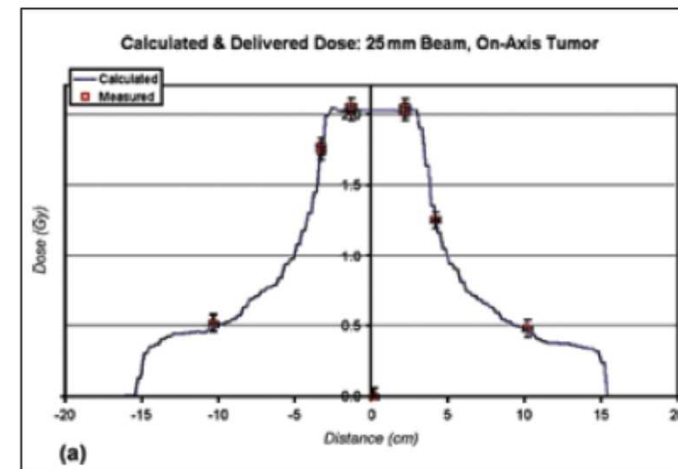
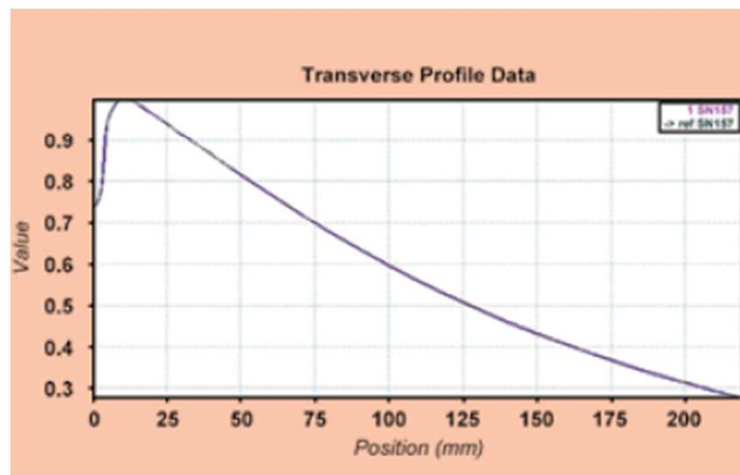
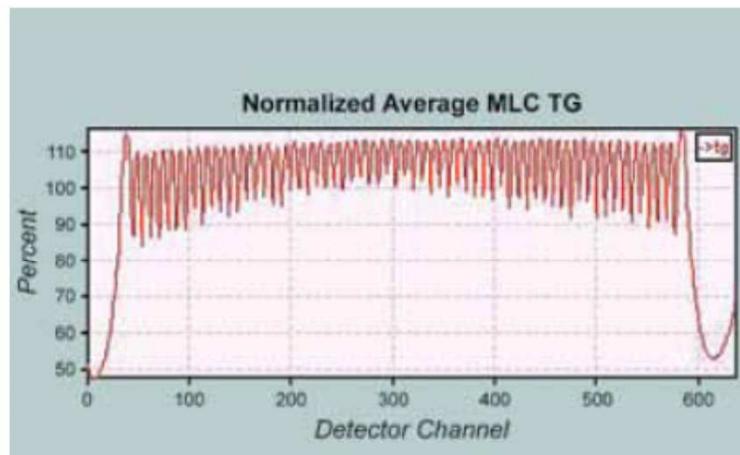
# ACTREC – KHARGHAR - NAVI MUMBAI



# Dosimetric validation of first helical tomotherapy Hi-Art II machine in India

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# Indications for TomoTherapy based IG-IMRT

## *Palliative intent treatment*

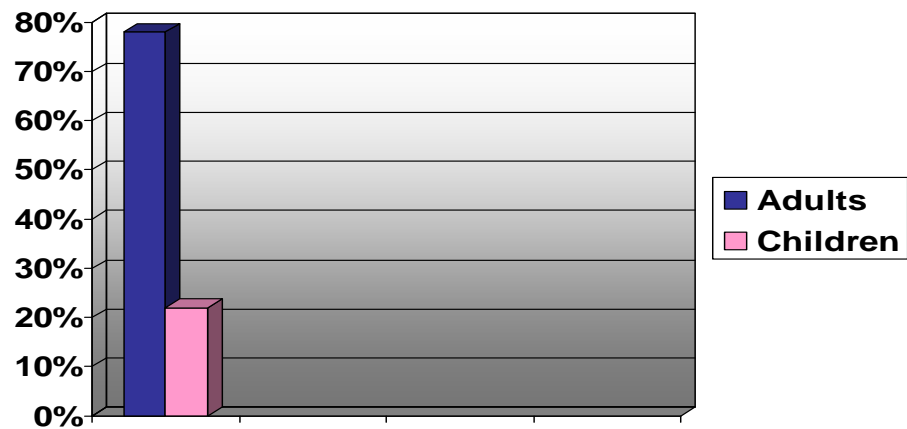
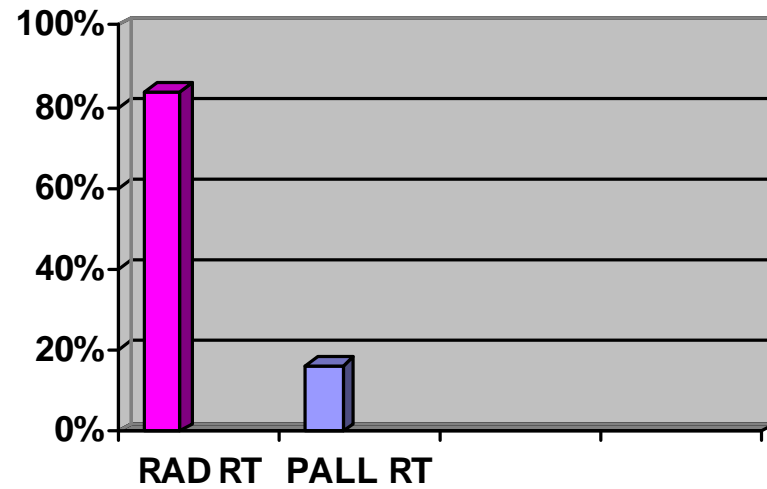
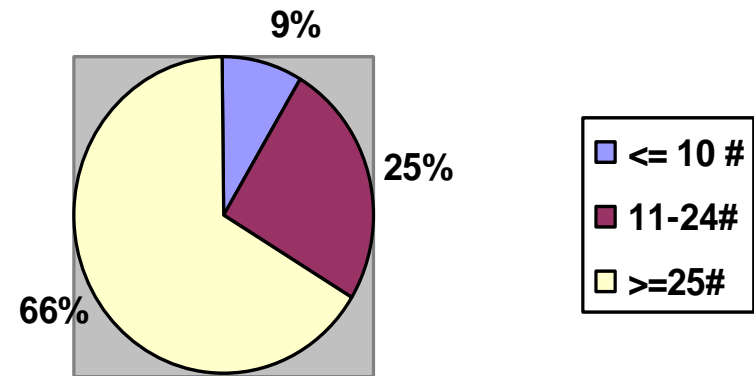
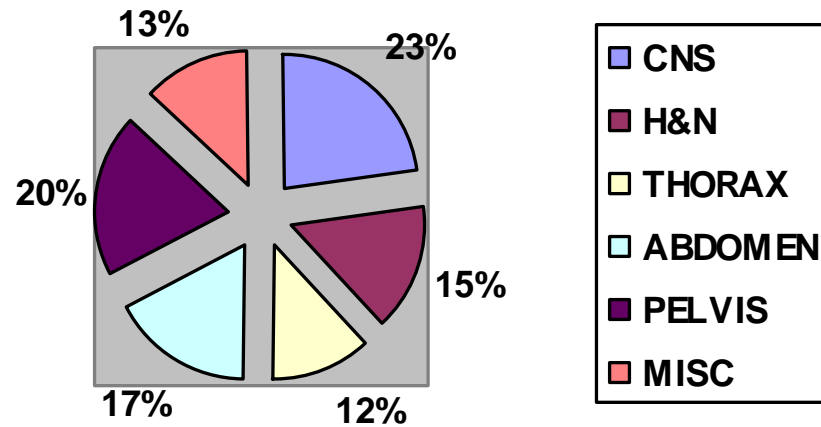
- To streamline workflow/process: brain, bone, liver metastases
- Multiple sites: Primary + metastases; multiple metastases
- Complex geometry: pleural mesothelioma; whole skull

## *Radical intent treatment*

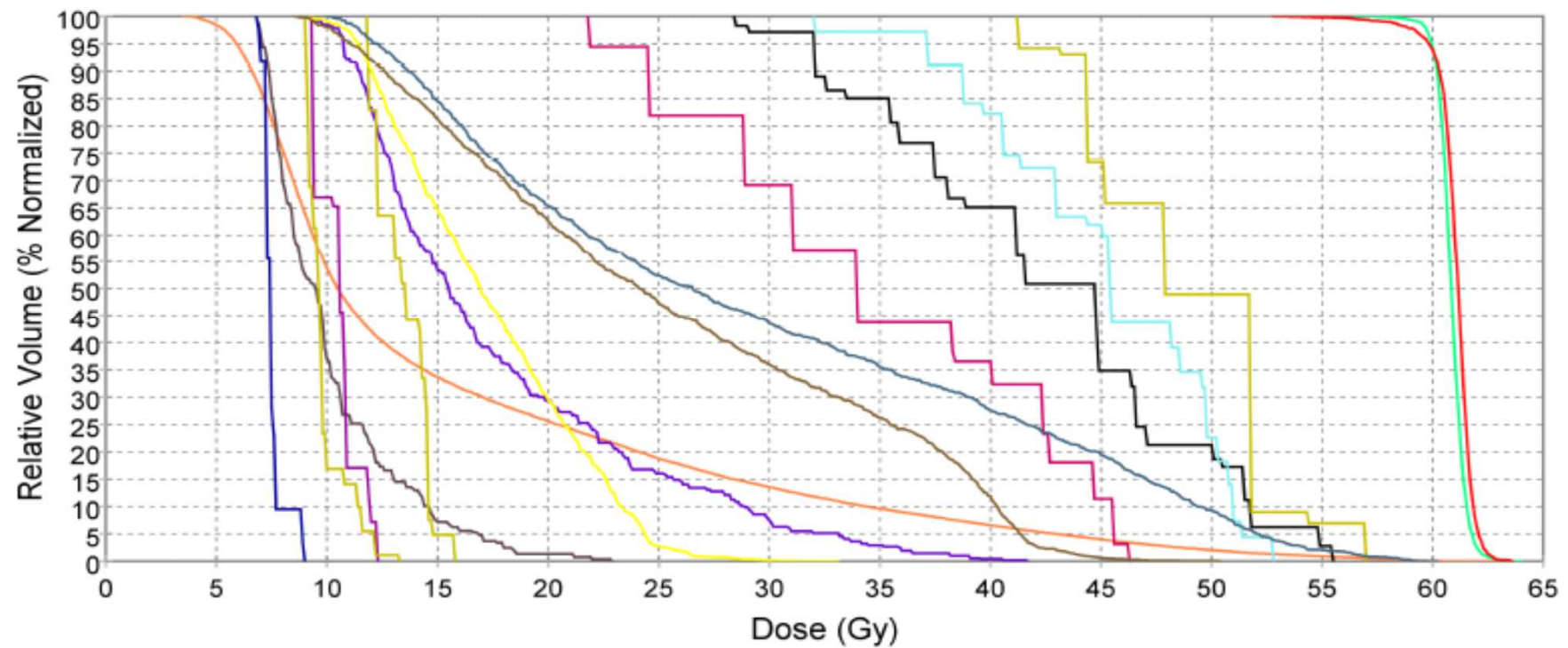
- Brain (low-grade/benign tumors; whole ventricular; CSI)
- Head/Neck (mucosal; sinonasal; skull base; orbital; scalp)
- Thorax (lung primary; chest wall; mediastinum; paravertebral)
- Abdomen (hepatobiliary; pancreatic; paraaortic nodes)
- Pelvis (prostate only; prostate + pelvis; bladder; cervix)
- Large-field IMRT (EFRT; WAR; CSI; TMI)
- Complex geometry (scalp/skull; WBRT + SIB mets; extended Mantle)
- Re-irradiation with curative intent

# Stat-bites

Over 200 patients accrued (2008-2009May)









# Planning and Delivery of Whole Brain Radiation Therapy with Simultaneous Integrated Boost to Brain Metastases and Synchronous Limited-field Thoracic Radiotherapy Using Helical TomoTherapy: A Preliminary Experience

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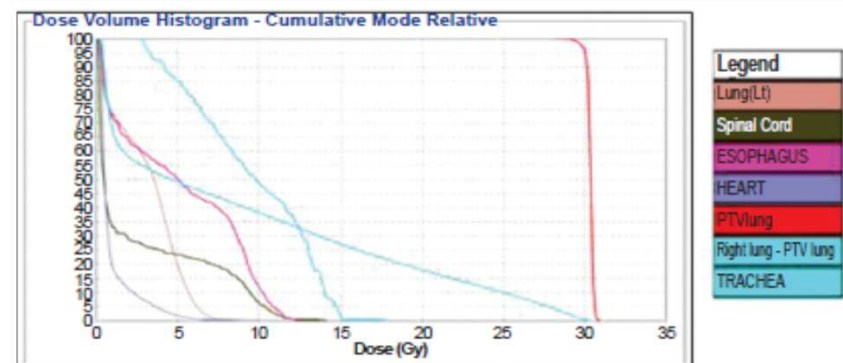
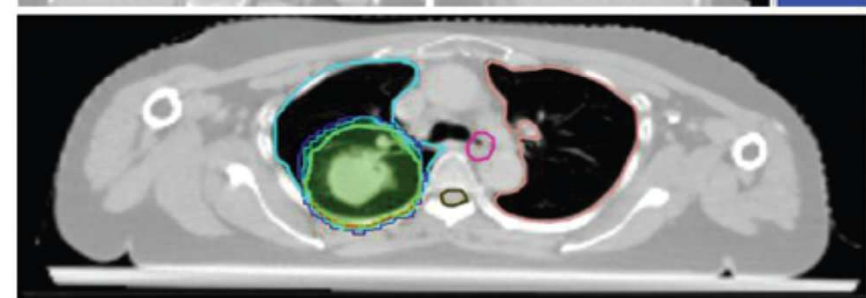
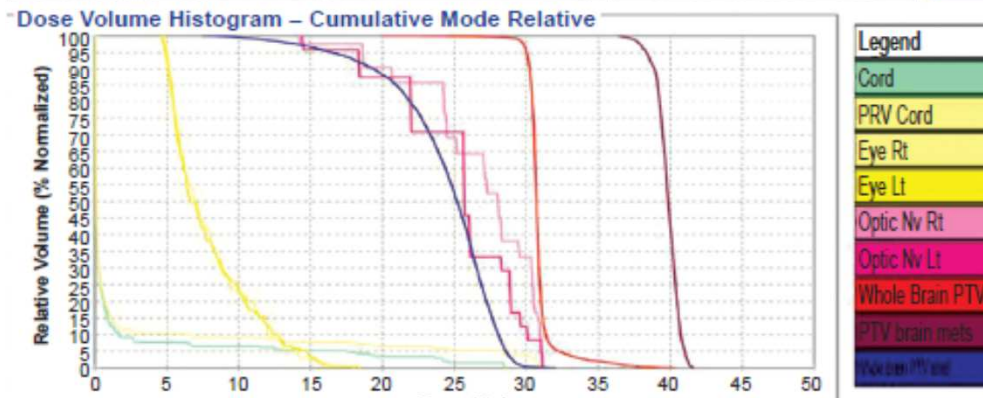
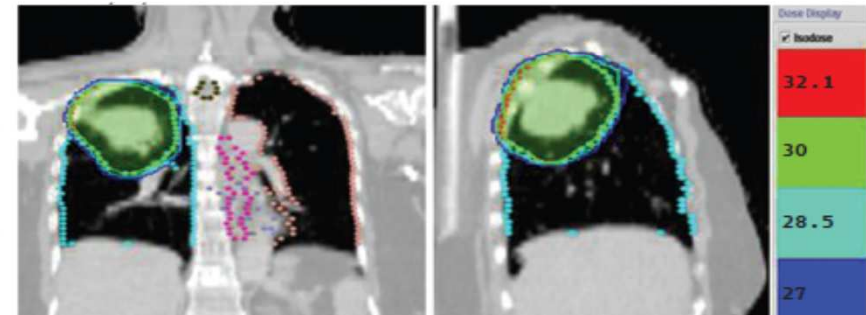
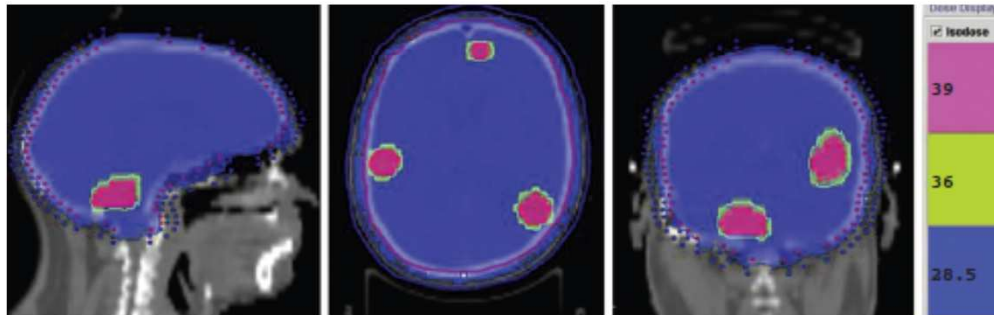
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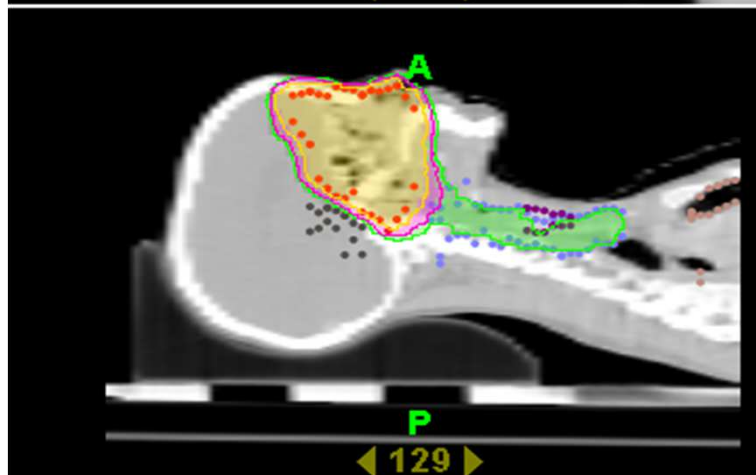
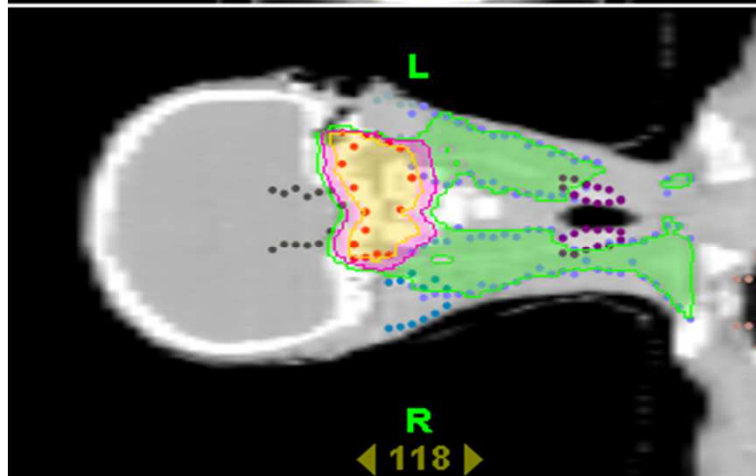
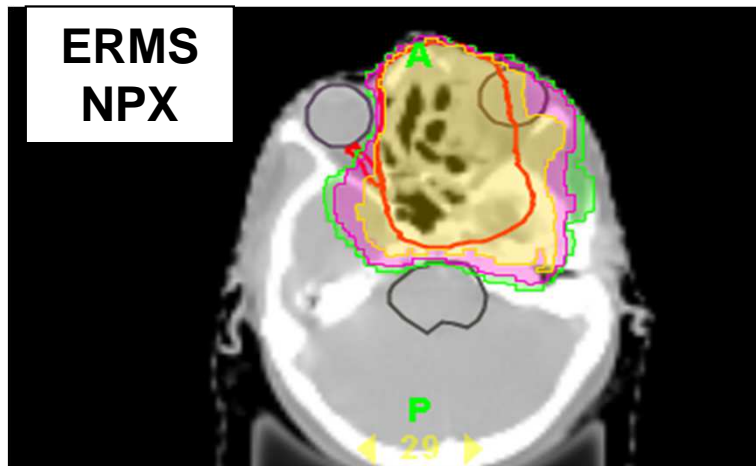


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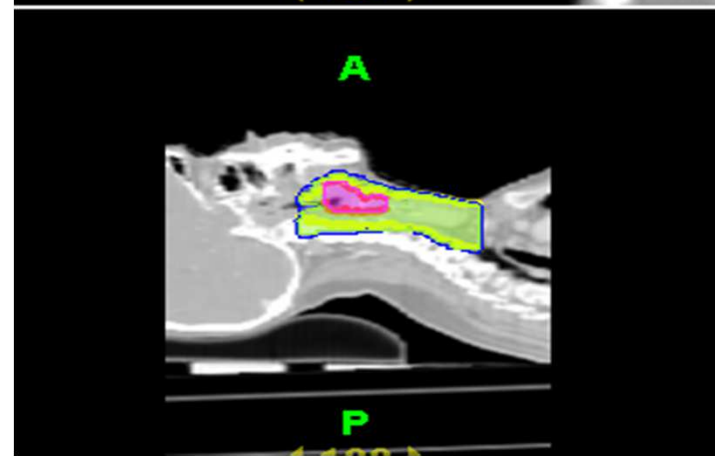
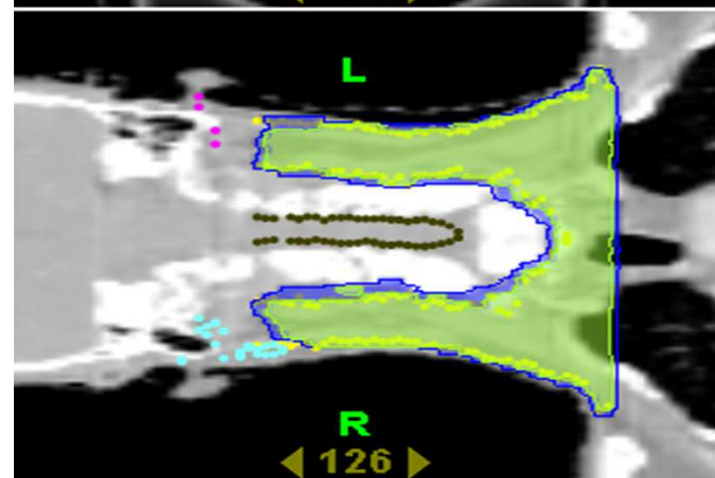
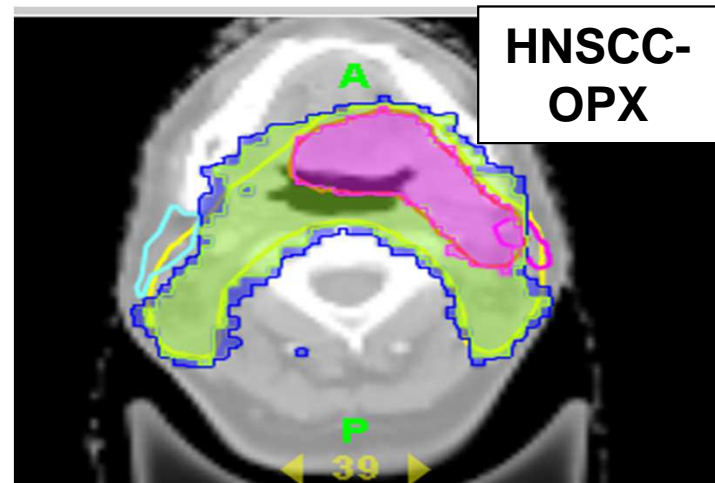
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PTV-BM	99.58% (0.34)	0 (0)	104.04% (1.48)	97.31% (1.16)	102.06% (0.67)	0.04 (0.02)	0.57 (0.22)
PTV-Chest	99.27% (0.74)	0.19% (0.25)	104.56% (1.93)	95.45% (3.02)	102.88% (1.51)	0.03 (0.02)	0.77 (0.06)

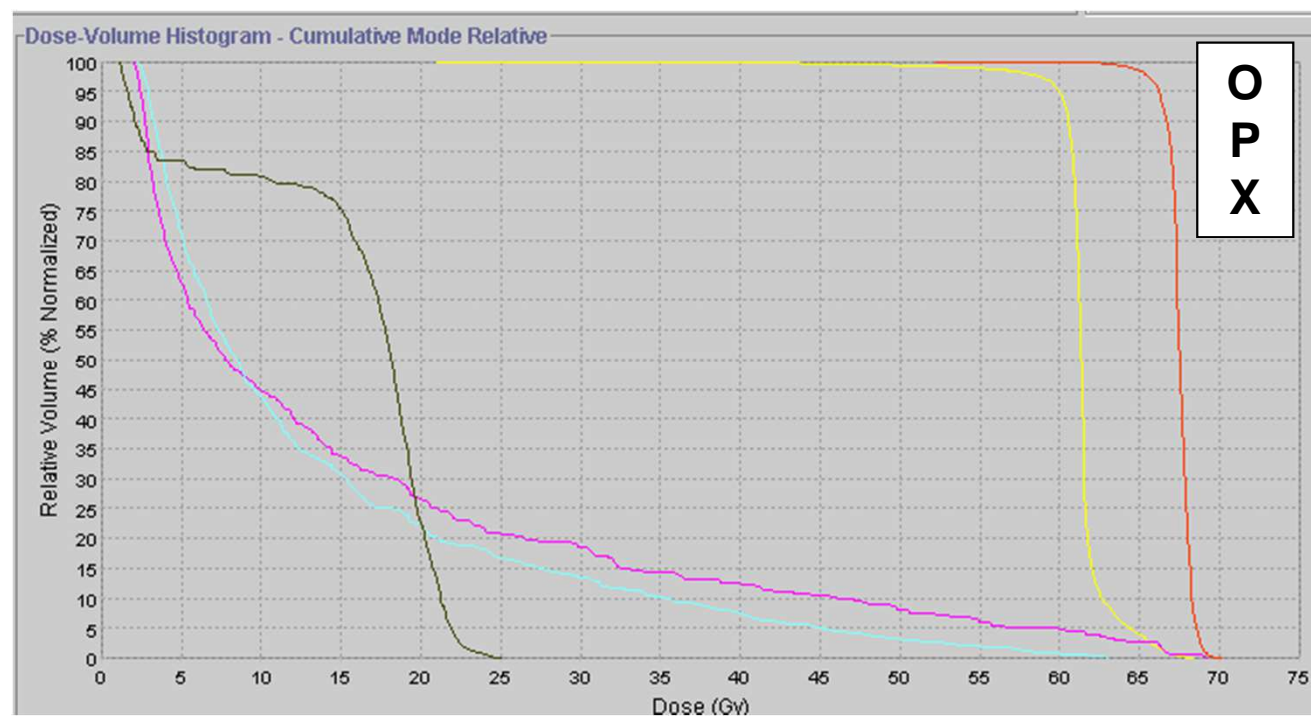
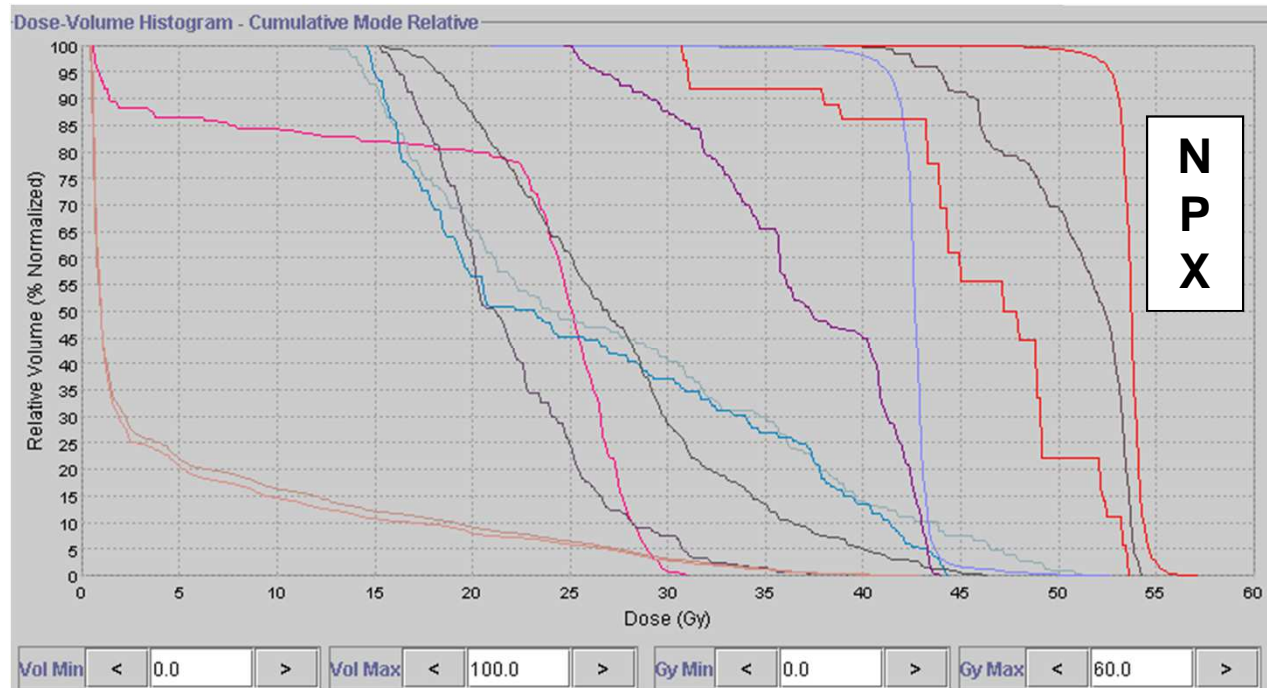
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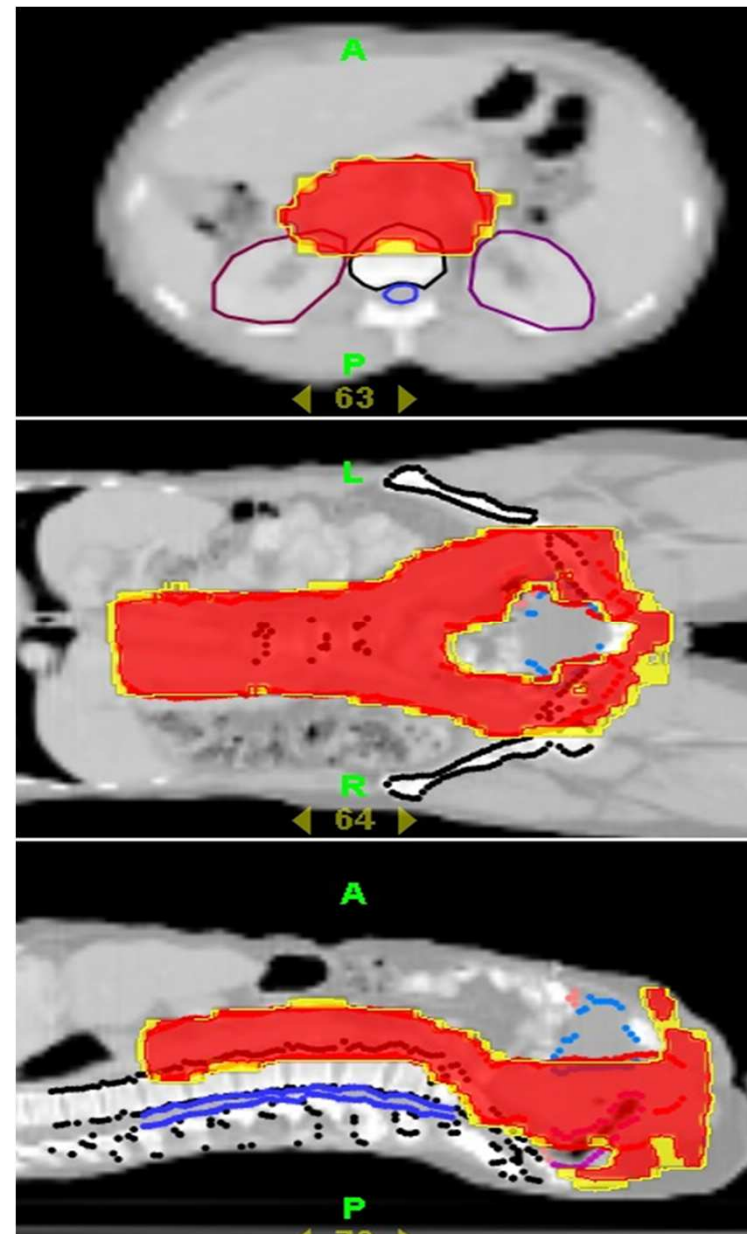
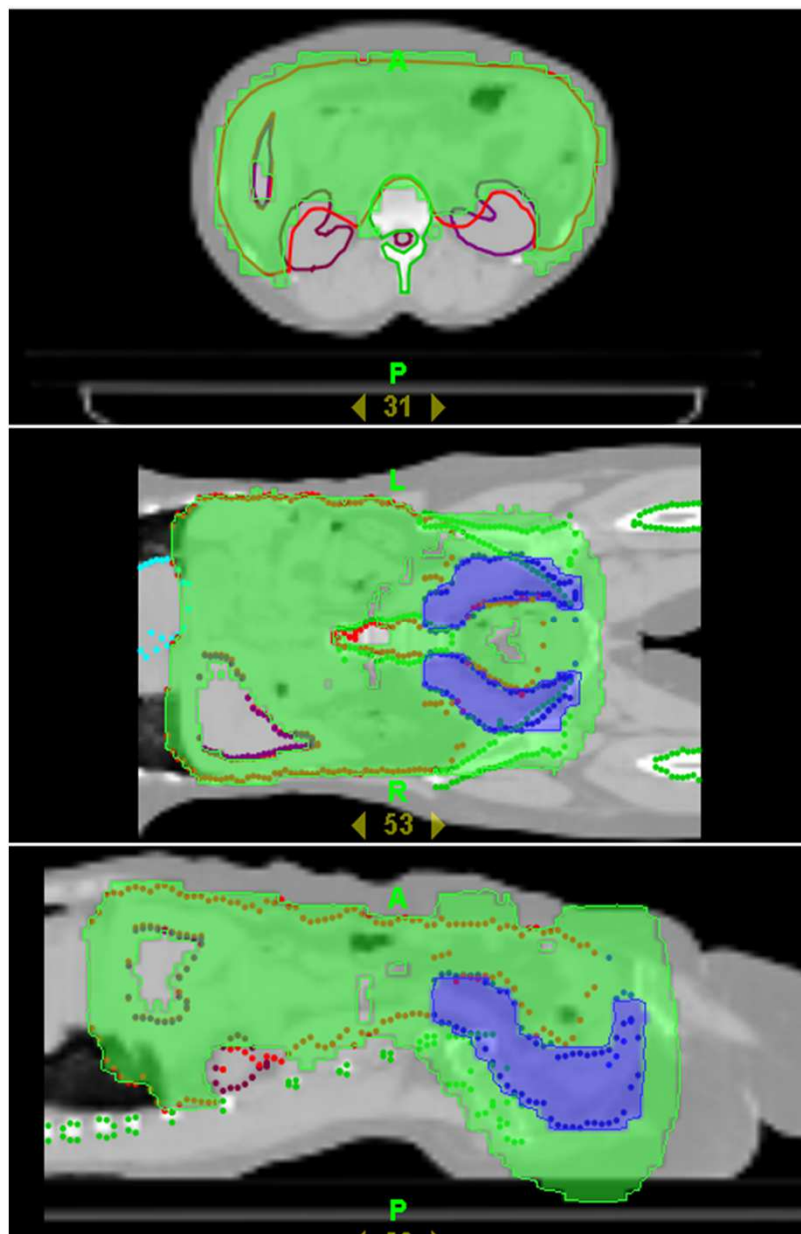
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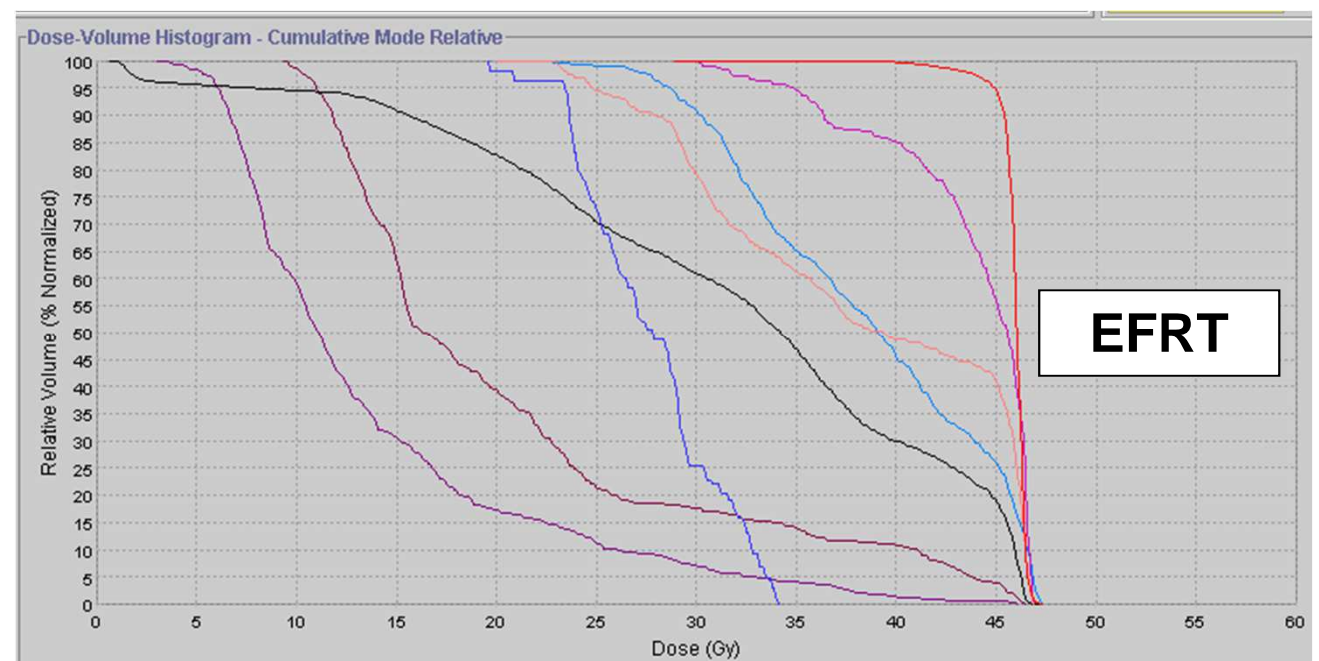
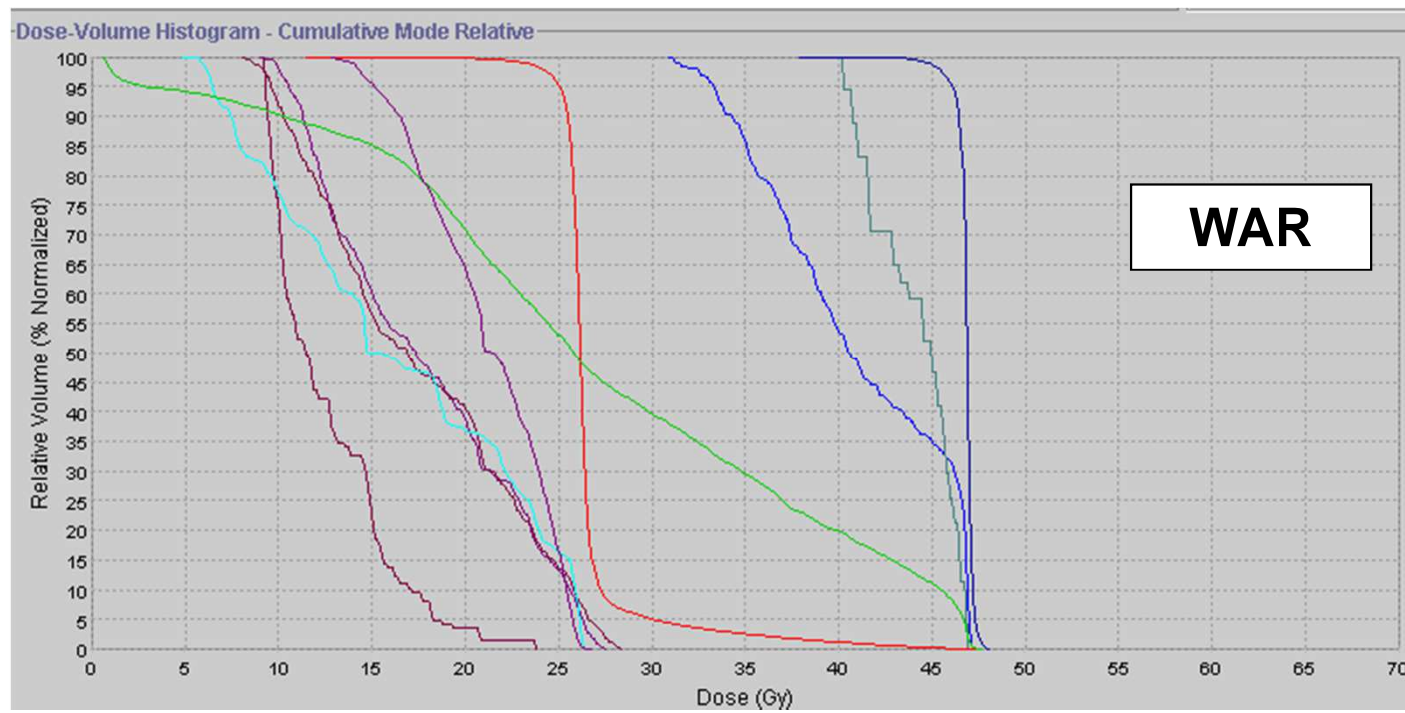




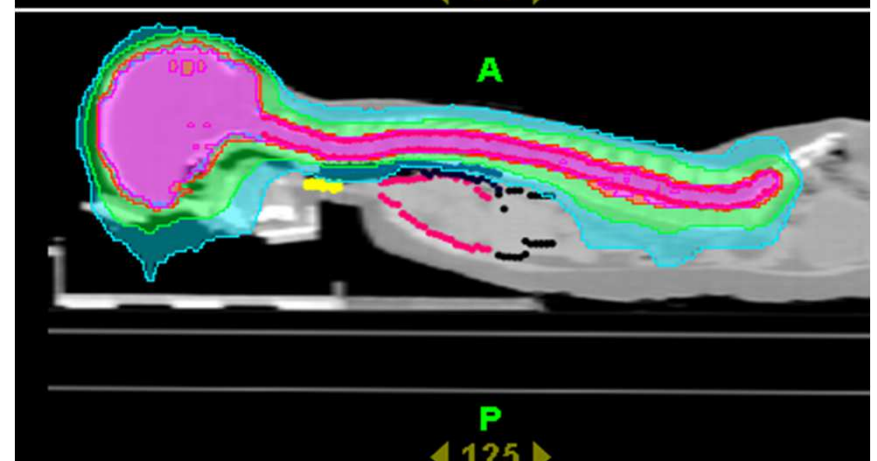
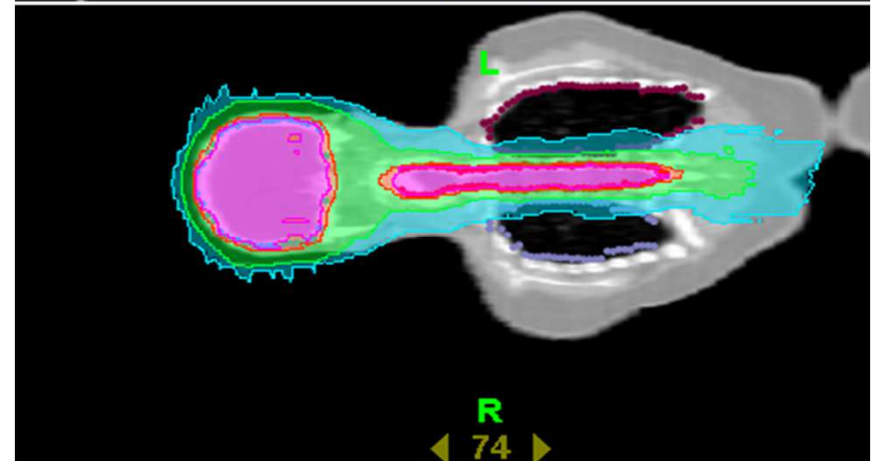
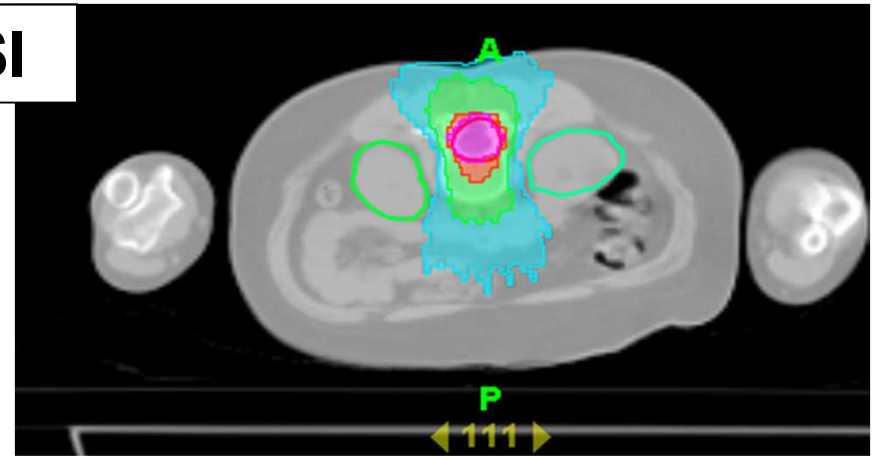
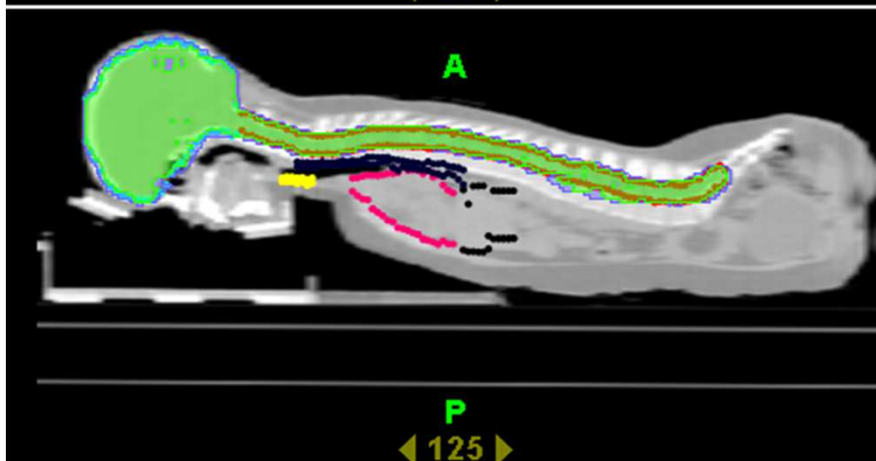
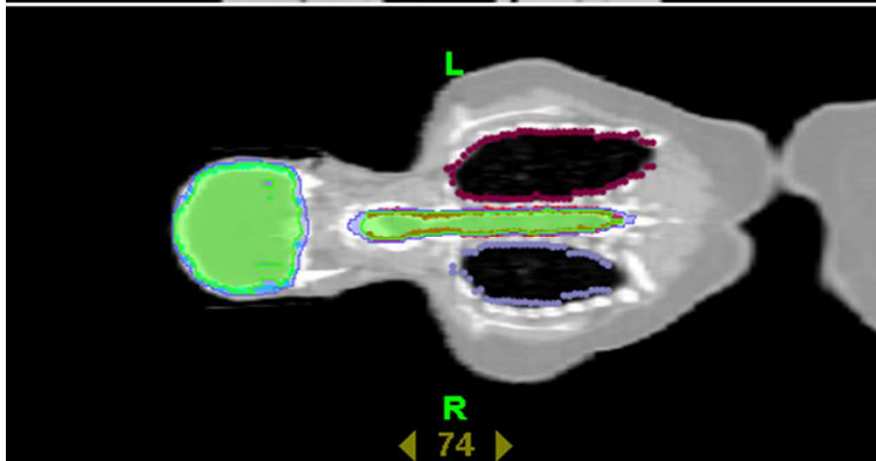
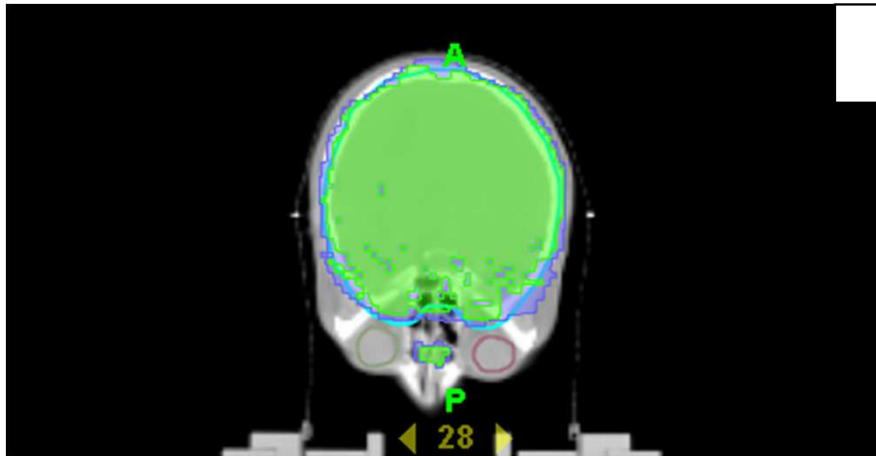


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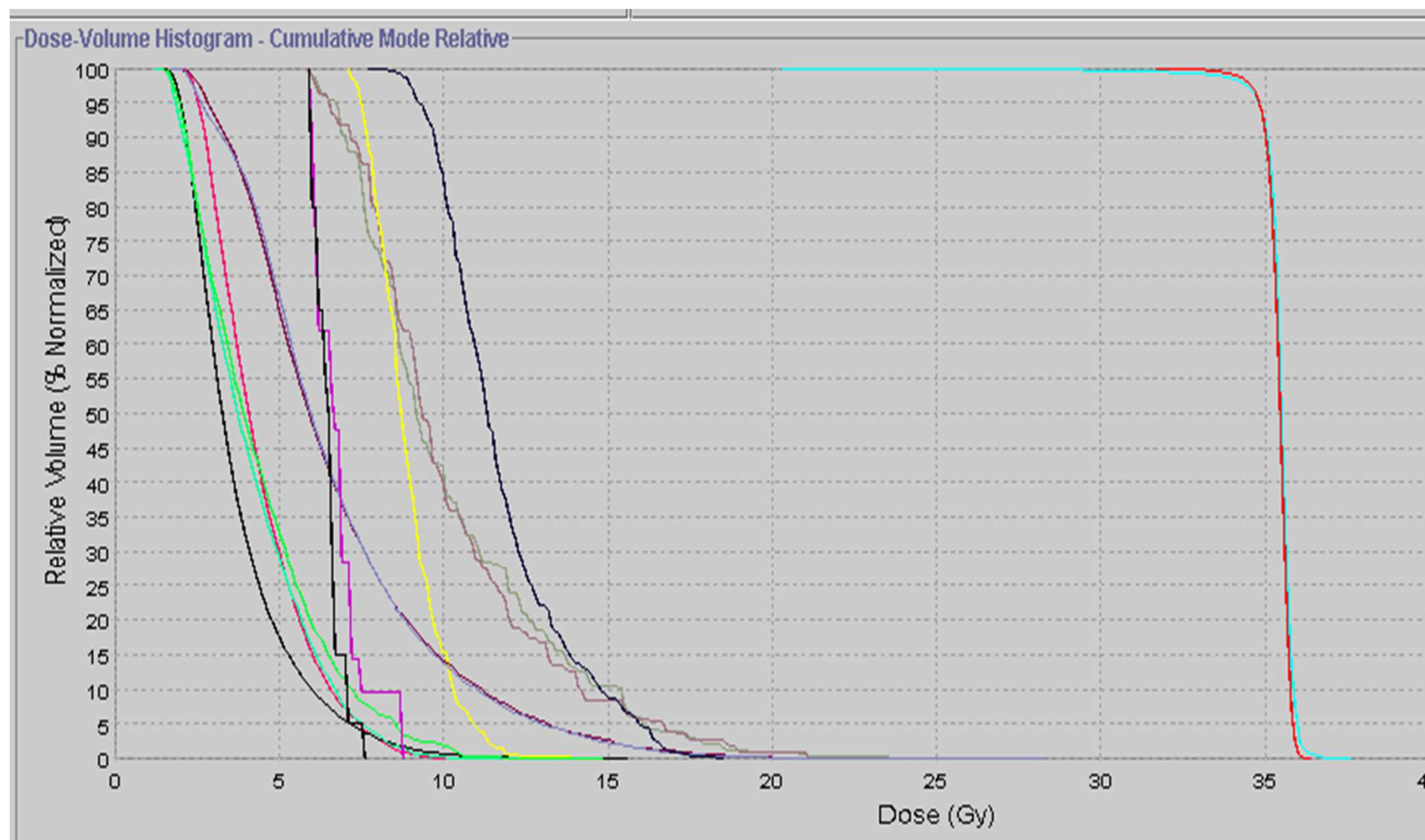


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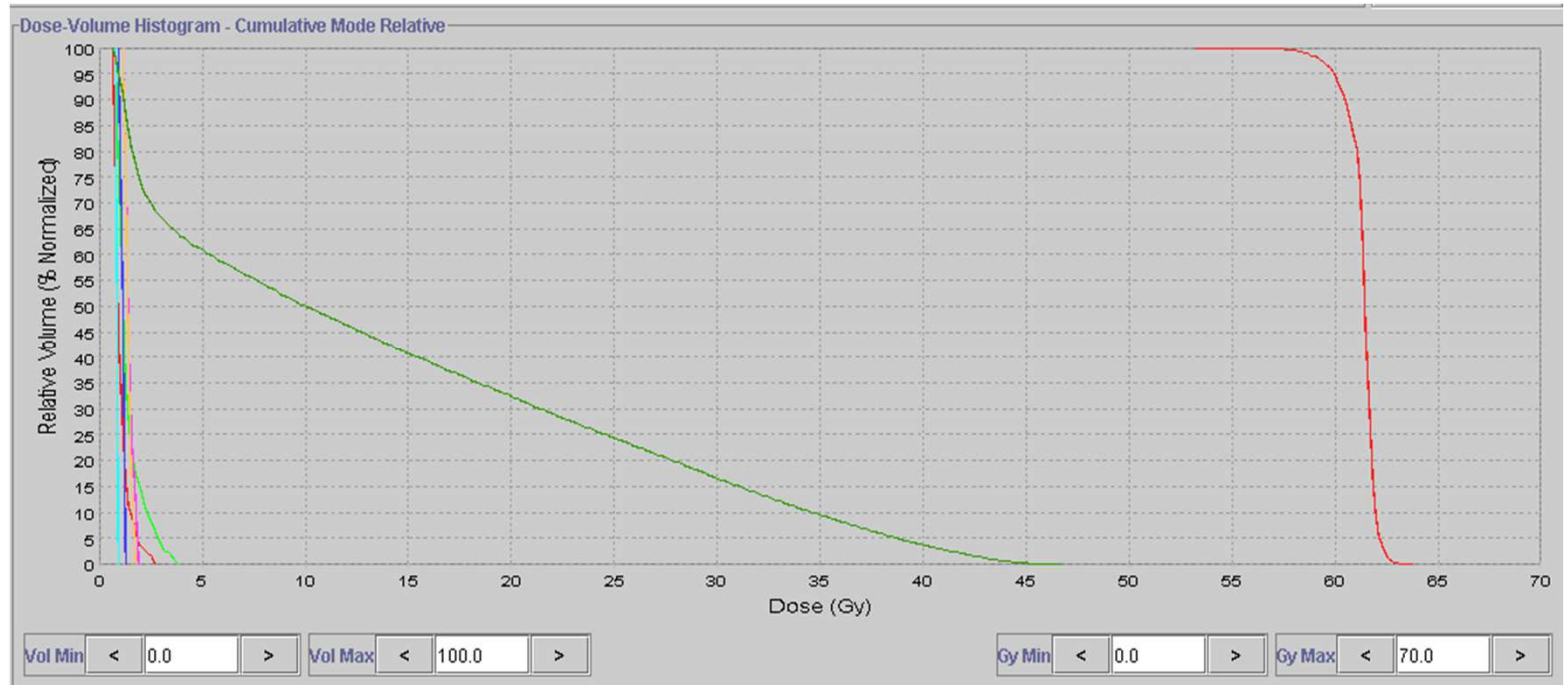
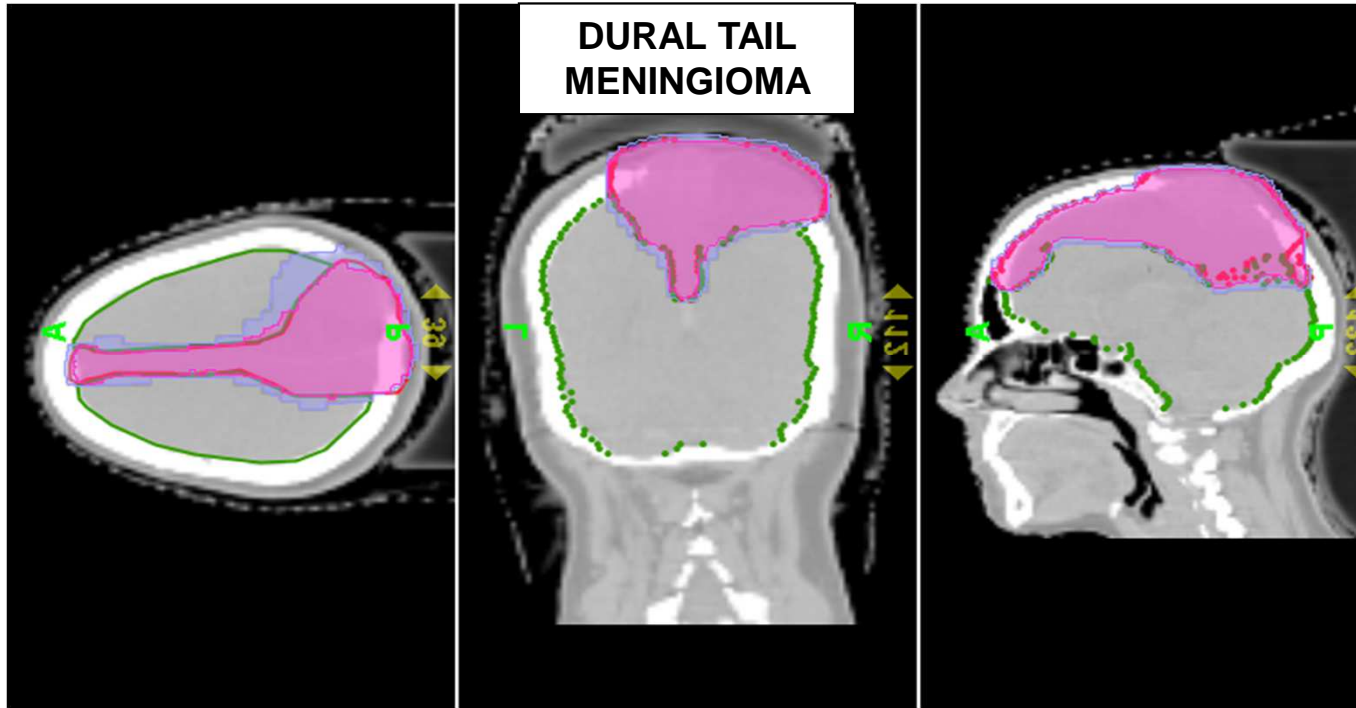


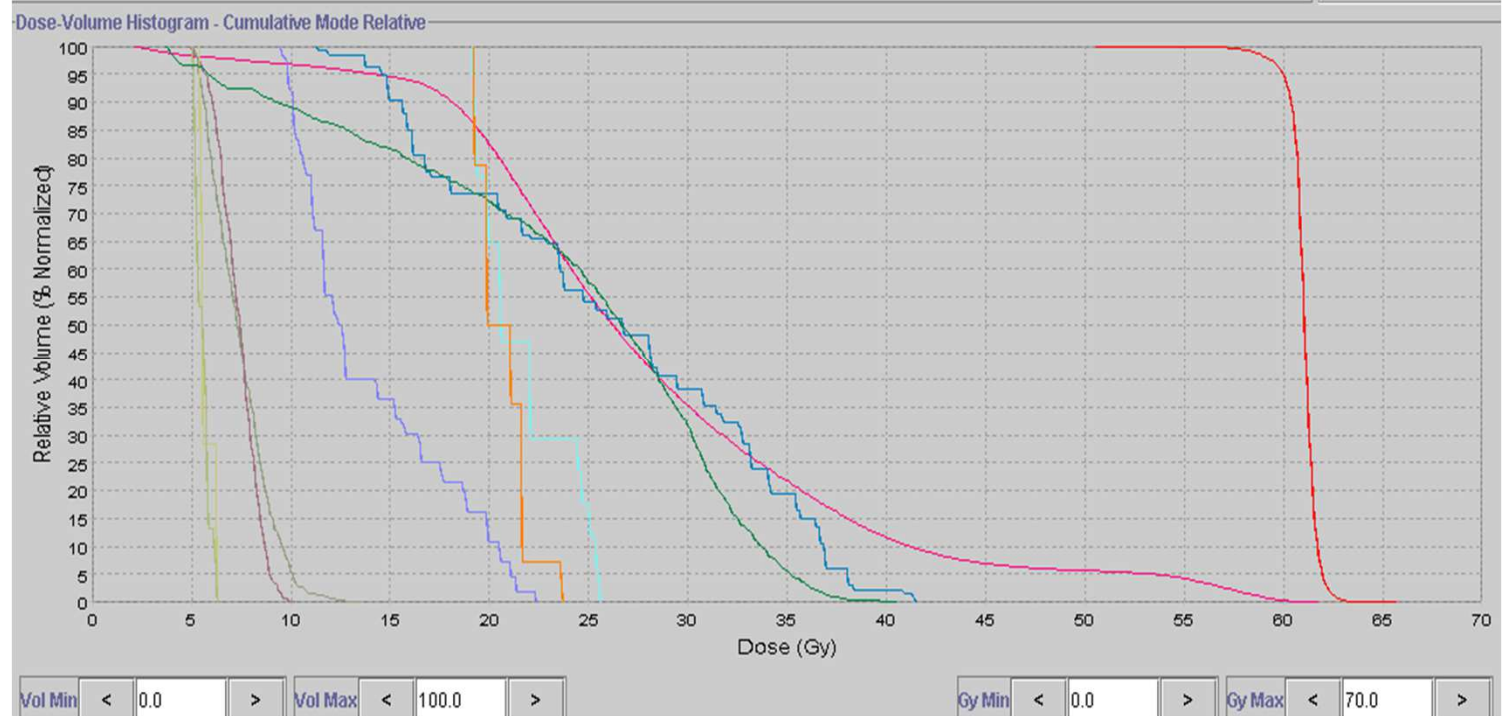
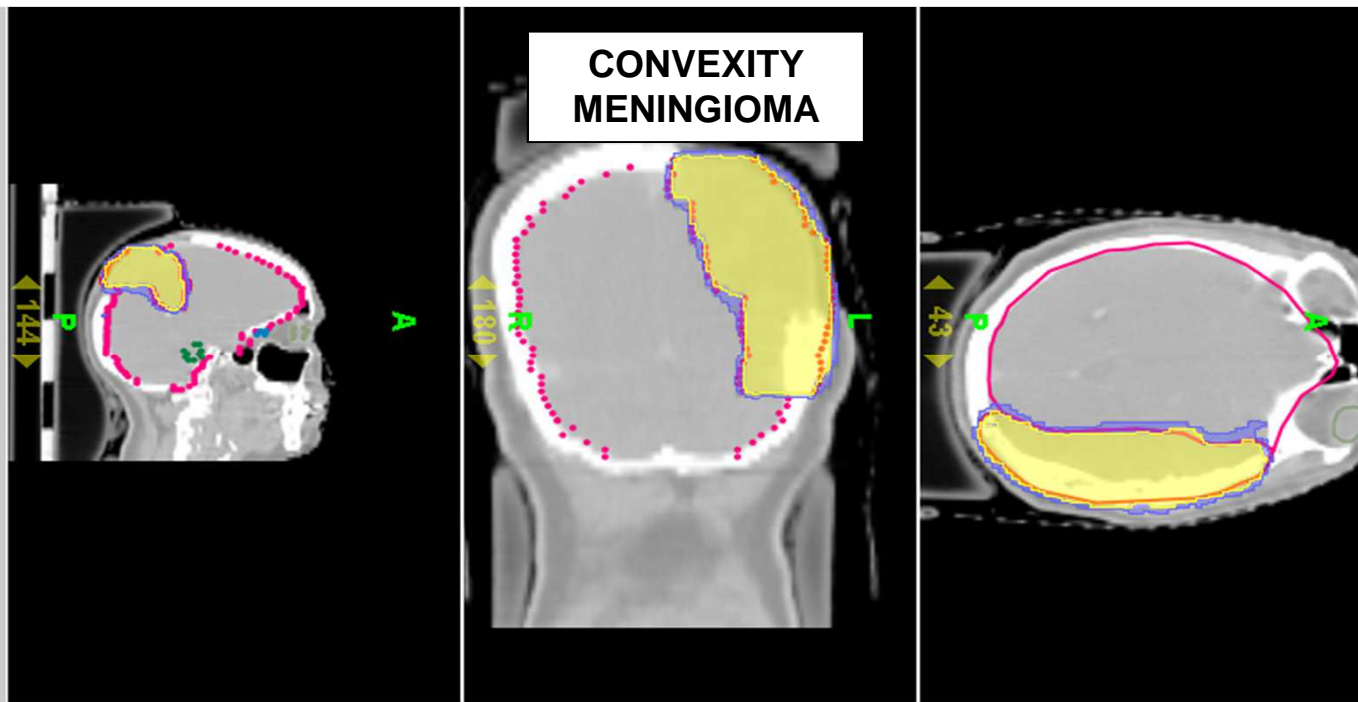
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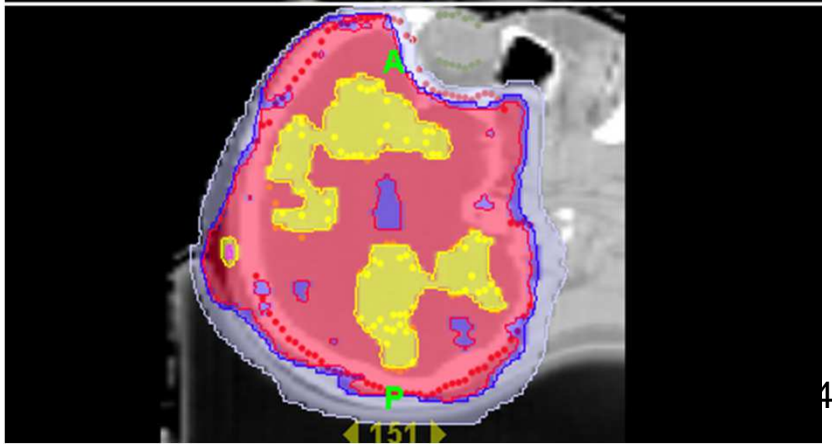
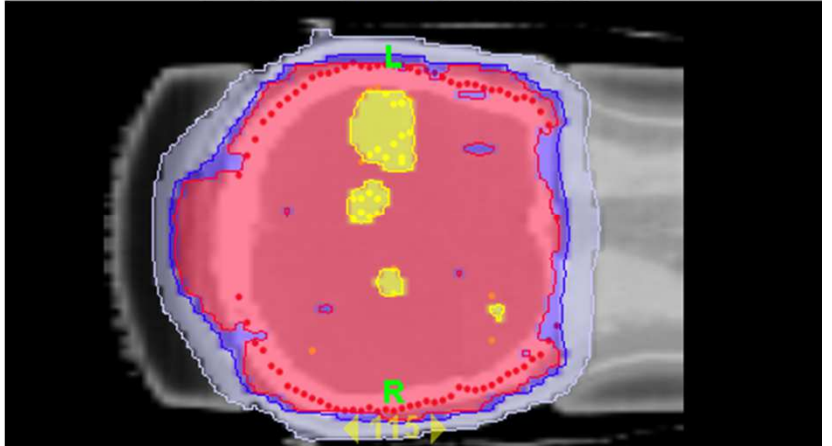
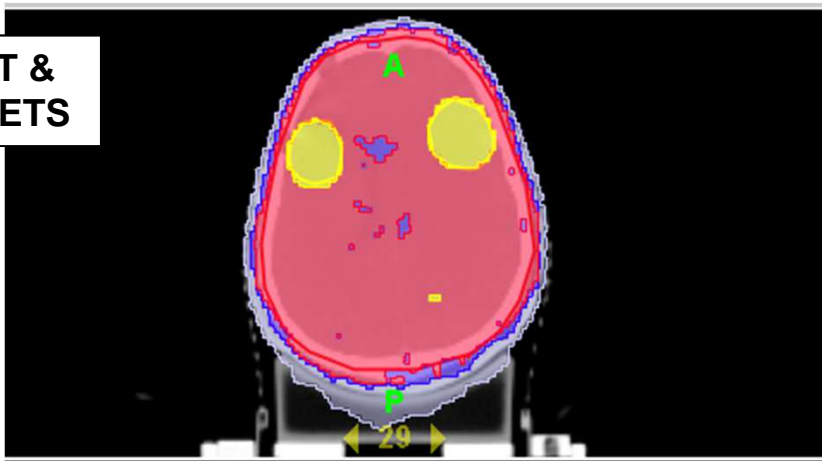
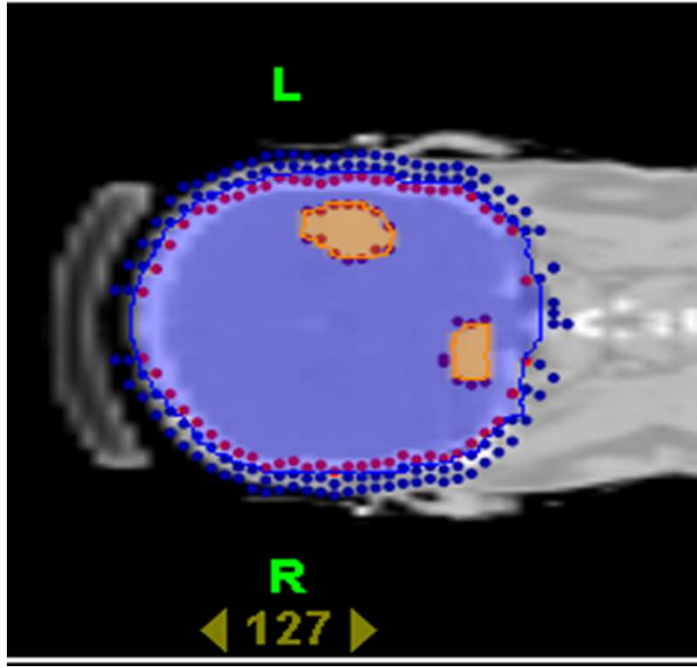
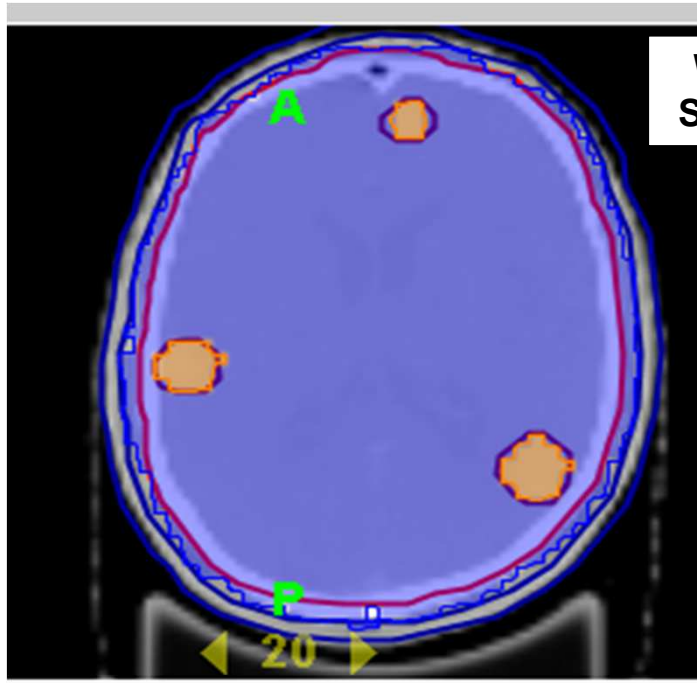


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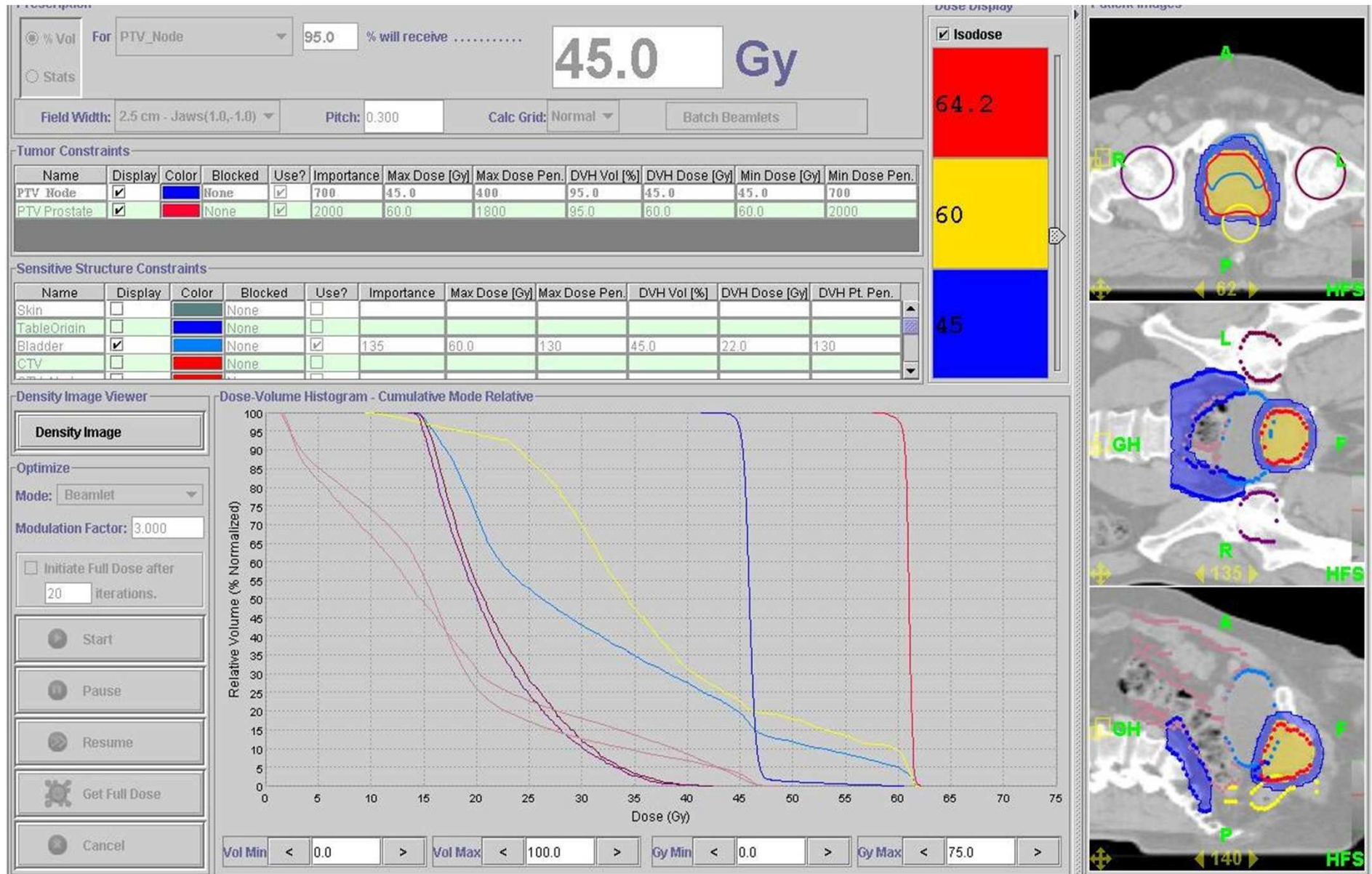


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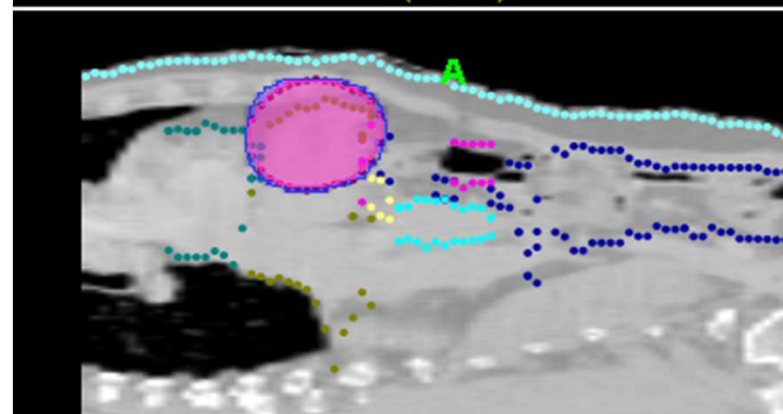
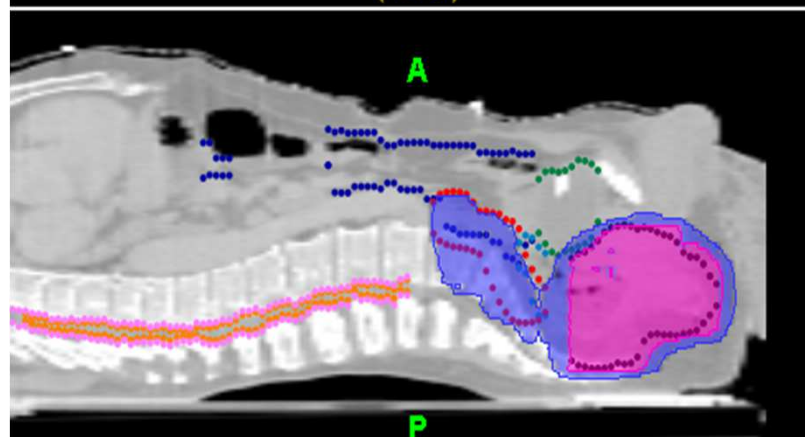
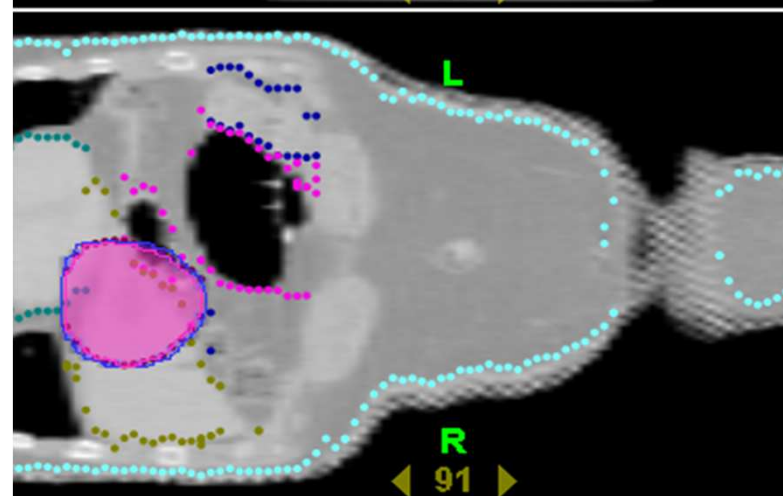
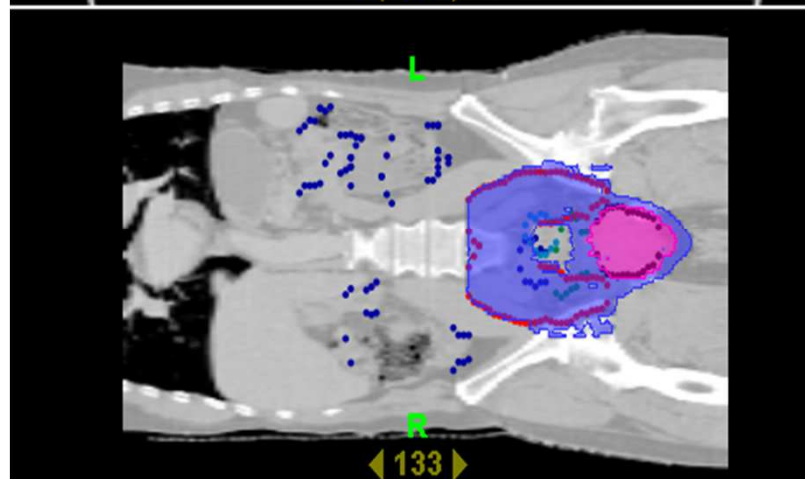
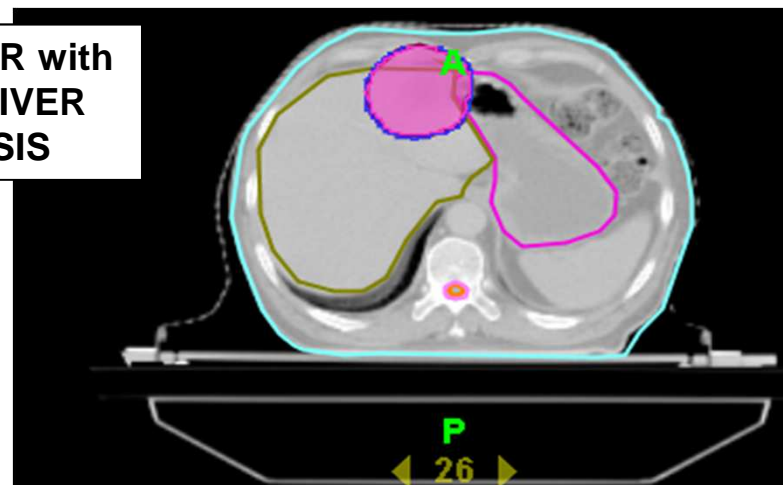
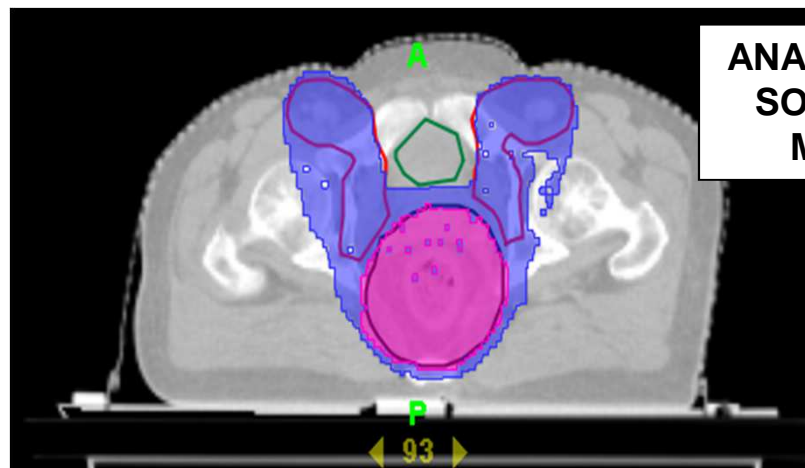




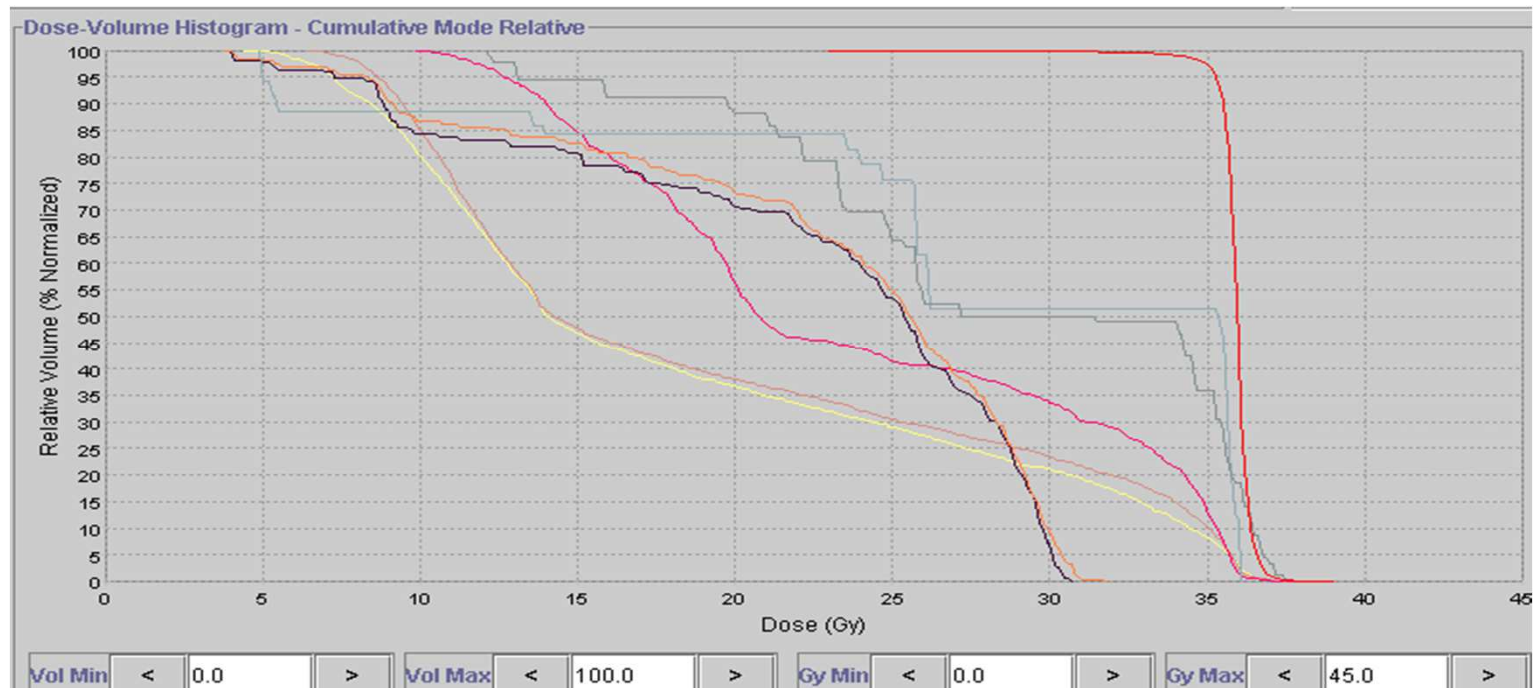
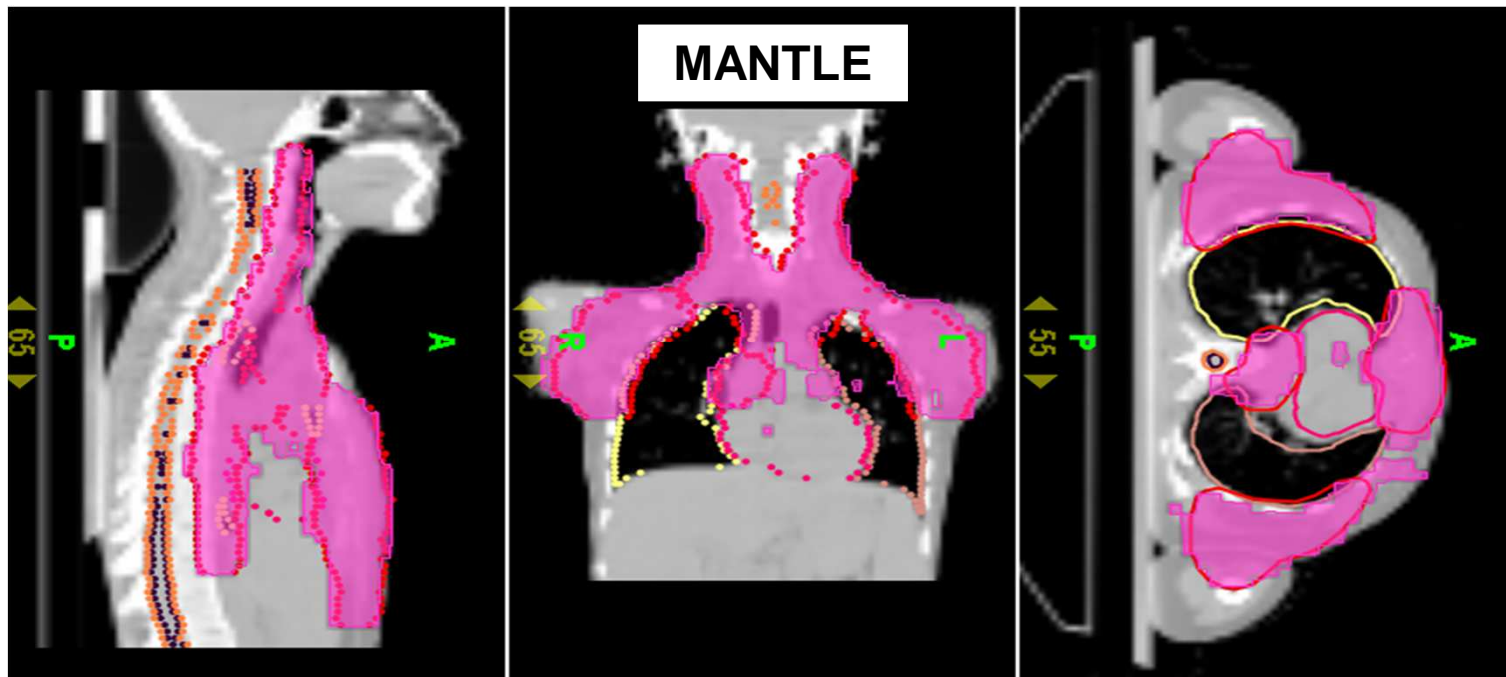
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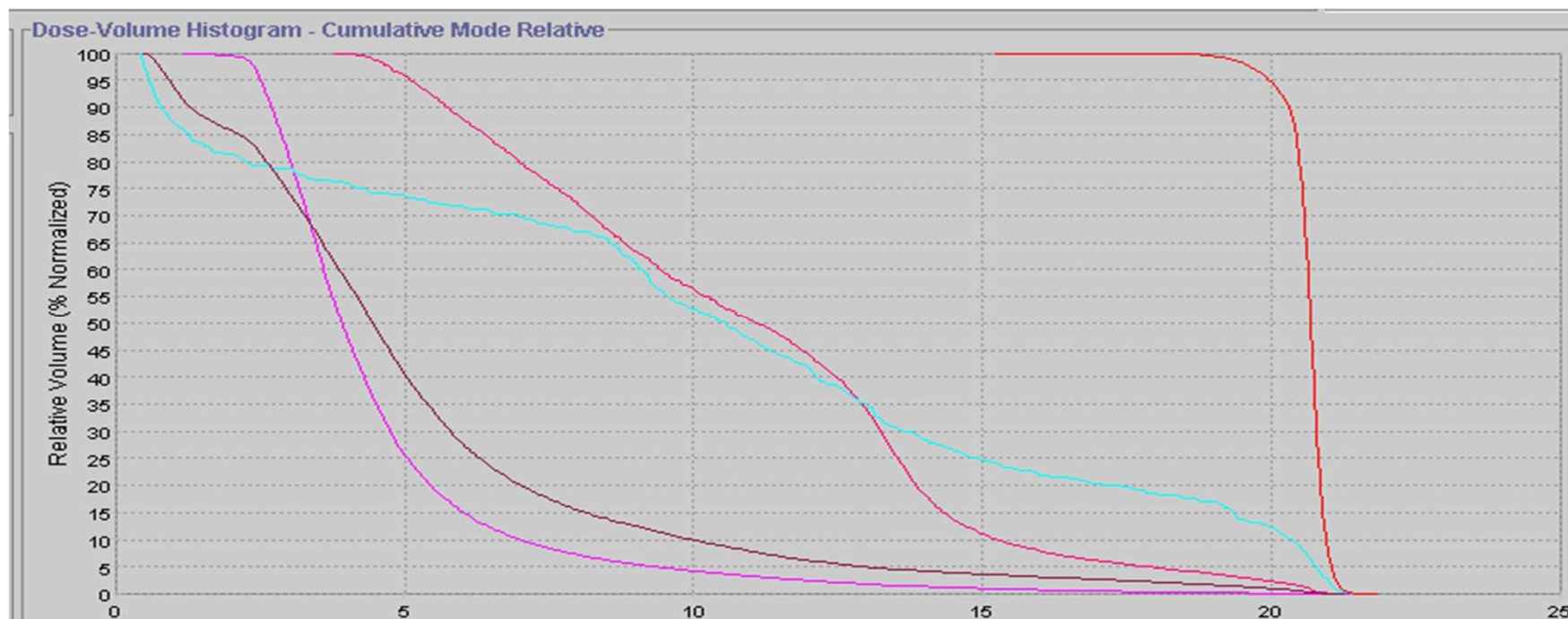
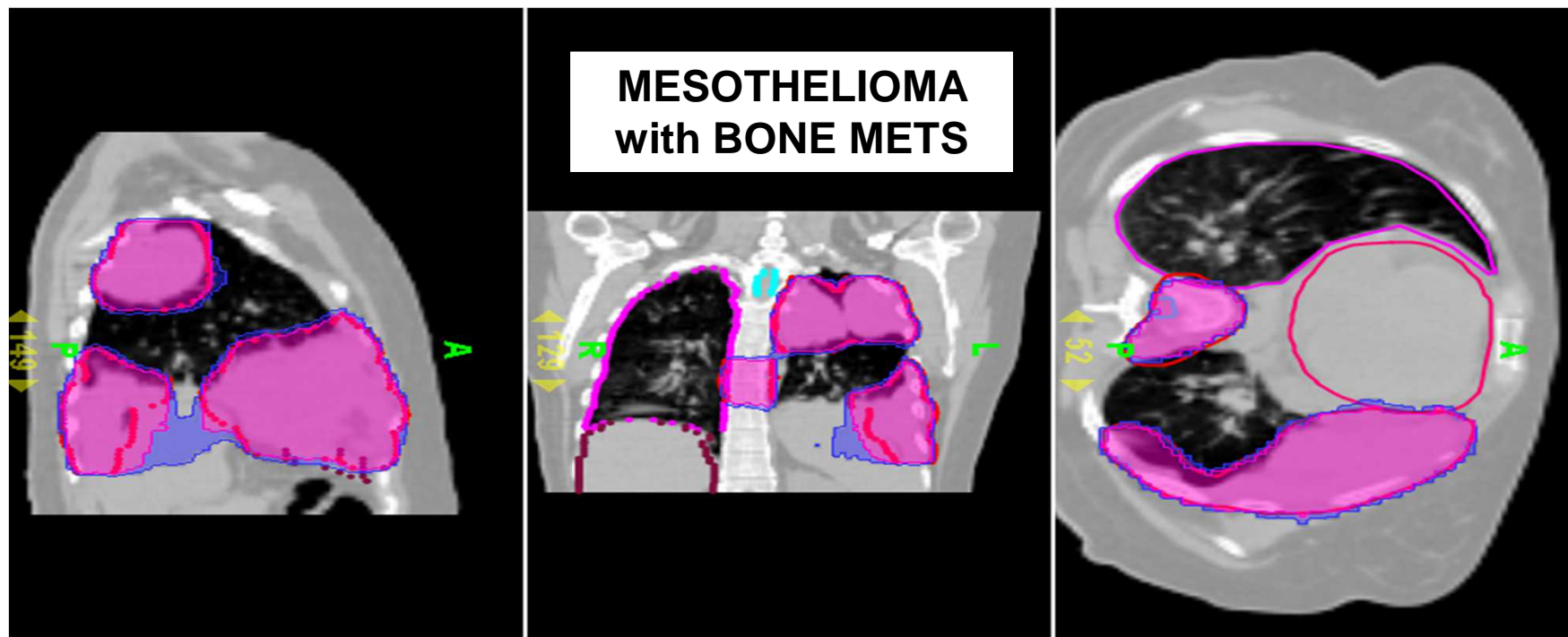


**ANAL CANCER with  
SOLITARY LIVER  
METASTASIS**

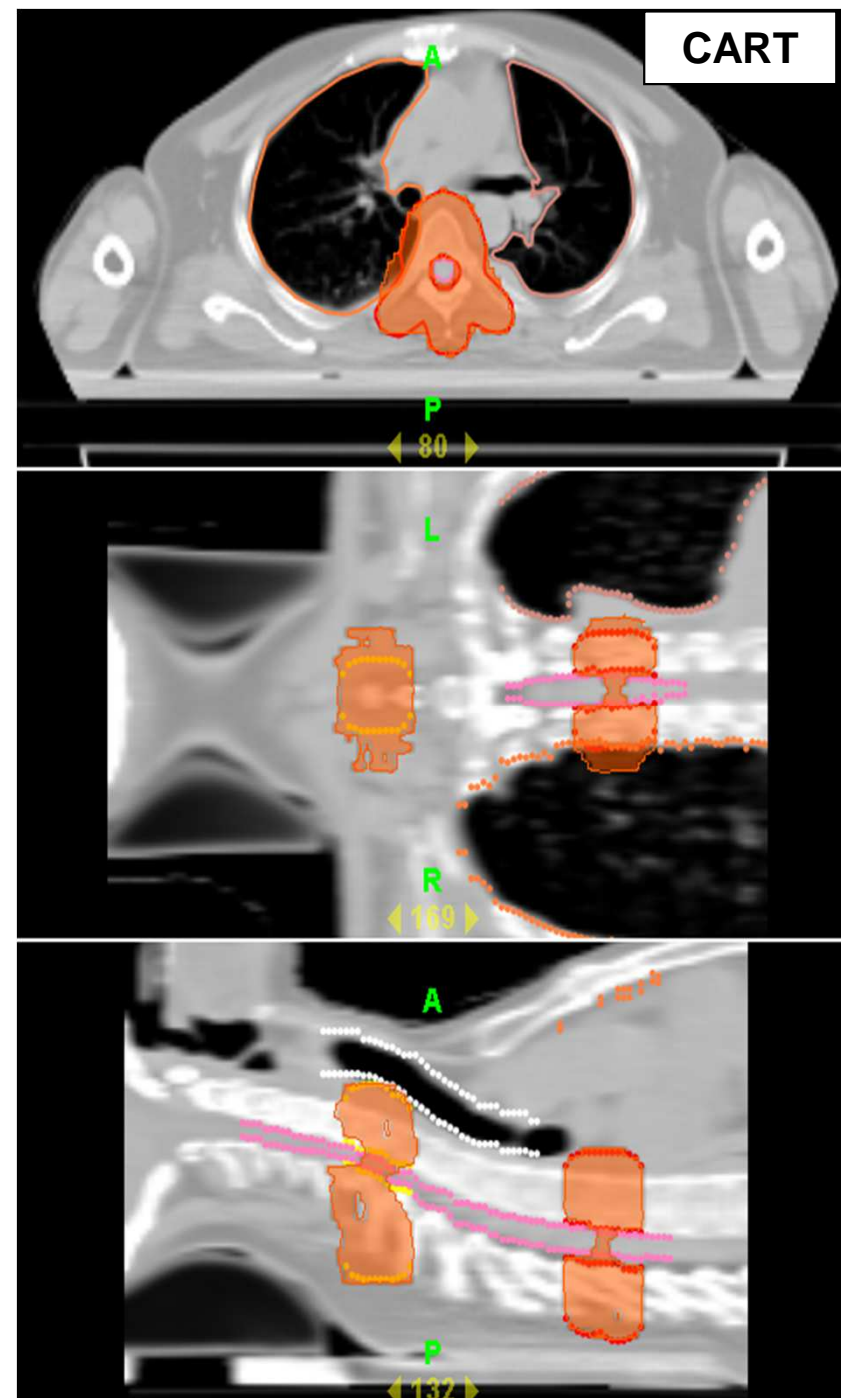
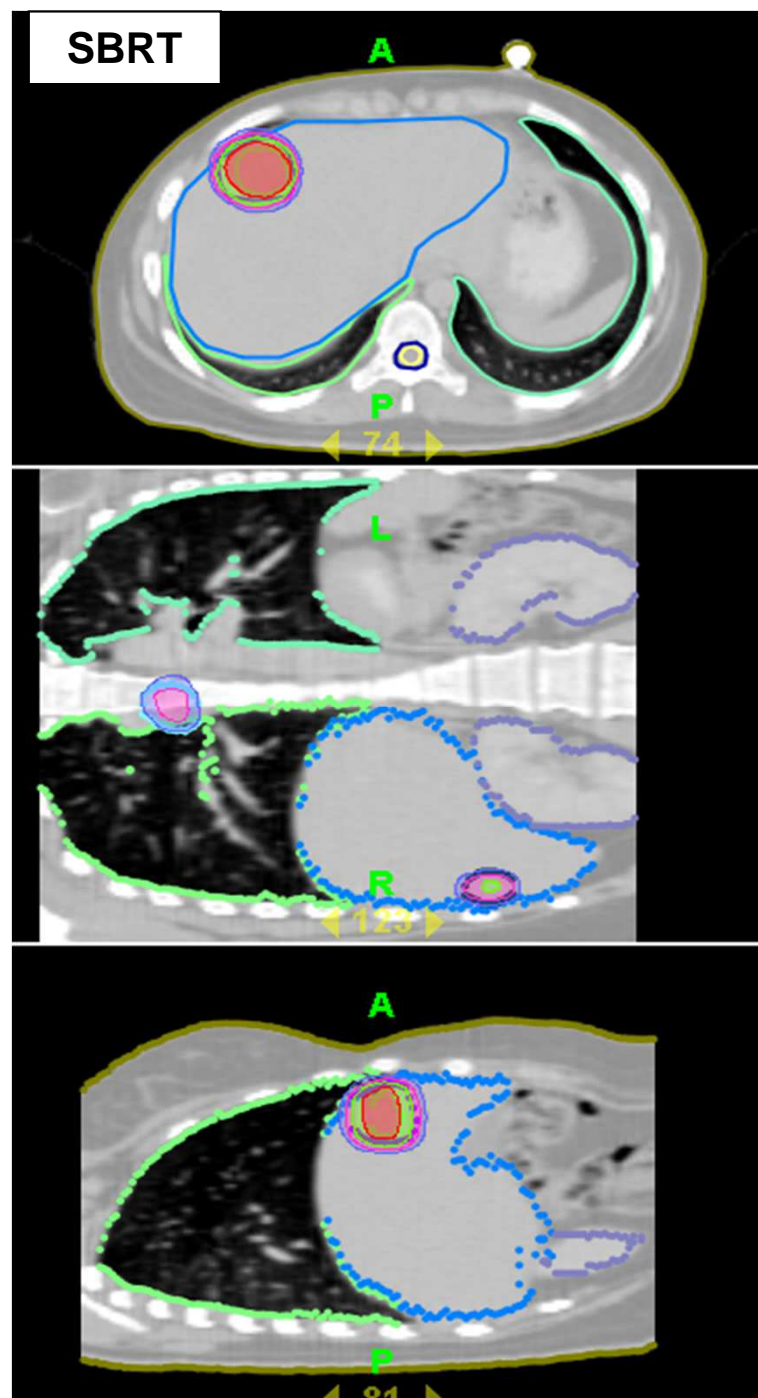




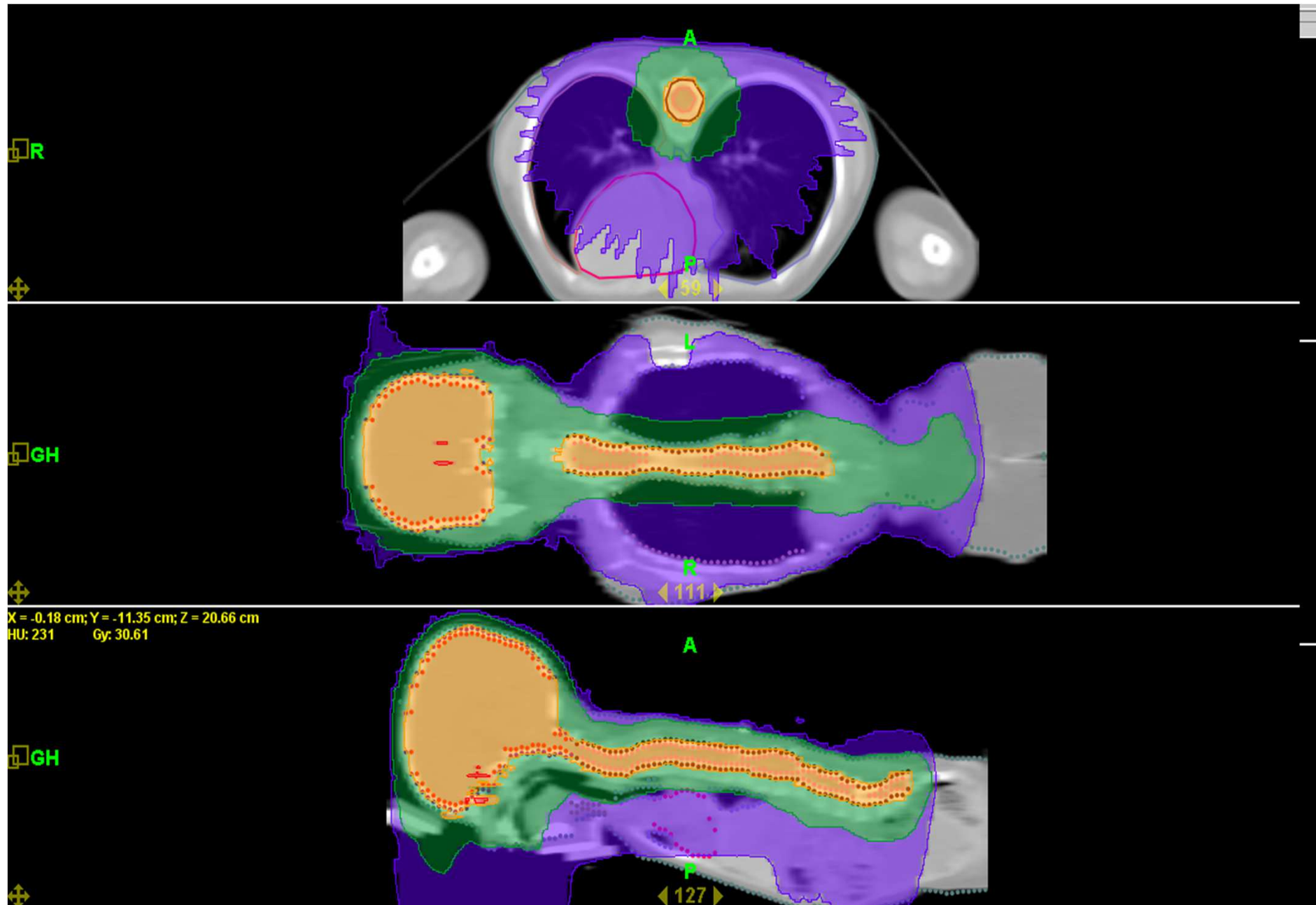




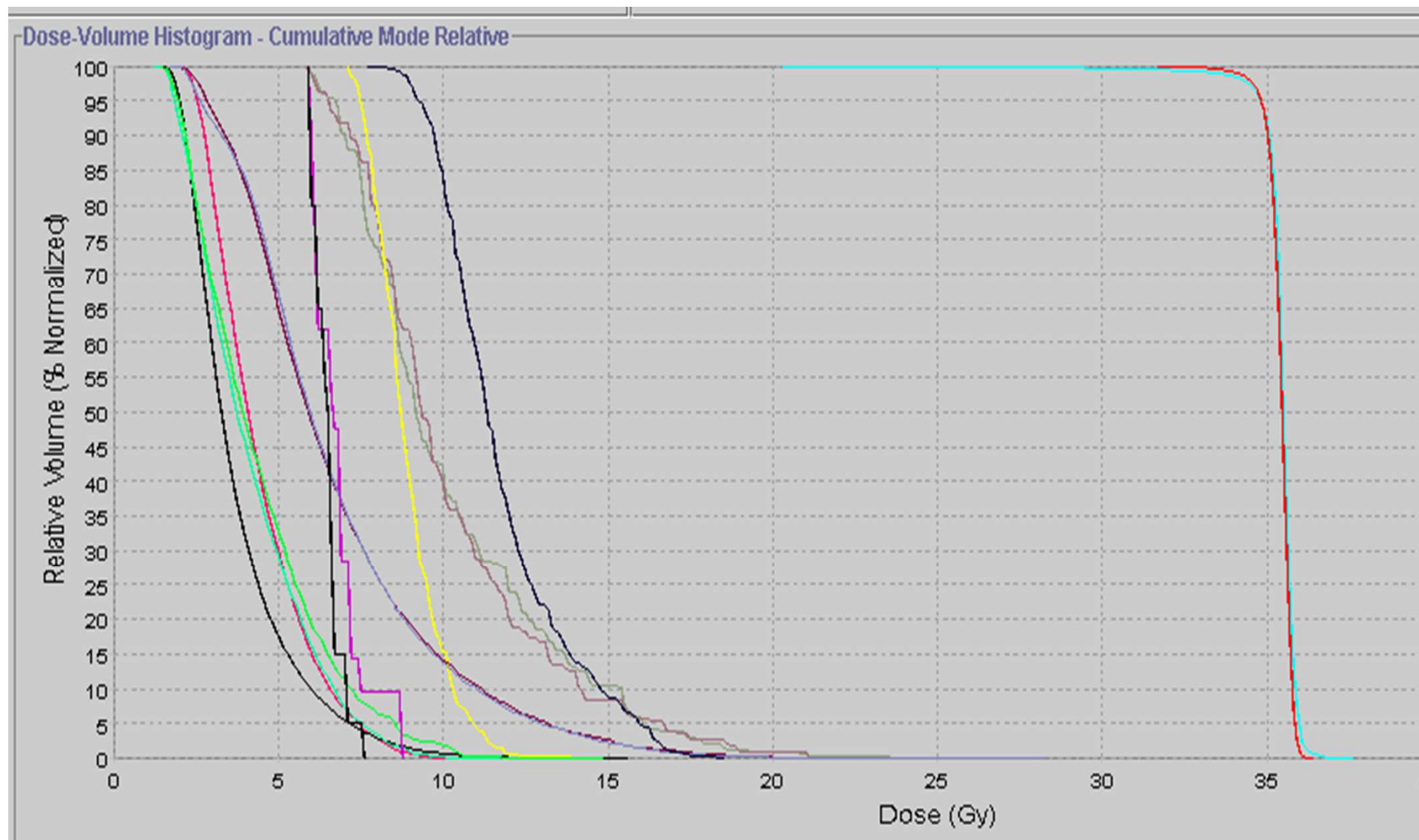




**CAUTION: 10% isodose not all over but even outside**



## IMRT on TomoTherapy: Brilliant DVH



## Exciting Clinical Applications

- **Total Marrow Irradiation (TMI)/Total Lymphoid Irradiation (TLI)**
- **Cardiac-sparing mediastinal radiotherapy**
- **Brain-sparing holocranial radiotherapy**
- **Adaptive bladder radiotherapy**

*Achievable & Applicable*

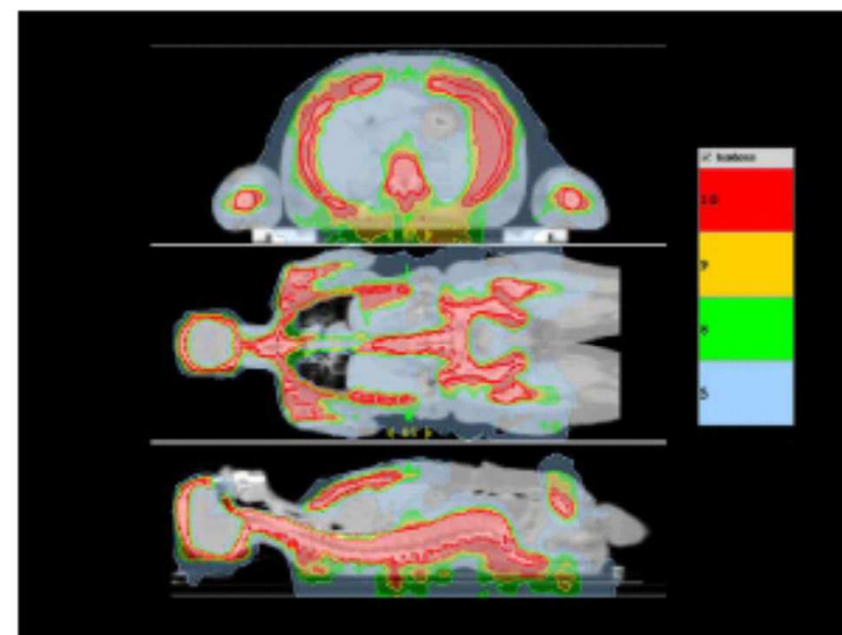
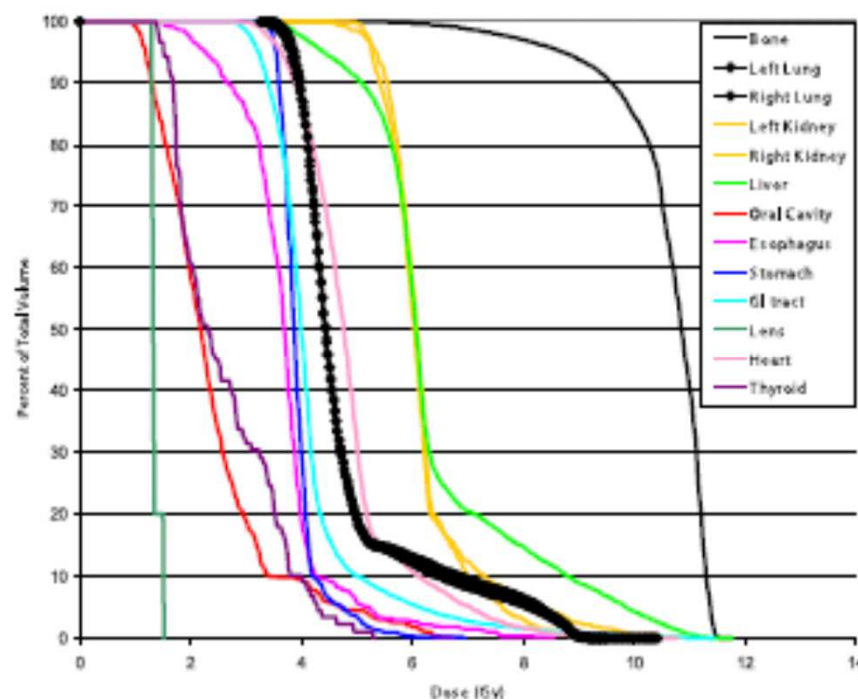


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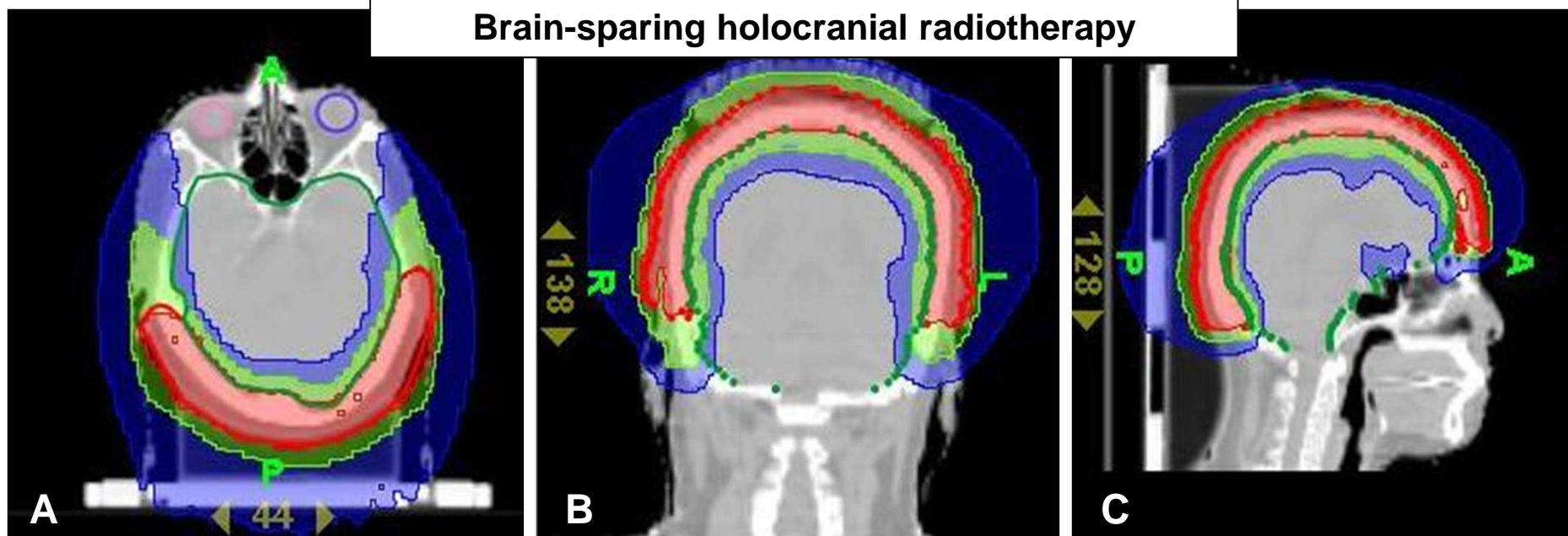
# IMAGE-GUIDED TOTAL MARROW AND TOTAL LYMPHATIC IRRADIATION USING HELICAL TOMOTHERAPY

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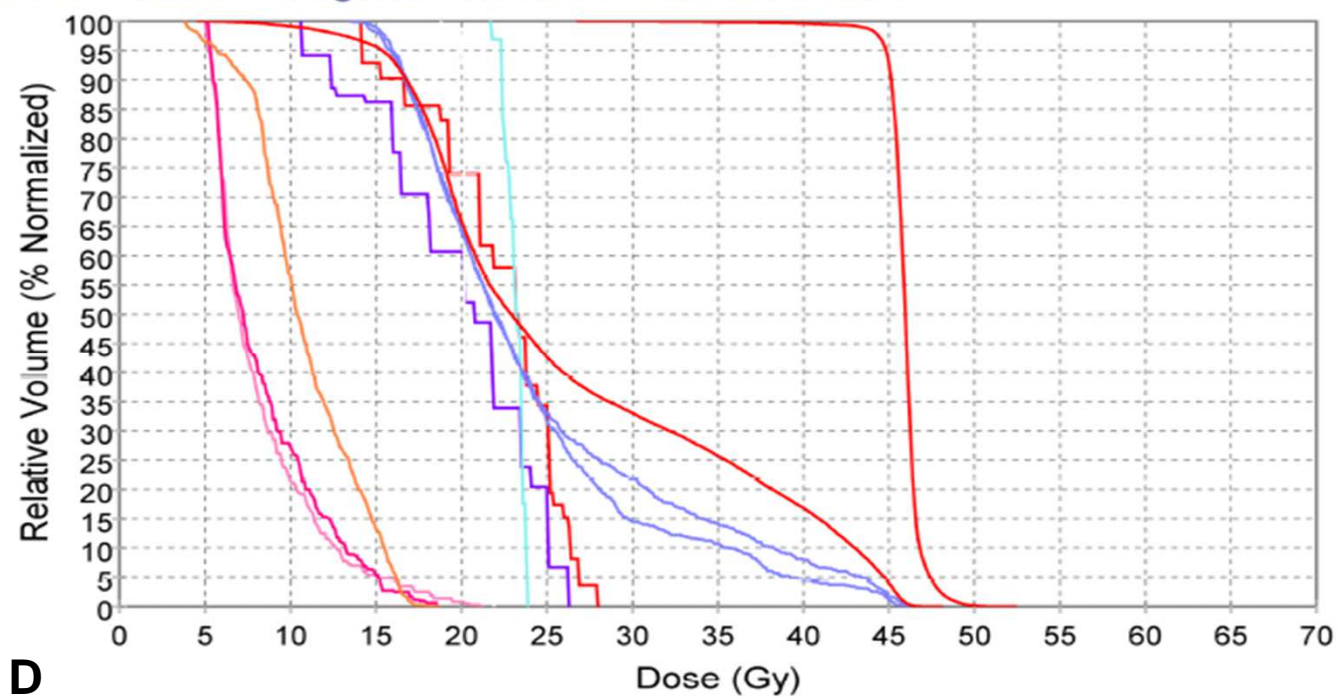
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## Brain-sparing holocranial radiotherapy

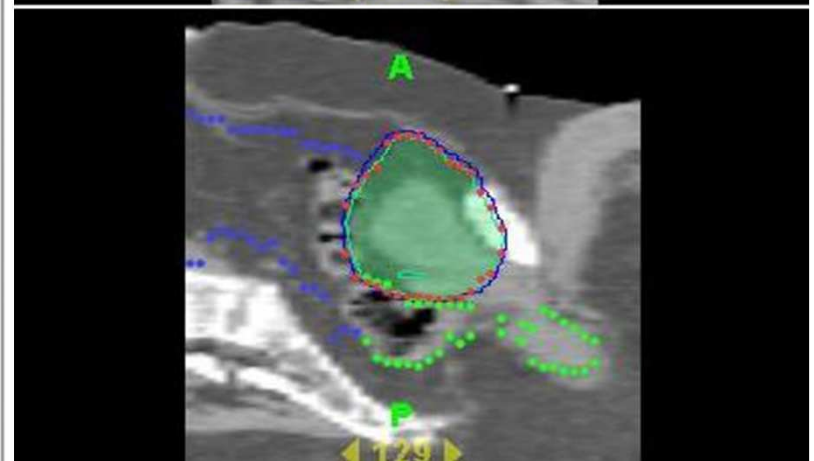
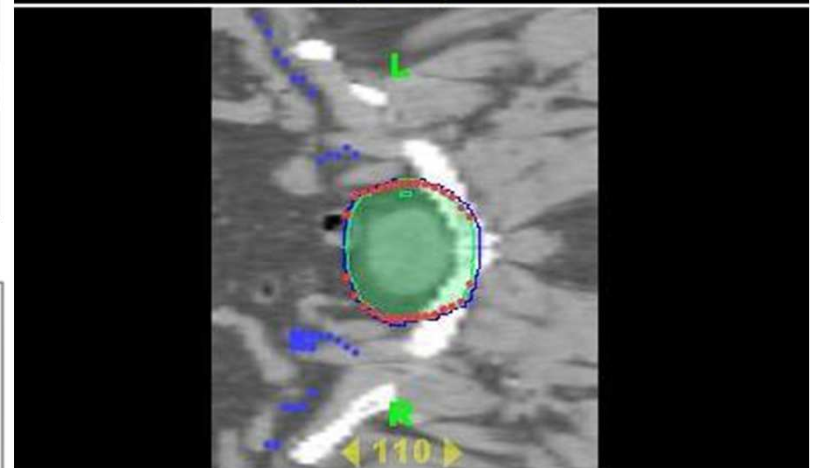
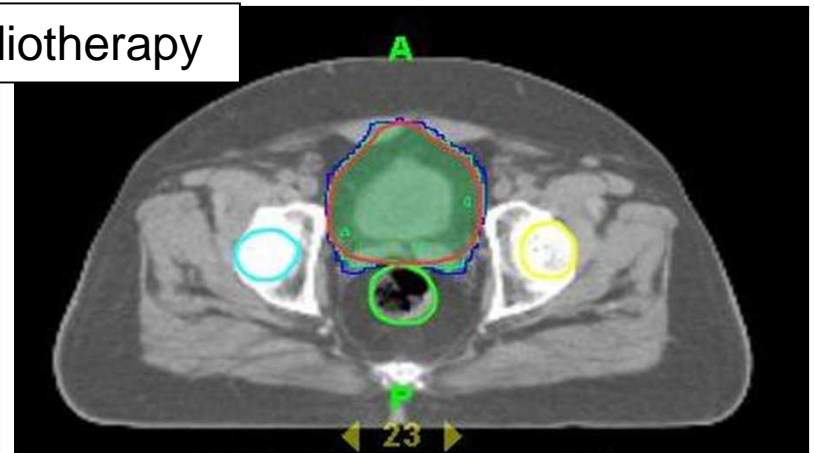
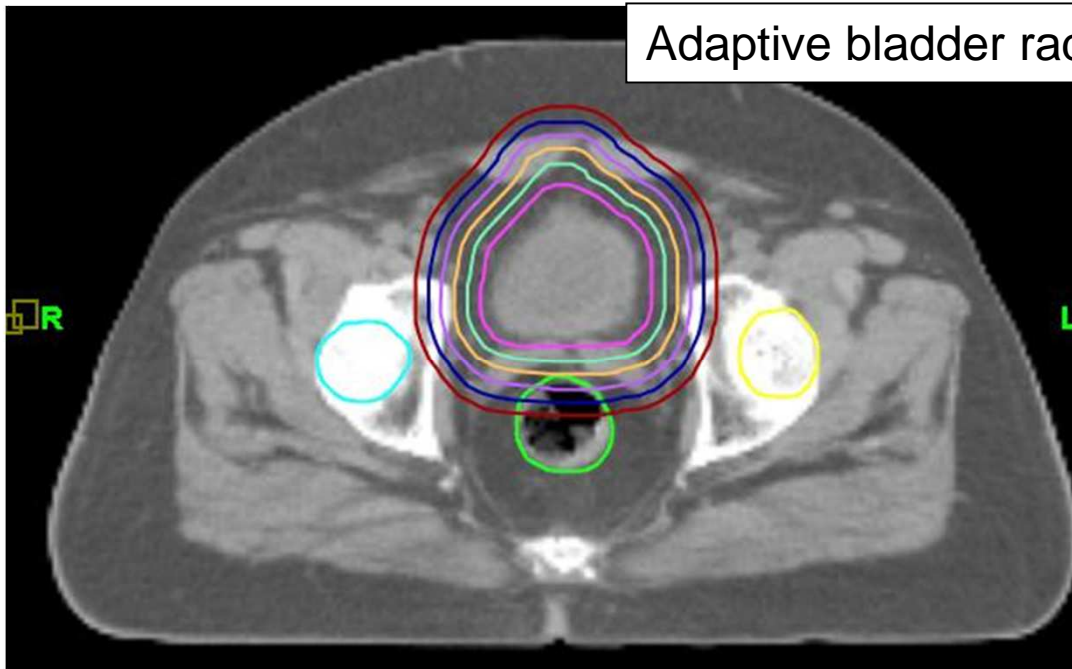


Dose-Volume Histogram - Cumulative Mode Relative

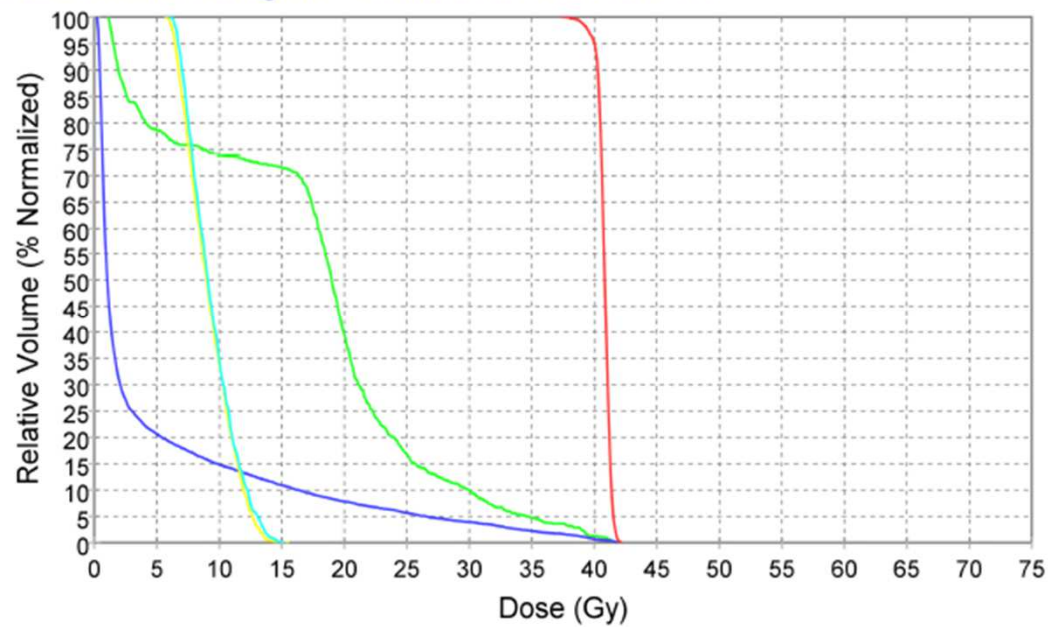


DVH Legend	
Eye R	
Eye L	
ON R	
ON L	
Optic Chiasm	
Pituitary	
Brain Stem	
temporal R	
temporal L	
PTV	
Brain - PTV	

## Adaptive bladder radiotherapy



Dose-Volume Histogram - Cumulative Mode Relative





## Some of the 'dream' applications

- Brain sparing Whole Meningeal Radiotherapy
- Marrow sparing Total Skin Irradiation
- Brachytherapy type dose distributions

*Probably utopian, may never be realized*

## Is there a flip side?

- Larger volumes of low doses (i.e. increased whole body integral doses)
- Higher costs and reimbursement issues
- Longer treatment times (reduced throughput)
- Environment sensitive machine (high maintenance costs)
- Steep learning curve (for physicians, physicists, technologists)
- Limited clinical outcome data (mostly dosimetric studies)
- Everything is IMRT (certainly not necessary for all cases)
- Questionable versatility as a single machine in a RT department

## What is the level of evidence for Helical Tomotherapy?

- No RCTs involving Helical Tomotherapy as yet
- No controlled comparison of LINAC based IMRT with Tomotherapy
- Limited prospective evaluation of this promising technology
- Literature largely limited to dosimetric & planning studies
- Relatively sparse clinical outcome data (gradually building up)
- Need more robust quality data & mature follow up

*No high-quality evidence yet*

