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# Radiothérapie externe du futur

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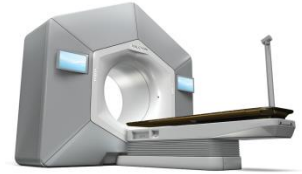
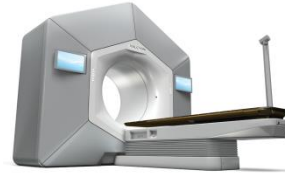
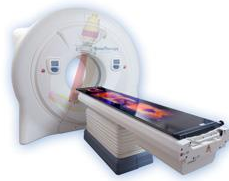
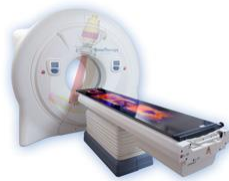
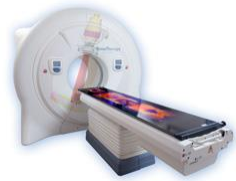
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# Radiothérapie externe du futur : machines et calcul de dose

## Plan :

- machines actuelles et doses « actuelles »
- limites des doses « actuelles », incertitudes
- machines innovantes et doses « innovantes »
  - Seminars unconventional radiotherapy techniques
- niveau d'évidence
- considérations médico-économiques

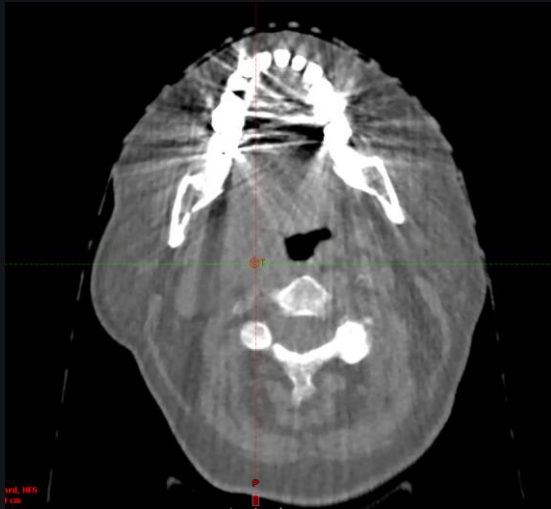
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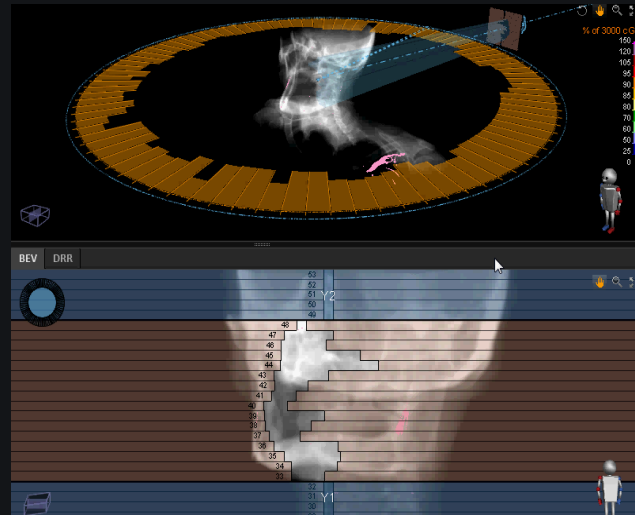
Accélérateurs linéaires 6 MV

# Machines actuelles : radiobiologie

La seule règle quantitative utilisée en clinique est le modèle linéaire quadratique

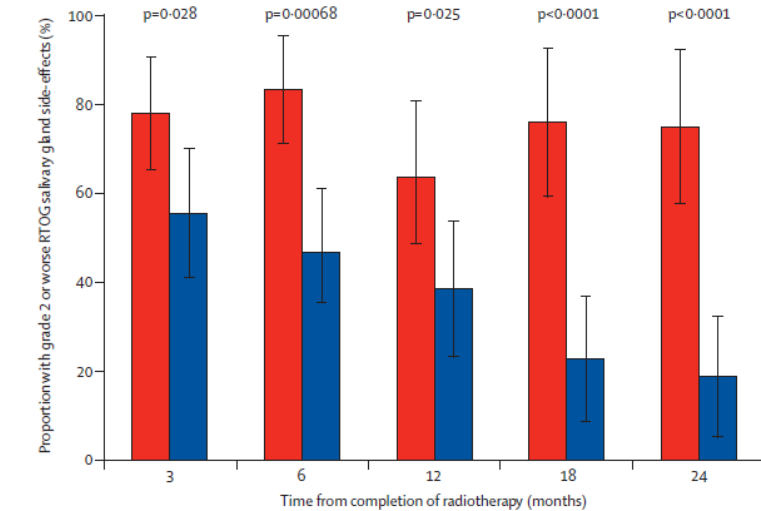


CT ou CBCT avant chaque séance



VMAT

# Machines actuelles : IMRT/VMAT



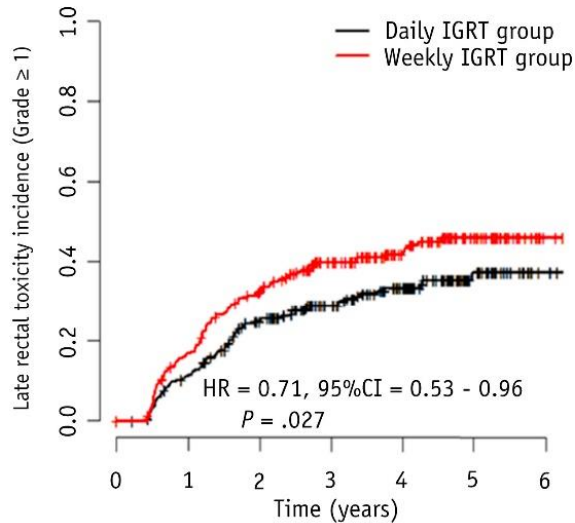
Effet différentiel > 50%

Number at risk	3	6	12	18	24
Conventional radiotherapy	41	36	34	25	24
IMRT	45	45	39	35	32



Nutting, C. M. *et al.* Parotid-sparing intensity modulated versus conventional radiotherapy in head and neck cancer (PARSPORT): A phase 3 multicentre randomised controlled trial. *Lancet Oncol.* (2011).

# Machines actuelles : IGRT



Effet différentiel > 25%

## No. At Risk

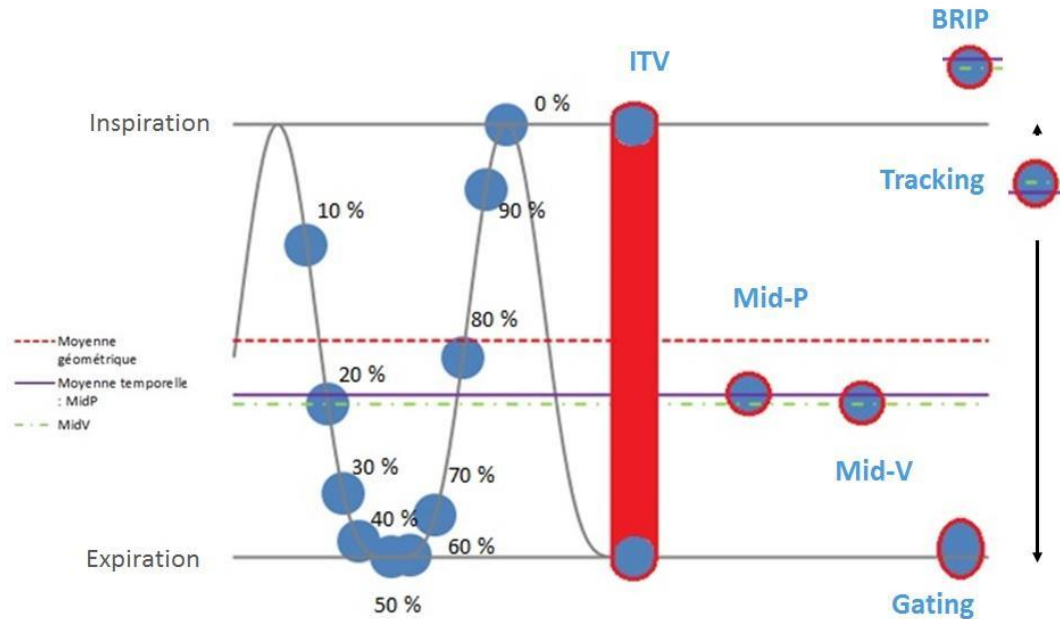
Daily IGRT group	236	161	123	84	31	5	
Weekly IGRT group	234	191	150	108	73	39	5



de Crevoisier, R. *et al.* Daily Versus Weekly Prostate Cancer Image Guided Radiation Therapy: Phase 3 Multicenter Randomized Trial. *Int. J. Radiat. Oncol. Biol. Phys.* (2018).



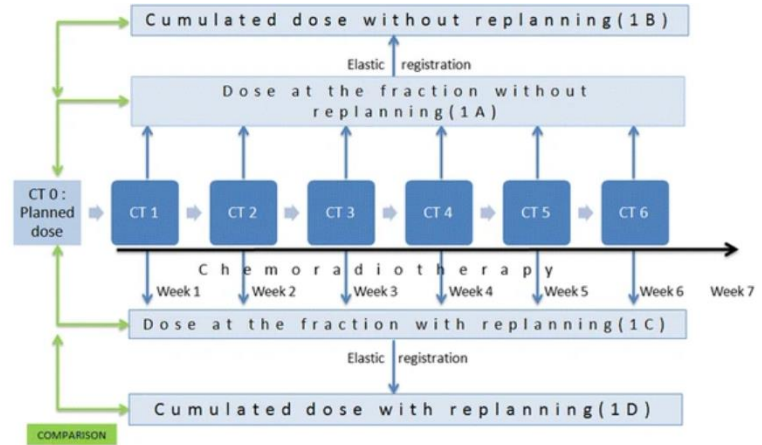
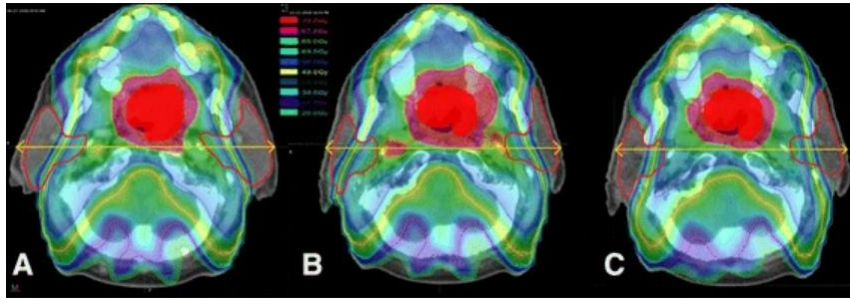
# Machines actuelles : mouvements respiratoires



Rapport SFPM n°38 Gestion des mouvements internes en radiothérapie externe : dispositifs et mise en œuvre pour le traitement des patients

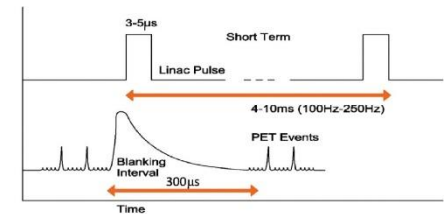
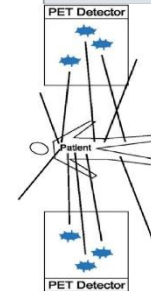
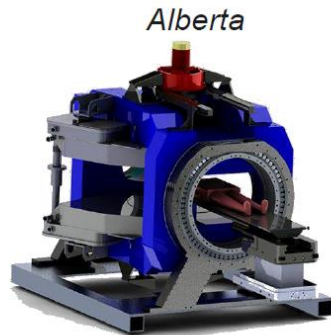
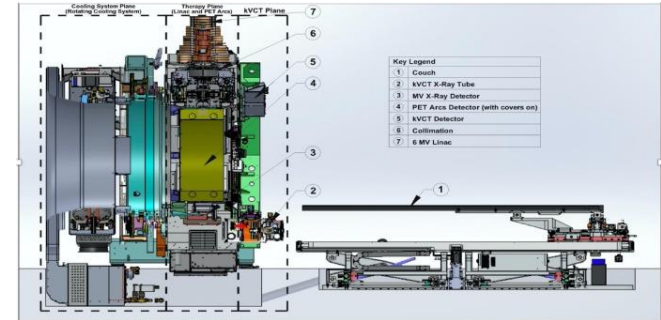
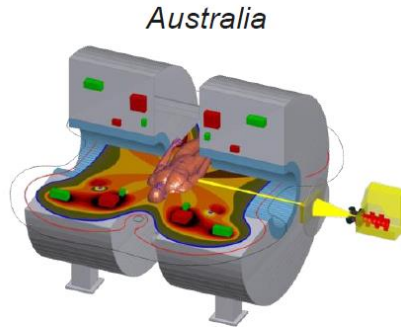
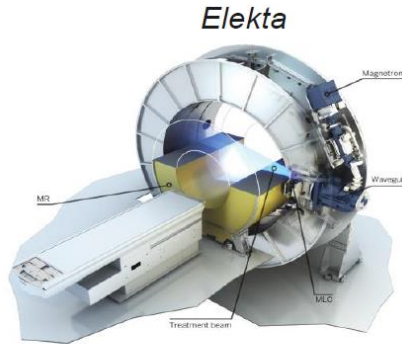


# Machines actuelles : RT adaptative



- 📖 Castelli, J., et al. (2015). Impact of head and neck cancer adaptive radiotherapy to spare the parotid glands and decrease the risk of xerostomia. *Radiation Oncology*
- 📖 Castelli, J., et al. (2023). Weekly Adaptive Radiotherapy vs Standard Intensity-Modulated Radiotherapy for Improving Salivary Function in Patients With Head and Neck Cancer: A Phase 3 Randomized Clinical Trial. *JAMA Oncology*

# Machines actuelles : RT adaptative, MR-linac

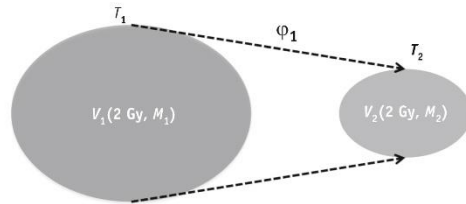


Oderinde, O. M. *et al.* The technical design and concept of a PET/CT linac for biology-guided radiotherapy. *Clin. Transl. Radiat. Oncol.* (2021).

# Cumul de dose

Total energy delivered assuming  $M_2 = 0.5M_1$ :  $E_{del}=2*M_1+2*M_2=3M_1=6M_2$

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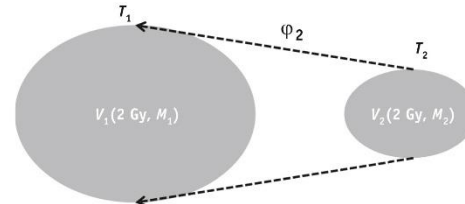
Total dose accumulated by dose mapping  $\varphi_1$  on  $V_2$ :  $D_{DM}=\varphi_1(2)+2=4$  Gy

Total energy accumulated by dose mapping  $\varphi_1$  on  $V_2$ :  $E_{DM}=4M_2$

Note: Total energy delivered ( $6M_2$ )  $\neq$  Total energy accumulated ( $4M_2$ )

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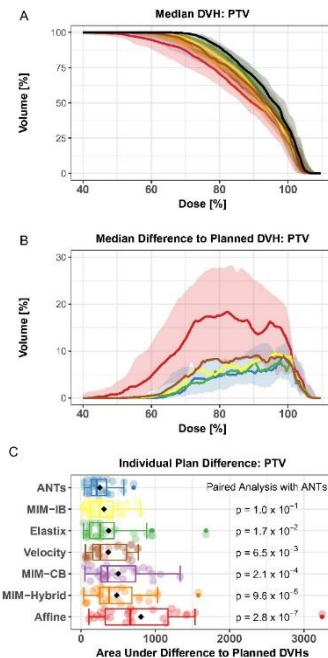
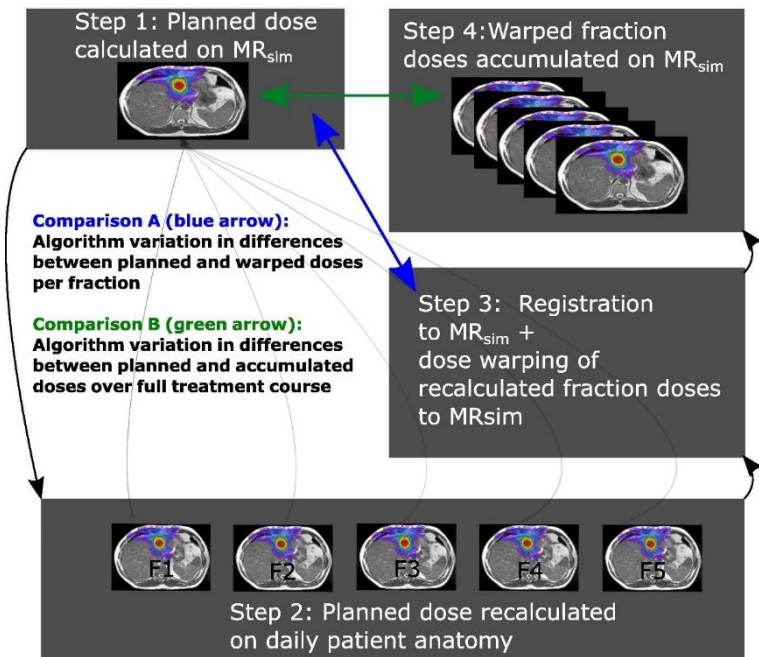
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Note: Total energy delivered ( $3M_1$ )  $\neq$  Total energy accumulated ( $4M_1$ )



Zhong, H. & Chetty, I. J. Caution Must Be Exercised When Performing Deformable Dose Accumulation for Tumors Undergoing Mass Changes During Fractionated Radiation Therapy. *Int. J. Radiat. Oncol. Biol. Phys.*

# Incertitudes ++ sur le cumul de dose

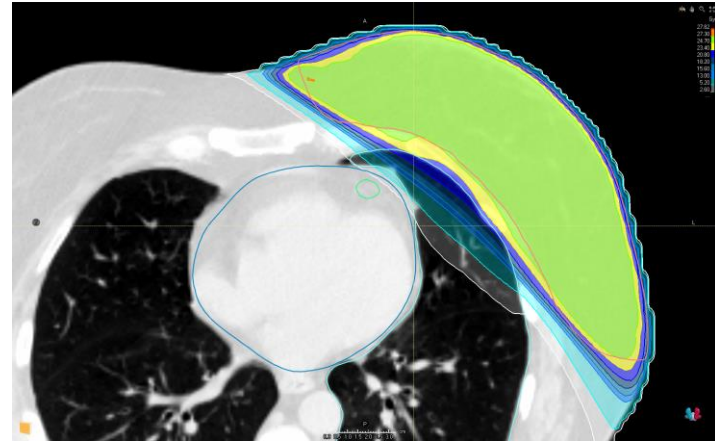


📖 Wahlstedt, I. *et al.* Interfractional dose accumulation for MR-guided liver SBRT: Variation among algorithms is highly patient- and fraction-dependent. *Radiother. Oncol.* (2023).

# Machines actuelles : hypofractionnement

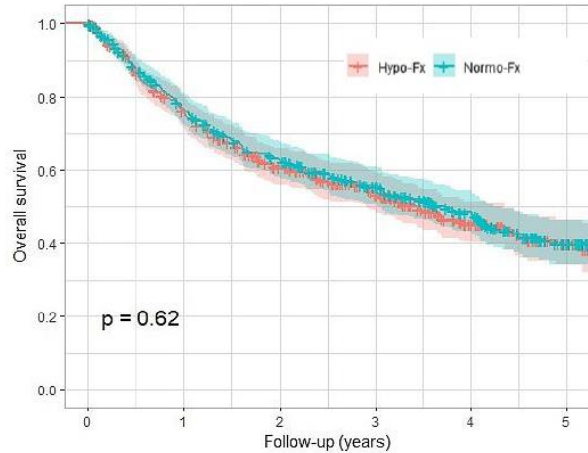


Prostate : PACE-B



Sein : Fast-Forward

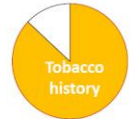
# Machines actuelles : hypofractionnement



ORL : HYPNO 35 vs 20 séances

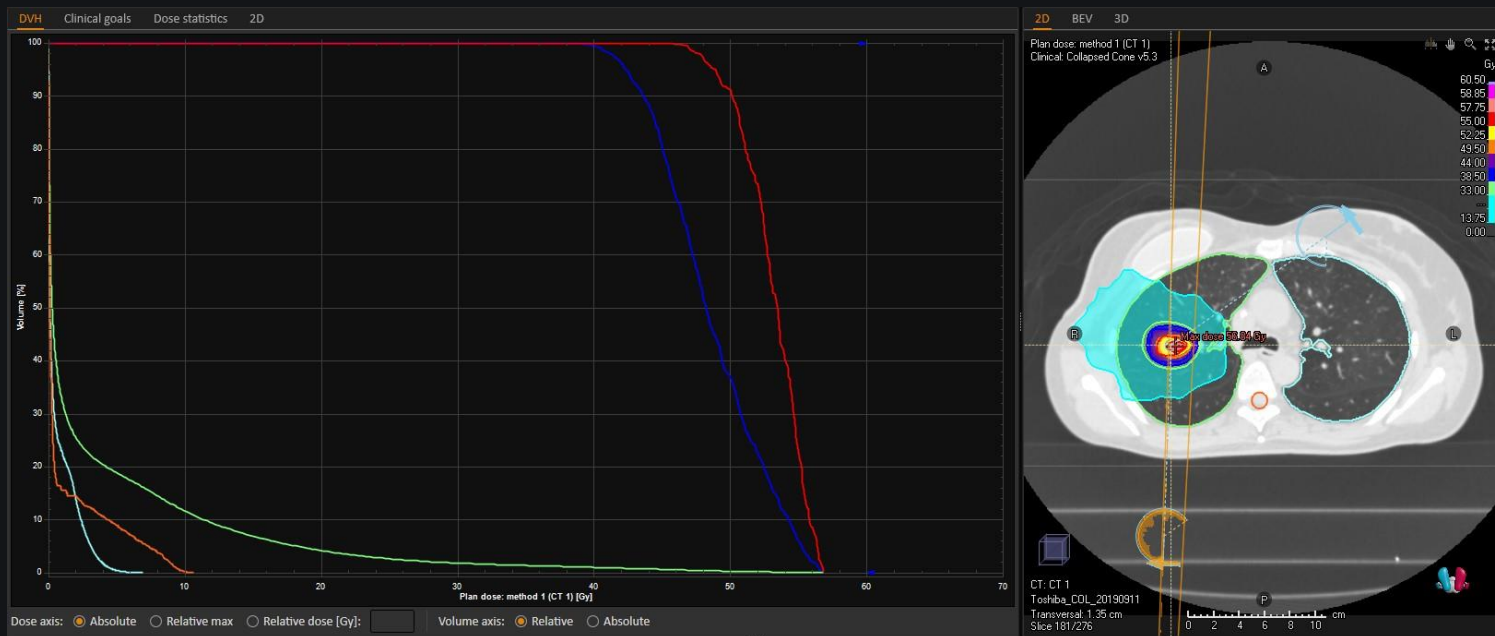
## The HYPNO trial – sponsor IAEA International Atomic Energy Agency

- **792 patients** with locally advanced head and neck cancer randomized
- 12 centers, 10 low- and middle-income countries, 4 continents



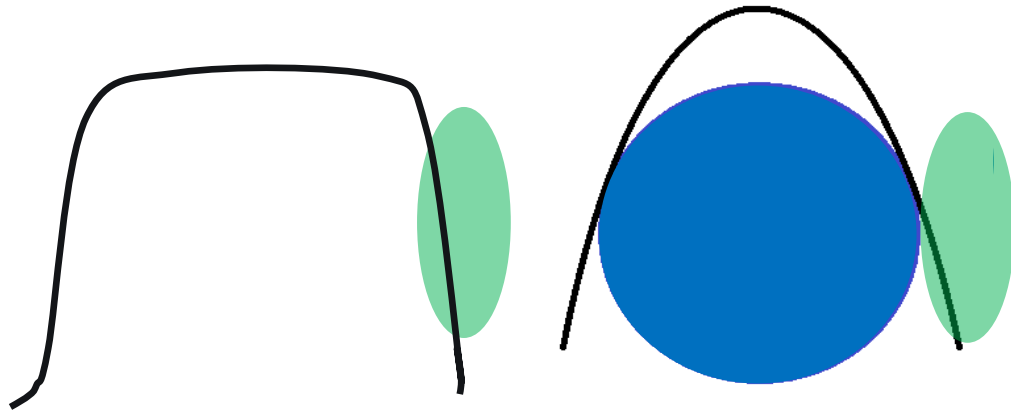
# Machines actuelles : stéréotaxie

Ex : 3 x 18 Gy



# Machines actuelles : stéréotaxie

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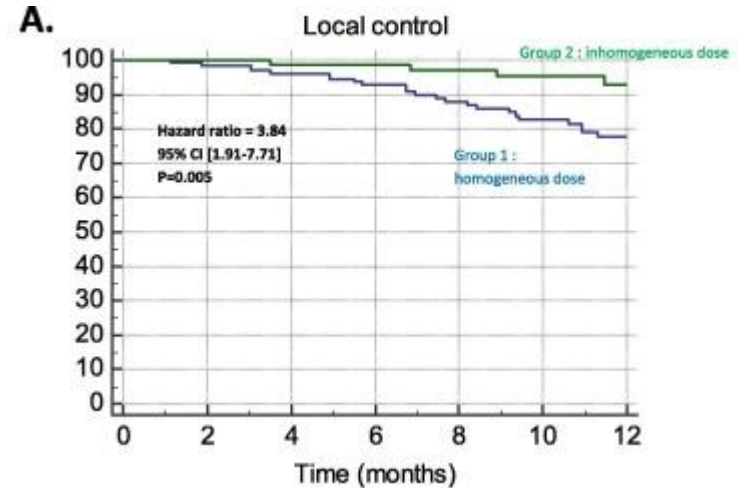


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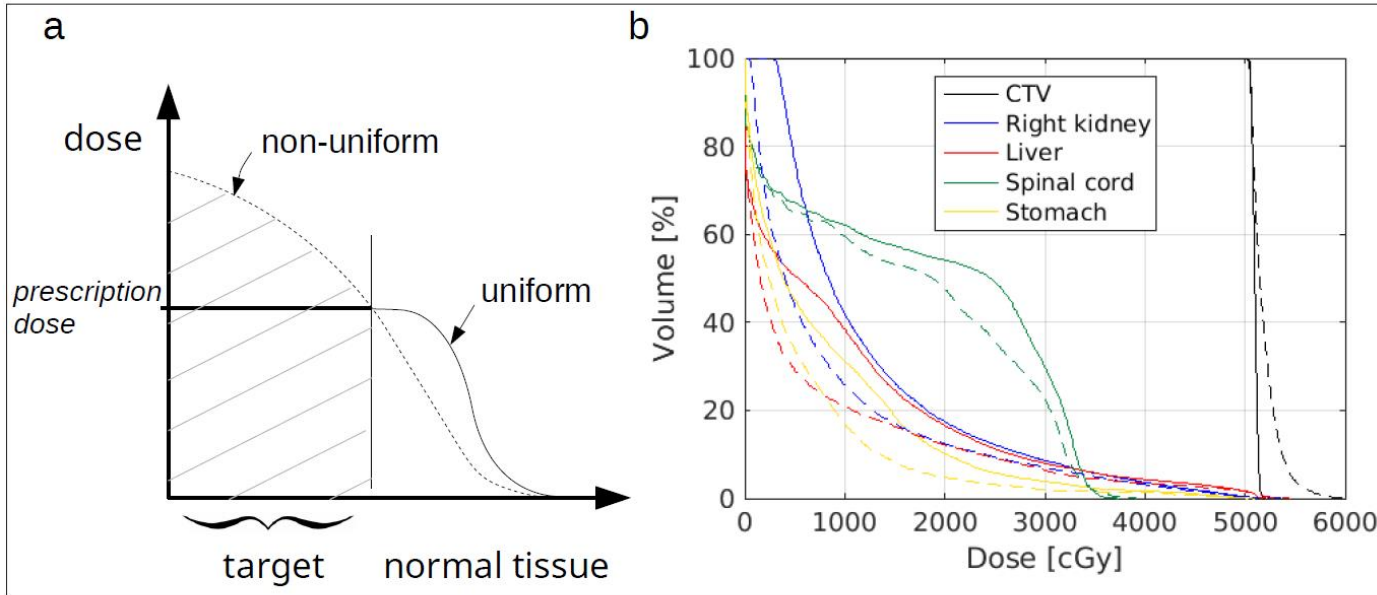
# Machines actuelles : stéréotaxie

Est-ce la dose périphérique qui caractérise le contrôle local ?



F. Lucia *et al.*, “Inhomogeneous tumor dose distribution provides better local control than homogeneous distribution in stereotactic radiotherapy for brain metastases,” *Radiother. Oncol.*, 2019.

# Machines actuelles : stéréotaxie



📖 The Price of Target Dose Uniformity Craft, D. et al.(2016). *IJROBP*

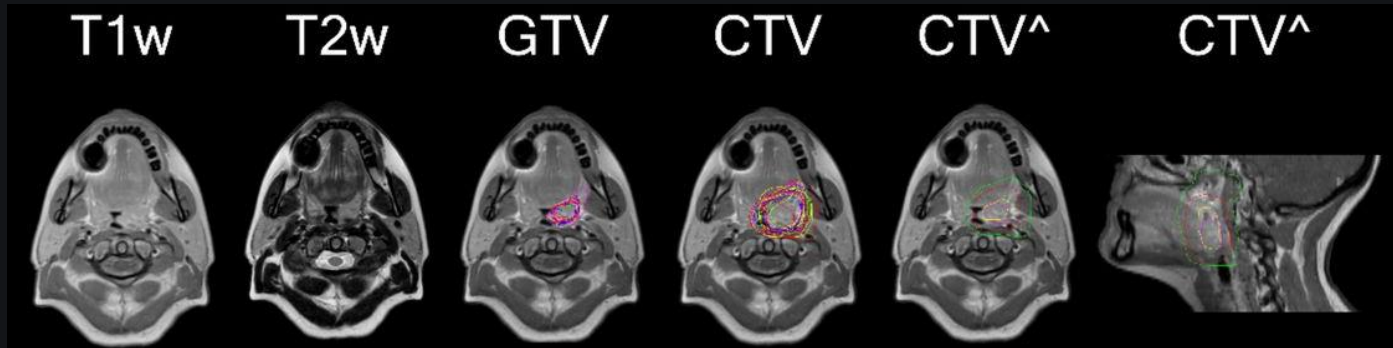
# Limites des doses « actuelles », incertitudes

- Même dose pour tous les patients (même avec la radiothérapie adaptative) selon la pathologie
- Dose homogène vs dose inhomogène pour la stéréotaxie
- Pas de modélisation de l'effet volume
- Radiobiologie fruste
- Progrès significatifs envers les toxicités, modérés sur le contrôle

# Limites des doses « actuelles », incertitudes

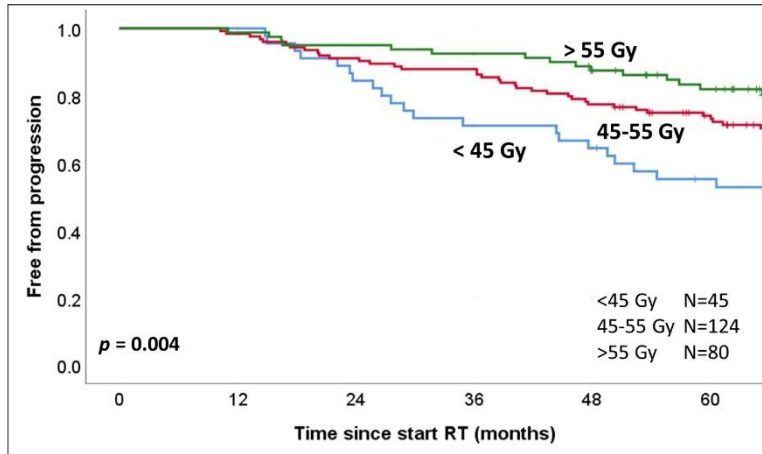
- Incertitudes : volume cible : GTV et CTV

variabilité inter-opérateur

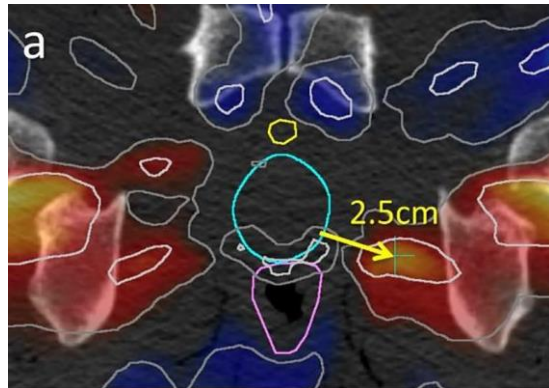


Cardenas, C. E. *et al.* Comprehensive Quantitative Evaluation of Variability in Magnetic Resonance-Guided Delineation of Oropharyngeal Gross Tumor Volumes and High-Risk Clinical Target Volumes: An R-IDEAL Stage 0 Prospective Study. *IJROBP*. 2022

# Limites des doses « actuelles », incertitudes



📖 Witte, M., et al, Association between incidental dose outside the prostate and tumor control after modern image-guided radiotherapy. *Phys. Imaging Radiat. Oncol.* (2021).



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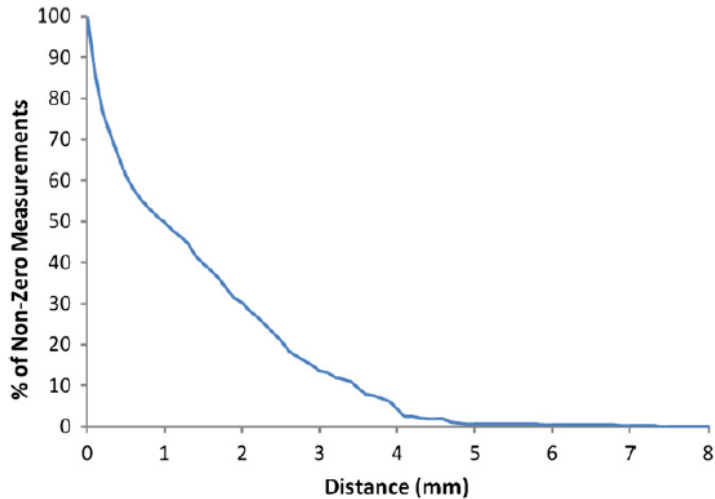
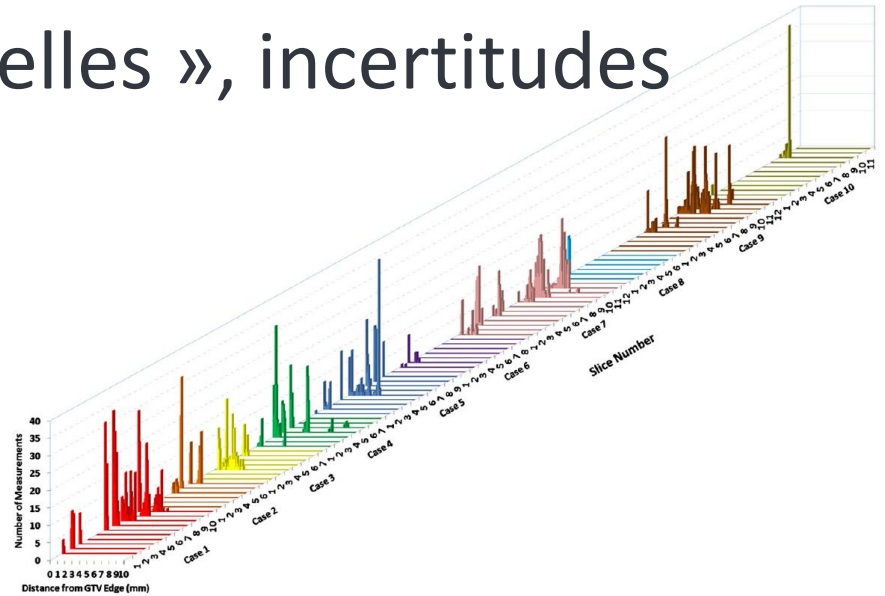
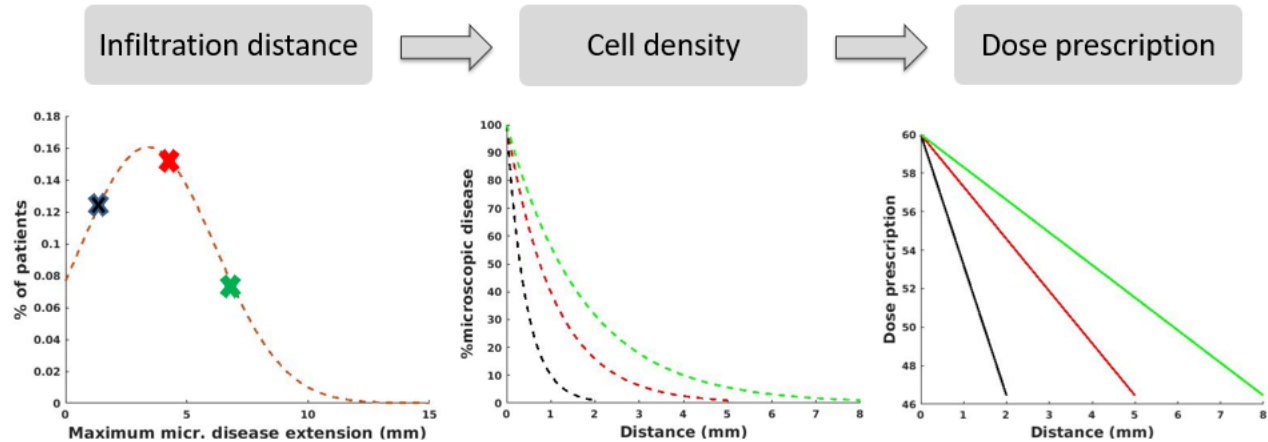


Fig. 8. Graph showing the percentage of nonzero measurements against distance from the gross tumor volume.



Campbell, S. *et al.* Evaluation of microscopic disease in oral tongue cancer using whole-mount histopathologic techniques: Implications for the management of head-and-neck cancers. *IJROBP* (2012).

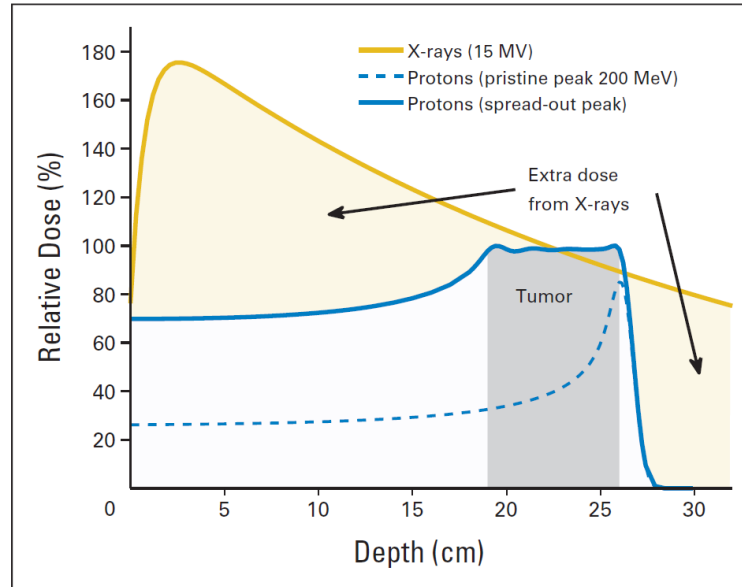
## variable dose prescription according to cell density



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# Machines innovantes

## Protonthérapie

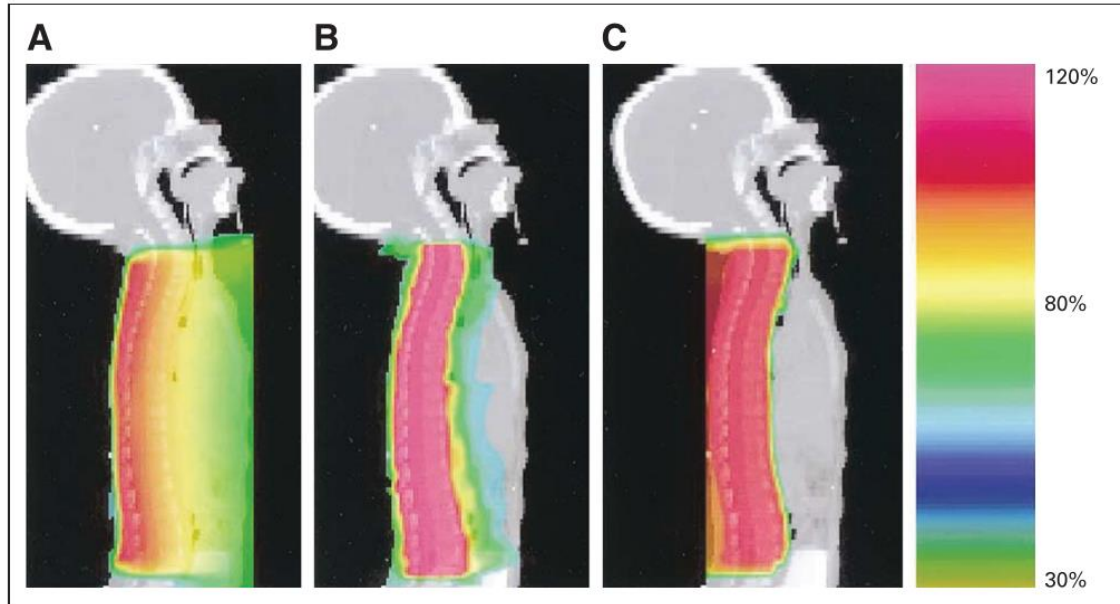


📖 Mitin, T., et al. (2014). Promise and Pitfalls of Heavy-Particle Therapy. *Journal of Clinical Oncology*



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## Protonthérapie



**Fig 2.** Isodose distribution in the sagittal projection along the spinal column for (A) x-rays, (B) intensity-modulated radiation therapy, and (C) protons.

# Machines innovantes

## Protonthérapie



Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews

### Protons versus photons for the treatment of chordoma (Review)

El Sayed I, Trifiletti DM, Lehrer EJ, Showalter TN, Dutta SW

#### Main results


We included six observational studies with 187 adult participants. We judged all studies to be at high risk of bias. Four studies were included in meta-analysis.

We are uncertain if proton compared to photon therapy worsens or has no effect on local control (hazard ratio (HR) 5.34, 95% confidence interval (CI) 0.66 to 43.43; 2 observational studies, 39 participants; very low-certainty evidence).

# Machines innovantes

## Carbon ion therapy

“ Only 5% of all of the CIRT trials reviewed here are phase III comparative randomized trials, and none of these involve OS as an endpoint. Only 1 randomized trial involves prostate cancer, which is the most common cancer disease in the Western world, and very few randomized trials have been initiated in the past 3 years.”

 Malouff, T. D., Mahajan, A., Krishnan, S., Beltran, C., Seneviratne, D. S., & Trifiletti, D. M. (2020). Carbon Ion Therapy: A Modern Review of an Emerging Technology. In *Frontiers in Oncology*

# Doses innovantes



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**ctRO** Clinical and Translational  
Radiation Oncology

Novel unconventional radiotherapy techniques: Current status and future perspectives – Report from the 2nd international radiation oncology online seminar

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## Highlights

- Improvement of therapeutic ratio by novel unconventional radiotherapy approaches.
- Immunomodulation using high-dose spatially fractionated radiotherapy.
- Boosting radiation anti-tumor effects by adding an immune-mediated cell killing.

# Doses innovantes

FLASH 40 Gy/s vs 0.1 Gy/s en routine clinique



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Original Article

Pencil beam scanning proton FLASH maintains tumor control while normal tissue damage is reduced in a mouse model



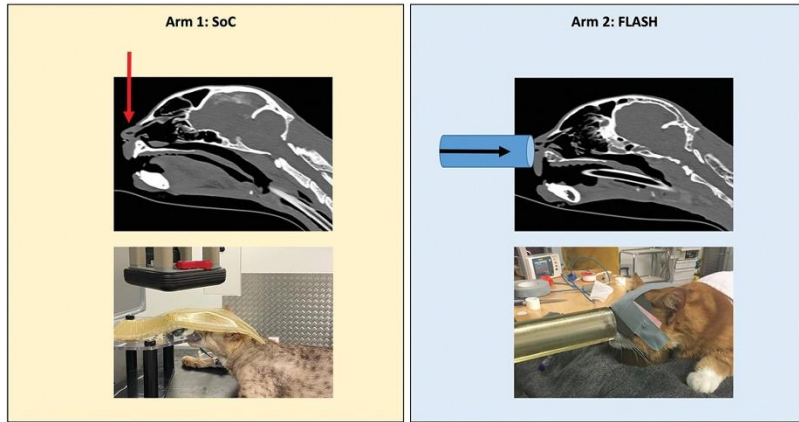
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<sup>a</sup> Danish Centre for Particle Therapy, Aarhus University Hospital; <sup>b</sup> Department of Experimental Clinical Oncology, Aarhus University Hospital; <sup>c</sup> DTU Health Tech, Roskilde; and <sup>d</sup> Department of Oncology, Aarhus University Hospital, Denmark

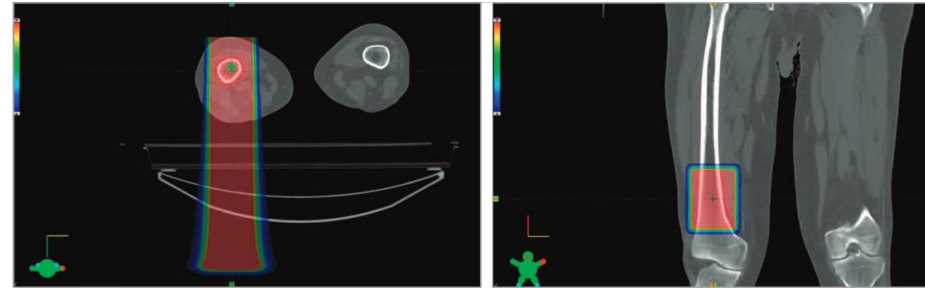
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FLASH 40 Gy/s



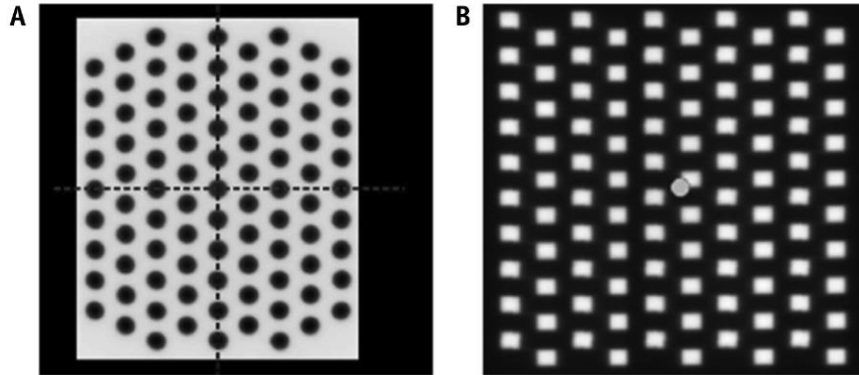
📖 Bley, C. R., et al, (2022). Dose- And Volume-Limiting Late Toxicity of FLASH Radiotherapy in Cats with Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Nasal Planum and in Mini Pigs. *Clinical Cancer Research*




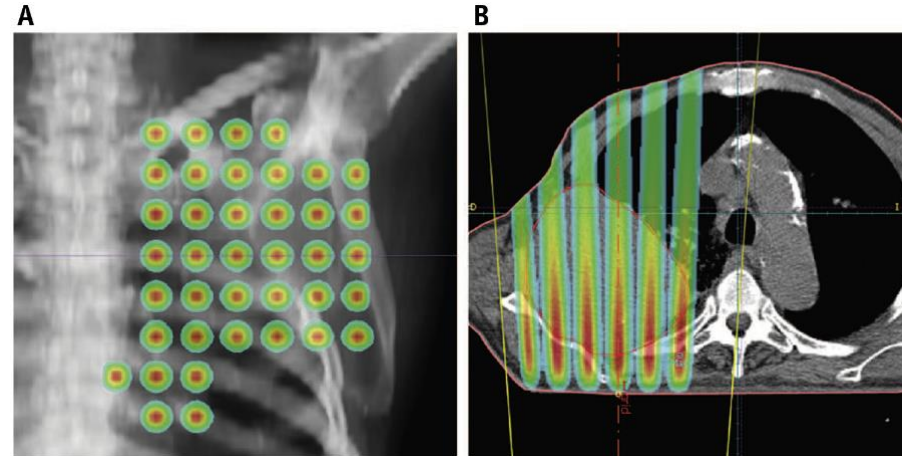
📖 Mascia, A. E., et al, (2023). Proton FLASH Radiotherapy for the Treatment of Symptomatic Bone Metastases: The FAST-01 Nonrandomized Trial. *JAMA Oncology*

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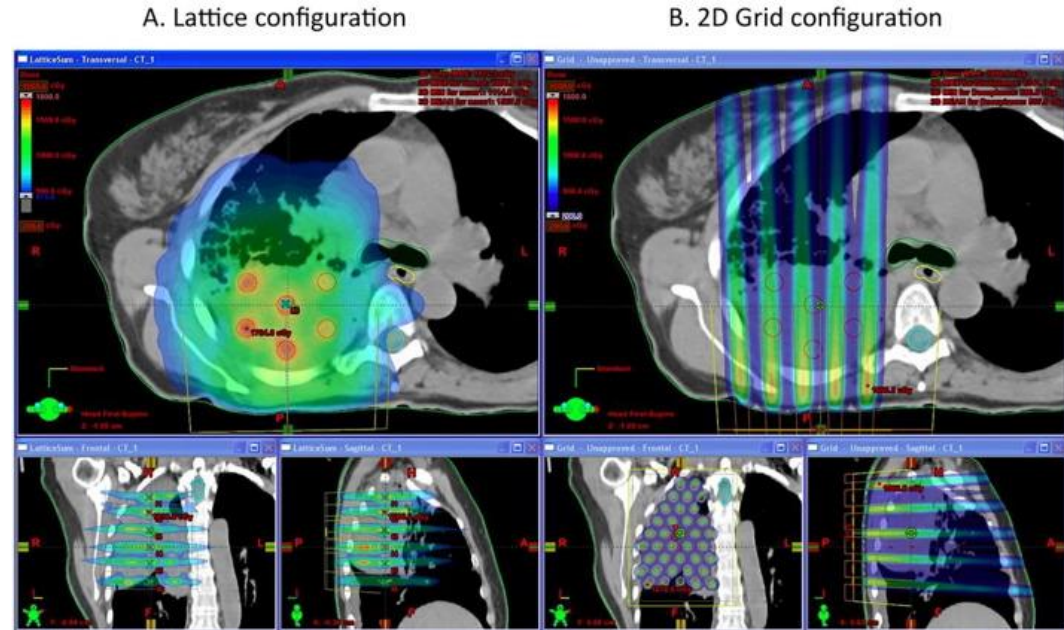


 Billena, C., & Khan, A. J. (2019). A Current Review of Spatial Fractionation: Back to the Future? In *International Journal of Radiation Oncology Biology Physics*



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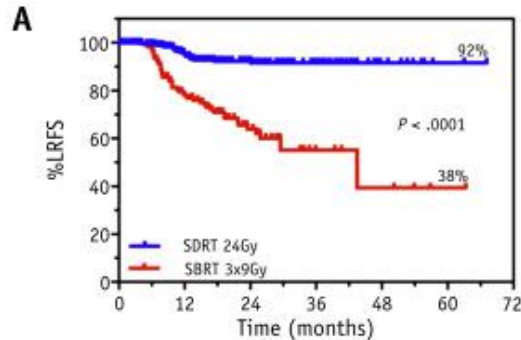


📖 Yan, W., et al,(2020). Spatially fractionated radiation therapy: History, present and the future. In *Clinical and Translational Radiation Oncology*

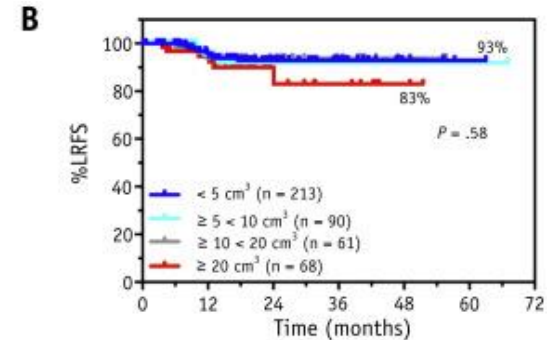


# Doses innovantes


## SINGLE DOSE



Number at risk							
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SBRT 3x9Gy	134	89	39	15	7	2	

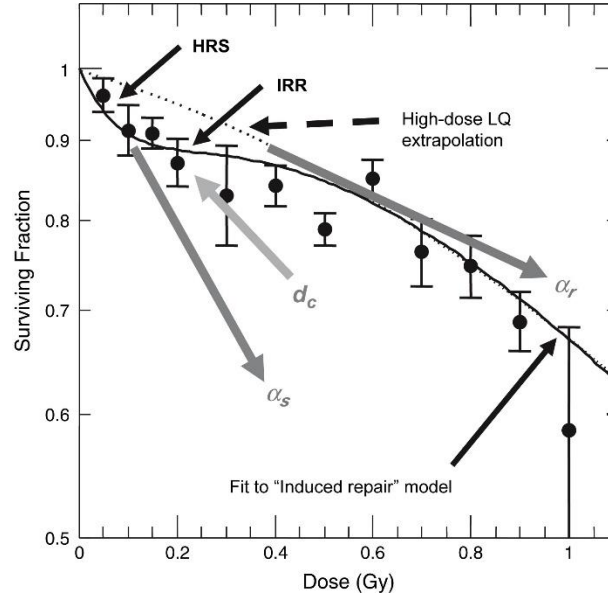


Number at risk							
$< 20 \text{ cm}^3$	364	237	111	54	16	6	
$\ge 20 \text{ cm}^3$	68	45	14	9	3	0	

 Greco, C., et al. (2019). Phenotype-Oriented Ablation of Oligometastatic Cancer with Single Dose Radiation Therapy. *International Journal of Radiation Oncology Biology Physics*

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## LOW DOSE

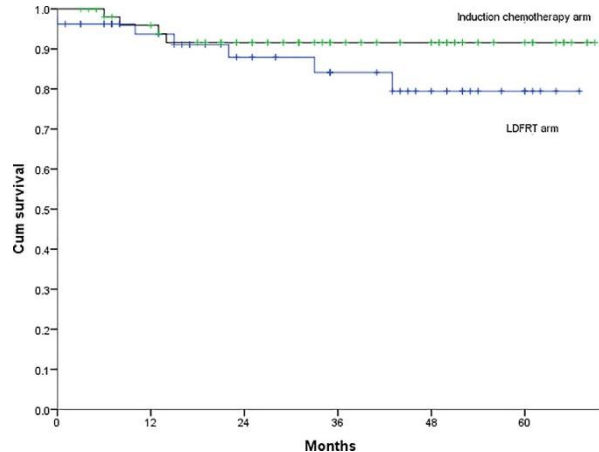


 Marples, B., & Collis, S. J. (2008). Low-Dose Hyper-Radiosensitivity: Past, Present, and Future. *International Journal of Radiation Oncology\*Biophysics\**

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## LOW DOSE FRACTIONATED RADIOTHERAPY

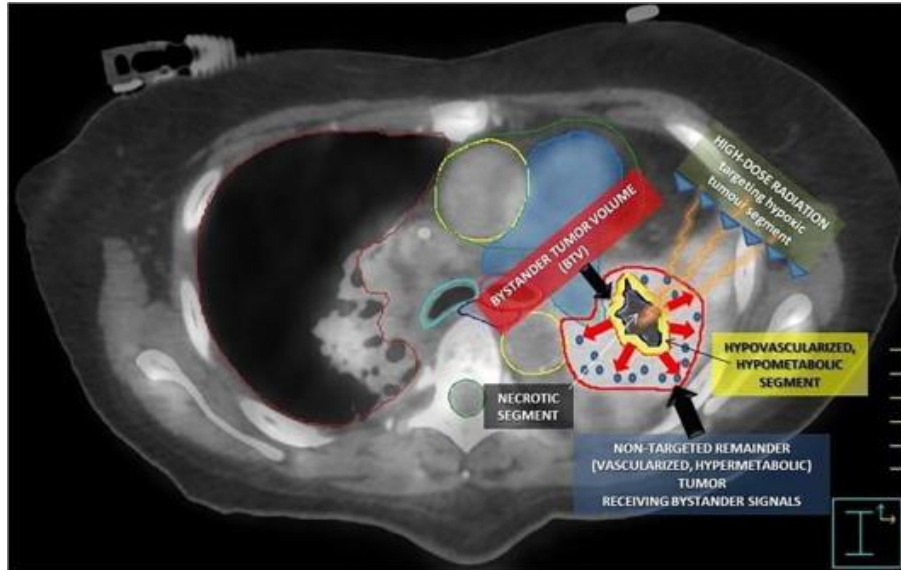
📖 Al-Rajhi, N. M., et al, (2021). Low-dose fractionated radiation with induction docetaxel and cisplatin followed by concurrent cisplatin and radiation therapy in locally advanced nasopharyngeal cancer: A randomized phase II–III trial. *Hematology/ Oncology and Stem Cell Therapy*,



Locoregional-free survival. *Note.* LDFRT = low-dose fractionated radiotherapy


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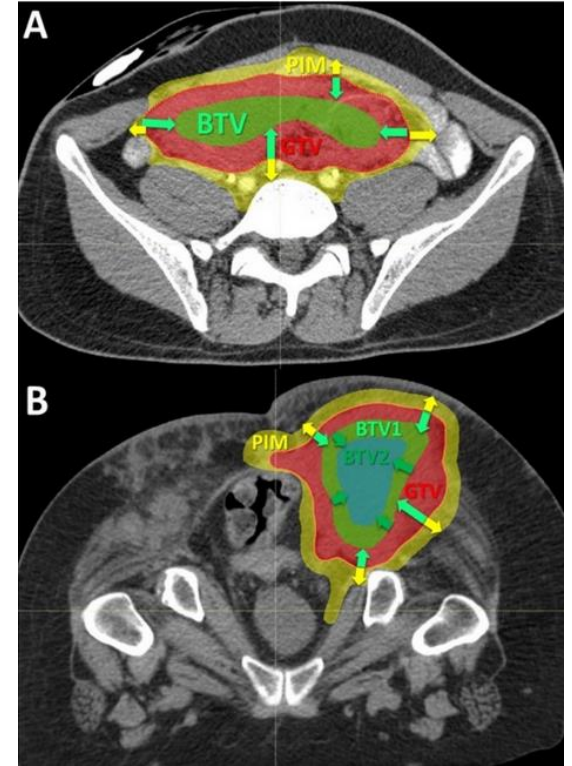
**PATHY** PArtial Tumor irradiation targeting HYpoxic segment



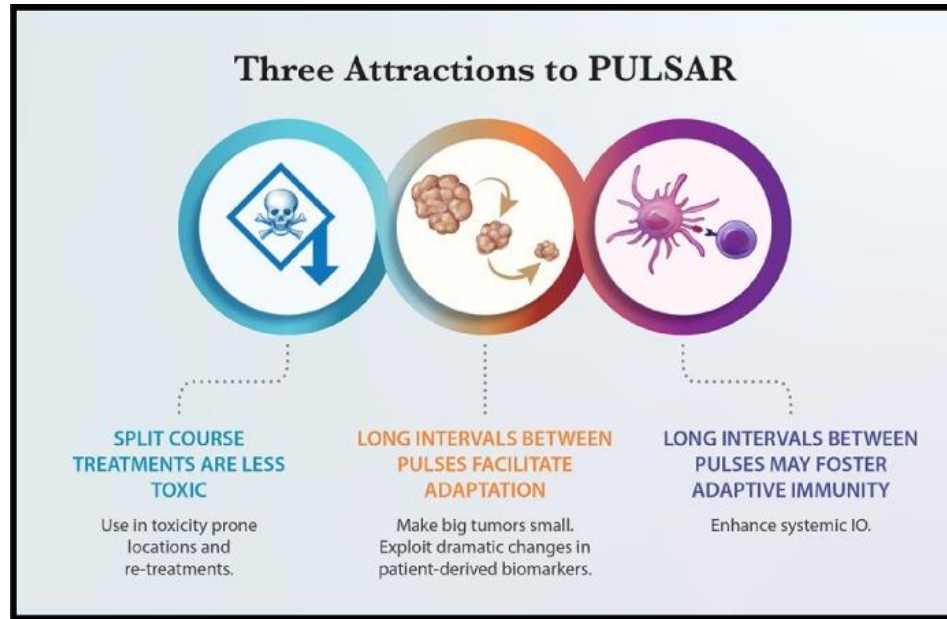
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## PATHY

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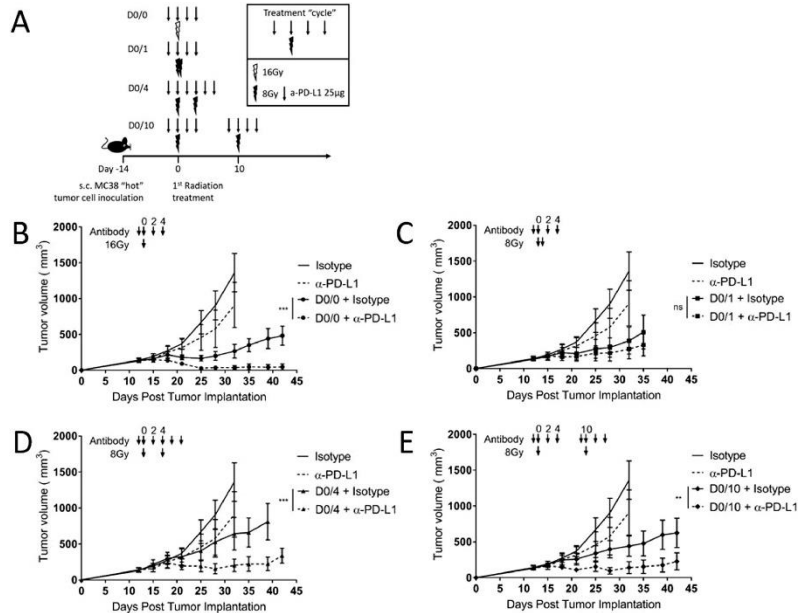
# Doses innovantes



Personalized, Ultra-fractionated, Stereotactic, Adaptive Radiotherapy

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## PULSAR



Moore, C. et al,(2021).

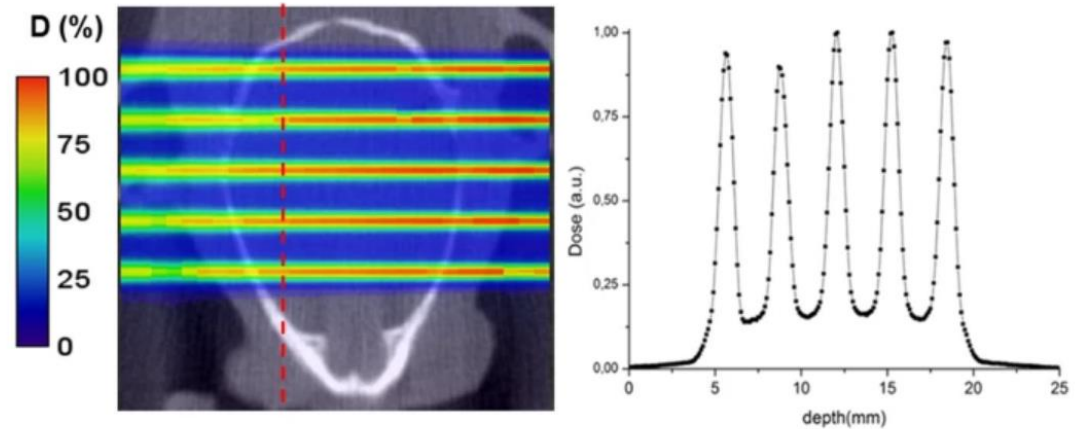
Personalized Ultrafractionated Stereotactic Adaptive Radiotherapy (PULSAR) in Preclinical Models Enhances Single-Agent Immune Checkpoint Blockade.

*International Journal of Radiation Oncology Biology Physics,*


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## MINIBEAMS

Figure 1



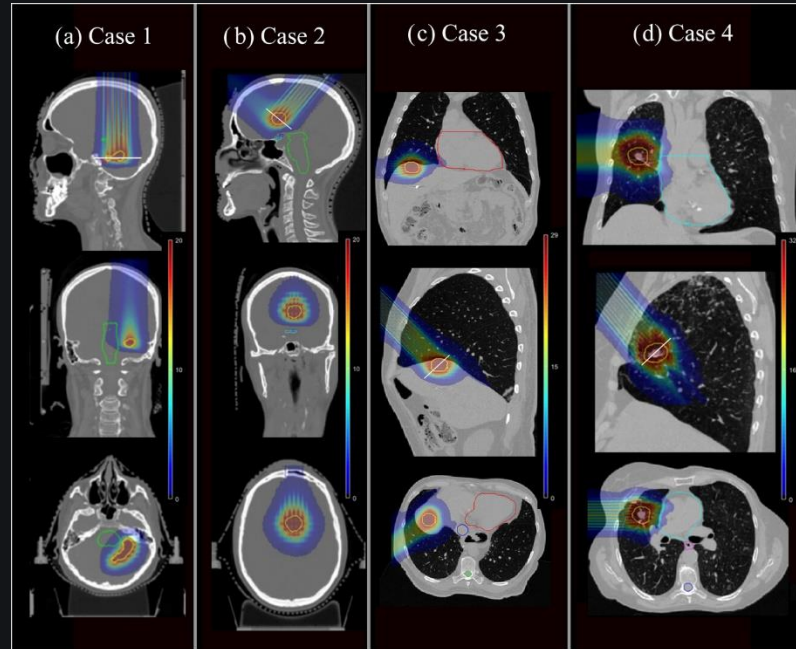
Dosimetry. Left: 2D dose map in the rat head (coronal view). The red line marks the approximate position of the center of the tumor. Right: Corresponding lateral dose profile at the tumor position.

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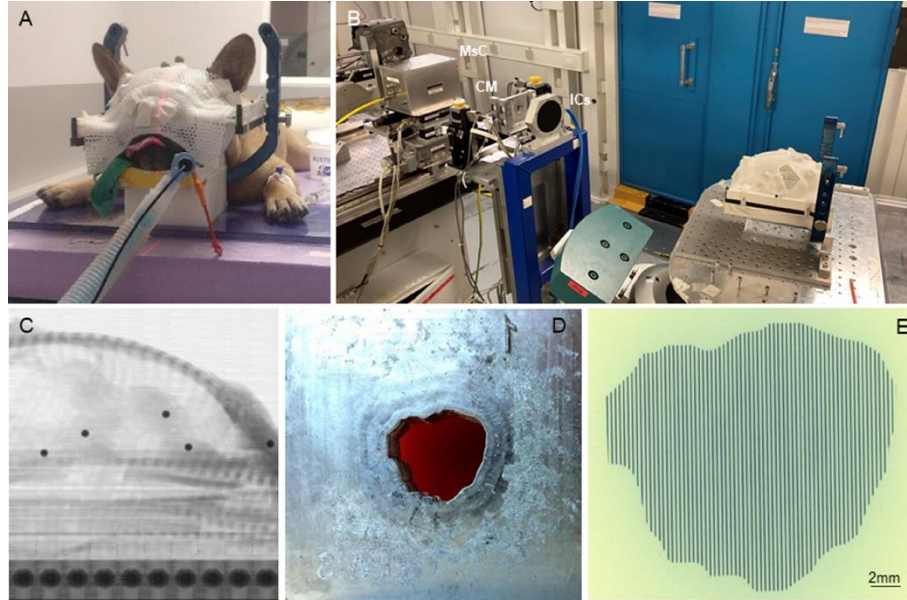
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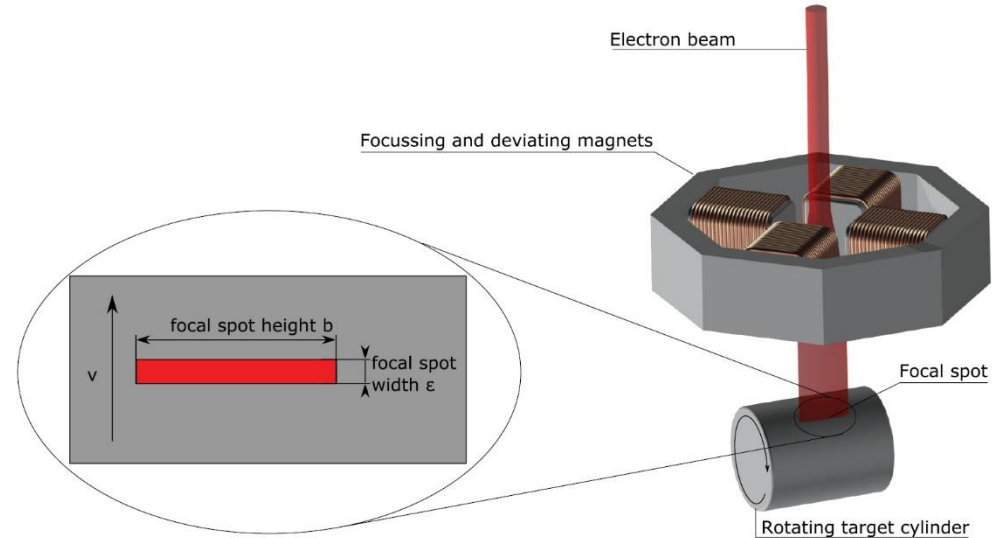
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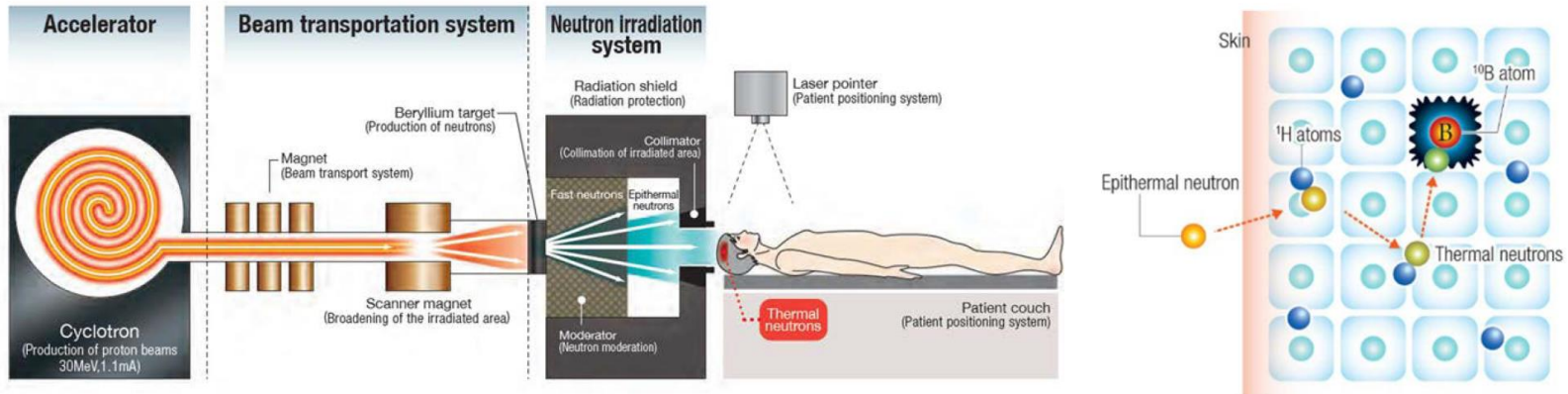
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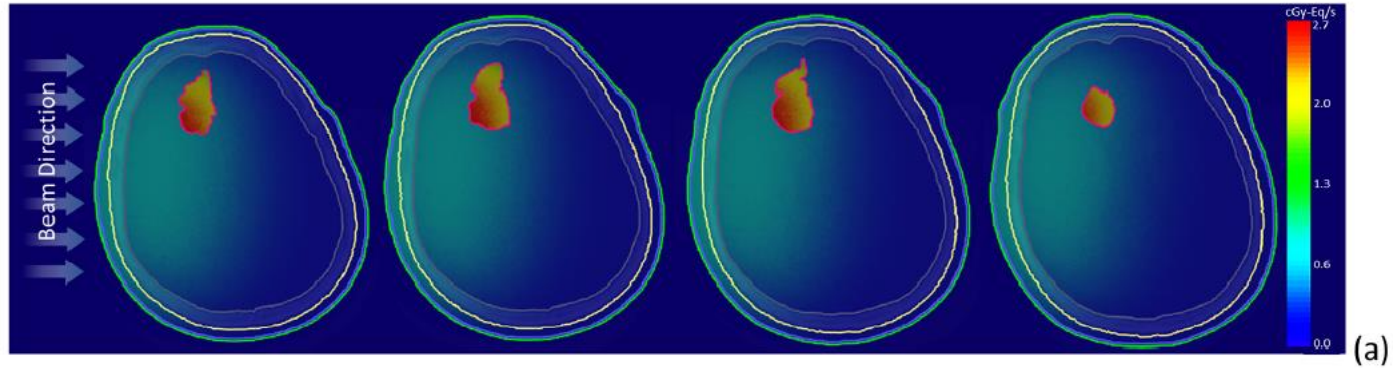
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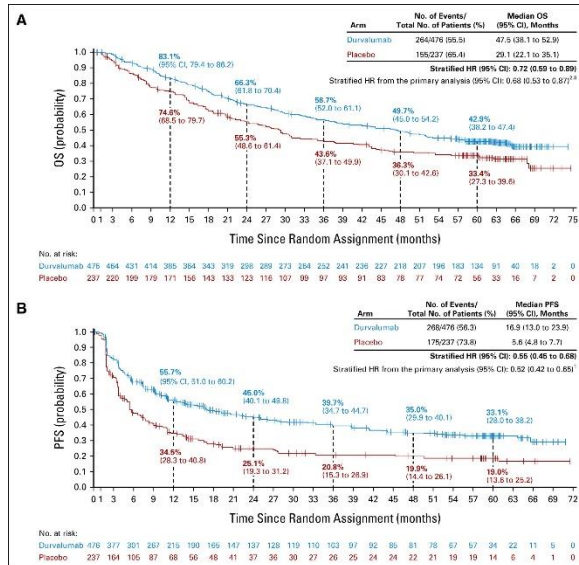
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# Considérations médico-économiques

- Peu/pas de soutien de l'industrie
- Niveau de preuve élevé requis pour le remboursement
- Positionnement des nouvelles techniques



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# Conclusions

- Liste non exhaustive des pistes explorées (VHEE, nanoparticules ...)
- Les effets radiobiologiques et sur le système immunitaire des traitements de routine sont mal connus
- La radiobiologie des techniques innovantes devrait passer par une meilleure radiobiologie de la routine
- Les techniques innovantes doivent avoir le même niveau de précision et de conformité aux cibles que la routine actuelle
- Les techniques innovantes devraient permettre de tenir compte de l'hétérogénéité tumorale et des incertitudes de prise en compte de la maladie microscopique
- La question du cumul des doses doit être résolue

# Merci de votre attention

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