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Recording Toxicity: the QUANTEC model

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Breast cancer radiotherapy

- Many treated volumes
- Different treatment modalities
- Many treatment techniques
- Many fractionation schemes

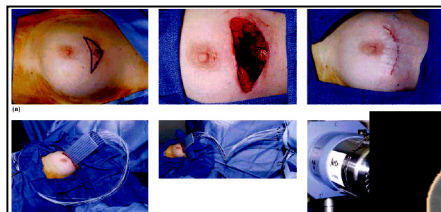
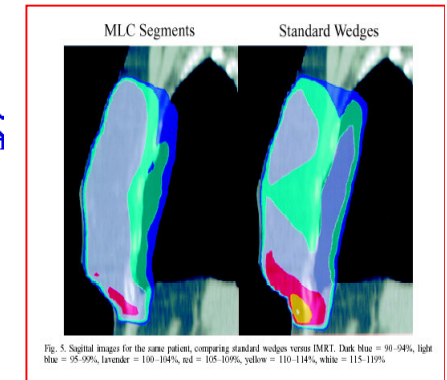
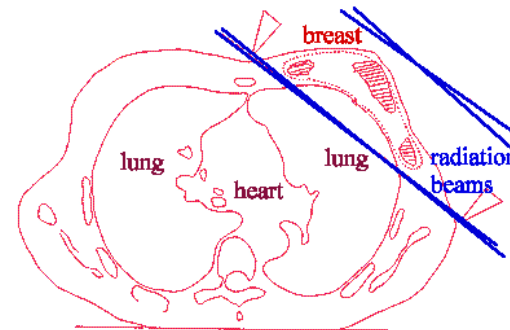


Figure 4. High dose rate remote afterloading (CRT). (A) Wide excision with removal of the base of the pectoralis photograph in this sequence shows the closed incision, following completion of the quadrifurcated and CRT procedure applicator is inserted into the cavity with the deep margin resting on the pectoralis major muscle. Once the appropriate lumpectomy cavity, catheters are connected in the appropriate sequence.

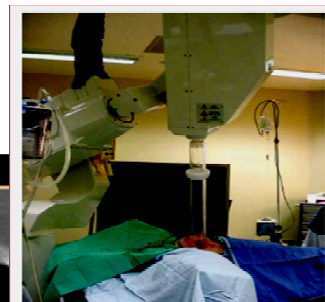
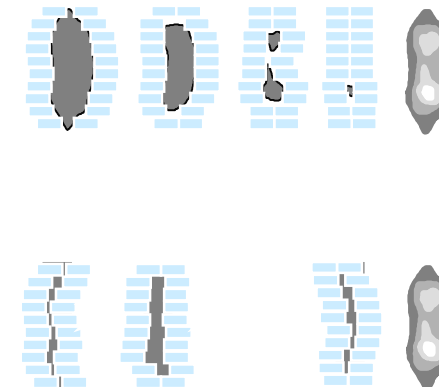


Fig. 1. The dedicated Novac 7 linear accelerator placed in the operating room during a lumpectomy procedure. The primary beam stopper and one of the mobile stacking barriers are also shown.





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“OK, I confess: I have trouble with alpha/beta ratios, and I want to provoke some discussion.

The basic idea behind alpha/beta is a **ratio of two different types of cell killing**, essentially single hit and multiple hit types of radiation. This is what one gets with x-rays and the linear quadratic formula to explain a cell survival curve. That part is relatively understandable and straightforward.

The problem I have is when people propose to use alpha/betas for treatment of patients”

“Over the years, I have told many trainees that one can be an excellent clinical radiation oncologist and not necessarily know squat about alpha/beta. I believe that remains true today“





- The mathematical models for the prediction of response and toxicity were often clearly not confirmed by clinical data

CHART in head and neck cancer

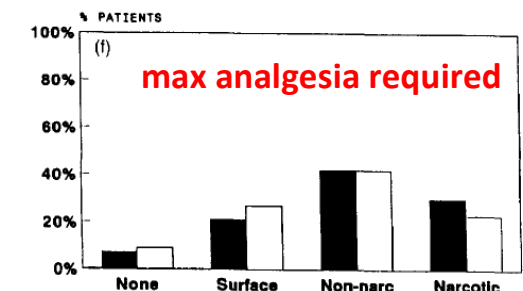
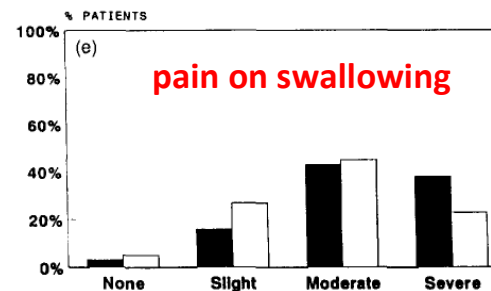
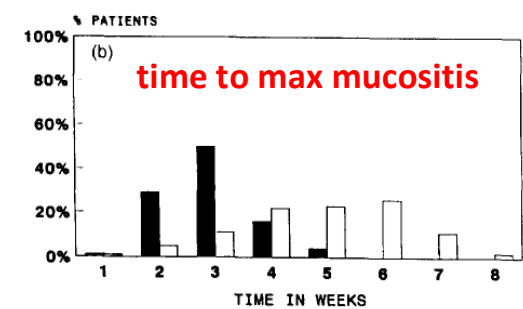
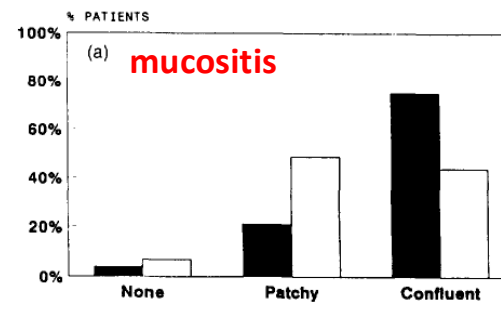
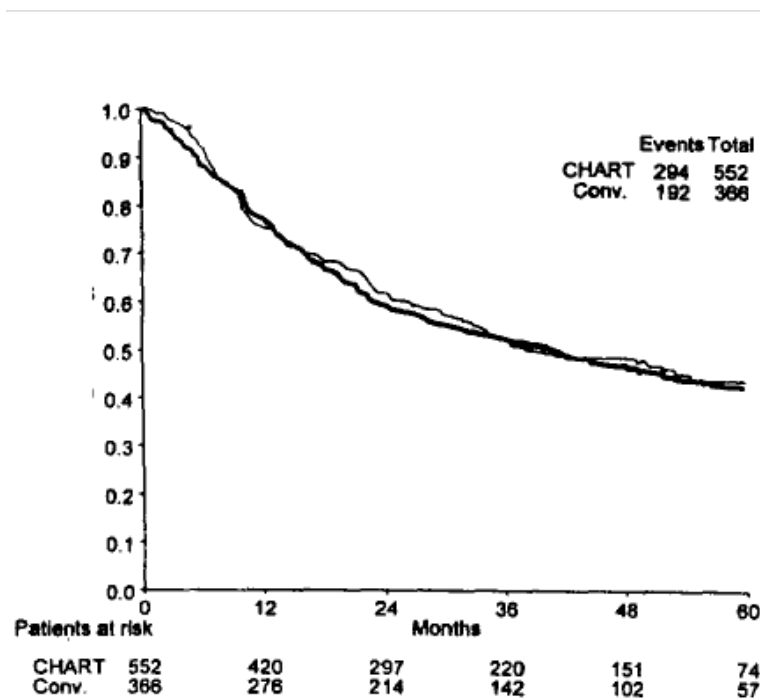


Fig. 1. Acute mucosal reactions. (a) The maximum mucositis; (b) the time to maximum mucositis; (c) the persistence of mucositis; (d) the maximum dysphagia; (e) the maximum pain on swallowing; and (f) the maximum analgesia required. ■, treated with CHART; □, treated conventionally.



Christie Hospital Breast Conservation

Trial, 708 patients

recurrence (%)

fat necrosis(n.)

**Wide field, 6 MV
Whole breast,
15 ff / 40 Gy
(2.6 Gy / fr)**

11 %

2

**Local field, e- , 10 MeV
6 x 8 cm, 8 ff / 42.5 Gy
(5.3 Gy / frazione)**

15 %

10



- **“Care should be taken** when applying models, especially when clinical dose/volume parameters are **beyond the range of data used to generate the model/parameters.**
- Models and dose/volume recommendations are only as good as the data available.
- Typically, they are based on dose–volume histograms (**DVHs**).
- DVHs are **not ideal representations of the 3D doses** as they discard all organ-specific spatial information”
- **“RT-induced normal tissue responses are fraction size dependent ”**
- **“....alfa/beta ratio is uncertain.....“**



-When “Emami” was published, **most external RT was delivered with opposing fields**, and **shrinking field techniques**—the normal tissue was irradiated with a fairly **uniform fraction size**.
-use of sequential/concurrent **chemotherapy/RT is increasing** for many tumors.....
-Modern techniques often use **multiple beams** (with or without concurrent boosts);
-the volume of **normal tissue** exposed to **low doses** is often **increased** and the dose is delivered at fraction sizes ranging from 0 to the prescribed fraction size.
-the duration follow-up is often inadequate to evaluate late toxicity



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the QUANTEC MODEL: IJROBP (76):3, 2010

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No skin
No breast

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Toxicity scoring



RTOG acute toxicity

Tissue	G 1	G 2	G 3	G 4
Skin	Follicular, faint or dull erythema / epilation / dry desquamation / decreased sweating	Tender or bright erythema, patchy moist desquamation / moderate edema	Confluent, moist desquamation other than skin folds, pitting edema	Ulceration, hemorrhage, necrosis
Lung	Mild symptoms of dry cough or dyspnea on exertion	Persistent cough requiring narcotic, antitussive agents / dyspnea with minimal effort but not at rest	Severe cough unresponsive to narcotic antitussive agent or dyspnea at rest / clinical or radiological evidence of acute pneumonitis / intermittent oxygen or steroids may be required	Severe respiratory insufficiency / continuous oxygen or assisted ventilation
Heart	Asymptomatic but objective evidence of EKG changes or pericardial abnormalities without evidence of other heart disease	Symptomatic with EKG changes and radiological findings of congestive heart failure or pericardial disease / no specific treatment required	Congestive heart failure, angina pectoris, pericardial disease responding to therapy	Congestive heart failure, angina pectoris, pericardial disease, arrhythmias not responsive to nonsurgical measures



RTOG late toxicity

Tissue	G 1	G 2	G 3	G 4
Skin	Slight atrophy; pigmentation change; some hair loss	Patch atrophy; moderate telangiectasia; total hair loss	Marked atrophy; gross telangiectasia	Ulceration
Lung	Asymptomatic or mild symptoms (dry cough); slight radiographic appearances	Moderate symptomatic fibrosis or pneumonitis (severe cough); low grade fever; patchy radiographic appearances	Severe symptomatic fibrosis or pneumonitis; dense radiographic changes	Severe respiratory insufficiency / Continuous oxygen / assisted ventilation
Heart	Asymptomatic or mild symptoms; transient T wave inversion & ST changes; sinus tachy > 110 (at rest)	Moderate angina on effort; mild pericarditis; normal heart size; persistent abnormal T wave and ST changes; low ORS	Severe angina; pericardial effusion; constrictive pericarditis; moderate heart failure; cardiac enlargement; EKG abnormalities	Tamponade / severe heart failure; severe constrictive pericarditis



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**Common Terminology Criteria
for Adverse Events (CTCAE)**

Version 4.0

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CTCAE 4.0 2010 - heart

Cardiac disorders					
Adverse Event	Grade				
	1	2	3	4	5
Acute coronary syndrome	-	Symptomatic, progressive	Symptomatic, unstable angina	Symptomatic, unstable angina	Death
Multiple type I	Asymptomatic; intervention not indicated	Symptomatic; medical intervention indicated	Symptomatic and incompletely controlled medically, or controlled with device (e.g., pacemaker)	Life-threatening consequences; urgent intervention indicated	Death
Definition: A disorder characterized by a dysrhythmia with a progressively lengthening PR interval prior to the blocking of an atrial impulse. This is the result of intermittent failure of atrial electrical impulse conduction through the atrioventricular (AV) node to the ventricles.					
Aortic valve disease					
Myocardial infarction	-	Asymptomatic and cardiac enzymes minimally abnormal and no evidence of ischemic ECG changes	Severe symptoms; cardiac enzymes abnormal; hemodynamically stable; ECG changes consistent with infarction	Life-threatening consequences; hemodynamically unstable	Death
Definition: A disorder characterized by gross necrosis of the myocardium; this is due to an interruption of blood supply to the area.					
Myocarditis	Asymptomatic with laboratory (e.g., BNP [B-Natriuretic Peptide]) or cardiac imaging abnormalities	Symptoms with mild to moderate activity or exertion	Severe with symptoms at rest or with minimal activity or exertion; intervention indicated	Life-threatening consequences; urgent intervention indicated (e.g., continuous IV therapy or mechanical hemodynamic support)	Death
Definition: A disorder characterized by inflammation of the muscle tissue of the heart.					
Palpitations	Mild symptoms; intervention not indicated	Intervention indicated			
Definition: A disorder characterized by an unpleasant sensation of irregular or					

Cardiac disorders					
Adverse Event	Grade				
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Paroxysmal atrial tachycardia	Asymptomatic; intervention not indicated	Symptomatic; medical management indicated	IV medication indicated	Life-threatening consequences; incompletely controlled medically; cardioversion indicated	Death
Definition: A disorder characterized by a dysrhythmia with abrupt onset and sudden termination of atrial contractions with a rate of 150-250 beats per minute. The rhythm disturbance originates in the atria.					
Pericardial effusion	-	Asymptomatic; effusion size small to moderate	Effusion with physiologic consequences	Life-threatening consequences; urgent intervention indicated	Death
Definition: A disorder characterized by fluid collection within the pericardial sac, usually due to inflammation.					
Pericardial tamponade	-	-	-	Life-threatening consequences; urgent intervention indicated	Death
Definition: A disorder characterized by an increase in intrapericardial pressure due to the collection of blood or fluid in the pericardium.					
Pericarditis	Asymptomatic; ECG or	Symptomatic pericarditis (e.g., pericardial friction rub)	Pericarditis with physiologic consequences (e.g., pericardial constriction)	Life-threatening consequences; urgent intervention indicated	Death
Definition: A disorder characterized by inflammation of the protective sac around the heart.					
Coronary artery disease; moderate or stenosis by		Symptomatic; severe regurgitation or stenosis by imaging; symptoms controlled with medical intervention	Life-threatening consequences; urgent intervention indicated (e.g., valve replacement, valvuloplasty)	Death	

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Adverse Event	Grade				
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Ventricular tachycardia	-	Non-urgent medical intervention indicated	Medical intervention indicated	Life-threatening consequences; hemodynamic compromise; urgent intervention indicated	Death
Definition: A disorder characterized by a dysrhythmia with a heart rate greater than 100 beats per minute that originates distal to the bundle of His.					
Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome	Asymptomatic; intervention not indicated	Non-urgent medical intervention indicated	Symptomatic and incompletely controlled medically or controlled with procedure	Life-threatening consequences; urgent intervention indicated	Death
Definition: A disorder characterized by the presence of an accessory conductive pathway between the atria and the ventricles that causes premature ventricular activation.					
Cardiac disorders - Other, specify	Asymptomatic or mild symptoms; clinical or diagnostic observations only; intervention not indicated	Moderate; minimal, local or noninvasive intervention indicated; limiting age-appropriate instrumental ADL	Severe or medically significant but not immediately life-threatening; hospitalization or prolongation of existing hospitalization indicated; disabling; limiting self care ADL	Life-threatening consequences; urgent intervention indicated	Death

Cardiac disorders					
Adverse Event	Grade				
	1	2	3	4	5
Right ventricular dysfunction	Asymptomatic with laboratory (e.g., BNP [B-Natriuretic Peptide]) or cardiac imaging abnormalities	Symptoms with moderate activity or exertion	Severe symptoms; medical intervention indicated	Life-threatening consequences; urgent intervention indicated	Death
Definition: A disorder characterized by an inability of the ventricles to fill with blood.					
Sick sinus syndrome	Asymptomatic; intervention not indicated	Non-urgent medical intervention indicated	Severe, medically significant; medical intervention indicated	Life-threatening consequences; urgent intervention indicated	Death
Definition: A disorder characterized by a dysrhythmia with alternating periods of bradycardia and atrial tachycardia accompanied by syncope, fatigue and dizziness.					
Sinus bradycardia	Asymptomatic; intervention not indicated	Symptomatic; medical intervention indicated	Severe, medically significant; medical intervention indicated	Life-threatening consequences; urgent intervention indicated	Death
Definition: A disorder characterized by a dysrhythmia with a heart rate less than 90 beats per minute that originates in the sinus node.					
Sinus tachycardia	Asymptomatic; intervention not indicated	Symptomatic; non-urgent medical intervention indicated	Urgent medical intervention indicated	-	-
Definition: A disorder characterized by a dysrhythmia with a heart rate greater than 100 beats per minute that originates in the sinus node.					



CTCAE 4.0 2010 – skin

Adverse Event	Grade				
	1	2	3	4	5

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Lipohypertrophy	Asymptomatic and covering <10% BSA	Covering 10 - 30% BSA and associated tenderness; limiting instrumental ADL	Covering >30% BSA and associated tenderness and pruritus or NSAIDs indicated; lipohypertrophy; limiting self care ADL		
Definition: A disorder characterized by hypertrophy of the subcutaneous adipose tissue at the site of multiple subcutaneous injections of insulin.					
Nail discoloration	Asymptomatic; clinical or diagnostic observations only; intervention not indicated				
Definition: A disorder characterized by a change in the color of the nail plate.					

Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders

Adverse Event	Grade				
	1	2	3	4	5
Palmar/plantar erythrodysesthesia syndrome	Minimal skin changes or dermatitis (e.g., erythema, edema, or hyperkeratosis) without pain	Skin changes (e.g., peeling, blisters, bleeding, edema, or hyperkeratosis) with pain; limiting instrumental ADL	Severe skin changes (e.g., peeling, blisters, bleeding, edema, or hyperkeratosis) with pain; limiting self care ADL		
Definition: A disorder characterized by redness, marked discomfort, swelling, and tingling in the palms of the hands or the soles of the feet.					
Periorbital edema	Soft or non-pitting	Indurated or pitting edema; topical intervention indicated	Edema associated with visual disturbance; increased		

Adverse Event	Grade				
	1	2	3	4	5
Definition: A disorder characterized by loss of skin pigment.					
Skin induration	Mild induration, able to move skin parallel to plane (sliding) and perpendicular to skin (pinching up)	Moderate induration, able to slide skin, unable to pinch skin; limiting instrumental ADL	Severe induration, unable to slide or pinch skin; limiting joint movement or office (e.g., mouth, anus); limiting self care ADL	Generalized; associated with signs or symptoms of impaired breathing or feeding	Death
Definition: A disorder characterized by an area of hardness in the skin.					
Skin ulceration	Combined area of ulcers <1 cm; nonblanchable erythema of intact skin with associated warmth or edema	Combined area of ulcers 1 - 2 cm; partial thickness skin loss involving skin or subcutaneous fat	Combined area of ulcers >2 cm; full thickness skin loss involving damage to or necrosis of subcutaneous tissue that may extend down to fascia	Any size ulcer with extensive destruction, tissue necrosis, or damage to muscle, bone, or supporting structures with or without full thickness skin loss	Death
Definition: A disorder characterized by circumscribed, inflammatory and necrotic erosive lesion on the skin.					
Stevens-Johnson syndrome			Skin sloughing covering <10% BSA with associated signs (e.g., erythema, purpura, epidermal detachment and mucous membrane detachment)	Skin sloughing covering 10 - 30% BSA with associated signs (e.g., erythema, purpura, epidermal detachment and mucous membrane detachment)	Death
Definition: A disorder characterized by less than 10% total body skin area separation of dermis. The syndrome is thought to be a hypersensitivity complex affecting the skin and the mucous membranes.					

Adverse Event	Grade				
	1	2	3	4	5
Definition: A disorder characterized by local dilatation of small vessels resulting in red discoloration of the skin or mucous membranes.					
Telangiectasia	Telangiectasias covering <10% BSA	Telangiectasias covering >10% BSA; associated with psychosocial impact			
Definition: A disorder characterized by greater than 30% total body skin area separation of dermis. The syndrome is thought to be a hypersensitivity complex affecting the skin and the mucous membranes.					
Toxic epidermal necrolysis				Skin sloughing covering >30% BSA with associated symptoms (e.g., erythema, purpura, or epidermal detachment)	Death
Definition: A disorder characterized by greater than 30% total body skin area separation of dermis. The syndrome is thought to be a hypersensitivity complex affecting the skin and the mucous membranes.					
Urticaria	Urticarial lesions covering <10% BSA; topical intervention indicated	Urticarial lesions covering 10 - 30% BSA; oral intervention indicated	Urticarial lesions covering >30% BSA; IV intervention indicated		
Definition: A disorder characterized by an itchy skin eruption characterized by wheals with pale interiors and well defined red margins.					
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders - Other, specify	Asymptomatic or mild symptoms; clinical or diagnostic observations only; intervention not indicated	Moderate; minimal, local or noninvasive intervention indicated; limiting age-appropriate instrumental ADL	Severe or medically significant but not immediately life-threatening; hospitalization or prolongation of existing hospitalization indicated; disabling; limiting self care ADL	Life-threatening consequences; urgent intervention indicated	Death

Adverse Event	Grade				
	1	2	3	4	5
Definition: A disorder characterized by hemorrhagic areas of the skin and mucous membranes. Newer lesions appear reddish in color. Older lesions are usually a darker purple color and eventually become a brownish-yellow color.					
Rash acneiform	Papules and/or pustules covering <10% BSA, which may or may not be associated with symptoms of pruritus or tenderness	Papules and/or pustules covering 10 - 30% BSA, which may or may not be associated with symptoms of pruritus or tenderness; associated with psychosocial impact; limiting instrumental ADL	Papules and/or pustules covering >30% BSA, which may or may not be associated with symptoms of pruritus or tenderness; limiting self care ADL, associated with local superinfection with oral antibiotics indicated	Papules and/or pustules covering any % BSA, which may or may not be associated with symptoms of pruritus or tenderness and are associated with extensive superinfection with IV antibiotics indicated, life-threatening consequences	Death
Definition: A disorder characterized by an eruption of papules and pustules, typically appearing in face, scalp, upper chest and back.					

Adverse Event	Grade				
	1	2	3	4	5
Definition: A disorder characterized by marked discomfort sensation in the skin covering the top and the back of the head.					
Scalp pain	Mild pain	Moderate pain; limiting instrumental ADL	Severe pain; limiting self care ADL		
Definition: A disorder characterized by the degeneration and thinning of the epidermis and dermis.					
Skin atrophy	Covering <10% BSA; associated with telangiectasias or changes in skin color	Covering 10 - 30% BSA; associated with striae or adnexal structure loss	Covering >30% BSA; associated with discoloration		
Definition: A disorder characterized by darkening of the skin due to excessive melanin deposition.					
Skin hyperpigmentation	Hyperpigmentation covering <10% BSA; no psychosocial impact	Hyperpigmentation covering >10% BSA; associated psychosocial impact			
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Skin hypopigmentation	Hyperpigmentation or depigmentation covering <10% BSA; no psychosocial impact	Hyperpigmentation or depigmentation covering >10% BSA; associated psychosocial impact			



CTCAE 4.0 2010 – lung

Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders					
Adverse Event	Grade				
	1	2	3	4	5
Adult respiratory distress syndrome			Present with radiologic findings; intubation not indicated	Life-threatening respiratory or hemodynamic compromise; intubation or urgent intervention indicated	Death
Definition: A disorder characterized by progressive and life-threatening pulmonary distress in the absence of an underlying pulmonary condition, usually following major trauma or surgery.					

Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders					
Adverse Event	Grade				
	1	2	3	4	5
Atelectasis	Asymptomatic; clinical or diagnostic observations only; intervention not indicated	Symptomatic (e.g., dyspnea, cough); medical intervention indicated (e.g., chest physiotherapy, suctioning)	Oxygen indicated; hospitalization or elective operative intervention indicated (e.g., stent, laser)	Life-threatening respiratory or hemodynamic compromise; intubation or urgent intervention indicated	Death

Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders					
Adverse Event	Grade				
	1	2	3	4	5
Bronchial stricture	Asymptomatic; clinical or diagnostic observations only; intervention not indicated	Symptomatic (e.g., rhonchi or wheezing) but without respiratory distress; medical intervention indicated (e.g., steroids, bronchodilators)	Shortness of breath with stridor; endoscopic intervention indicated (e.g., laser, stent placement)	Life-threatening respiratory or hemodynamic compromise; intubation or urgent intervention indicated	Death
Definition: A disorder characterized by a narrowing of the bronchial tube.					

Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders					
Adverse Event	Grade				
	1	2	3	4	5
Chylothorax	Asymptomatic; clinical or diagnostic observations only; intervention not indicated	Symptomatic; thoracentesis or tube drainage indicated	Severe symptoms; elective operative intervention indicated	Life-threatening respiratory or hemodynamic compromise; intubation or urgent	Death

Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders					
Adverse Event	Grade				
	1	2	3	4	5
Hoarseness	Mild or intermittent voice change; fully understandable; self-resolves	Moderate or persistent voice changes; may require occasional repetition but	Severe voice changes including predominantly whispered speech		

Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders					
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	1	2	3	4	5

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Laryngeal stenosis	Asymptomatic; clinical or diagnostic observations only; intervention not indicated	Symptomatic (e.g., noisy airway breathing), but causing no respiratory distress; medical management indicated (e.g., steroids)	Limiting self care ADL; stridor; endoscopic intervention indicated (e.g., stent, laser)	Life-threatening consequences; urgent intervention indicated	Death
Definition: A disorder characterized by a narrowing of the laryngeal airway.					
Laryngopharyngeal dysaesthesia	Mild symptoms; no anxiety; intervention not indicated	Moderate symptoms; mild anxiety, but no dyspnea; short duration of observation and/or anxiolytic indicated; limiting instrumental ADL	Severe symptoms; dyspnea and swallowing difficulty; limiting self care ADL	Life-threatening consequences	Death
Definition: A disorder characterized by an uncomfortable persistent sensation in the area of the laryngopharynx.					
Laryngospasm	-	Transient episode; intervention not indicated	Recurrent episodes; noninvasive intervention indicated (e.g., breathing technique, pressure point massage)	Persistent or severe episodes associated with syncope; urgent intervention indicated (e.g., fiberoptic laryngoscopy, intubation, bolus injection)	Death
Definition: A disorder characterized by paroxysmal spasmodic muscular contraction of the vocal cords.					
Mediastinal hemorrhage	Radiologic evidence only; minimal symptoms; intervention not indicated	Moderate symptoms; medical intervention indicated	Transfusion, radiologic, endoscopic, or elective operative intervention indicated (e.g., hemostasis of bleeding site)	Life-threatening consequences; urgent intervention indicated	Death

Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders					
Adverse Event	Grade				
	1	2	3	4	5
Definition: A disorder characterized by bleeding from the mediastinum.					
Nasal congestion	Mild symptoms; intervention not indicated	Moderate symptoms; medical intervention indicated	Associated with bloody nasal discharge or epistaxis		
Definition: A disorder characterized by obstruction of the nasal passage due to mucosal edema.					
Pharyngeal fistula	Asymptomatic; clinical or diagnostic observations only; intervention not indicated	Symptomatic; tube thorostomy or medical intervention indicated; limiting instrumental ADL	Severe symptoms; limiting self care ADL; endoscopic or operative intervention indicated (e.g., stent or primary closure)	Life-threatening consequences; urgent intervention indicated	Death
Definition: A disorder characterized by an abnormal communication between the pharynx and another organ or anatomic site.					
Pharyngeal hemorrhage	Mild symptoms; intervention not indicated	Moderate symptoms; medical intervention indicated	Transfusion, radiologic, endoscopic, or operative intervention indicated (e.g., hemostasis of bleeding site)	Life-threatening respiratory or hemodynamic compromise; intubation or urgent intervention indicated	Death
Definition: A disorder characterized by bleeding from the pharynx.					
Pharyngeal mucositis	Endoscopic findings only; minimal symptoms with	Moderate pain and analgesics indicated; altered oral intake; instrumental ADL	Severe pain; unable to adequately affirm or hydrate orally; limiting self care ADL	Life-threatening consequences; urgent intervention indicated	Death
Definition: A disorder characterized by inflammation of the mucous membrane of the pharynx.					

+ others 8 pages



SOMA-LENT 1995 breast

	GRADE 1	GRADE 2	GRADE 3	GRADE 4	SCORING
Subjective Pain	Occasional & minimal Hypersensation, Pruritus	Intermittent & tolerable	Persistent & intense	Refractory & excruciating	— Instructions
Objective Edema	Asymptomatic	Symptomatic	Secondary dysfunction		— Score the 12
Fibrosis* / Fat necrosis	Barely palpable increased density	Definite increased density and firmness	Very marked density, retraction and fixation		— SOM
Telangiectasia	< 1 cm ²	1 cm ² - 4 cm ²	> 4 cm ²		— parameters
Lymphedema, arm (circumference)	2 cm - 4 cm increase	> 4 cm - 6 cm increase	> 6 cm increase	Useless arm, angiosarcoma	— with 1 - 4
Retraction/Atrophy**	10% - 25%	> 25% - 40 %	> 40% - 75%	Whole breast	— (Score = 0 if
Ulcer	Epidermal only, ≤ 1 cm ²	Dermal, > 1 cm ²	Subcutaneous	Bone exposed, necrosis	— there are no
					— toxicities)
Management Pain	Occasional non-narcotic	Regular non-narcotic	Regular narcotic	Surgical intervention	— Total the
Edema			Medical intervention	Surgical intervention/ mastectomy	— scores and
Lymphedema, arm		Elevate arm, elastic stocking	Compression wrapping, intensive physiotherapy	Surgical intervention/ amputation	— divide by 12
Atrophy				Surgical intervention/ mastectomy	— LENT Score:
Ulcer		Medical intervention	Surgical intervention, wound debridement	Surgical intervention/ mastectomy	— _____

* Compare exposed area to contralateral non-irradiated skin according to defined parameters ** Volume loss due to surgery +/- RT. (compared to opposite breast)

Analytic Photographs	Assessment of skin changes as atrophy, retraction or fibrosis, ulcer	Y/N Date:
Tape measure	Assessment of breast size and forearm diameter	Y/N Date:
Mammogram	Assessment of skin thickness and breast density	Y/N Date:
CT/MRI	Assessment of breast size, fat atrophy, and fibrosis density	Y/N Date:



SOMA-LENT 1995 heart



	GRADE 1	GRADE 2	GRADE 3	GRADE 4	SCORING
Subjective					
Angina pectoris	Occasional, only with intense exertion	With moderate exertion	With mild exertion	At rest	— Instructions
Pericardial Pain	Occasional & minimal	Intermittent & tolerable	Persistent & intense	Refractory & excruciating	— Score the 17 SOM parameters with 1 - 4
Palpitation	Occasional	Intermittent	Persistent	Refractory	—
Dyspnea	SOB on intense exertion	SOB on mild exertion	SOB at rest, limits all activity	Prevents any physical activity	—
Pedal edema		Asymptomatic	Symptomatic	Prevents daily activities	—
Objective					
Pedal edema	1+	2+	3+	4+	— (Score = 0 if there are no toxicities)
Cardiomegaly	Minimal enlargement of cardiosilhouette (ECS)	ECS without pulmonary congestion	ECS with minimal pulmonary congestion	ECS with frank pulmonary edema	—
Cardiac dysrhythmia	Occasional, asymptomatic	Intermittent ECG changes	Persistent ECG changes	Refractory	—
Myocardial CHF	Asymptomatic decline of resting ejection fraction by $\leq 20\%$ of baseline	Decline of resting ejection fraction by $>20\%$ of baseline	Reversible CHF	Irreversible CHF	—
Myocardial ischemia	Abnormal stress test NL resting EKG	Asymptomatic, ST & T wave changes without stress test	Angina without evidence for infarction	Acute myocardial infarction	— Total the scores and divide by 17
Pericardial disease	Asymptomatic effusion	Rub, chest pain, ECG changes	Tamponade	Constriction	—
Management					
Pain (pericarditis)	Occasional non-narcotic	Regular non-narcotic	Regular narcotic	Coronary artery bypass	— LENT Score:
Angina	Present but no therapy	Nitroglycerin PRN	Long acting agents	Coronary artery bypass	—
Pericardial disease		Present but no therapy	Pericardiocentesis	Pericardiectomy	—
Cardiac dysrhythmia			Medical intervention	Requires monitoring or cardioversion	—
Myocardial infarction			Medical intervention	Coronary bypass	—
Myocardial CHF			Medical intervention	Cardiac transplant	—

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SOMA-LENT 1995 lung



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	GRADE 1	GRADE 2	GRADE 3	GRADE 4	SCORING
Subjective					
Cough	Occasional	Intermittent	Persistent	Refractory	Instructions Score the 8 SOM parameters with 1 - 4
Dyspnea	Breathless on intense exertion	Breathless on mild exertion	Breathless at rest, limits all activities	Prevents any physical activity	
Chest pain/discomfort	Occasional & minimal	Intermittent & tolerable	Persistent & intense	Refractory & excruciating	
Objective					
Pulmonary fibrosis	Radiological abnormality	Patchy dense abnormalities on radiograph	Dense confluent radiographic changes limited to radiation field	Dense fibrosis, severe scarring & major retraction of normal lung	(Score = 0 if there are no toxicities) Total the scores and divide by 8
Lung function	10% - 25% reduction of respiration volume and/or diffusion capacity	> 25% - 50% reduction of respiration volume and/or diffusion capacity	> 50% - 75% reduction of respiration volume and/or diffusion capacity	> 75% reduction of respiration volume and/or diffusion capacity	
Management					
Pain	Occasional non-narcotic	Regular non-narcotic	Regular narcotic	Surgical intervention	LENT Score: _____
Cough		Non-narcotic	Narcotic, intermittent corticosteroids	Respirator, continuous corticosteroids	
Dyspnea		Occasional O ₂	Continuous O ₂		
Analytic					
PFT	Decrease to >75% - 90% of preTx value	Decrease to >50% - 75% of preTx value	Decrease to >25% - 50% of preTx value	Decrease to ≤ 25% of preTx value	Y/N Date:
DLCO	Decrease to >75% - 90% of preTx value	Decrease to >50% - 75% of preTx value	Decrease to >25% - 50% of preTx value	Decrease to ≤ 25% of preTx value	Y/N Date:
% O ₂ /CO ₂ saturation	> 70% O ₂ , ≤ 50% CO ₂	> 60% O ₂ , ≤ 60% CO ₂	> 50% O ₂ , ≤ 70% CO ₂	≤50% O ₂ , >70% CO ₂	Y/N Date:
CT/ MRI	Assessment of lung volume and zones of fibrosis				Y/N Date:
Perfusion scan	Assessment of pulmonary blood flow and alveolar filling				Y/N Date:
Lung lavage	Assessment of cells and cytokines				Y/N Date:



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CLINICAL INVESTIGATION

Normal Tissue

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Separation: _____	Field Size: _____
Treatment Site: _____	Technique: _____
Energy: _____	Boost: _____
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Shell: _____	Bolus: _____
Last Chemotherapy Dose: _____	
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Treatment Day _____	
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Discomfort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Burning (0-5) Itchiness (0-5) Pulling (0-5) Tenderness (0-5) Other _____ (0-5)
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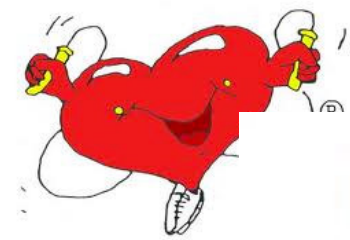


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- **Which are the informations in QUANTEC for each of these?**
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- lung

Early → pneumonitis

Late → fibrosis

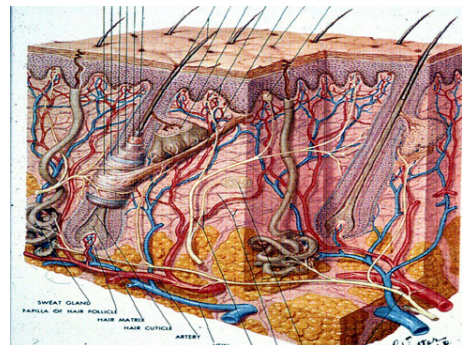


- skin

Early → dryness, epilation, pigmentation changes, and erythema

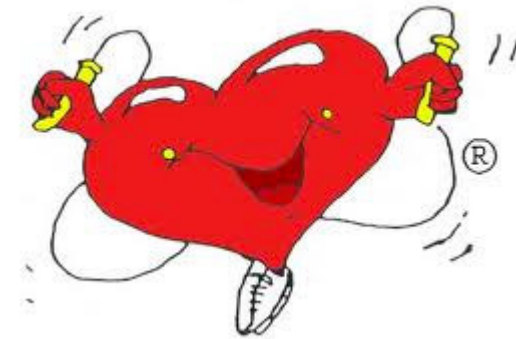
Sub-acute → Dry desquamation

Late → atrophy and fibrosis; pigmentation changes; telangiectasias





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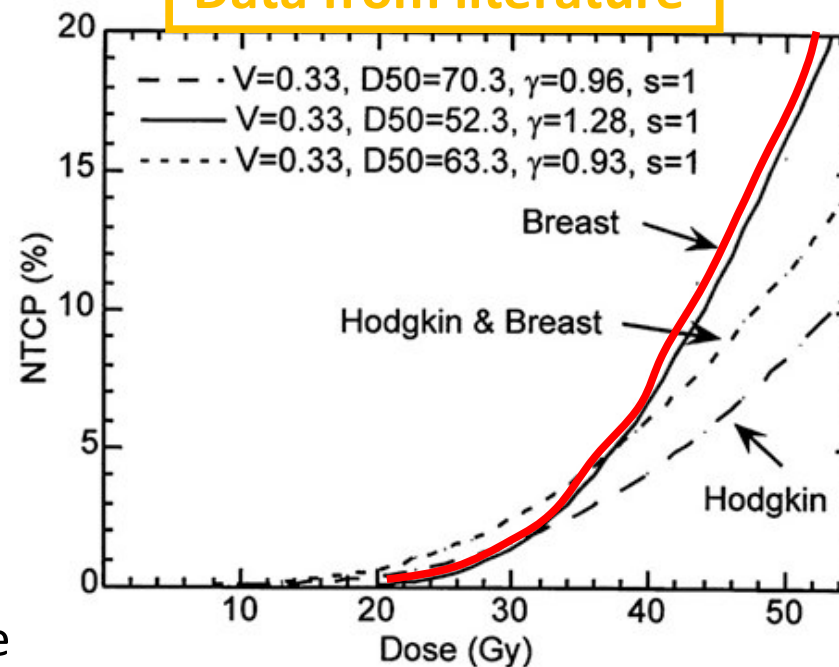
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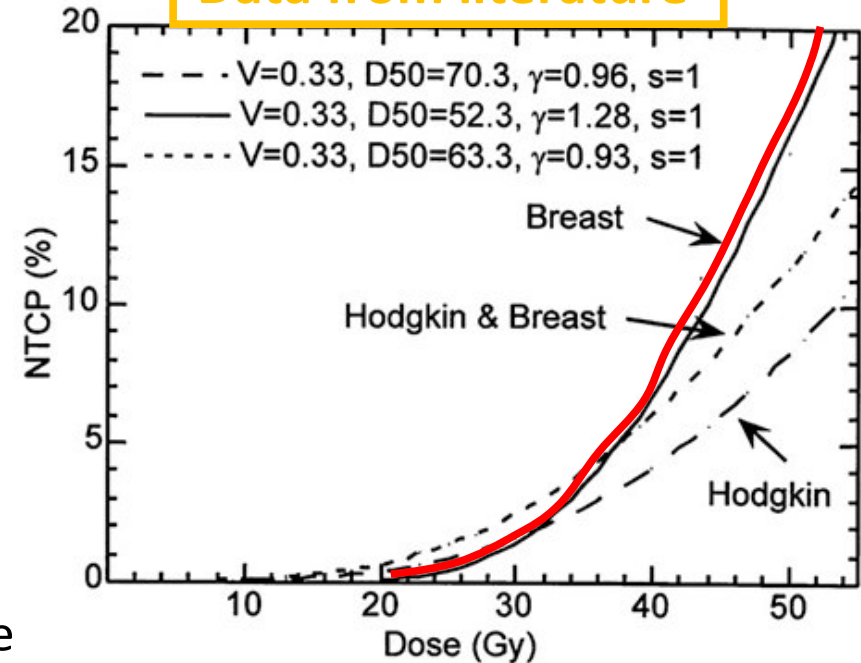
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Recommendations about dose/volume

- $V_{25Gy} < 10\% \rightarrow < 1\%$ probability of cardiac mortality

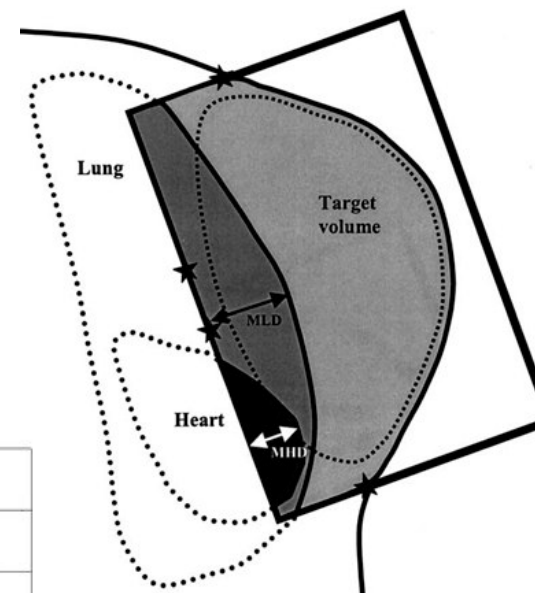


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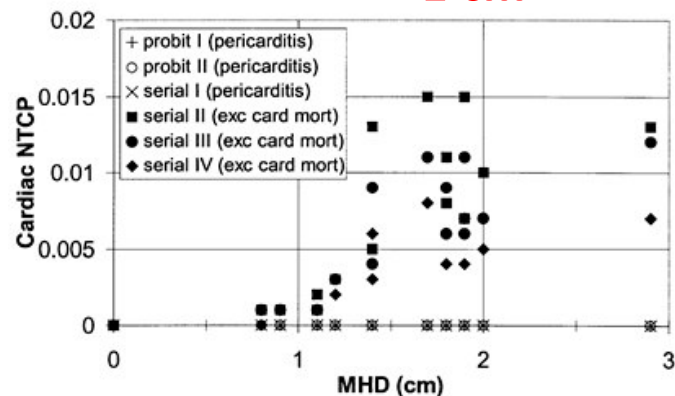
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- Good agreement when **small volumes** of OAR were irradiated

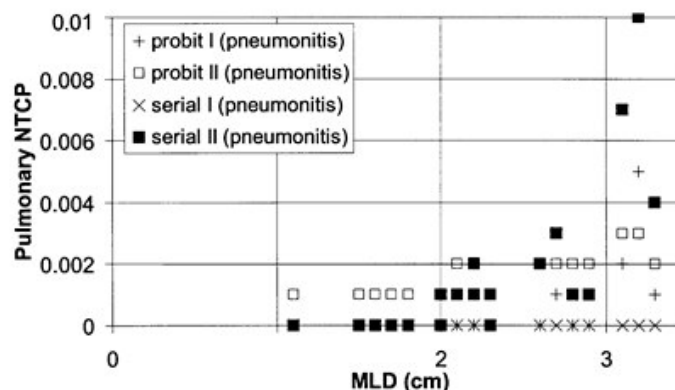


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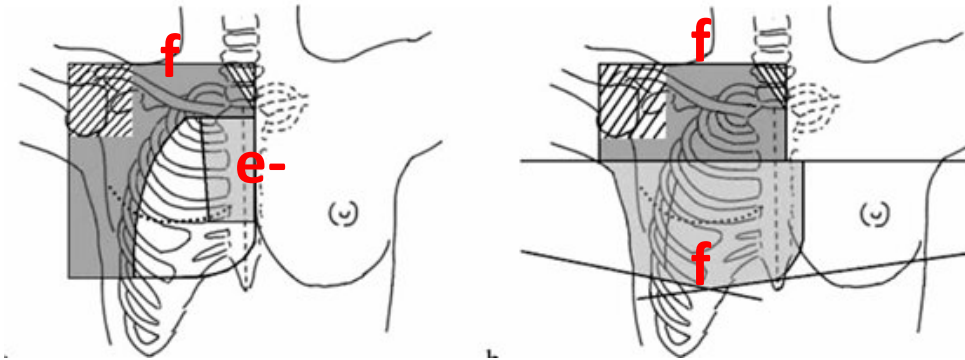
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**Strong relation between RT
techniques/volumes and doses to
OAR**



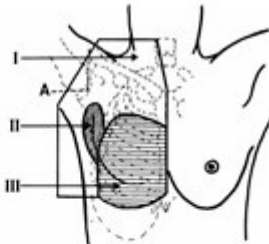
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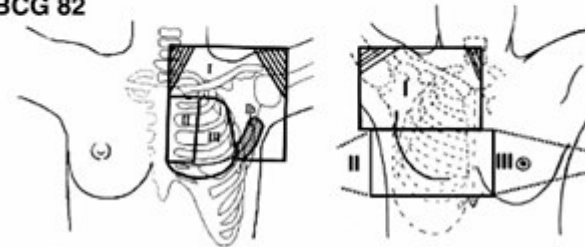
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Bolus covering mastectomy scar

Chest wall electron field



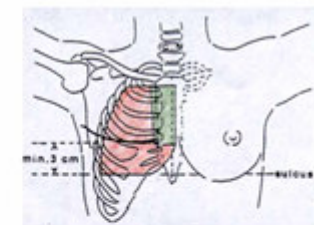
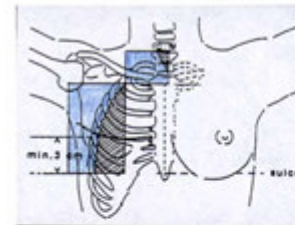
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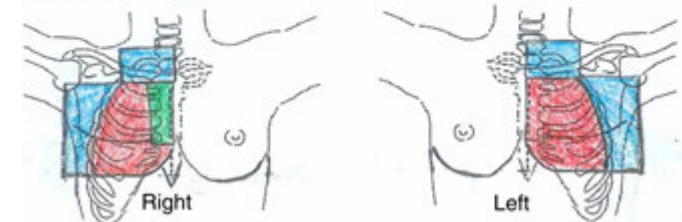
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Editorial

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**Big studies → big
biases**

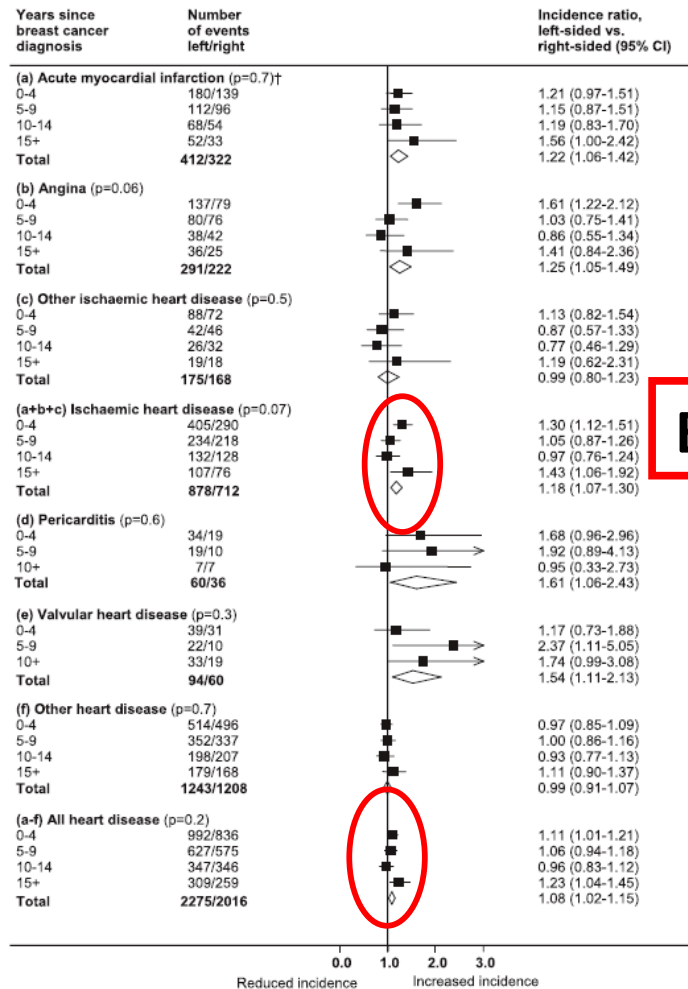


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Big biases

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Sweden	58	58	28,332
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1976-1989	43	44	27,898
1990-2006	51	51	44,236
Age at breast cancer diagnosis (years)			
<50	56	56	18,689
50-59	51	52	20,046
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Breast-conserving surgery			
Yes	93	93	18,654
No/unknown†	33	33	53,480
Hormonal therapy			
Yes	56	56	22,427
No/unknown	44	45	49,707
Chemotherapy			
Yes	59	60	13,747
No/unknown	46	46	58,387
Ischaemic heart disease prior to breast cancer‡			
Yes	35	40	1766§
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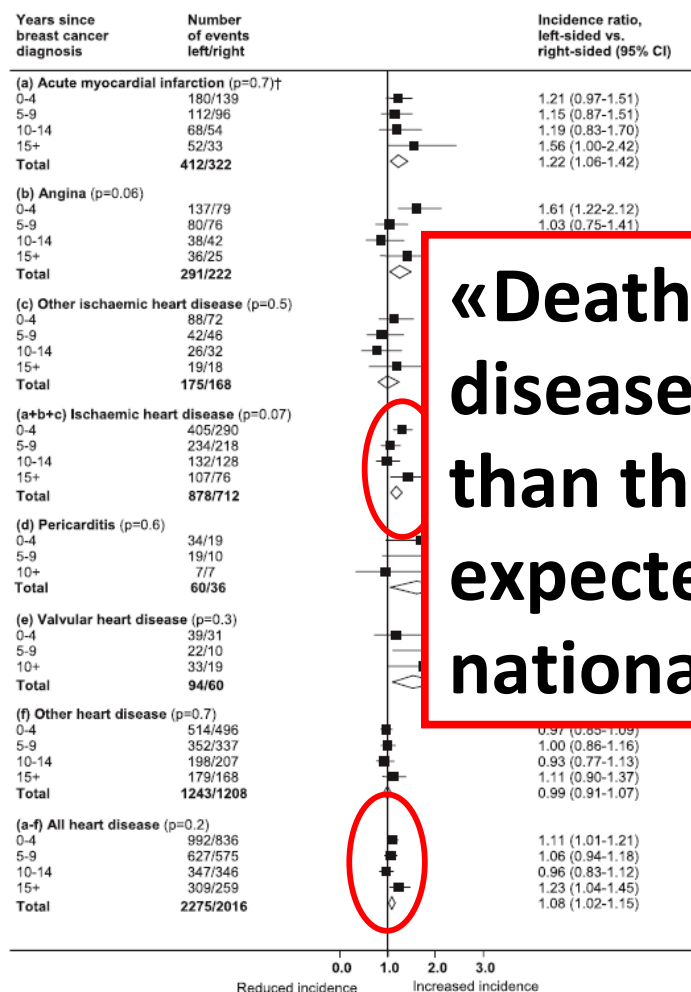


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Editorial

Radiation-induced heart morbidity after adjuvant radiotherapy of early breast cancer – Is it still an issue?

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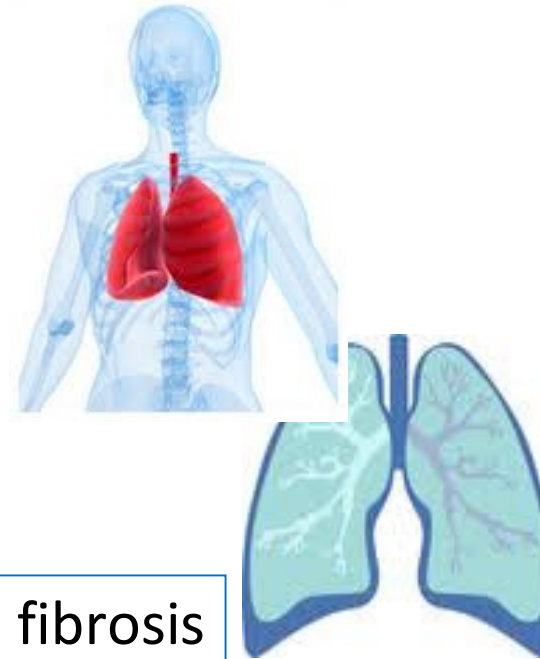


Factors and unsolved issues of potential importance for the development of radiation-induced heart disease.

Aspect	Factors and unsolved issues of importance
Patient related	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age Long expected life-time Co-morbidities: connective tissue disease, hypertension, diabetes mellitus a.o. Systemic therapy may have negative influences on the heart: anthracyclines, trastuzumab, taxanes, tamoxifen, letrozole Risk that the systemic therapy potentiates the radiation effects on the heart Alcohol and tobacco Individual sensitivity to late heart morbidity Hereditary heart disease
Planning related	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irradiated volume of the heart Are some structures of the heart more sensitive to RT than others? Is the heart always a serial organ? Total dose and fractionation, boost Patient position during radiotherapy (prone/supine) Presence of hot spots in the heart
Technique related	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relevant organ at risk definition (what is relevant to delineate: heart, pericardium, some or all coronary vessels, valves). How to delineate this? What to report? Maximum or mean, V5, V10, V20? Inaccuracy in reporting doses due to different TPS and daily set up variation
Endpoint related	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What heart morbidity is it relevant to look for? Is it possible to distinguish between radiation-induced heart disease and other far more frequent heart morbidities? How to measure the morbidity? Is it relevant to look for sub-clinical heart disease? For how long should the patient be evaluated, is it lifelong?
Ethical related	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is it acceptable to induce a fear of heart disease of around 1% absolute increased risk in a cancer patient? It is now technically feasible to (almost) avoid dose to the heart, so is a non-gated therapy for left-sided breast cancer no longer acceptable?
Society related	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is it cost-effective to set up screening programs to find those patients who may develop late radiation induced heart disease?



Lung



Early →
pneumonitis

Late → fibrosis



QUANTEC MODEL: lung

Clinical aspects

- Radiation clinical pneumonitis (RP) in 1-5 % of patients irradiated for breast
- endpoints: symptoms; radiologic alterations; pulmonary function



Not only QUANTEC: lung

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Grade	Before RT	3 mo after RT	9 mo after RT
0	41 (100)	9 (22.0)	9 (22.0)
1	0 (0)	19 (46.3)	24 (58.5)
2	0 (0)	10 (24.4)	8 (19.5)
3	0 (0)	3 (7.3)	0 (0)

88% of the case have G1-3 radiological evidence of damage → 4.9% had symptoms of G1 RP

Table 3. Mean lung volume receiving >25 Gy and corresponding grade of lung changes scored using classification of Nishioka *et al.* (18) at 3 and 9 months

Grade	3-mo Assessment		9-mo Assessment	
	Lung volume*	Proportion of lung volume	Lung volume*	Proportion of lung volume
0	67.8 (39.2)	0.05 (0.02)	70.4 (33.5)	0.05 (0.02)
1	86.0 (44.8)	0.07 (0.03)	92.6 (48.3)	0.07 (0.03)
2	131.9 (38.7)	0.10 (0.03)	147.5 (38.1)	0.11 (0.03)
3	157.6 (50.5)	0.10 (0.01)	—	—



QUANTEC MODEL: lung

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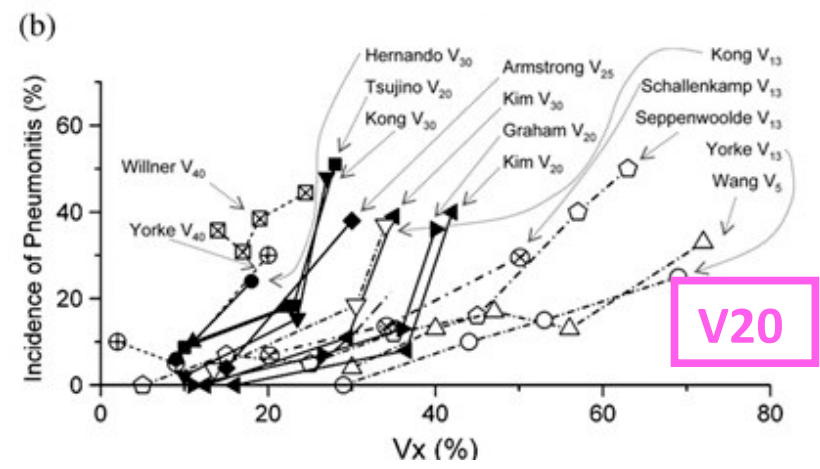
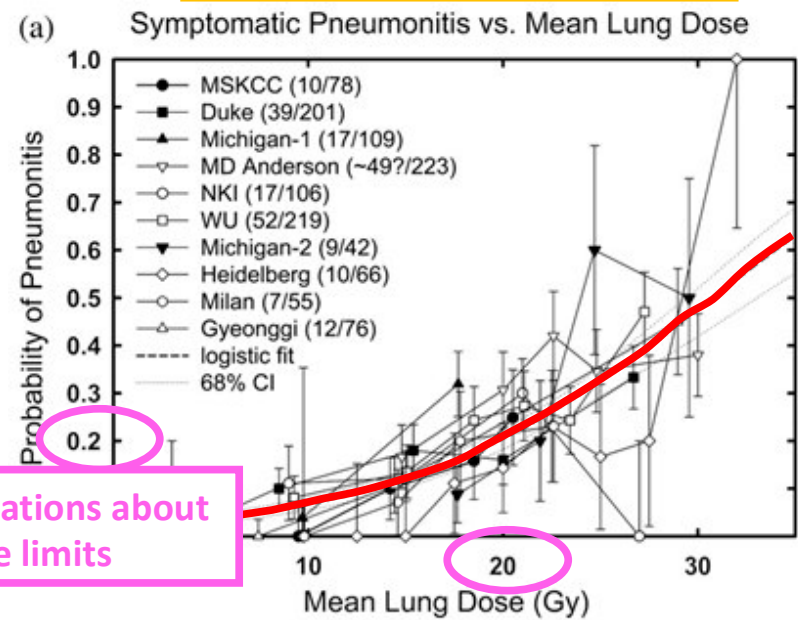
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Data from literature



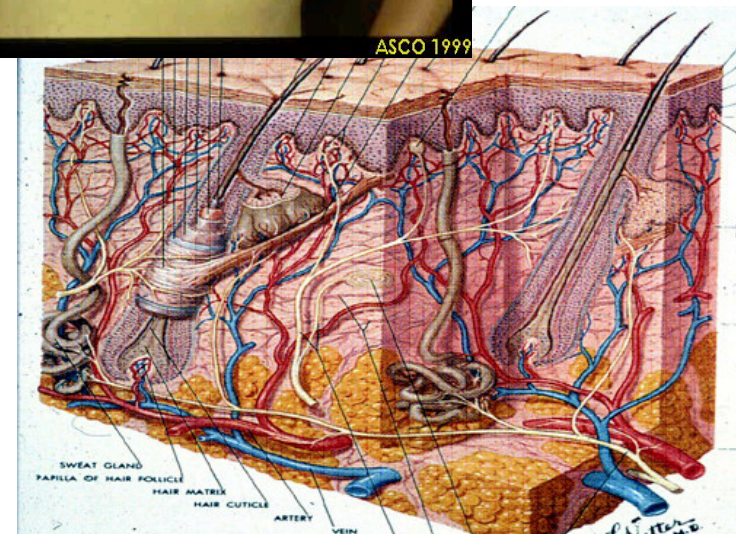


Skin – Soft tissues

Early → dryness, epilation, pigmentation changes, and erythema

Sub-acute → Dry desquamation

Late → atrophy and fibrosis; pigmentation changes; telangiectasias





QUANTEC MODEL: skin → does not exist

- It is a problem ↔ cosmetic outcome ↔
 - discomfort
 - limit daily activities
 - breaks from treatm.

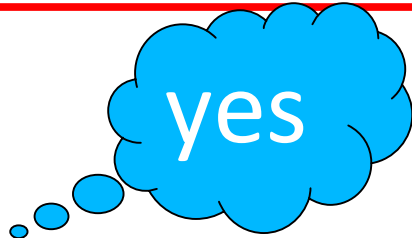
Factors related to skin toxicity

- factors different from RT as age, smoking, diabetes, others intrinsic factors
- total dose: in excess to 50 Gy to whole breast
- dose per fraction: not definitive results
- dose inhomogeneity → “double trouble” (hot spots created within inhomogeneous dose distribution total dose and dose per fraction)
- systemic treatment



QUANTEC MODEL: skin → does not exist

exist



- It is still a problem? ↔ cosmetic outcome ↔ - discomfort

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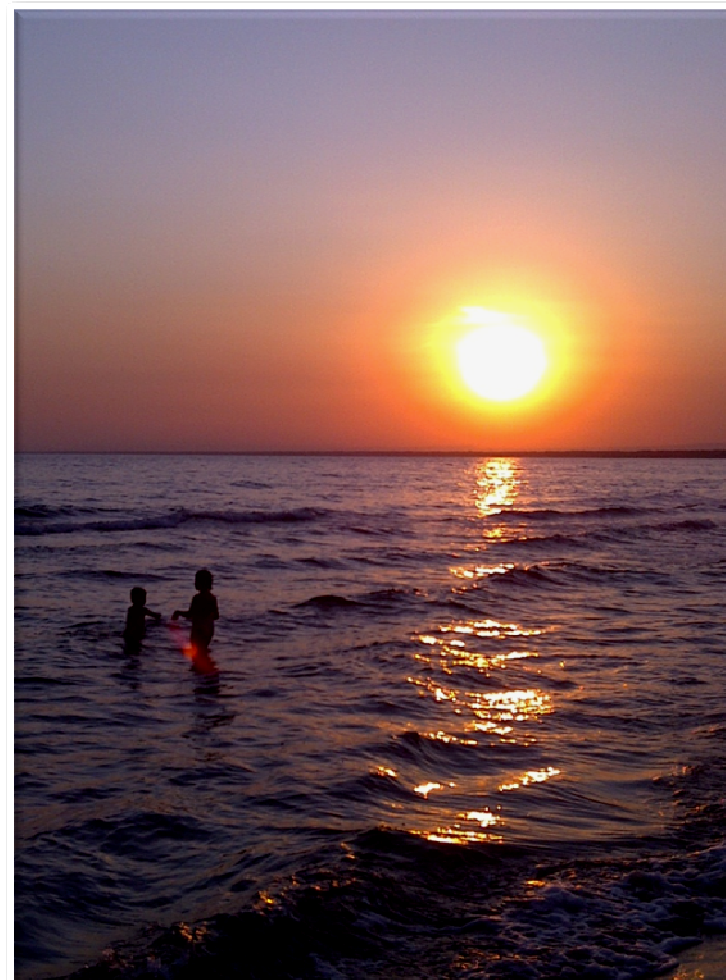
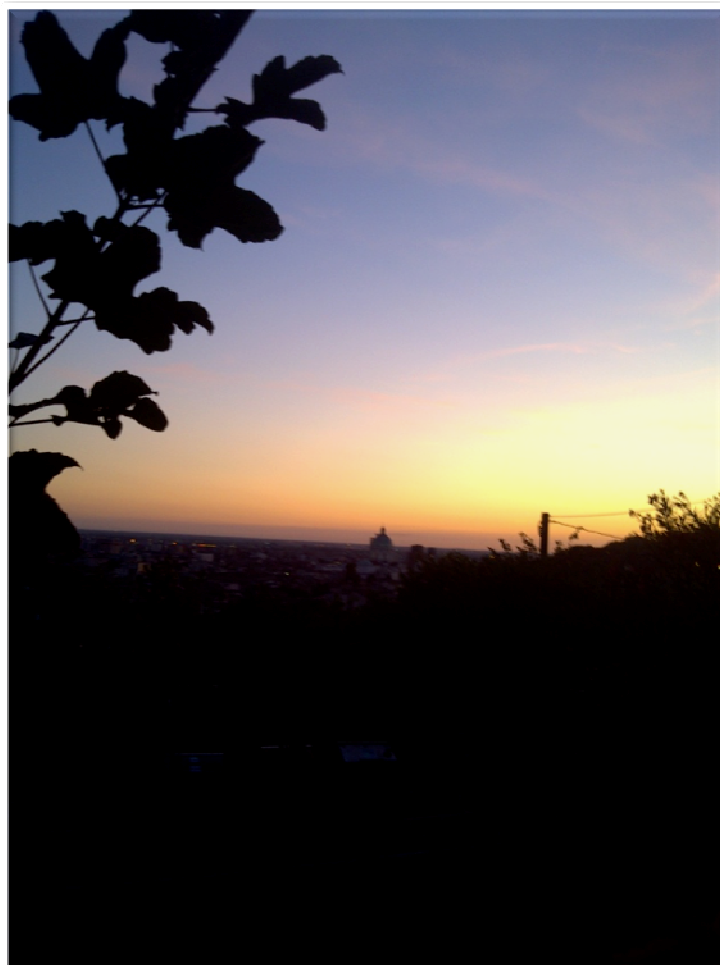


not increase radiation-induced dermatitis in breast cancer patients

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An accurate toxicity evaluation is mandatory :

- To *correlate* and *confirm (or not)* the data derived from theoretical mathematical models (e.g., α/β ratio) with adequate clinical data
- To *collect data* to guide therapeutic decisions
- To ***compare*** the effectiveness and toxicities of the different treatment options



Heart

QUANTEC

Lung

9. FUTURE TOXICITY STUDIES

Improved toxicity prediction requires prospective clinical trials based on 3D dosimetric data and careful long-term follow-up of patients who have received potentially cardiotoxic chemotherapy and RT. Prospective cardiac mortality studies are unlikely to be numerous. Hopefully, the few existing dose-volume predictors for cardiac mortality will be modified by new retrospective analyses based on larger data

9. FUTURE TOXICITY STUDIES

Progress regarding the predictors of RT-induced lung injury requires further understanding of the following

Impact of an in situ lung cancer on the risk of radiation-induced lung injury

The data for whole-lung radiation is derived essentially from patients without primary lung cancers (e.g., elective lung RT for breast cancer). Prospective clinical trials

Endpoint interaction

The study of RT-induced lung injury is confounded

Key words:

- ✓ prospective clinical trials
- ✓ clear identification of end-point
- ✓ correlation of dosimetric informations with the clinic
- ✓ correlation of end-point – dosimetric information – clinical informations – biological informations

- c) Future studies should incorporate baseline cardiovascular risk factors, such as the Framingham or Reynolds score (33–35). This will allow consideration of potential interactive effects between RT and traditional cardiac risk factors.
- d) Additional work is needed to understand the impact of hypofractionated radiation regimens on the heart.
- e) A deeper understanding of the global physiological effects of thoracic RT is needed (e.g., interactions between the heart and lung irradiation, as suggested in some animal studies) (63).

RT was related to the volume of lung and heart (38–40).

combined with the acute toxicities of amifostine (nausea/vomiting, hypotension, infection, and rash), have dissuaded many from using it in routine practice. One small randomized study demonstrated a protective effect of pentoxifylline, but pentoxifylline is not currently used in routine clinical practice (45).

Biomarkers

Additional work is needed to assess the predictive ability offered by biomarkers (see Bentzen *et al.* in this issue), such as transforming growth factor β (measured before and/or during RT) (46).