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### **Radioterapia stereotassica**

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The ***Lung*** is a main site of metastatic disease for most solid tumors and local treatments have an emerging role in combination with systemic therapies

## Surgery vs. stereotactic radiotherapy (SBRT) in the lung oligometastases

**Surgery** for the management of oligometastatic disease is now standard practice in several settings, improving local control and overall survival.

OS rates of 70% at 2 years and 36% at 5 years.

Casiraghi et al. 2011, Kaifi et al. 2010, Simmonds et al. 2006, van Geel et al. 2002

## Surgery vs. stereotactic radiotherapy (SBRT) in the lung oligometastases

**Stereotactic body radiotherapy**, an emerging alternative to surgery, gives high local control rates and good survival outcomes with a good toxicity profile.

High doses in one to 5 fractions must be delivered.

## Selection criteria for *lung* SBRT in treating oligometastatic cancer according to “available” literature

- ✓ Limited number of metastases (from 1 to 5)
- ✓ Limited tumor diameter (<5 cm)
- ✓ Limited metastatic disease (oligometastasis or oligo-recurrence)
- ✓ Good performance status
- ✓ Favorable histology (?)
- ✓ Metachronous appearance of metastases (?)

Selection criteria for *lung* SBRT in treating oligometastatic cancer  
in **general clinical practice**

Patients for whom surgery is not feasible because of their **age**, **comorbidity** or **PS** and because of previous treatment with multiple lines of systemic therapy, when the toxicity of local treatment should be minimized.

# Stereotactic Radiotherapy for Pulmonary Oligometastases

## A Systematic Review

*Shankar Siva, MBBS, Michael MacManus, MD, MRCP, FRCR, FRANZCR,  
and David Ball, MD, MBBS, FRANZCR*

A wide range of techniques, doses, and dose fractionation schedules were found.

**334** patients with **564** target were reported in **SBRT series**. The 2-year weighted **local control** was **77,9%**. The corresponding 2-year weighted **overall survival** was **53,7%**, with a **4%** rate of **grade 3** or higher radiation toxicities.

**154** patients with **174** targets were treated in the **SRS series**. The 2-year weighted **local control** was **78,6%**. The corresponding 2-year weighted **overall survival** was **50,3%**, with a **2,6%** rate of **grade 3** or higher toxicities

# Review and Uses of Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy for Oligometastases

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## LUNG

Study	n of patients	Median dose/n of fractions	Median (range) follow-up, mos	Local control rate	Overall survival	Toxicity
Onimaru et al. [5]	45	48 Gy/8; 60 Gy/8	18 (2–44)	3-yr, 69.6% for 48 Gy, 100% for 60 Gy	2-yr, 47.1%	Grade 5, 1 (2.2%)
Wulf et al. [32]	27	30 Gy/3; 36 Gy/3	13–17	2-yr, 71%	1-yr, 48% 2-yr, 21%	Grade 3, 1 (3.7%)
Yoon et al. [71]	53	30 Gy/3; 40 Gy/4; 48 Gy/4	14 (4–56)	7 1 <b>70-100%</b> 3 y,	1-yr, 89%; 2-yr, 51%	<b>G3 in 2-4%</b>
Okunieff et al. [18]	50	50 Gy/10; 48 Gy/6; 57 Gy/3	18.7 (3.7–60.9)	3 y, 71%	2-yr, 50%	Grade 3, 2%
Norihisa et al. [6]	34	48 Gy/4; 60 Gy/5	27 (10–80)	2-yr, 90%	2-yr, 84%	Grade 2, 4 (12%) Grade 3, 1 (3%)
Brown et al. [72]	35	5 Gy/1 to 60 Gy/4	18 (2–41)	Crude, 77%	2-yr, 72.5%	Grade 3–4, 1 (2.8%)
Rusthoven et al. [14]	38	60 Gy/3	15.4 (6–48)	2-yr, 96%	2-yr, 39%	No grade 4 Grade 3, 3 (8%)
Ricardi et al. [17]	61	45 Gy/3; 26 Gy/1	20.4 (3–77)	2-yr, 89%	2-yr, 66.5	Grade 3, 1 (1.6%)



# Stereotactic body radiation therapy for lung metastases

Umberto Ricardi et al.

*Introduction:* Stereotactic body radiation therapy (SBRT) has an emerging role in patients affected with pulmonary metastases. Purpose of this study was to evaluate efficacy and tolerability of SBRT in a cohort of patients treated between 2003 and 2009 at our institution.

*Methods:* A total of 61 patients with oligometastatic lung tumors (single pulmonary nodules in 73.7%) were included in the study. SBRT was performed with a stereotactic body frame and a 3D-conformal technique. Fifty-one patients received 26 Gy in 1 fraction, 22 a dose of 45 Gy in 3 fractions and 3 a dose of 36 Gy in 4 fractions. Primary tumor was lung cancer in 45.7% of patients, colorectal cancer in 21.3% and a variety of other origins in 33%. The primary endpoint was local control, secondary endpoints were survival and toxicity.

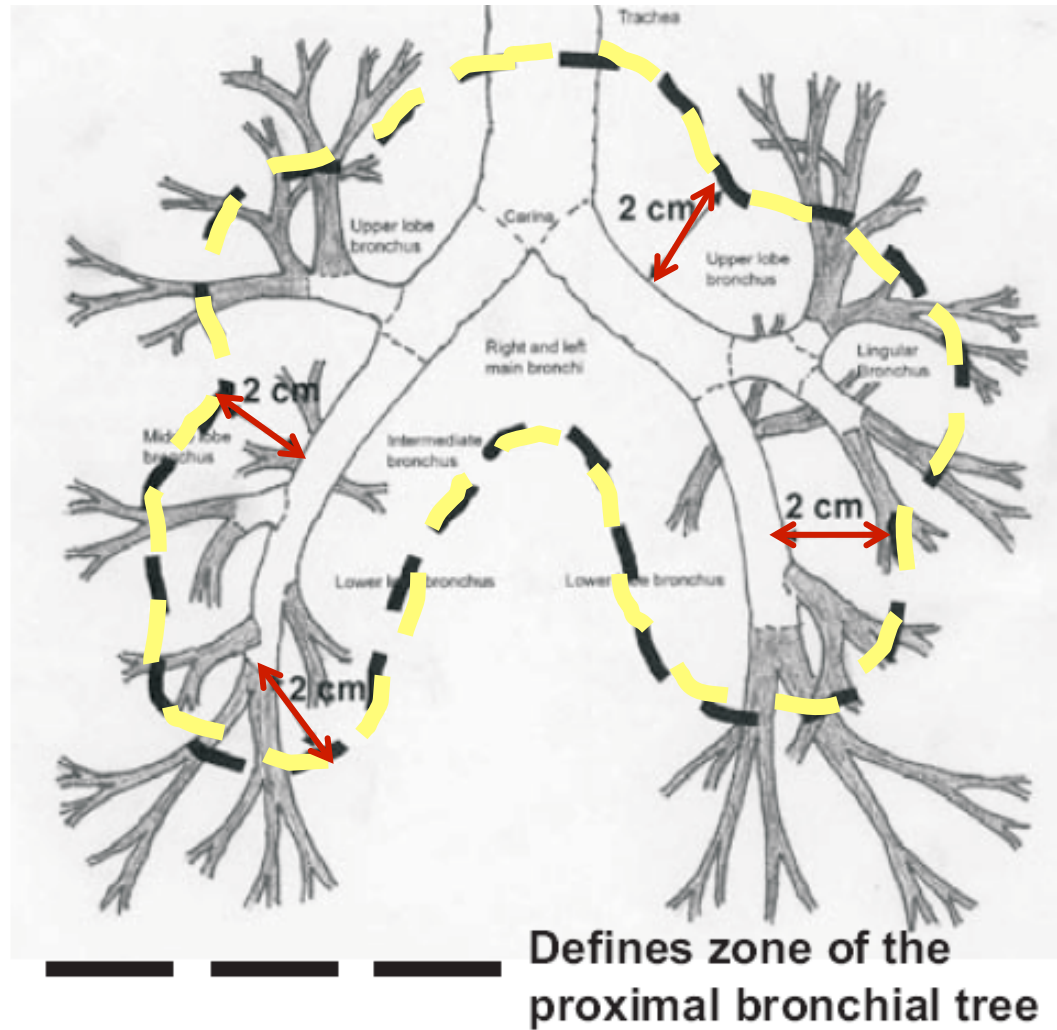
*Results:* After a median follow-up interval of 20.4 months, local control rates at 2 and 3 years were 89% and 83.5%, overall survival 66.5% and 52.5%, cancer-specific survival 75.4% and 67%, progression-free survival 32.4% and 22.3%. Tumor volume was significantly associated to survival, with highest rates in patients with single small tumors. Median survival time was 42.8 months, while median progression-free survival time was 11.9 months. Toxicity profiles were good, with just one case of grade III toxicity (pneumonitis).

*Conclusion:* This study shows that SBRT is an effective and safe local treatment option for patients with lung metastases. Definitive results are strictly correlated to clinical selection of patients.

## PRINCIPLES OF RADIATION THERAPY

**Table 2. Commonly Used Doses for SABR**

<b>Nominal Total Dose</b>	<b># Fractions</b>	<b>Example Indications</b>
<b>25-34 Gy</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Peripheral, small (&lt; 2 cm) tumors, esp. &gt; 1 cm from chest wall</b>
<b>45-60 Gy</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Peripheral tumors, esp. &gt; 1 cm from chest wall</b>
<b>48-50 Gy</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Central or peripheral tumors &lt; 4-5 cm, esp. &lt; 1 cm from chest wall</b>
<b>50-55 Gy</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Central or peripheral tumors, esp. &lt; 1 cm from chest wall</b>
<b>60-70 Gy</b>	<b>8-10</b>	<b>Central tumors</b>



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**Table 5. Normal Tissue Dose Volume Constraints for SBRT\***

<b>OAR</b>	<b>1 Fraction</b>	<b>3 Fractions</b>	<b>4 Fractions</b>	<b>5 Fractions</b>
Spinal cord	14 Gy	18 Gy (6 Gy/fx)	26 Gy (6.5 Gy/fx)	30 Gy (6 Gy/fx)
Esophagus	15.4 Gy	30 Gy (10 Gy/fx)	30 Gy (7.5 Gy/fx)	32.5 Gy (6.5 Gy/fx)
Brachial plexus	17.5 Gy	21 Gy (7 Gy/fx)	27.2 Gy (6.8 Gy/fx)	30 Gy (6 Gy/fx)
Heart/ pericardium	22 Gy	30 Gy (10 Gy/fx)	34 Gy (8.5 Gy/fx)	35 Gy (7 Gy/fx)
Great vessels	37 Gy	39 Gy 13 Gy/fx	49 Gy 12.25 Gy/fx	55 Gy 11 Gy/fx
Trachea/ Large Bronchus	20.2 Gy	30 Gy (10 Gy/fx)	34.8 Gy (8.7 Gy/fx)	40 Gy (8 Gy/fx)
Rib	30 Gy	30 Gy (10 Gy/fx)	31.2 Gy (7.8 Gy/fx)	32.5 Gy (6.5 Gy/fx)
Skin	26 Gy	30 Gy 10 Gy/fx	36 Gy (9 Gy/fx)	40 Gy 8 Gy/fx
Stomach	12.4 Gy	27 Gy 9 Gy/fx	30 Gy (7.5 Gy/fx)	35 Gy 7 Gy/fx

## Stereotactic radiosurgery and stereotactic body radiation therapy cost-effectiveness results

*Akash Bijlani<sup>1</sup>, Giovanni Aguzzi<sup>2</sup>, David W. Schaal<sup>1</sup> and Pantaleo Romanelli<sup>2\*</sup>*

Clinical outcomes and costs of SRS and SBRT were comparable to other therapies for treatment of cancer in the brain, spine, lung, prostate and, pancreas.



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## Lung publication characteristics, estimated costs, and effectiveness.

Reference	Country	Type of study	Procedures compared	Perspective	Cost types	Local currency	Procedures cost per patient	Effectiveness	ICER/ICUR/Cost analysis results
Lanni et al. (2011)	USA	Cost-effectiveness	SBRT 3DCRT IMRT	Service provider	Direct	USD	SBRT: \$52,471 3DCRT: \$55,705 IMRT: \$136,570	SBRT 36-month overall survival: 71 % 3DCRT 36-month overall survival: 42 % IMRT 36-month overall survival: n.a.	SBRT dominates
<b>Medically inoperable NSCLC</b>									
Sher et al. (2011)	USA	Cost-utility	SBRT 3DCRT RFA	Service provider	Direct	USD	SBRT: \$51,133 3DCRT: \$48,842 RFA: \$44,648	SBRT: 1.91 QALY 3DCRT: 1.53 QALY RFA: 1.45 QALY	SBRT vs. 3DCRT: \$6,000/QALY SBRT vs. RFA: \$14,100/QALY
<b>65-year-old men with medically inoperable NSCLC</b>									
Puri et al. (2012)	USA	Cost-effectiveness	SBRT Surgery	Healthcare payer	Direct	USD	SBRT: \$14,153 Surgery: \$17,629	SBRT overall survival: 2.94 years Surgery overall survival: 3.39 years	Surgery vs. SBRT: \$7,753/LYS
<b>Stage I NSCLC</b>									

SBRT, stereotactic body radiation therapy; EBRT, external beam radiation therapy; 3DCRT, 3-dimensional conventional radiation therapy; IMRT, intensity modulated radiation therapy; RFA, radiofrequency ablation; USD, United States dollar; LY/LYS, life years/life year saved; QALY, quality adjusted life years; ICER, incremental cost-effectiveness ratio; ICUR, incremental cost-utility ratio.

...from a **patient perspective**, SRS and SBRT provide patients a clinically effective treatment option, while from the **payer and provider perspective**, it demonstrate cost savings.

# Our experience on lung SBRT

## Patient selection

- ✓ 1-2 lung metastases
- ✓ Maximum tumor diameter smaller than 50mm
- ✓ Absent or controlled extra-thoracic disease
- ✓ Adequate pulmonary function  
(FEV1 > 40% and DLCO >40% predicted)
- ✓ PS 0-1



# Lung SBRT doses

**Equivalent  
total dose in 2  
Gy fraction  
(EQD2)**

**\*  
8 Gy x 5**

**\*  
10 Gy x 5**

**12 Gy x 5**

**$\alpha/\beta = 3$   
(LUNG)**

**88 Gy**

**130 Gy**

**170 Gy**

**$\alpha/\beta = 10$   
(TUMOR)**

**60 Gy**

**84 Gy**

**110 Gy**

*\* suboptimal outcome for BED  $\leq$  100 Gy*

**Prevention of toxicity:**

**Dose-volume constraints for normal tissues**

**NORMAL TISSUE COMPLICATION  
PROBABILITY:  $\leq 5\%$  at 5 years**

## Lung SBRT:our experience

*(May 2003 – december 2012)*

### Total

patients	120
lesions	134

M/F 96/24

Median age 70 years (range, 36-87)

Karnofsky PS 100 (70-100)

Primary tumors: N. 83 (62%)

**Metastatic tumors: N. 51 (38%)/41 pts**

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**Metastatic tumors:**

**51 lesions**

<b>PRIMARY:</b>	<b>Colon:</b>	<b>14 (27%)</b>
	<b>Lung:</b>	<b>21(40%)</b>
	<b>Sarcomas:</b>	<b>4 (7%)</b>
	<b>Breast:</b>	<b>6 (11%)</b>
	<b>Other:</b>	<b>8(15%)</b>

## DOSES/LESIONS

Doses	N. of lesions (%)
<b>10Gy x 5</b>	<b>13 (25)</b>
<b>8Gy x 5</b>	<b>28 (55)</b>
9Gy x 5	3 (6)
7Gy x 5	7 (14)

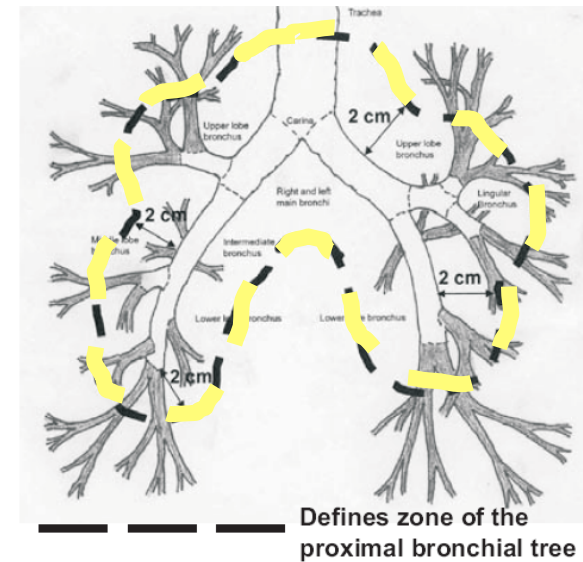
**80%**

**Median planned target volume:  
35 cc (range,5 -240 cc)**

**Tumor site:**

**PERIPHERICAL 33/51 (65%)**

**CENTRAL 18/51 (35%)**



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**MEDIAN FOLLOW UP : 33 months (range, 5-90)**

<b>CR</b>	<b>17 (33%)</b>
<b>PR</b>	<b>16 (31%)</b>
<b>S</b>	<b>15 (29%)</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>3 (7%)</b>

**93%**

**Median time to progression: 11 months (range, 3-72)**

## Toxicity profile

### ***Symptomatic ACUTE TOXICITY (2%)***

- 1 dysphagia

### ***Radiological LATE TOXICITY (5%)***

- 2 fibrosis



**Re-irradiation** with SBRT after prior  
lung 3D-CRT or SBRT

In case of **relapse or second tumor after thoracic irradiation** patients generally receive chemotherapy with low response rates

**Re-irradiation with 3D-CRT** has been explored by multiple groups using several techniques, doses and fractionations resulting in good palliation with acceptable toxicity

Okamoto et al 2002, Tada et al 2005

Recently published study of **re-irradiation with SBRT** after prior 3D-CRT showed promising results with good local control and acceptable toxicity

Poltinnikov et al 2005, Kelly et al 2010

## Study of re-irradiation with SBRT after 3D-CRT

Clinical trial	<i>Poltinnikov et al.</i>	<i>Kelly et al.</i>
No. patients/treatment	17/17	36/36
Dose 1 <sup>st</sup> RT course	≥ 50 Gy	median 61.5 Gy (range, 30–79.2 Gy)
Interval (median)	n/s	22.0 months (range, 0–92 months)
Total re-irradiation dose	median 32Gy (17.5 – 42.0)	50 Gy (72%) 40 Gy (17%) Other (11%)
Single fraction dose	median 4Gy (2.5 – 4.2)	12.5 Gy (72%) 10Gy (17%) Other (11%)
Technology	SBF	SBF, 4D-CT, FDG-PET
Target size	median field size 95cm <sup>2</sup> (30–189)	Tumor size (median) 1.7cm  (range, 0.6–3.8 cm)
Symptom relief	11/13	n/s
Median follow-up (range)	n/s	15 months (4–45)
Local control	5/17 responders	92%
Median Overall survival (range)	5.5 months (2.5–30)	59% @ 2a
Toxicity	G2 esophagitis n=4 G2 pneumonitis n=1	At least one G3 in 33% of patients

*from Mantel et al. Radiation Oncology 2013*

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Re-irradiation with SBRT after prior lung SBRT

## Toxicity after reirradiation of pulmonary tumours with stereotactic body radiotherapy

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### A B S T R A C T

*Purpose:* To assess toxicity and feasibility of reirradiation with stereotactic body radiotherapy (SBRT) after prior lung SBRT for primary lung cancer or lung metastases.

*Patients and materials:* Twenty-nine patients reirradiated with SBRT on 32 lung lesions (11 central, 21 peripheral) were retrospectively reviewed. Median follow-up time was 12 months (range 1–97). The primary endpoint was toxicity, secondary endpoints were local control and overall survival time. Toxicity was scored according to the NCI-CTCAE version 3.

*Results:* Grade 3–4 toxicity was scored 14 times in eight patients. Three patients died because of massive bleeding (grade 5). Larger clinical target volumes (CTV) and central tumour localization were associated with more severe toxicity. There was no correlation between mean lung dose (MLD) and lung toxicity. Local control at 5 months after reirradiation was 52%, as assessed by CT-scan ( $n = 12$ ) or X-thorax ( $n = 3$ ). A larger CTV was associated with poorer local control. Kaplan–Meier estimated 1- and 2-year survival rates were 59% and 43%, respectively.

*Conclusions:* Reirradiation with SBRT is feasible although increased risk of toxicity was reported in centrally located tumours. Further research is warranted for more accurate selection of patients suitable for reirradiation with SBRT.

# Toxicity after reirradiation of pulmonary tumours with stereotactic body radiotherapy

Peulen et al.

All toxicity according to NCI-CTCAE v3.0 grouped according to localization.

Central <i>n</i> = 11					
Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	
2	2	-	-	-	Atelectasis
1	1	3	-	-	Cough
1	1	1	-	-	Dyspnoea
-	1	1	-	-	Pneumonitis
-	-	1	-	-	Stenosis of airway
-	-	-	-	3	Bleeding
-	2	-	-	-	Pleural effusion
2	2	-	-	-	Pulmonary fibrosis
-	-	-	-	-	Fracture
-	1	-	-	-	Dermatitis
1	-	x	x	x	Hyperpigmentation
-	-	1	-	-	Pain
-	1	-	2	-	Fistula, stenosis

PTV second treatment ( <i>n</i> = 32)	76
PTV third treatment ( <i>n</i> = 3)	64
PTV fourth treatment ( <i>n</i> = 1)	277

Cumulative **EQD<sub>2</sub>** ( $\alpha/\beta=3$ ) in grade 4-5 toxicity:  
 Maximum 492 Gy

Interval between first SBRT and reirradiation (months)	14
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# Materials and Methods

**11 pts**

**17 lung lesions (LL)**

**M/F ratio: 9/2**

**Median age: 66 years (range,40-71)**

**Median KPS: 100 (range,90-100)**

## First SBRT

**LR of primary NSCLC → 3 pts**

**Lung metastases from NSCLC → 8 pts**  
**colon-rectal → 2 pts**  
**sarcoma → 1 pt**

Reirradiation in the same lung for out-field (5 pts), in-field (4 pts) or both in and out-field (2 pts) relapse.

**In-field** when more than 95% of the recurrence volume was within the original 50% isodose

-**GTV** was defined as the radiologically visible tumor using lung windowing

-**CTV =GTV**

-**PTV** was **GTV/CTV + 8-10 mm** in the craniocaudal and **4-5 mm** in the axial directions.

After dosimetric and physic calculations, the GTV/CTV was re-contoured in the image slices obtained with a verification CT.



# Results

I° SBRT doses	N. of LL (%)	EQD <sub>2</sub> ( $\alpha/\beta=3$ )
5 x 10 Gy	11 (65)	130 Gy
5 x 8 Gy	6 (35)	88 Gy

Reirradiation doses	N. of LL (%)	EQD <sub>2</sub> ( $\alpha/\beta=3$ )	Max cumulative EQD <sub>2</sub> ( $\alpha/\beta=3$ )
5 x 8 Gy	6 (35)	88 Gy	218 Gy
5 x 10 Gy	4 (23)	130 Gy	260 Gy
5 x 6 Gy	3 (18)	54 Gy	184 Gy
5 x 5 Gy	3 (18)	40 Gy	170 Gy
5 x 4 Gy	1 (6)	28 Gy	158 Gy

Time between first SBRT and Reirradiation: Median 22 months (range, 6 -36)

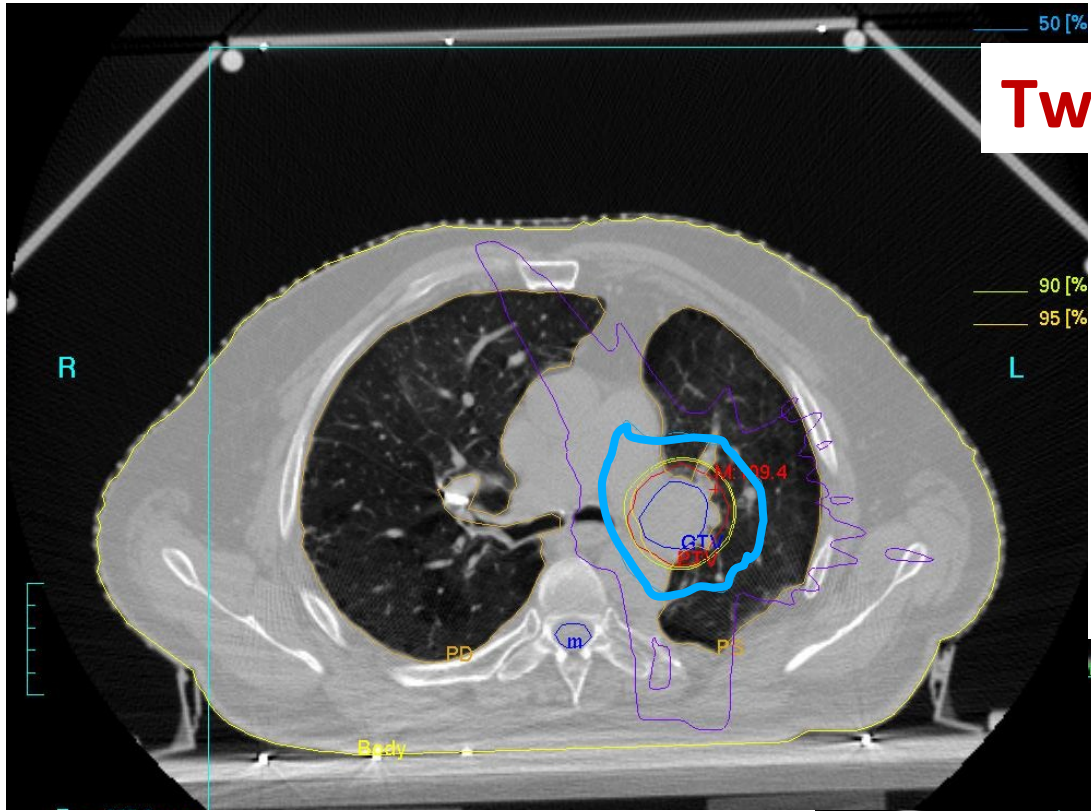
Median number of retreated LL: 1 (range, 1-4),   
→ 10 central  
→ 7 peripheral

Median PTV: 17 cc (range, 9-55);  $\varnothing$  32 mm

# Two lesions in the same lobe

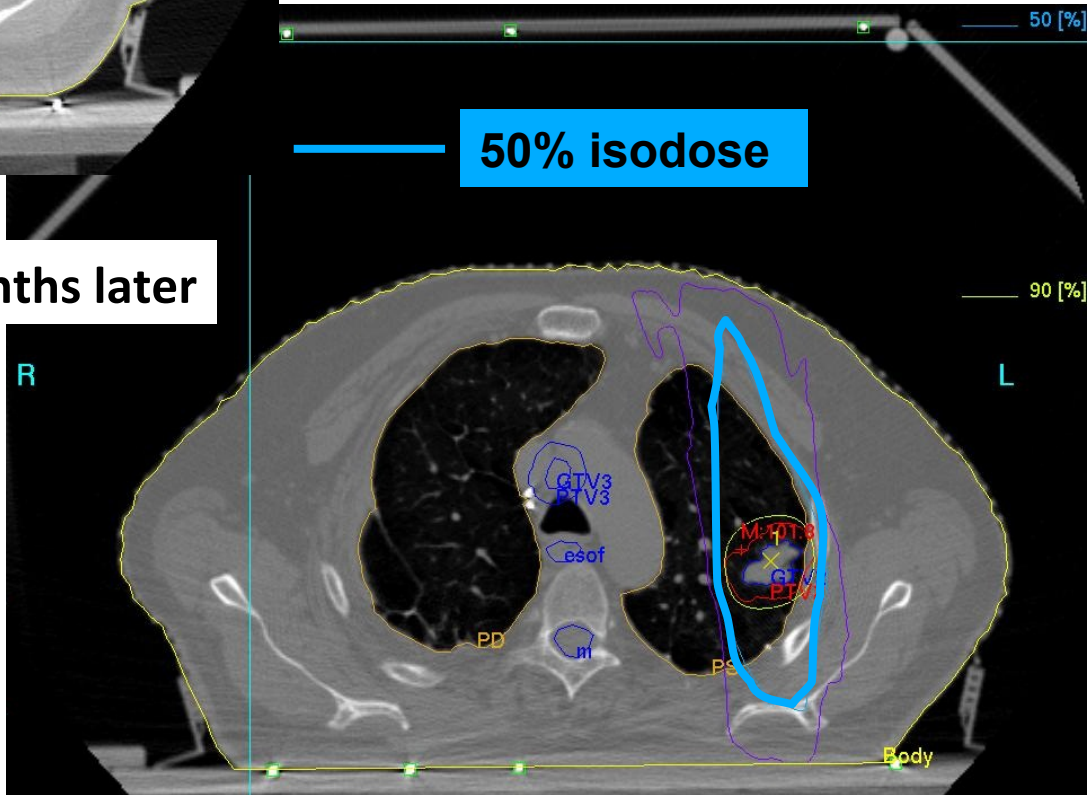
Out-field relapse

5x10 Gy



5x8Gy

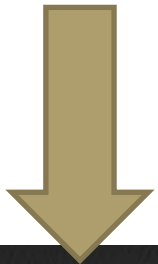
11 months later



# The same peripheral lesion

In-field relapse

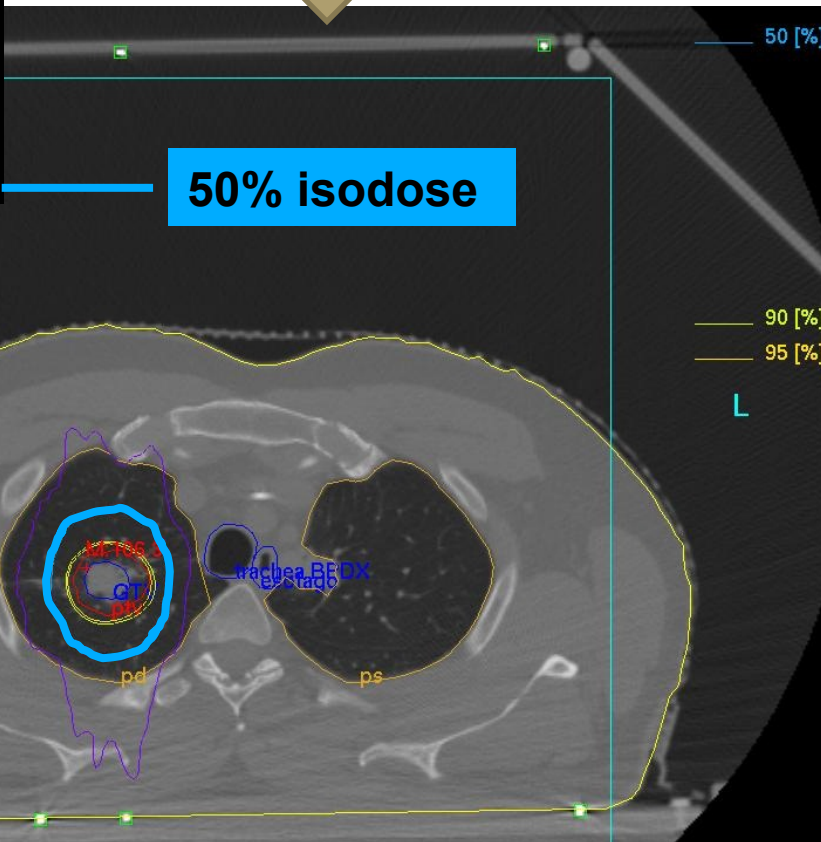
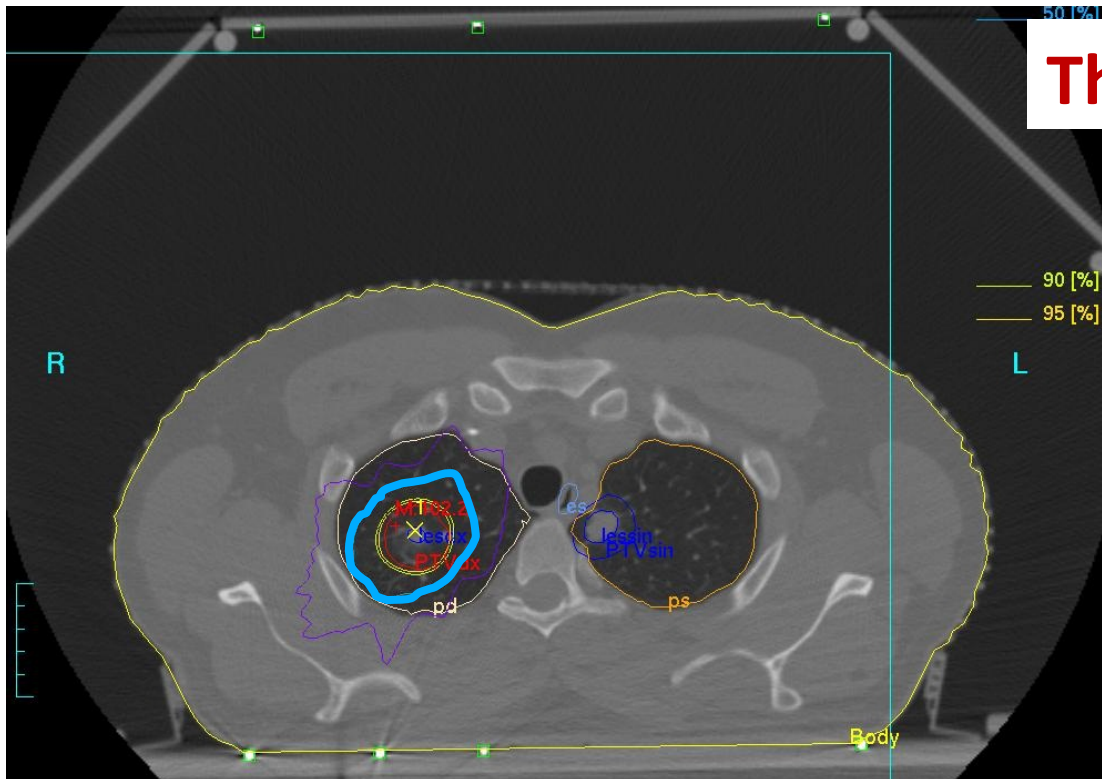
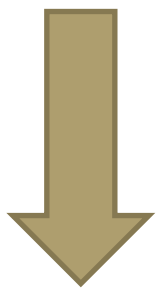
5x8Gy

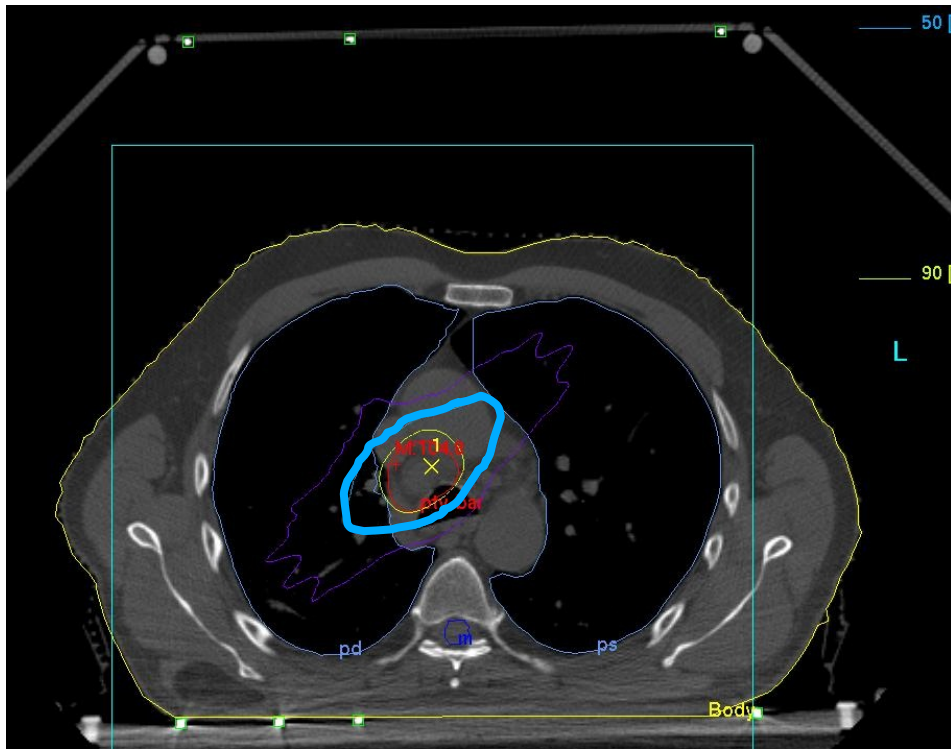


50% isodose

24 months later

5x10Gy

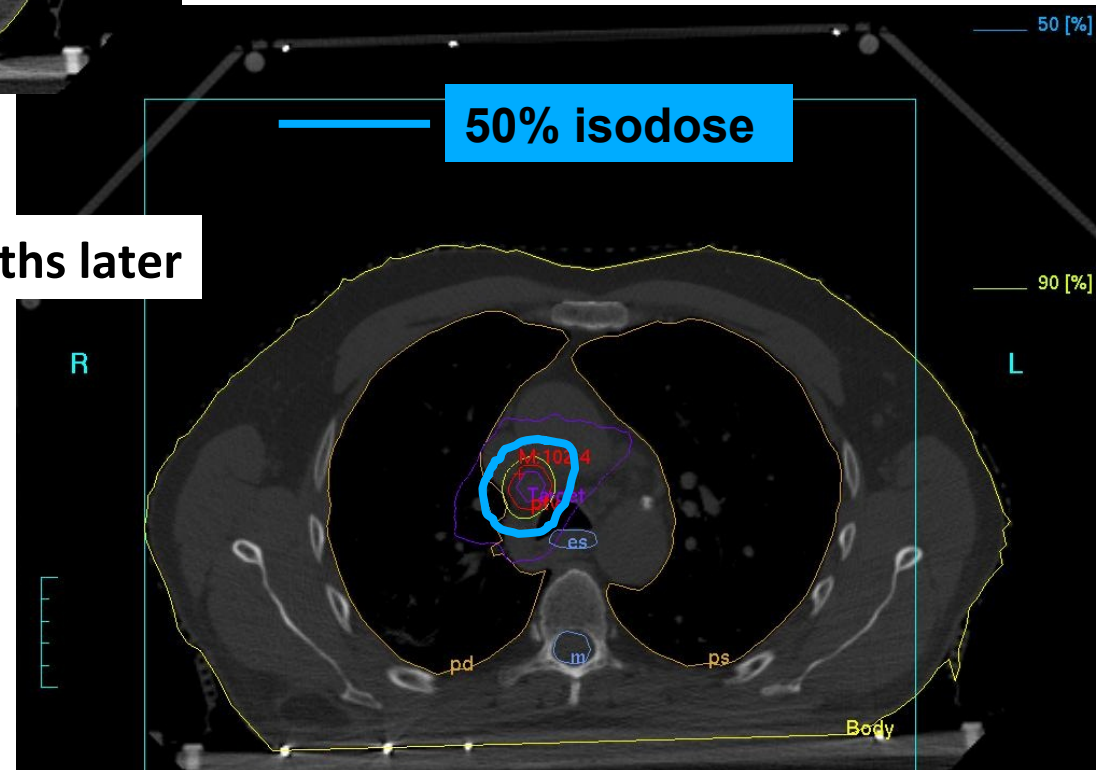




## The same central lesion

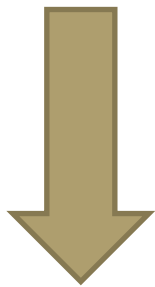
In-field relapse

5x5Gy



13 months later

5x8Gy



# Response

**Local Control in 100% of LL**

	n. of LL	%
CR	7	41
PR	2	12
SD	8	47

**RECIST criteria**



# Toxicity

## No acute and late grade 3-5

n. of pts	Site of relapse	n. of treated LL	n. of reirradiation	Type of toxicity
1	out	2	2	Asymptomatic pneumonia ( <i>grade 2</i> )
2	in & out	1	3 & 4	Thoracic pain ( <i>grade 1-2</i> )
2	in	1	1	Dyspnea and dysphagia ( <i>grade 2</i> )
1*	in	1	1	Rib fracture ( <i>grade 2</i> )

\* pt treated with 5x10Gy SBRT for a peripheral metastases and retreated with 5x8Gy SBRT for an in-field-relapse, 13 months after reirradiation.

## Peulen experience

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Maximum **492 Gy**

Interval between first SBRT and reirradiation (months) **14**

## Our experience

**17cc (9-55)**

**Maximum: 260 Gy**

**Median 22 months**

# Conclusions

- ✓ Few studies exist on SBRT for lung mets.

*However,*

- ✓ Lung SBRT and lung re-irradiation with SBRT are feasible with a high local control rate and satisfying survival outcome.

*Unfortunately,*

- ✓ Surgery is often the treatment preferred in clinical practice

*Worth of note,*

- ✓ an accurate patient selection and
- ✓ an appropriate interval between prior SBRT and re-irradiation are necessary



A wide, sandy beach stretches across the foreground and middle ground. In the distance, a volleyball net is set up on the sand. To the left, there is a small red and white structure, possibly a lifeguard stand. Further back, several colorful beach toys and a white boat are visible near the water's edge. The ocean is a deep blue, and the sky is a clear, bright blue with a single, small white cloud on the right side. The overall scene is bright and sunny.

**Grazie per l'attenzione e buona estate!**