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# Why and When SBRT???

## The Lancet Oncology Commission

### Delivering affordable cancer care in high-income countries

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The burden of cancer is growing, and the disease is becoming a major economic expenditure for all developed countries. In 2008, the worldwide cost of cancer due to premature death and disability (not including direct medical costs) was estimated to be US\$895 billion. This is not simply due to an increase in absolute numbers, but also the rate of increase of expenditure on cancer. What are the drivers and solutions to the so-called cancer-cost curve in developed countries? How are we going to afford to deliver high quality and equitable care? Here, expert opinion from health-care professionals, policy makers, and cancer survivors has been gathered to address the barriers and solutions to delivering affordable cancer care. Although many of the drivers and themes are specific to a particular field—eg, the huge development costs for cancer medicines—there is strong concordance running through each contribution. Several drivers of cost, such as over-use, rapid expansion, and shortening life cycles of cancer technologies (such as medicines and imaging modalities), and the lack of suitable clinical research and integrated health economic studies, have converged with more defensive medical practice, a less informed regulatory system, a lack of evidence-based sociopolitical debate, and a declining degree of fairness for all patients with cancer. Urgent solutions range from re-engineering of the macroeconomic basis of cancer costs (eg, value-based approaches to bend the cost curve and allow cost-saving technologies), greater education of policy makers, and an informed and transparent regulatory system. A radical shift in cancer policy is also required. Political toleration of unfairness in access to affordable cancer treatment is unacceptable. The cancer profession and industry should take responsibility and not accept a substandard evidence base and an ethos of very small benefit at whatever cost; rather, we need delivery of fair prices and real value from new technologies.

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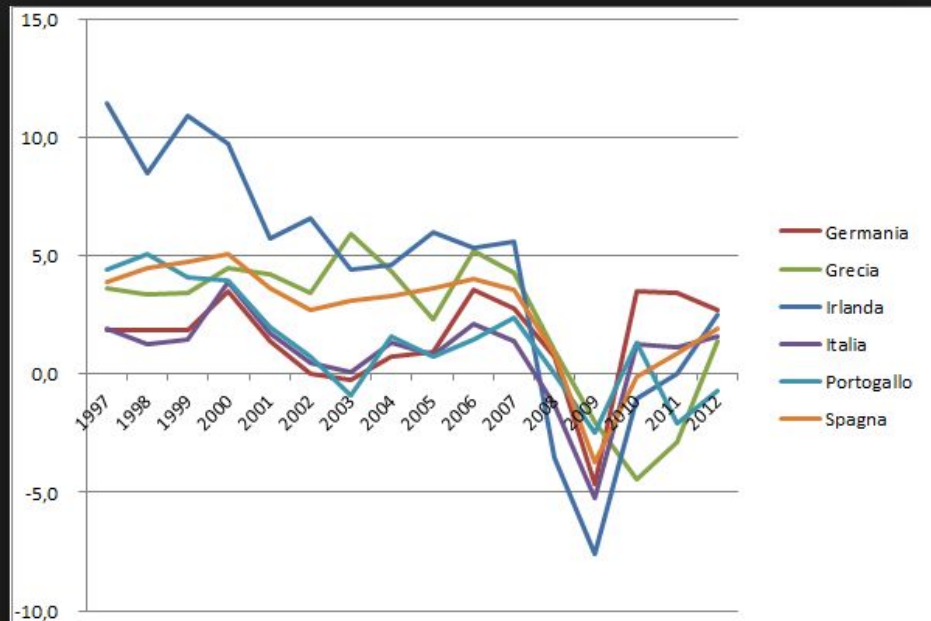
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**Sullivan R et al. - Lancet Oncology - 2011**

# Why SBRT in Prostate Cancer ??????



From 2008...  
To.....  
**NOW!!!!!!**



# Why to threat Prostate Cancer ??????

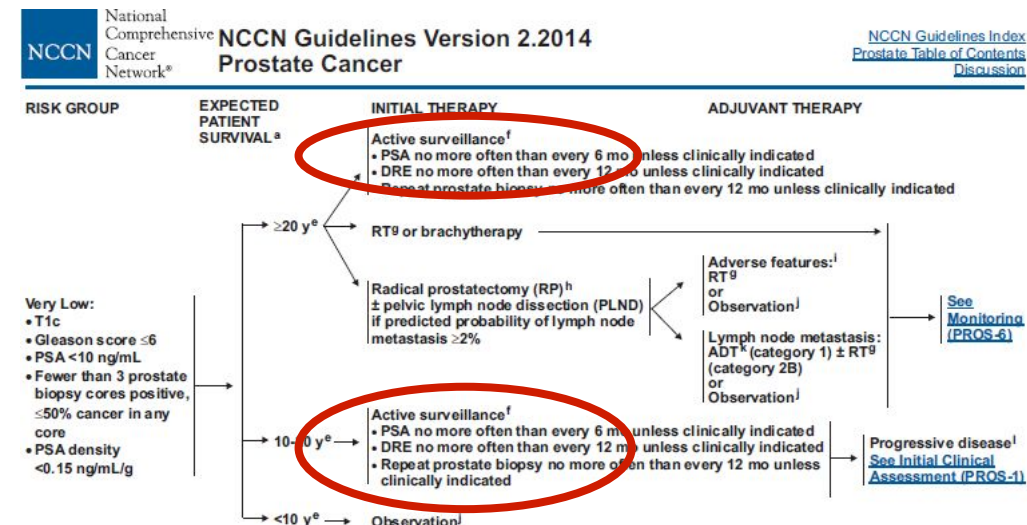
## 8. TREATMENT: DEFERRED TREATMENT (WATCHFUL WAITING/ACTIVE MONITORING)

### 8.1 Introduction

There is a great difference between the incidence of PCa and deaths from PCa. In 2007, in the USA, there were 240,890 new cases with only 33,720 deaths (1). Several autopsy studies of people dying from different causes have shown that while 60-70% of older men have histological PCa (2), a large proportion of these tumours will not progress. Prostate cancer is diagnosed in only 15-20% of men during their lifetime, with a 3% lifetime risk of death (3).

The incidence of small, localised, well-differentiated PCa is increasing, mainly as a result of prostate-specific antigen (PSA) screening and 'multicore' schemes of prostate biopsy. These data suggest that many men with localised PCa would not actually benefit from definitive treatment. With the aim of reducing the risk of overtreatment in this subgroup of patients, two conservative management strategies of 'watchful waiting' and 'active surveillance' have been proposed.

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La sopravvivenza dei pazienti con carcinoma prostatico, non considerando la mortalità per altre cause, è attualmente attestata all'88% a 5 anni dalla diagnosi, in costante e sensibile crescita [3]. Il principale fattore correlato a questa tendenza temporale è dato dall'anticipazione diagnostica e dalla progressiva diffusione dello screening opportunistico, comportante evidentemente una quota di sovradiagnosi, peraltro con distribuzione disomogenea sul territorio nazionale.

# Why SBRT in Prostate Cancer ?????



# BACKGROUND



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**CLINICAL INVESTIGATION**

**Genitourinary Cancer**

## DOSE-FRACTIONATION SENSITIVITY OF PROSTATE CANCER DEDUCED FROM RADIOTHERAPY OUTCOMES OF 5,969 PATIENTS IN SEVEN INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONAL DATASETS: $\alpha/\beta = 1.4$ (0.9–2.2) GY

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with **a low  $\alpha/\beta$  value (=1.5)**, related to a long doubling time of PCa cells and to the ineffective repair capacity of sublethal RT damage at low dose per fraction, supports **hypofractionation as an optimal RT option** particularly for localized PCa

# History.....



**Carcinoma of prostate treated by radical external beam radiotherapy using hypofractionation twenty-two years' experience (1962–1984)**

M.S., F.R.C.S. R.W. Lloyd-Davies, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.R. C.D. Collins, M.Sc., PH.D. A.V. Swan

In the 1960s-1980s, **209** pts were treated with 36 Gy in 6 fx over 18 days

**68% 5 year survival** in a mixed risk cohort



# ....More Recent Years

	Stats	LE	Nr pts	Class Risk	iPSA	Dose/Fractionatio
2007	P	2b	44	Low Intermediate High		32 (4x8) 36 (4 x 9)
land 2009	P	2b	112	Low, Intermediate	5.2	35 (5x7)
ride 2011	P	2b	45	Low	4,9	36.25 (5x7.25) 37.5 (5x7.5)
2011	P	1b	82	Low, Intermediate	5.35	35 (5x7) 36.25 (5x7.25)
2012	P	2b	67	Low	<10	36.25 (5x7.25)
2013	P	2b	304	Low, Intermediate, High	5.8	35 (5x7) 36.25(5x7.25)
cco 2013	P	2b	100	Low, Intermediate	8.07	35 (5 X 7)
n 2013	P	2b	100	Low Intermediate High	6.9	35 (5x7) 36.25 (5x7.25)
gi 2013	P	2b	40	Low, Intermediate	6,25	35(5x7)

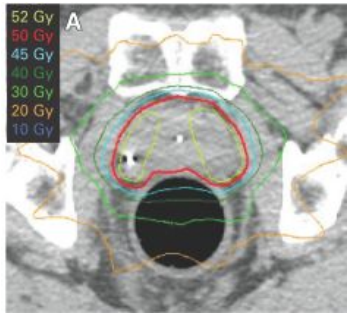


## Phase I Dose-Escalation Study of Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy for Low- and Intermediate-Risk Prostate Cancer

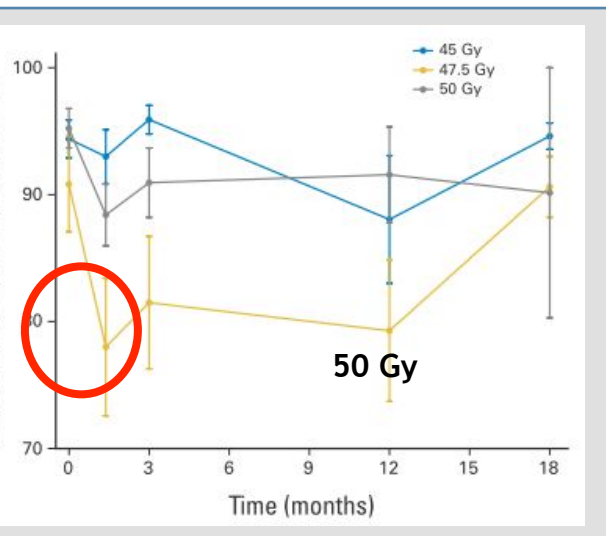
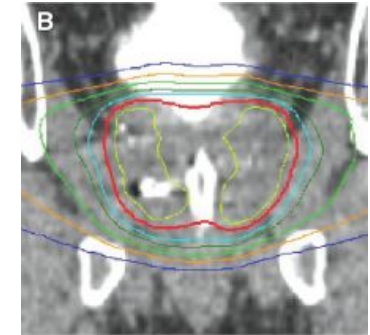
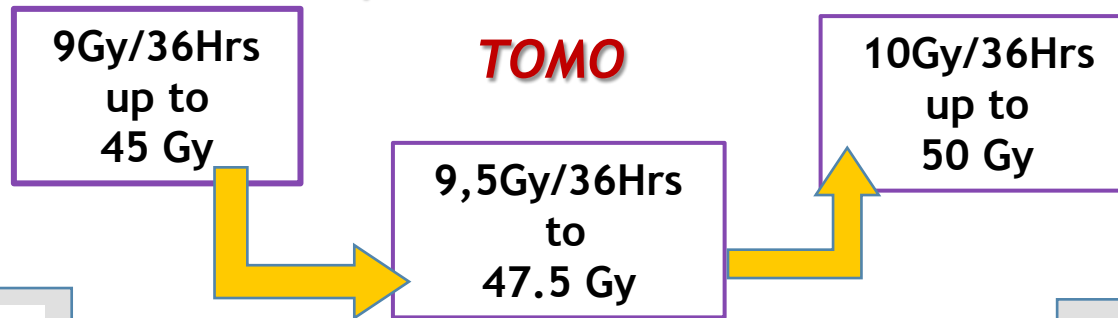
Thomas P. Boike, Yair Lotan, L. Chinsoo Cho, Jeffrey Brindle, Paul DeRose, Xian-Jin Xie, Jingsheng Yan, Ryan Foster, David Pistenmaa, Alida Perkins, Susan Cooley, and Robert Timmerman

### Phase I Dose Escalation Study 2006-2009

It has been shown that **SBRT can mimic** these **highly conformal brachytherapy** dose distributions

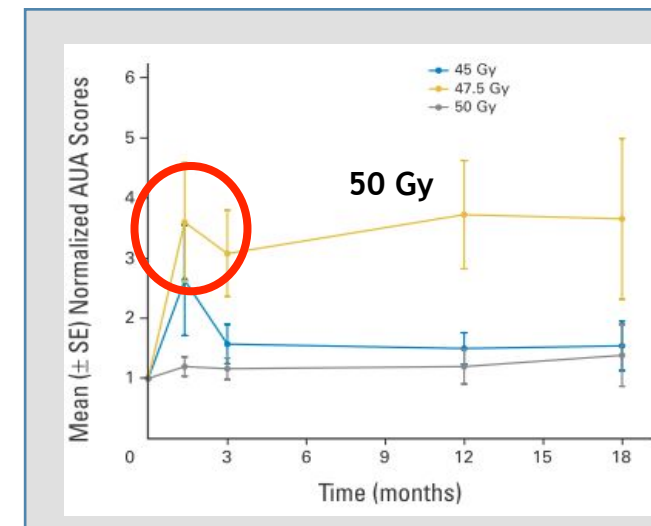


48 patients enrolled



No DLT was seen within 90 days from the start of treatment

The **47.5-50Gy** dose level had **significantly worse QOL Scores** for bowel and increase in AUA scores at early time points

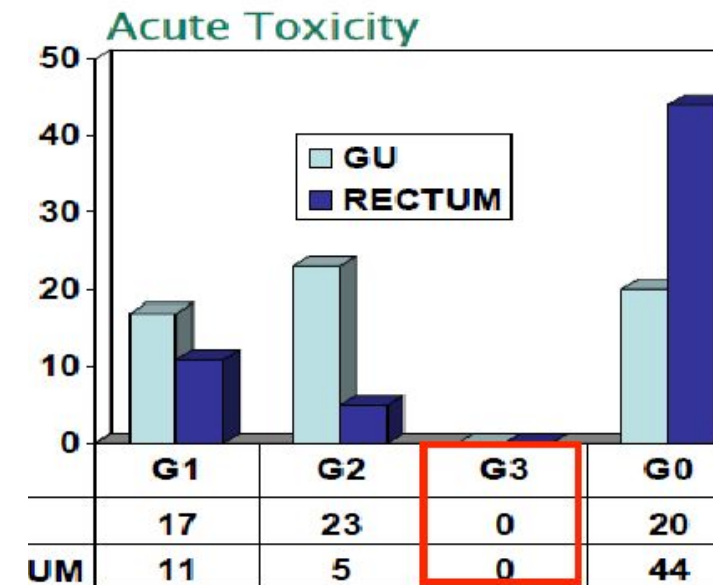
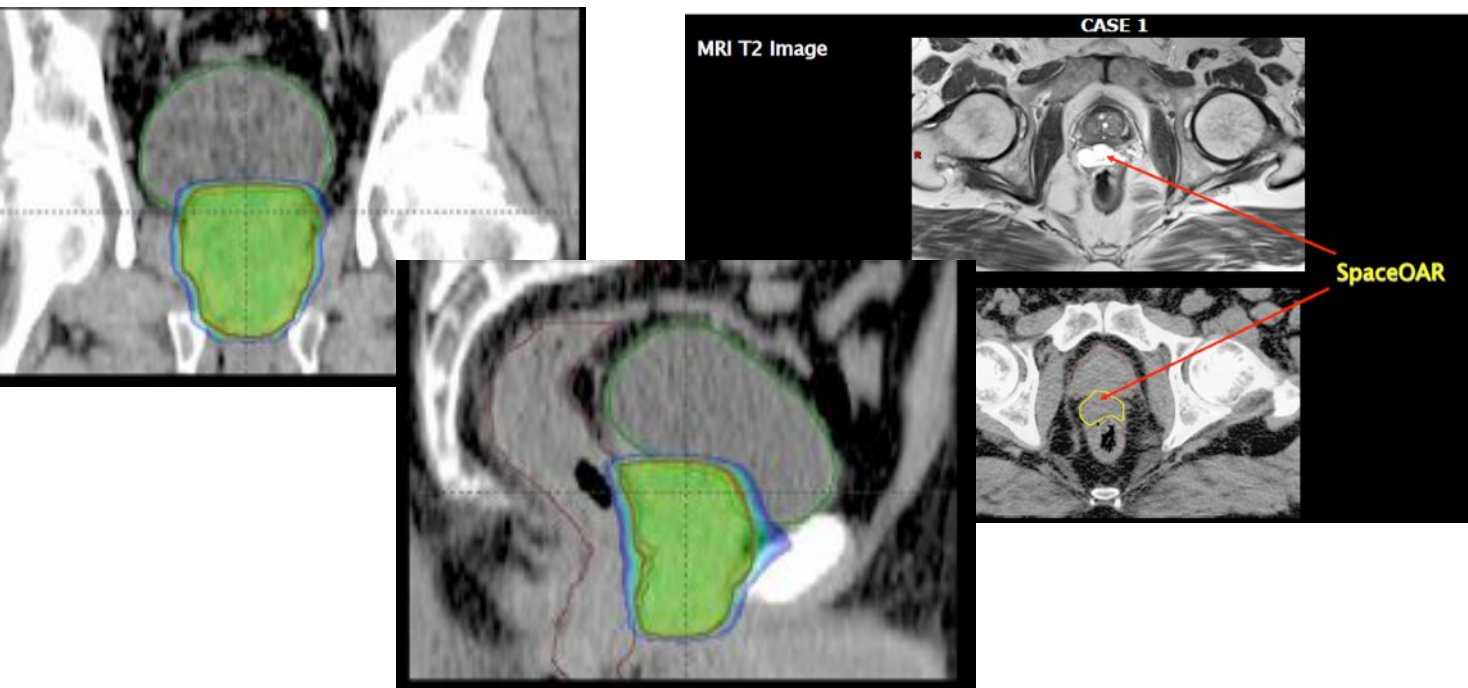


## Linac based SBRT for prostate cancer in 5 fractions with VMAT and flattening filter free beams: preliminary report of a phase II study

Filippo Alongi<sup>1,4\*</sup>, Luca Cozzi<sup>2</sup>, Stefano Arcangeli<sup>1</sup>, Cristina Iftode<sup>1</sup>, Tiziana Comito<sup>1</sup>, Elisa Villa<sup>1</sup>, Francesca Lobefalo<sup>1</sup>, Pierina Navarria<sup>1</sup>, Giacomo Reggiori<sup>1</sup>, Pietro Mancosu<sup>1</sup>, Elena Clerici<sup>1</sup>, Antonella Fogliata<sup>2</sup>, Stefano Tomatis<sup>1</sup>, Gianluigi Taverna<sup>3</sup>, Pierpaolo Graziotti<sup>3</sup> and Marta Scorsetti<sup>1</sup>

**40 PTS**  
T1-T2 N0  
PSA <20ng/ml

- Dose: 35 Gy in 5 fractions
- Median follow-up: 11 months
- SpaceOAR: 8 pts



# A single-center study of 100 consecutive patients with localized prostate cancer treated with stereotactic body radiotherapy

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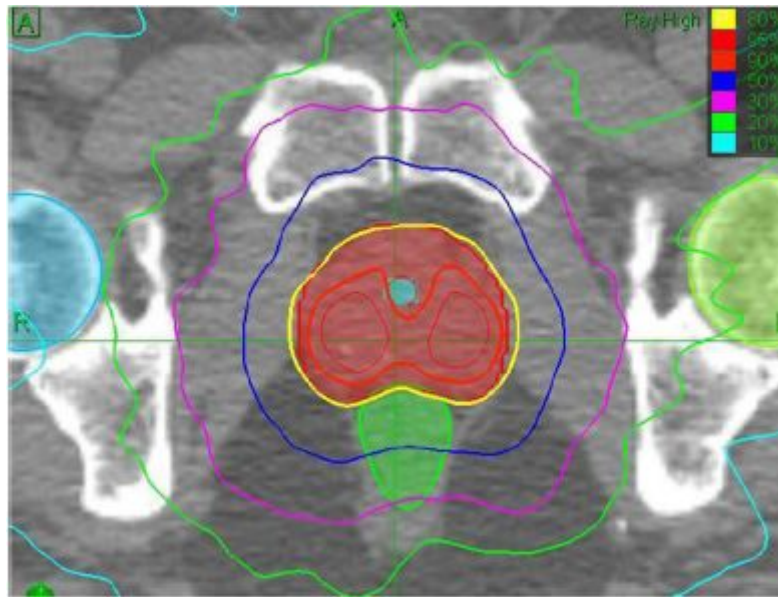
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A prospective protocol-based study for the treatment of **100 pts** with localized prostate cancer treated with **CyberKnife Robotic Radiosurgery** System

35 Gy was in 5 fractions of 7 Gy over 5 consecutive days

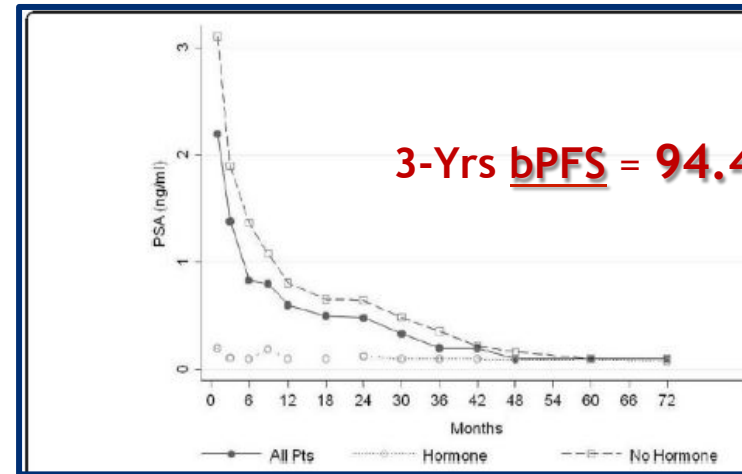
**Table 1 Cyberknife®-SBRT: clinical characteristics of 100 patients**

T Stage	Patients
T1c	44 (44%)
T2a-b	29 (29%)
(T2a, 10 pts)	
(T2b, 19 pts)	
T2c	27 (27%)
<b>Gleason score</b>	
<6 (2+2, 2+3, 3+2)	8 (8%)
6 (3+3)	76 (76%)
>7 (3+4 11 pts, 4+3 4 pts, 5+5 1 pt)	16 (16%)
<b>PSA</b>	
<b>at diagnosis</b>	<b>ng/ml</b>
All patients	7.72 ng/ml
SBRT (71 pts)	6.48 ng/ml
SBRT+ADT (29 pts)	10.77 ng/ml
<b>Pre-treatment</b>	<b>ng/ml</b>
All patients	5.03 ng/ml
SBRT (71 pts)	6.31 ng/ml
SBRT+ADT (29 pts)	1.90 ng/ml
<b>Risk category</b>	<b>Patients</b>
Low (PSA <10, GS 6, T1c, T2a)	41 (41%)
Intermediate (PSA >10, GS 7 or T2b-c)	42 (42%)
High (PSA >20, GS 8-10, 2 int. risk features)	17 (17%)
<b>Prostate volume (medium 33 cc)</b>	
≤ 33 cc.	51 (51%)
> 33 cc.	49 (49%)



**Table 2 Cyberknife®-SBRT: toxicity in 100 patients**

	RTOG grade		
	I	II	III
<b>Acute (62 pts)</b>			
Urinary	34%	12%	-
Rectal	27%	18%	-
<b>Late (9 pts)</b>			
Urinary	4%	3%	1%
Rectal	2%	1%	-



# Stereotactic body radiotherapy for localized prostate cancer: disease control and quality of life at 6 years

Alan J Katz<sup>1\*</sup>, Michael Santoro<sup>1</sup>, Fred Diblasio<sup>2</sup> and Richard Ashley<sup>3</sup>

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“.....A **6-year** update of treatment results from **304** low-, intermediate-, and high-risk prostate cancer patients who received **CyberKnife SBRT**.....”

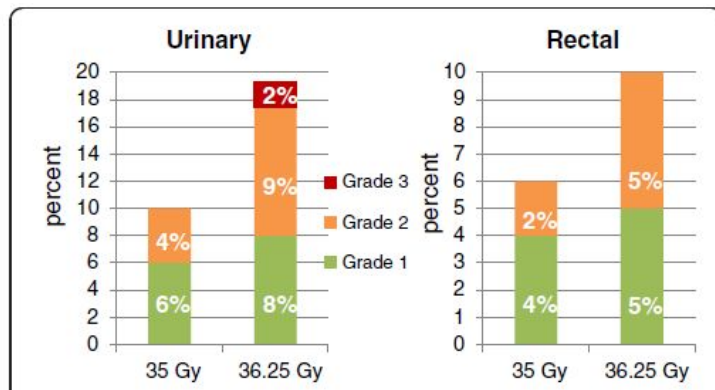
50 pts	→	35 Gy - 7 Gy/die
254 pts	→	36.25 Gy - 7,25 Gy/die

+ Amifostina

Table 2 Acute bladder/rectal toxicity using RTOG scoring after prostate treatment using the 35 and 36.25 Gy doses

	Total dose	RTOG grade% (number) of patients			
		0	I	II	III & IV
Acute urinary	35 Gy	24% (12)	72% (36)	4% (2)	—
	36.25 Gy	20.5% (52)	74.8% (190)	4.7% (12)	—
Acute rectal	35.00 Gy	20% (10)	76% (38)	4% (2)	—
	36.25 Gy	22% (56)	74.4% (189)	3.5% (9)	—

Late Tox



“... Actuarial **5-year biochemical recurrence-free survival** was **97%** for low-risk, **90.7%** for intermediate risk, and **74.1%** for high-risk patients»

# Stereotactic body radiotherapy with or without external beam radiation as treatment for confined high-risk prostate carcinoma: a retrospective study

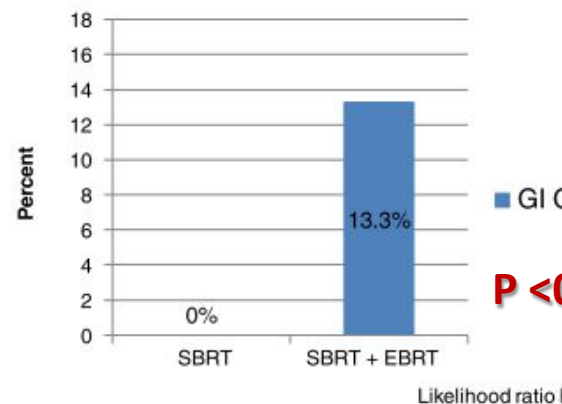
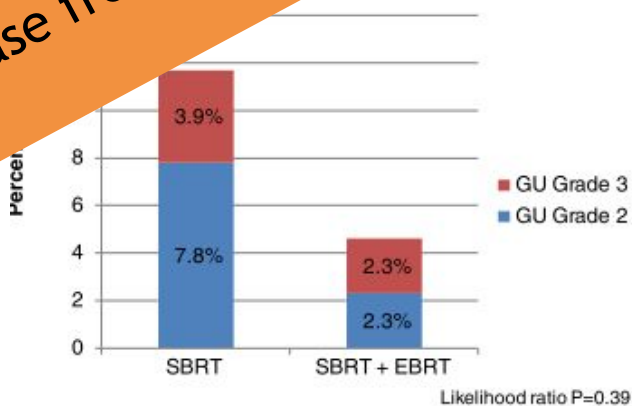
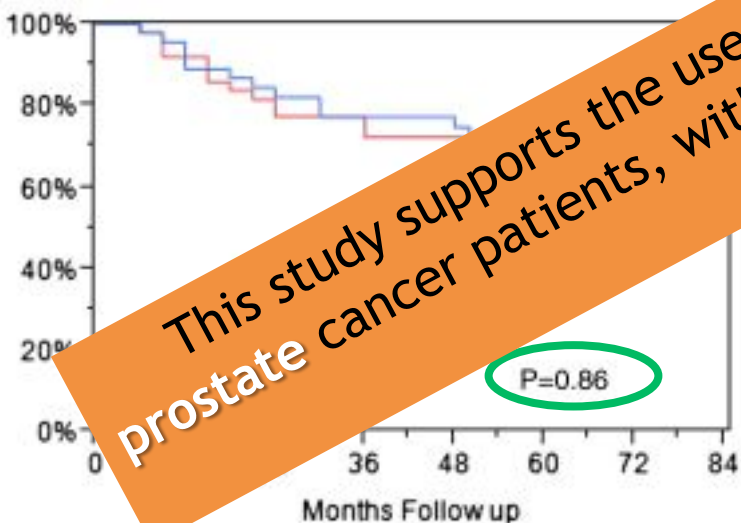
Alan Katz<sup>1,2\*</sup> and Josephine Kang<sup>2,3</sup>

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Retrospective study on 97 pts with High-risk prostate carcinoma

45Gy in 25 fx,  
to prostate-pelvic nodes  
SBRT 18-21 Gy in 3 fx

External beam radiation alone  
25 Gy in 5 fxs



5-year DFS of 68%

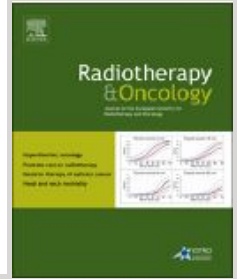
This study supports the use of SBRT as a single-modality treatment for high-risk prostate cancer patients, with disease free survival comparable to HDR brachy and IMRT.

instead of standard RT is huge in terms of cost and time that patients must commit to their therapy. SBRT is advantageous as compared to HDR as it is done non-invasively, without need for anesthesia

# Stereotactic body radiotherapy for localized prostate cancer: pooled analysis from a multi-institutional consortium of prospective phase II trials.

King CR<sup>1</sup>, Freeman D, Kaplan I, Fuller D, Bolzicco G, Collins S, Meier R, Wang J, Kupelian P, Steinberg M, Katz A.

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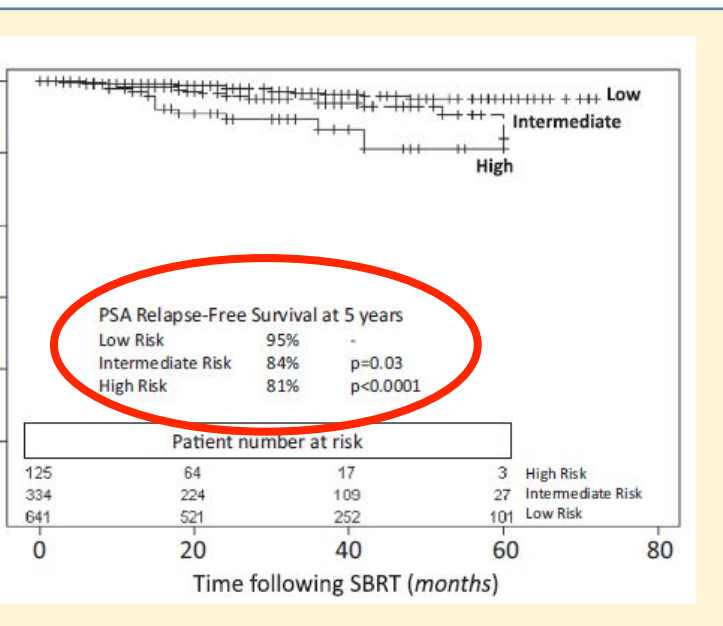


A consortium of 8 centres for prostate SBRT founded in 2011

group	N (%)	35 Gy	36.25 Gy	38-40 Gy
Intermediate	641 (58%)	<b>1100 pts</b>	363 (50%)	68 (11%)
	334 (30%)		369 (56%)	38 (11%)
	125 (11%)		106 (66%)	20 (16%)
	1100		583 (54%)	126 (11%)



RT ± OT  
**35-40 Gy** in  
**5 fx**



	Low risk		Intermediate risk		High risk
	5-yr bRFS	p-Value	5-yr bRFS	p-Value	5-yr bRFS
ADT use	96.8%		96.7%		96.7%
No ADT	94.4%	0.77	87.2%	0.73	80.2%
		0.41	96.7%	0.58	74.1%
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**No Difference in bRFS due to total RT dose**

SBRT with a Total RT dose of 35-40 Gy is safe and sufficient to obtain satisfactory clinical outcome in low/intermediate PCa

## Comparative effectiveness research in radiation oncology: stereotactic radiosurgery, hypofractionation, and brachytherapy.

Lee S<sup>1</sup>, Yu JB.

2014

### ROs

**Acute/Late Toxicity** appears **acceptable** though the numbers of pts/duration of FUP has been very limited  
SRS is delivered with **fewer visits** (4-5 in 1 or 2 weeks)  
There is strong evidence it is **less expensive** than IMRT and consequently more cost effective.

### CONTRAs

Because both IMRT and SRS have already disseminated into clinical practice, it may be **difficult** for prospective randomized clinical trials **to enroll patients**.  
More **prospective and observational studies are necessary** to better understand differences between different treatment modalities  
**Long-term follow-up is needed** to evaluate biological end-points, such as disease-free survival, metastasis-free survival and overall survival





**,,,,,,Some Concerns!!!!**

Delivering affordable cancer care in high-income countries

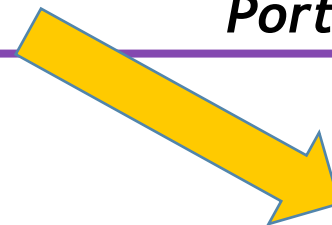
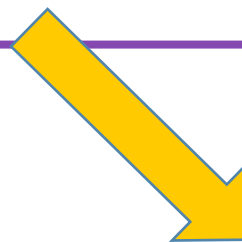
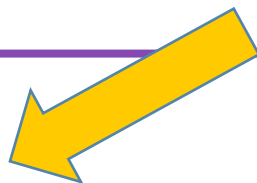
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Notably, **different societies** set **different thresholds** for what is considered good value or **cost effective**.

.....not only the traditional outcome measure of survival, but also **endpoints** such as **recovery time**, **time to resumption of normal activities**, disutility of care and **sustainability of health.....**

Porter, Health Care 2009

Shorten treatment time (e.g. PBI )

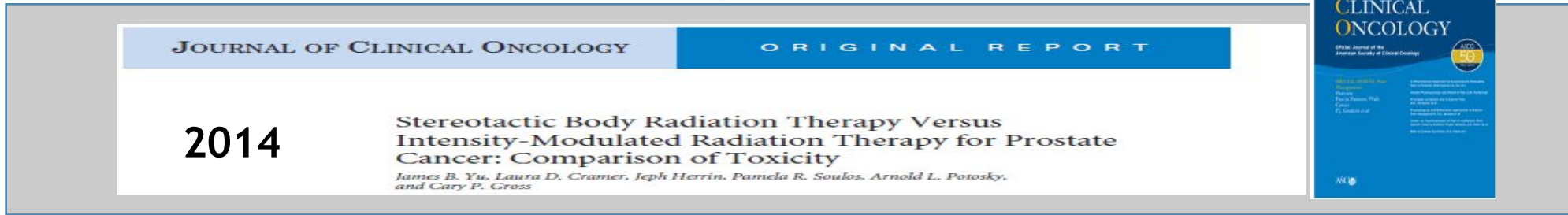


Fewer recurrences or long-term complications (e.g. SBRT in Lung)

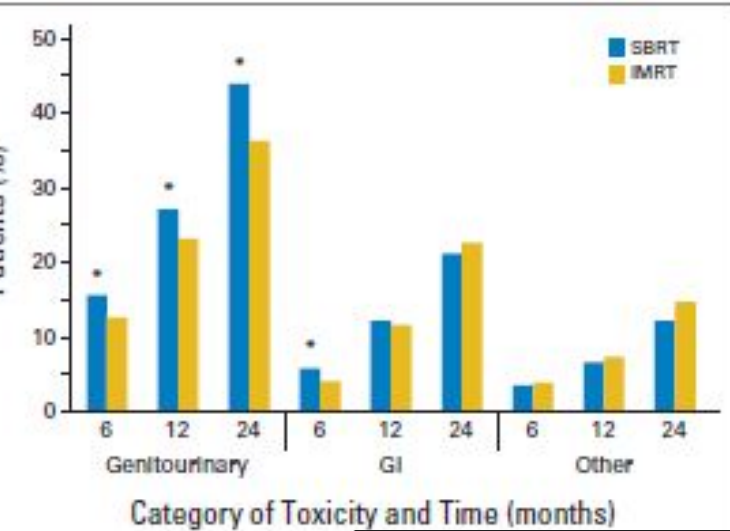
Less toxicity (e.g. IMRT)

Effective palliation

# ...Thoughts....



“From MEDICARE fee-for-service database we identified **53,841** patients who received **IMRT** and **1,335** patients who received **SBRT**...”



« More **GU** Toxicity in SBRT group »

**Table 2. Adjusted Random Effects Logit Model of Categories of Toxicity**

Toxicity Type and Follow-Up Interval (months)	Adjusted Random Effects Logit Model*		
	OR†	95% CI	P
<b>GU</b>			
6	1.29	1.05 to 1.53	<b>.009</b>
12	1.23	1.03 to 1.43	<b>.01</b>
24	1.38	1.12 to 1.63	<b>.001</b>
<b>GI</b>			
6	1.42	1.00 to 1.85	.02
12	1.06	0.82 to 1.29	.62
24	0.92	0.71 to 1.12	.49
<b>Other</b>			
6	0.89	0.57 to 1.20	.51
12	0.89	0.63 to 1.15	.44
24	0.80	0.58 to 1.02	.11
<b>Any</b>			
6	1.22	1.02 to 1.41	<b>.02</b>
12	1.12	0.96 to 1.29	.13
24	1.16	0.94 to 1.37	.17

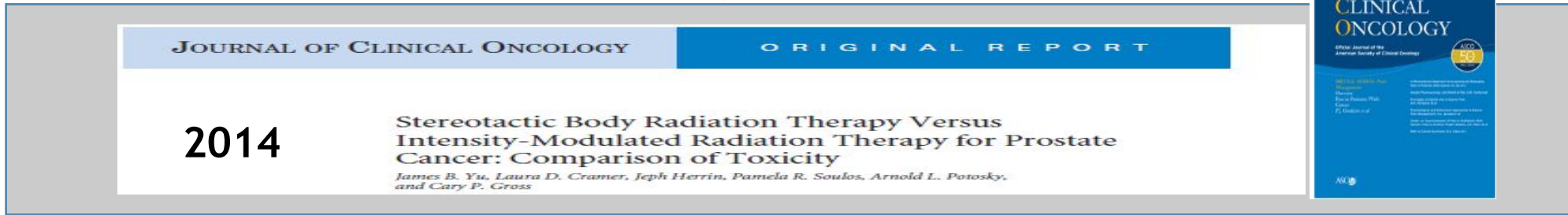
Abbreviations: GU, genitourinary; OR, odds ratio.  
 \*Random effects logit model specified the match group (stereotactic body radiation therapy or intensity-modulated radiation therapy) as a random effect and adjusted for age, comorbidity, and use of androgen deprivation therapy.  
 †radiation therapy compared with intensity-



**Table 3. Adjusted Random Effects Logit Model of Subcategories of Genitourinary Toxicity**

Toxicity	Duration of Follow-Up					
	6 Months		12 Months		24 Months	
	OR*	P†	OR*	P†	OR*	P†
Diagnostic procedures to investigate incontinence or obstruction	<b>1.80</b>	<b>&lt; .001</b>	<b>1.64</b>	<b>&lt; .001</b>	<b>2.23</b>	<b>&lt; .001</b>
Urethritis, urethral strictures, and bladder outlet obstruction	1.25	.14	<b>1.45</b>	<b>.002</b>	<b>1.78</b>	<b>&lt; .001</b>
Therapeutic procedures to correct urinary incontinence	0.71	.22	1.00	1.00	1.33	.09
Other genitourinary toxicity	0.77	.45	1.14	.58	0.73	.23
Infections	1.01	.99	2.30	.11	2.42	.15
Erectile dysfunction	1.46	.03	1.15	.28	1.13	.35

# ...Thoughts....



“SBRT patients were more likely to be white, younger, healthier, from higher income areas, and less likely to undergo ADT, which may indicate less aggressive disease...”

**Table 4. Cancer-Related, Radiation, Nonradiation Cancer-Related, and Complication Costs (\$)**

Treatment	Mean Cancer-Related Cost (\$)*	95% CI (\$)	Mean Radiation Cost (\$)*	95% CI (\$)	Mean Nonradiation Cancer-Related Cost (\$)*	95% CI (\$)	Mean Complication Cost (\$)*	95% CI (\$)
SBRT	16,608	15,878 to 17,338	13,645	13,370 to 13,921	2,963	2,295 to 3,630	145	69 to 221
IMRT	23,000	22,505 to 23,496	21,023	20,780 to 21,265	1,978	1,535 to 2,420	69	44 to 95

Abbreviations: IMRT, intensity-modulated radiation therapy; SBRT, stereotactic body radiation therapy.  
\*Wilcoxon Mann-Whitney U test  $P < .001$ .

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....SBRT is less expensive....



Overview

## Biological Dose Escalation and Hypofractionation: What is There to be Gained and How Will it Best be Done?

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Although results are encouraging (**5Yrs bDFS=97%**) they **do not prove that SBRT** to standard fractionation in localised PCa

Comparison of the biologically effective dose (BED) of the standard fraction compared with stereotactic body radiotherapy

	BED if alpha/beta ratio = 10 Gy	BED if alpha/beta ratio = 5 Gy	BED if alpha/beta ratio = 3 Gy	BED if alpha/beta ratio = 1.5 Gy	BED if alpha/beta ratio = 1.0 Gy
78 Gy in 39 fractions	94 Gy	109 Gy	130 Gy	182 Gy	234 Gy
42.7 Gy in 7 fractions	69 Gy	95 Gy	120 Gy	216 Gy	303 Gy
36.25 Gy in 5 fractions	63 Gy	88 Gy	110 Gy	211 Gy	299 Gy

**On going RCTs will help us to understand whether biological dose escalation by exploiting the low alpha/beta ratio of Pca really translates into a clinical benefit for patients**

Several factors need to be considered for in the treatment delivery

Image Guidance  
in Fiducial M

CI  
MV-CT  
Calypso  
EXACTRACT

PTV margins

3 mm  
5 mm  
8 mm

Strategies to account for prostate motion

Electromagnetic tracking  
Stereoscopic kV X-rays  
Fluoroscopic photon imaging  
Endorectal Ballon (gas/no Gas)

Focal dose escalation

More heterogeneity  
Focal boost  
Hydrocolloid gel  
Adaptive RT



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Started  
in  
**2005.....**

## ***HYPO-RT-PC Study***

RCT - ISRCTN45905321



Hypofractionated RT of intermediate risk localised Pca  
Phase III, randomised, open, multicentre trial

**592** patients needed

.....Still  
On

Going!!!!

### **Inclusion Criteria**

Patients with intermediate risk (T1c - T3a)

with one or two of the following risk factors:

- < 75 years

- T3a or Gleason greater than 7

- PSA greater than 10

- PSA less than 20 µg/L

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**Conventional arm:** 5 days/week , 2.0 Gy up to 78.0 Gy.  
Maximum allowed TTT days are 65.

**HypoRT arm:** working-days, 7 fractions of 6.1 Gy, total 42.7Gy

The total treatment time is 15 - 19 days.

**AIMS**

To demonstrate a **10%** unit increase (70% to 80%) in **freedom from failure** (PSA or any clinical test) in the HYPO-RT arm at **5 years** after the end of treatment

# Change in prostate volume during extreme hypo-fractionation analysed with MRI 2014



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Prostate swelling is known to occur during *brachytherapy*

Table 2 Prostate volumes in descending order as segmented on the treatment planning CT and on the MR images before radiotherapy (MRI<sub>baseline</sub>), in the middle of the treatment (MRI<sub>mid</sub>) and at the end of treatment (MRI<sub>end</sub>)

Pat #	CT		MRI <sub>baseline</sub>	MRI <sub>mid</sub>		MRI <sub>end</sub>	
	Abs. vol. (cm <sup>3</sup> )	Rel. vol.	Abs. vol. (cm <sup>3</sup> )	Abs. vol. (cm <sup>3</sup> )	Rel. vol.	Abs. vol. (cm <sup>3</sup> )	Rel. vol.
1	35.3	1.579	22.4	26.7	1.191	27.2	1.217
2	44.5	1.369	32.5	38.6	1.187	34.9	1.074
3	33.8	0.999	33.9	39.0	1.151	33.1	0.976
4	47.8	1.105	43.3	47.5	1.098	46.2	1.067
5	45.8	1.054	43.4	48.9	1.126	48.7	1.122
6	64.8	1.455	44.5	53.3	1.198	44.1	0.991
7	71.6	1.597	44.8	49.8	1.112	46.6	1.040
8	43.5	0.906	48.0	48.7	1.015	48.0	1.000
9	79.4	1.648	48.2	55.5	1.152	54.4	1.129
10	73.0	1.511	48.4	48.9	1.011	50.1	1.037
11	59.4	1.102	53.9	60.8	1.128	55.2	1.023
12	57.0	1.037	54.9	65.3	1.189	64.4	1.172
13	-*	-*	57.2	66.6	1.166	62.2	1.089
14	83.8	1.196	70.1	88.7	1.265	78.0	1.112
15	99.0	1.347	73.5	80.0	1.088	74.1	1.008
16	79.4	1.066	74.5	95.5	1.282	96.2	1.291
17	96.5	1.145	84.3	96.8	1.148	- <sup>†</sup>	- <sup>†</sup>
18	105.8	1.242	85.2	96.3	1.131	101.4	1.190
19	106.2	1.021	104.0	116.8	1.123	115.6	1.112
20	153.7	1.045	147.1	155.0	1.054	152.9	1.040
Mean	72.7	1.233	60.7	68.9	1.141	64.9	1.089
SD	30.4	0.222	28.7	31.2	0.070	31.0	0.084
p-value <sup>†</sup>	0.0001	0.0004	—	<0.0001	<0.0001	0.0008	0.0002

0 pts selected by HYPO-RT-PC Phase II Study

fractions of 6.1 Gy, total 42.7Gy

Mean volume Difference (MRI base vs MRI Mid)

23%



CTV is larger than that known for conventional RT



CTV stays enlarged during the whole RT course

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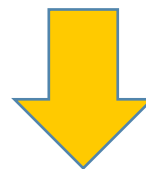
...the prostate seemed ***to swell most profoundly in the anterior-posterior and cranial-caudal*** directions. This might indicate that a **margin reduction towards the rectum should be applied with caution**, especially during extreme hypo-fractionation....

..No lateral direction on the other hand could be due to the pelvic side wall acting as an anatomic barrier....

Daily IGRT correction usually involves 3 markers implanted centrally in the gland, it is probably adequate for prostate motion but less adequate for taking changes in the outer boundaries of the gland into consideration.

Re-contouring followed by re-planning before each fraction could be needed when using narrow margins ( $\leq 3$  mm).

Great care has to be taken to compensate for prostate swelling if the segmentation and treatment planning process is performed with MR-only



**Up to 2 mm extra margin could be needed if prostate segmentation is based only on MRI.**  
**Adaptive radiotherapy** with **re-planning** before each fraction, which would also take changes in prostate shape into consideration, **would be optimal.**





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## RTOG0938 Multicenter Study- NCT01434290



Started in 2011 - still On Going



**INDICATIONS :** RT uses high-energy x-rays to kill tumor cells.  
Specialized RT that delivers a high dose of radiation directly to the tumor may kill more tumor cells and cause less damage to normal tissue.  
*Given radiation therapy in different ways may kill more tumor cells.*

**ENROLLMENT :** **240** patients

**DESIGN:** **Randomized Phase II trial** studies RT to see how well it works in treating patients with Pca

**Experimental Arm I :** IMRT twice a week for approximately 2½ weeks (**36.25 Gy** total, **7.25 Gy/die**)

**Experimental Arm II :** IMRT once a day, 5 days a week, for approximately 2½ weeks (**51.6 Gy** total, **4.3Gy/die**)

**OBJECTIVE:** 1-year health-related quality of life (HRQOL) for at least one hypofractionated arm is not significantly lower than baseline as measured by the the Bowel and Urinary domains of EPIC instrument



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## Prostate Advances in Comparative Evidence (PACE)

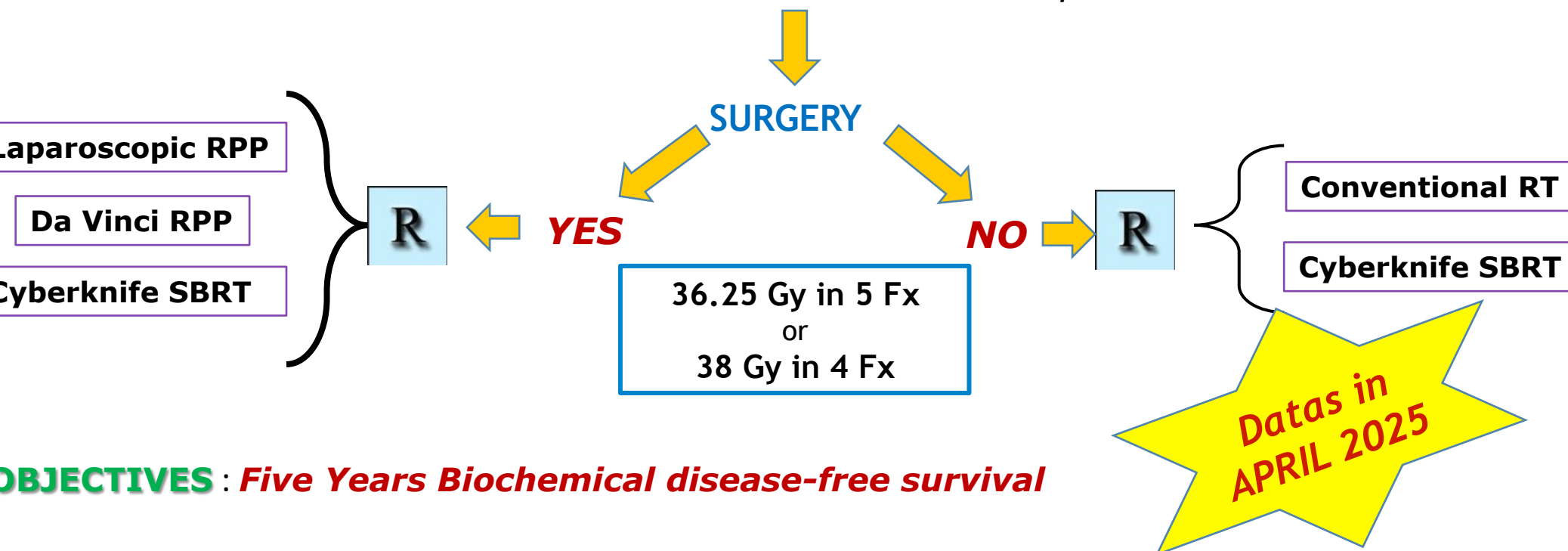
NCT01584258

Started in 2012 - still On Going



**PURPOSE:** *International multicenter Phase III Randomized study* for low/intermediate risk PC

**Estimated Enrollment :** *1036 patients*



**OBJECTIVES:** *Five Years Biochemical disease-free survival*



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T01045148

Phase II

3800 cGy in 4fx Vs 3400 cGy in 5fx in  
Localized Pca T1b-T2c

2006

*Open, Recruiting*



T00643617

Phase II

3800 cGy delivered in 4Fx for Localized  
Pca with Cyberknife RadioSurgery

2008

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T00851916

Phase II

Virtual HDR Cyberknife RadioSurgery for  
Locally recurrent PCa

2009

*Open, Recruiting*



T01226004

Observational

Overview of pts with low/intermediate  
Pca treated by Radiosurgery

2010

*Open*



T01655836

Phase I

HDR Brachytx Combined With SBRT for  
Intermediate Risk PCa

2012

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T01923506

Phase I

To find MTD with upper limit 45 Gy in 5 Fx  
in delivering SBRT to prostate fossa

2013

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T01737151

Randomized  
Phase II

4Fx Split-Course SART for Pts with Low/  
Intermediate Risk PCa

2013

*Open, Recruiting*





# Conclusions



**SBRT**, as an **alternative to surgery**, provides **high biochemical control**, low risk of complications, minimal duration of treatment, and outpatient treatment opportunity

Further escalation of SBRT **doses above 38-40 Gy is not warranted** at this time and would not be prudent given the potential for higher rates of grade 3 GI and GU

“Several **technologies in radiation oncology** may provide **cost savings** not only in terms of dollars saved, but also reduced human costs by shortening treatment courses.

In addition, these **technologies may allow more pts to have access to necessary treatments**”

**On going RCTs will help us to understand whether biological dose escalation by exploiting the low alpha/beta ratio of Pca translates into a clinical benefit for pts**

**THANKS and....**



**.have a rest!!!!!!!!!!**