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# LA MALATTIA METASTATICA EPATICA: IL RUOLO DELLA SBRT

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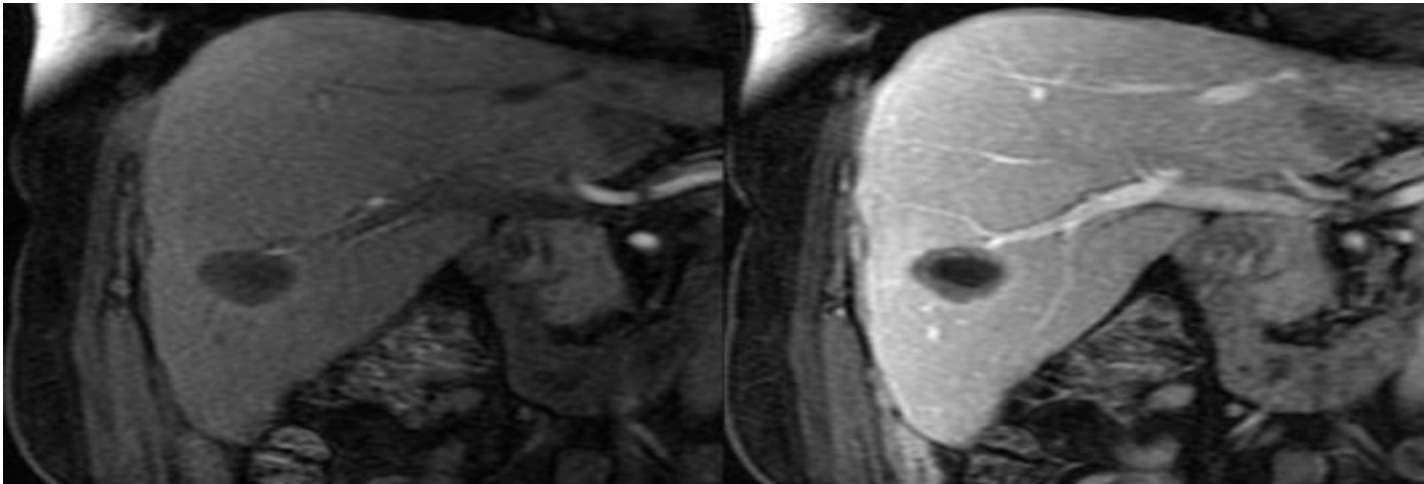
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## LIVER METASTASES : WHAT IS THE STANDARD OF CARE?

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- The most common metastatic lesion in the liver is from **colorectal adenocarcinoma** (50% colon cancer pts with liver metastasis at diagnosis).

- **If untreated**, 3-year survival is 3% with **no survivors at the 5 year** time point.

*Choti et al, Ann Surg 2002*

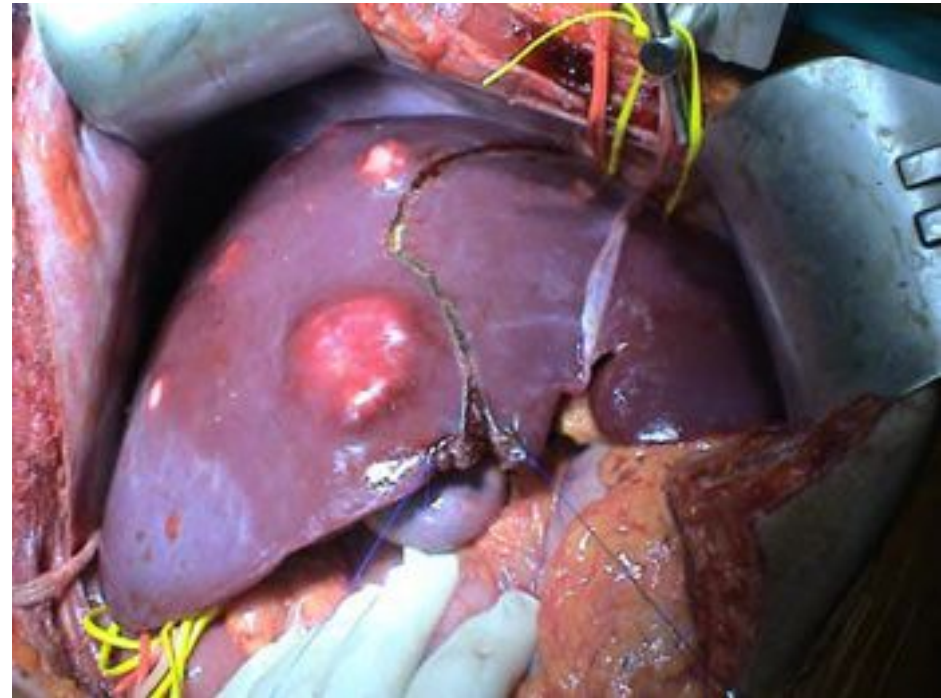
- Negative margins liver **resection** resulted in **5 years** survival between **25 and 60%**

*Fong et al, Ann Surg 1999*

*Rosen et al, Ann Surg 1992*

## LIVER METASTASES : WHAT IS THE STANDARD OF CARE?

- **Liver resection** feasibility is based on:
  - limited number of lesions,
  - intrahepatic locations of lesions,
  - lack of major vascular involvement,
  - absent or limited extrahepatic disease,
  - sufficient functional hepatic reserve



**Thus, the patients considered to be resectable are few and selected (20%)**

*Altendorf-Hofmann et al, Surg Oncol Clin N Am 2003*

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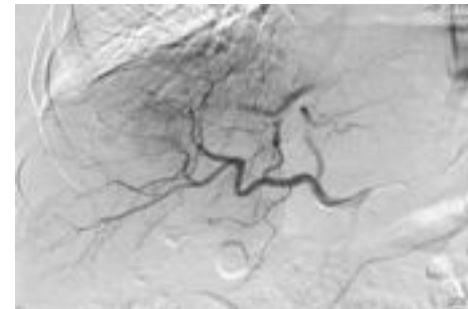
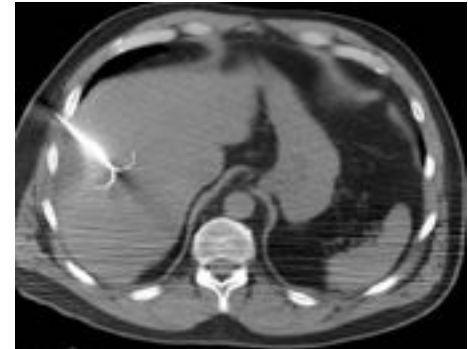
**Local options** for patients (**80%**) not resectable or not candidates for liver resection remain:

- Radiofrequency ablation (RFA)
- Cryosurgical ablation
- Transarterial chemo-embolization (TACE)
- Percutaneous Ethanol Injection (PEI)
- High Focused Ultrasound ablation (HIFU)
- Interstitial radiation therapy

*Pawlik, et al, Ann Surg onco 2003*

*Bageacu et al, Eur J Surg Oncol 2007*

*Garcea G, Eur J Cancer 2003*



However, these are (mini) invasive approaches, technically limited by several factors (distance to vessels or OARs, size <3cm, number, etc)

## LIVER METASTASES : WHAT ABOUT RT??

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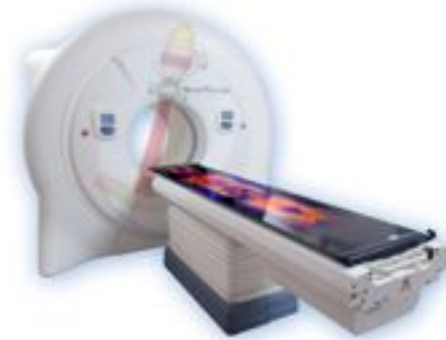
•Historically, hepatic **radiotherapy** has been limited due to the low tolerance of the whole liver to radiation and the potential for radiation induced liver disease (**RILD**).

*Park et al, Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys 2002*

*Tai et al, Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys 2009*

## **STEREOTACTIC BODY RT(SBRT): HIGH TECH REVOLUTION**

With new technology devices, now is possible to delivery high (ablative) doses to small volumes (SRS and SBRT/SABR)



**PRECISION DEVICES TO DELIVERY SBRT/SRS**

***ABLATIVE (SB)RT:  
FROM BRAIN STEREOTAXIS TO NEW INDICATIONS***

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**STEREOTACTIC HIGH DOSE FRACTION RADIATION THERAPY OF  
EXTRACRANIAL TUMORS USING AN ACCELERATOR**

**Clinical experience of the first thirty-one patients**

**HENRIC BLOMGREN, INGMAR LAX, INGEMAR NÄSLUND and RUT SVANSTRÖM**

“Our impression at present is that SRT with high-dose fractions may **not only** be of clinical value **for patients with intracranial metastases** but also for some patients with extracranial lesions”.

*Blomgren H, Acta Oncol 1995; 34(6): 861-70*



# **OLIGOMETASTASES: THE NEW PARADIGMA FOR ABLATIVE DOSES WITH RT**

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COMMENTS AND CONTROVERSIES

## Extracranial Oligometastases: A Subset of Metastases Curable With Stereotactic Radiotherapy

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## Oligometastases: the new paradigm and options for radiotherapy

A critical review

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## Review and Uses of Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy for Oligometastases

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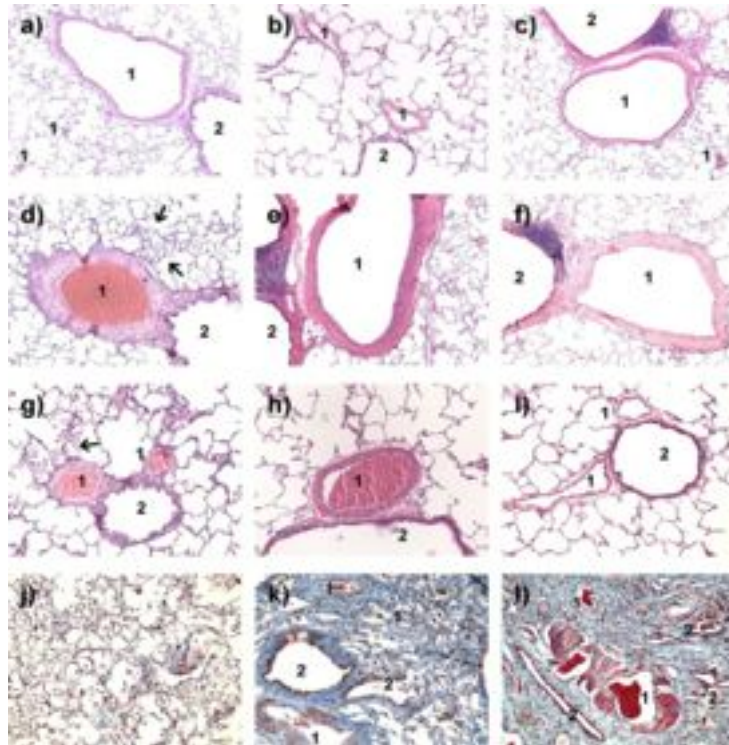
REVIEW ARTICLE

## Radical Irradiation of Extracranial Oligometastases

Joseph K. Salama and Michael T. Milano



## STEREOTACTIC BODY RT(SBRT): BIOLOGICAL RATIONALE OF ABLATION



- In terms of **Radiobiology**, **SBRT /SABRT** may add a novel mechanism of radiation-induced damage.

- At higher doses per fraction (**ablative doses**), emerging data suggest that a different mechanism involving microvascular damage begins to have a substantial effect on the tumor cell kill.

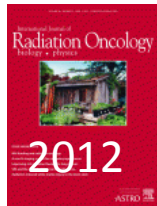
*Garcia - Barros M., et al. Science, 2003*

Targeting the tumor vasculature for obliteration with high-dose radiation may be beneficial for tumor control.

*Fuks and Kolesnick, Cancer Cell 2005 .*

# LIVER STEREOTACTIC (ABLATIVE ) RT: WHAT ARE THE RESULTS?

## CRITICAL REVIEW



### RADIOTHERAPY FOR LIVER METASTASES: A REVIEW OF EVIDENCE

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**Local control** of liver metastases using SBRT is encouraging, with rates ranging from **70% to 100%** at 1 year and 60% to 90% at 2 years



## LIVER STEREOTACTIC (ABLATIVE ) RT: WHAT ARE THE RESULTS?

Which endpoints should be considered for clinical trials of RT for liver metastases?

Primary **endpoints on trials** on ablation of liver metastases include:

-survival,

-progression-free survival,

-and *(not only) local control* of treated tumors.

## LIVER STEREOTACTIC (ABLATIVE ) RT: WHAT ARE THE RESULTS? RETROSPECTIVE STUDIES

Table 2. Overview of retrospective studies of SBRT for liver metastases

Primary author	No. of patients	Tumor volume	Type of mets	RT dose	Toxicity	Outcomes
Blomgren (34), 1995	14	3–260 mL	CRC (11) Anal canal (1) Kidney (1) Ovarian (1)	7.7–45 Gy (1–4 frx)	2 cases of hemorrhagic gastritis	50% response rate
Wada (44), 2004	5	NR	NR	45 Gy (3 frx)	No serious toxicity	2-yr LC, 71.2%
Wulf (36), 2006	44 (39 liver mets)	9–355 mL	CRC (23) Breast (11) Ovarian (4) Other (13)	30–37.5 Gy (3 frx) 26 Gy (1 frx)	No Grade 2–4 toxicity	1-yr LC, 92% 2-yr LC, 66% 1-yr OS, 72% 2-yr OS, 32%
Katz (40), 2007	69	0.6–12.5 cm (median, 2.7 cm)	CRC (20) Breast (16) Pancreas (9) Lung (5) Other (19)	30–55 Gy (5–15 frx)	No Grade 3/4 toxicity	10-mo LC, 76% 20-mo LC, 57% Median survival, 14.5 mo
van der Pool (42), 2010	20	0.7–6.2 cm (median, 2.3 cm)	CRC (20)	30–37.5 Gy (3 frx)	2 Grade 3 late liver enzyme changes 1 Grade 2 rib fracture	1-yr LC, 100% 2-yr LC, 74% Median survival, 34 mo

## LIVER STEREOTACTIC (ABLATIVE ) RT: WHAT ARE THE RESULTS? PROSPECTIVE STUDIES

Table 1. Overview of prospective studies of SBRT for liver metastases

Primary author	Design	No. of patients with mets	Tumor volume	Type of mets	RT dose	Toxicity	Outcomes
Herfarth (32), 2004	Phase I-II	35	1-132 mL (median, 10 mL)	Not reported by patient	Dose escalation, 14-26 Gy (1 frx)	No significant toxicity reported	1-yr LC, 71% 18-mo LC, 67% 1-yr OS, 72% 2-yr LC, 86% 2-yr OS, 62%
Méndez Romero (30), 2006	Phase I-II (HCC and mets)	25 (17 liver mets)	1.1-322 mL (median, 22.2 mL)	CRC (14) Lung (1) Breast (1) Carcinoid (1) CRC (44)	30-37.5 Gy (3 frx)	2 Grade 3 liver toxicities	2-yr LC, 79% (by tumor) and 64% (by patient) 1-yr LC, 95% 2-yr LC, 92% Median survival, 20.5 mo
Hoyer (41), 2006	Phase II (CRC oligomets)	64 (44 liver mets)	1-8.8 cm (median, 3.5 cm)	CRC (15) Lung (10) Breast (4) Ovarian (3) Esophageal (3) HCC (2) Other (10)	45 Gy (3 frx)	1 liver failure 2 severe late GI toxicities	1-yr LC, 71% Median survival, 17.6 mo
Rusthoven (37), 2009	Phase I-II	47	0.75-97.98 mL (median, 14.93 mL)	CRC (40) Breast (12) Gallbladder (4) Lung (2) Anal canal (2) Melanoma (2) Other (6)	Dose escalation, 36-60 Gy (3 frx)	No RILD Late Grade 3/4 <2%	Crude LC rate 74%
Lee (33), 2009	Phase I-II	68	1.2-3,090 mL (median, 75.9 mL)	CRC (11) Other (16)	Individualized dose, 27.7-60 Gy (6 frx)	No RILD 10% Grade 3/4 acute toxicity No Grade 3/4 late toxicity	1-yr local failure, 23% 2-yr OS, 49% (mets only)
Ambrosino (39), 2009	Prospective cohort	27	20-165 mL (median, 69 mL)	CRC (6) Pancreatic (3) Gastric (2) Ovarian (2) Other (6)	25-60 Gy (3 frx)	No serious toxicity	
Goodman (35), 2010	Phase I (HCC and liver mets)	26 (19 liver mets)	0.8-146.6 mL (median, 32.6 mL)	CRC (6) Pancreatic (3) Gastric (2) Ovarian (2) Other (6)	Dose escalation, 18-30 Gy (1 frx)	No dose-limiting toxicity 4 cases of Grade 2 late toxicity (2 GI, 2 soft tissue/rib)	

Abbreviations: SBRT = stereotactic body radiotherapy; mets = metastases; RT = radiotherapy; LC = local control; OS = overall survival; HCC = hepatocellular carcinoma; CRC = colorectal; RILD = radiation-induced liver disease; frx = fractions; GI = gastrointestinal.

## LIVER STEREOTACTIC (ABLATIVE ) RT: WHAT ARE THE RESULTS?

Which endpoints should be considered for clinical trials of RT for liver metastases?

### SURVIVAL

- **2-year overall survival rates:** 30%-83%, with occasional long-term survivors .
- However, out-of-field metastatic progression develops in a substantial proportion of patients;
- Therefore, there is a strong rationale to *combine SBRT with systemic treatments*.



## LIVER STEREOTACTIC (ABLATIVE ) RT: WHO ARE THE CANDIDATES?

- *No randomized* Phase III (SABR vs Surgery) data have been reported.
- There is *significant heterogeneity* concerning:
  - patient selection (CRC vs. other primary subtypes),
  - tumor volumes,
  - total dose, dose per fraction,
  - and dosimetric planning criteria.

**Ideal candidates** for liver metastasis SBRT should have:

- a good performance status (Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group 0–1),
- adequate hepatic function,
- no extrahepatic disease,
- an uninvolved liver volume of 700 mL or greater

## LIVER STEREOTACTIC (ABLATIVE ) RT: HOW WE CAN DO IT?

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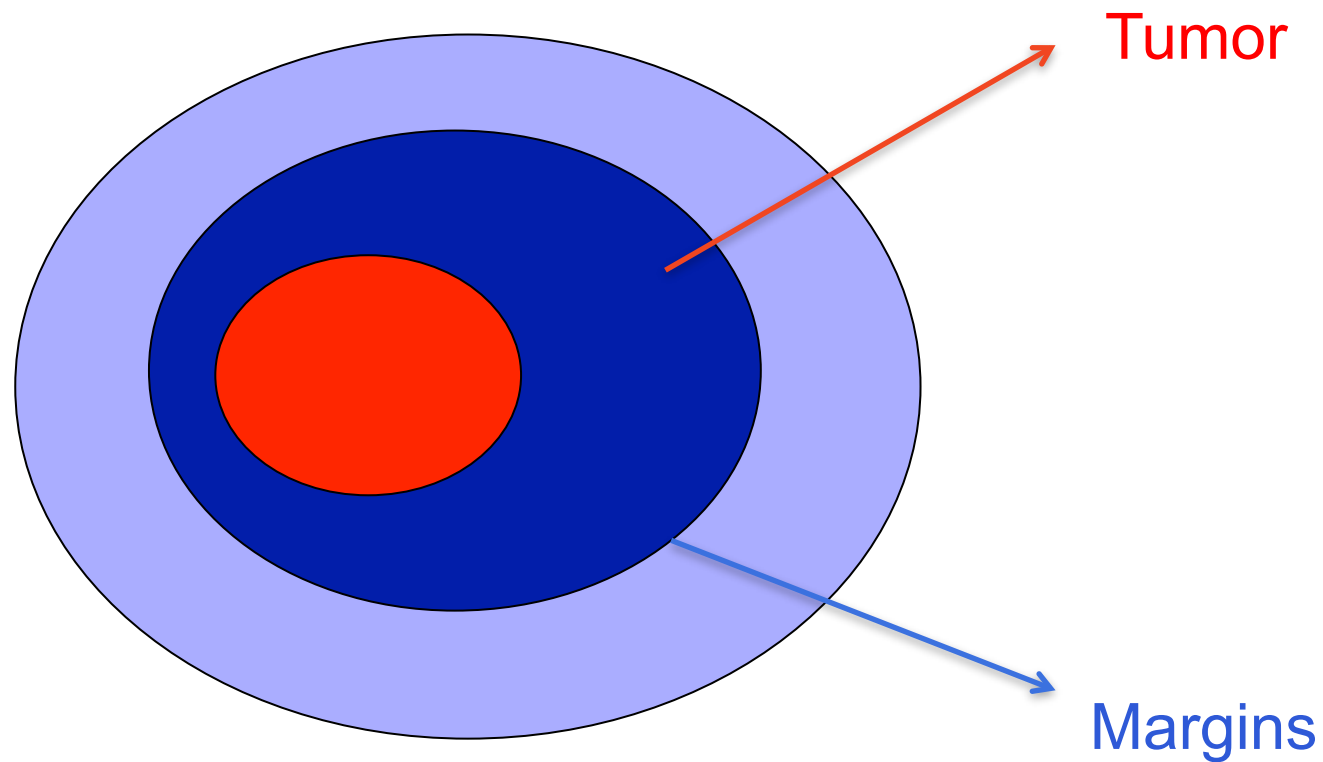
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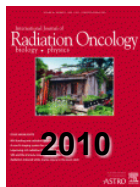
### Treatment planning: Treatment volumes



**WILD MARGINS INCREASE THE RISK OF TOXIC EFFECTS**

# IMOBILIZATION AND MOTION MANAGEMENT

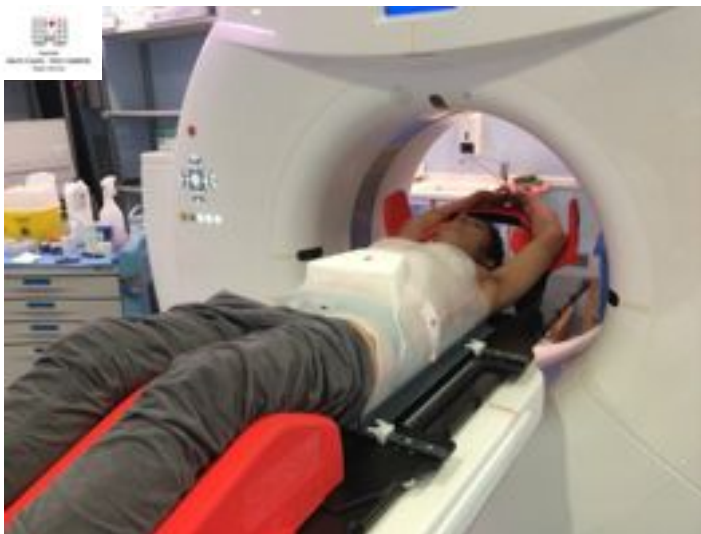
## MANAGEMENT BY ABDOMINAL COMPRESSION



### INTERFRACTION LIVER SHAPE VARIABILITY AND IMPACT ON GTV POSITION DURING LIVER STEREOTACTIC RADIOTHERAPY USING ABDOMINAL COMPRESSION

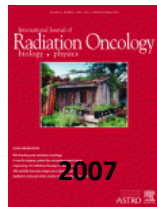
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**Conclusions:** Interfraction liver deformations in patients undergoing SBRT under abdominal compression after rigid liver-to-liver registrations on respiratory sorted CBCT scans were small in most patients (<5 mm). © 2011 Elsevier Inc.



# IMOBILIZATION AND MOTION MANAGEMENT

## MANAGEMENT BY 4DCT

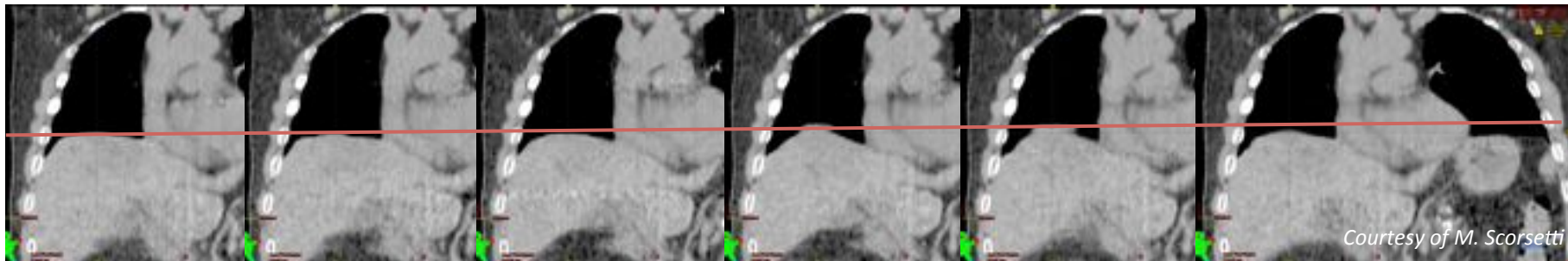


### FOUR-DIMENSIONAL COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY SCAN ANALYSIS OF TUMOR AND ORGAN MOTION AT VARYING LEVELS OF ABDOMINAL COMPRESSION DURING STEREOTACTIC TREATMENT OF LUNG AND LIVER

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**Conclusions:** Four-dimensional CT shows significant control of both lower lobe lung and liver tumors using abdominal compression. High levels of compression improve SI tumor motion when compared with MC.

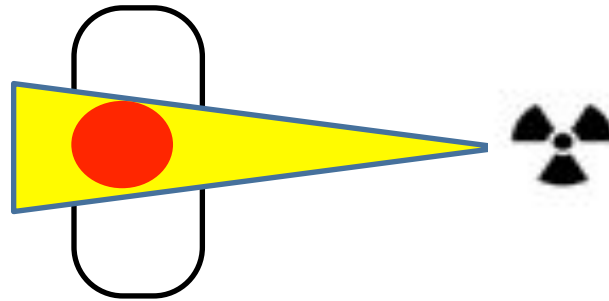


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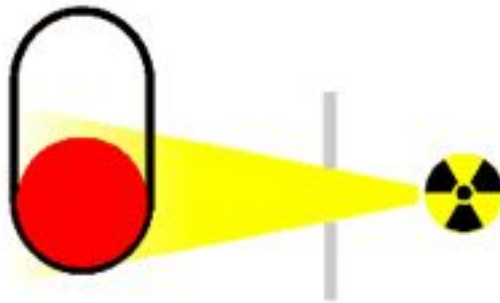
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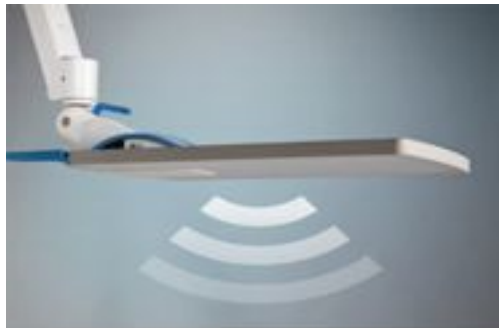
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## IMOBILIZATION AND MOTION MANAGEMENT

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### MANAGEMENT BY REAL TIME TUMOR TRACKING



**LINAC INTEGRATED DEVICES**



**DEDICATED ROBOTIC LINAC WITH  
INTEGRATED TRACKING SYSTEMS**

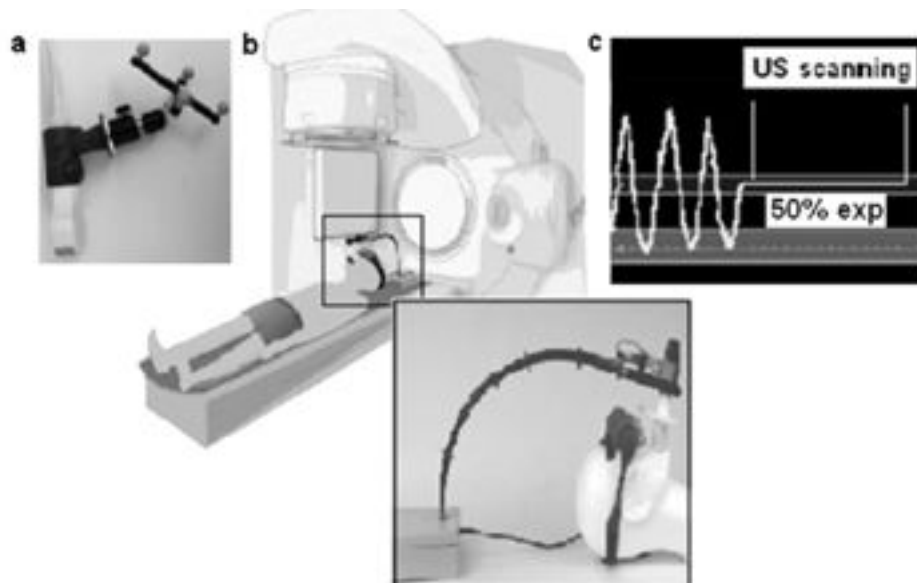
# IMOBILIZATION AND MOTION MANAGEMENT

## GATING WITH ACTIVE BREATH CONTROL

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### Frameless Stereotactic Radiosurgery of a Solitary Liver Metastasis Using Active Breathing Control and Stereotactic Ultrasound

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### Active Breathing Control in Combination With Ultrasound Imaging: A Feasibility Study of Image Guidance in Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy of Liver Lesions

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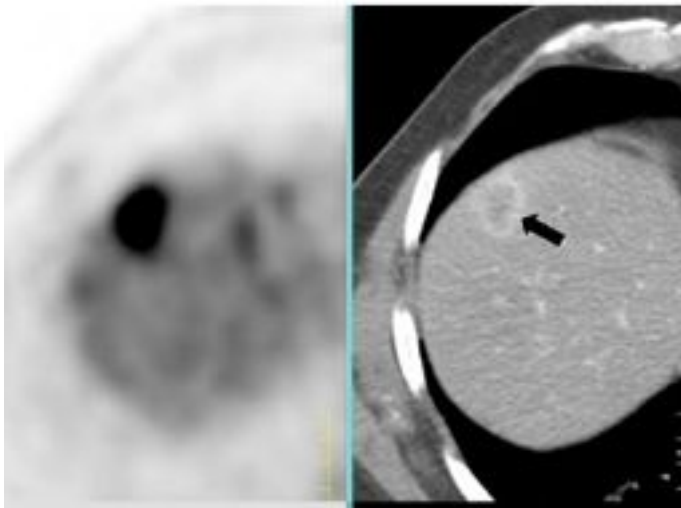
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### TARGET EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT BY CT (3 phases) and PET

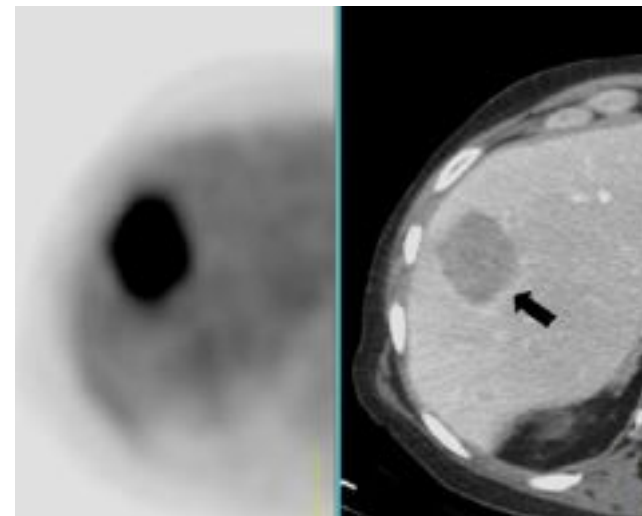


Evaluation of contrast medium enhancement and [ $^{18}\text{F}$ ]-FDG uptake of liver metastasis in PET/CT prior to therapy

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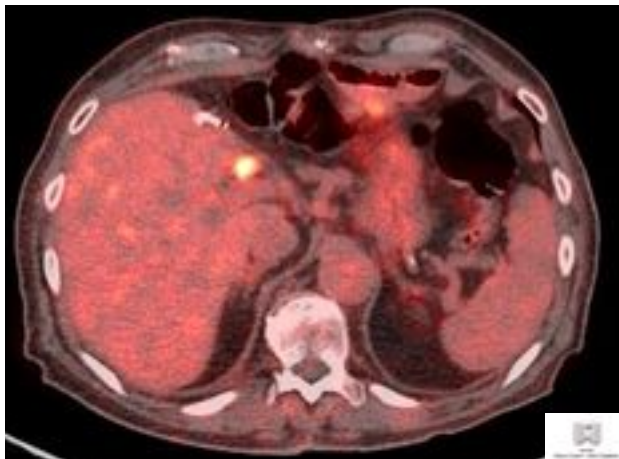
Liver metastases of a colon carcinoma.<sup>1</sup>



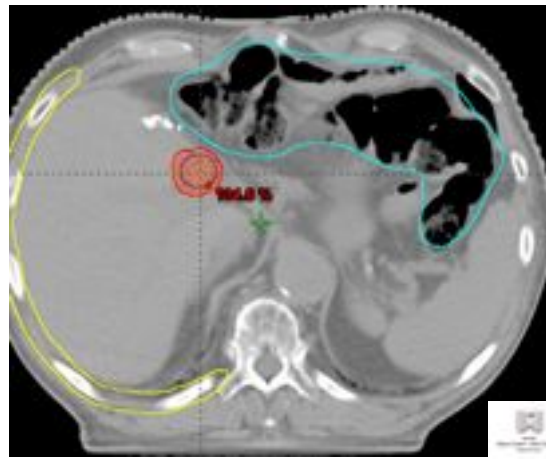
Liver metastases of a breast carcinoma.<sup>2</sup>

## MULTIMODAL IMAGING & PRECISION OF HIGHLY CONFORMAL

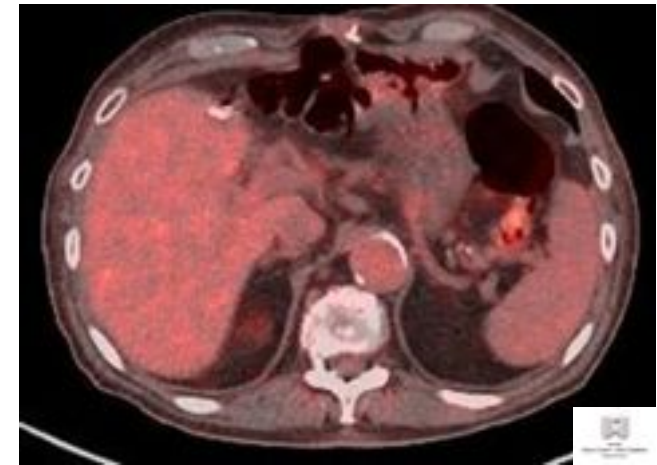
Patient treated with SBRT  
for isolated M+ (primary colon)



PET-CT pre-treatment,



RapidArc-FFF beams  
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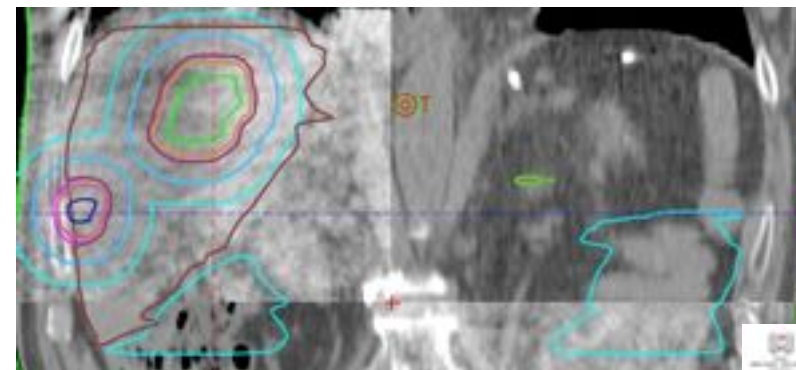
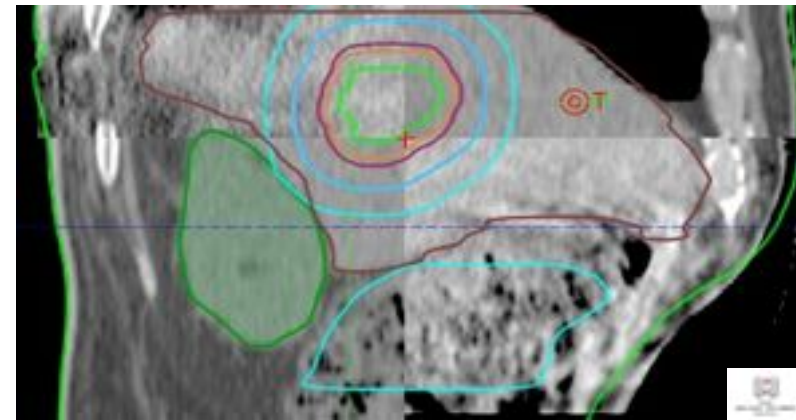
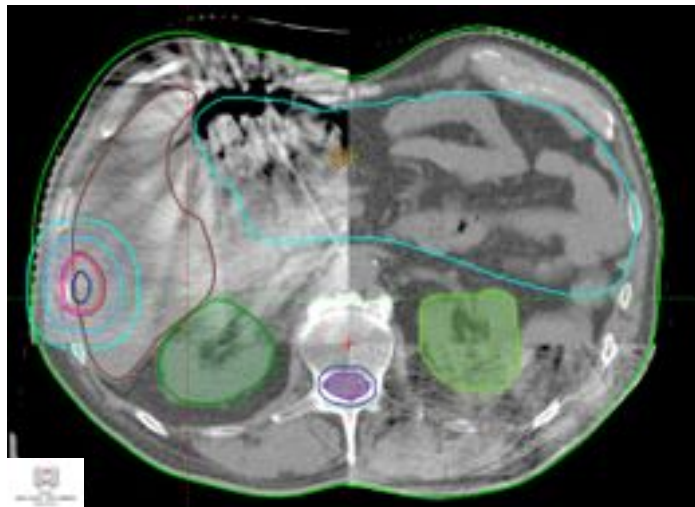
PET-CT post-treatment

## IMAGE GUIDE RADIATION THERAPY

### IGRT by CBCT

**CBCT** strongly suggested for:

- SRS & SBRT/SABR (without cranial/body- frame)



CT sim-CBCT matching for liver SBRT

## CONSTRAINTS AND PLANNING

- Liver obeys the **parallel architecture model of radiobiology**, so the risk of RILD is more dependent on:
  - The **mean dose** of radiation delivered to normal liver tissue (threshold 30 Gy, with an increasing risk of 4% per Gy)
  - The **critical volume** irradiated (strong “volume effect” estimated by Lyman NTCP model)

Table 3. Constraints proposed for 3-fraction SBRT schedule

Organ at risk	Wulf <i>et al.</i> (36)	Rusthoven <i>et al.</i> (37)	Hoyer RAS-Trial (www.cirro.dk)	RTOG 0236 SBRT lung (www.rtog.org)	QUANTEC (48)
Liver (CTV excluded)	30% <21 Gy* 50% <15 Gy*	700 mL < 15 Gy	700 mL < 15 Gy	NA	700 mL ≤ 15 Gy D <sub>mean</sub> < 15 Gy
Stomach	D <sub>5 ml.</sub> <21 Gy	D <sub>max</sub> ≤30 Gy	D <sub>1 ml.</sub> <21 Gy	NA	D <sub>max</sub> <30 Gy (D <sub>5 ml.</sub> <22.5 Gy)
Bowel	D <sub>5 ml.</sub> <21 Gy	D <sub>max</sub> ≤30 Gy	D <sub>1 ml.</sub> <21 Gy	NA	D <sub>max</sub> <30 Gy
Esophagus	D <sub>5 ml.</sub> <21 Gy	NA	D <sub>1 ml.</sub> <21 Gy	D <sub>max</sub> ≤27 Gy	NA
Kidney	NA	Total kidney D <sub>35%</sub> <15 Gy	Total kidney D <sub>35%</sub> <15 Gy	NA	NA
Spinal cord	NA	D <sub>max</sub> ≤18 Gy	D <sub>max</sub> <18 Gy	D <sub>max</sub> ≤18 Gy	D <sub>max</sub> ≤20 Gy
Heart	D <sub>5 ml.</sub> <21 Gy	NA	D <sub>1 ml.</sub> <30 Gy	D <sub>max</sub> ≤30 Gy	NA

- It is possible to safely treat small hepatic lesions with high doses of radiation by **using SBRT**, with adequate dose constraints for normal liver (**minimum volume of 700mL should receive a total dose less than 15 Gy**)

## CONSTRAINTS AND PLANNING

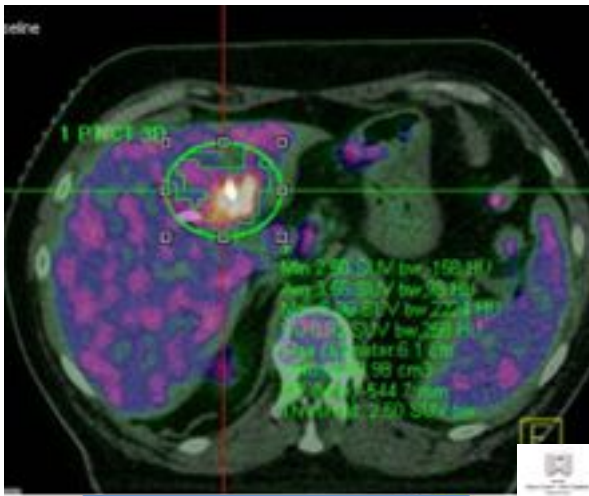
ORGAN	Dose-Volume Limits	Other Conditions
Healthy liver (defined as total liver volume minus cumulative GTV)	> 700 cc at < 15 Gy in 3 F	The volume of healthy liver > 1000 cc
Spinal cord	< 18 Gy in 3 F	
Kidneys (R+L)	V15 Gy < 35%	
Stomach, duodenum, small intestine	< 21 Gy in 3 F (also for minimum volumes)	Patients with GTV < 8 mm from the heart, stomach, duodenum and small intestine to be excluded
Heart	<30 Gy in 3 F	
Rib	V <sub>30gy</sub> < 2cc	

It appears that if is possible to adhere to the “**Liver constraints**” used in the published studies, the anticipated incidence of RILD should be low

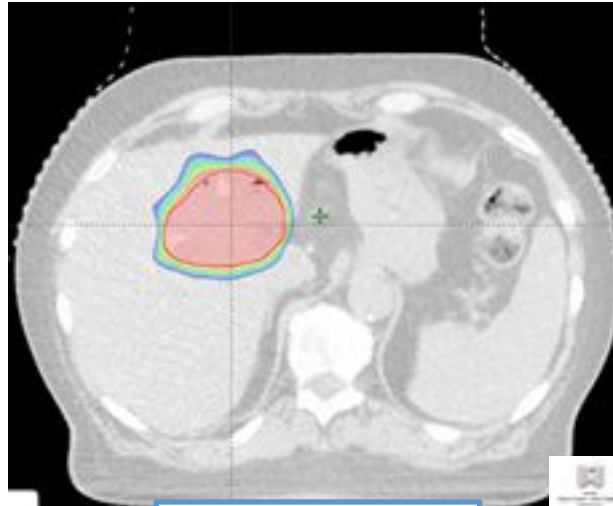


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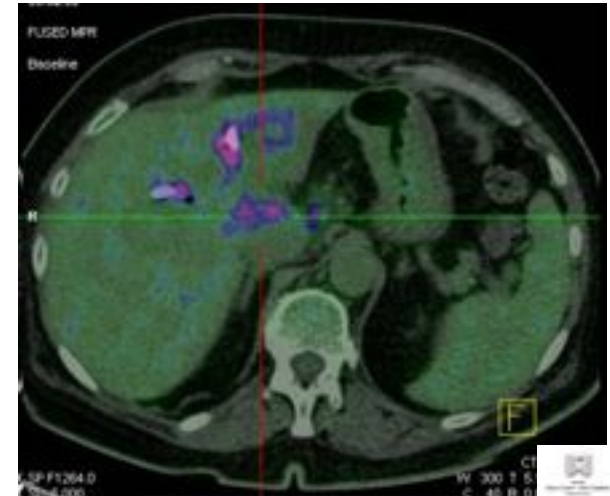
RapidArc(VMAT)-FFF beams on TrueBeam



CT-PET before SBRT



Planning CT



CT-PET after 60 days

## LIVER STEREOTACTIC (ABLATIVE ) RT: ..THUS, WHAT ABOUT TOXICITIES?

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*Park et al, Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys 2002*  
*Tai et al, Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys 2009*

## LIVER STEREOTACTIC BODY RT: RADIOSURGERY(High Single dose)

- 1995-1998: The earliest reports are from Stockholm in 50 pts with SRS (14.2 Gy)→80% LC @1.5-38 months

*Blomgren H., et al , J Radiosurg 1995*

- 2001: Phase I-II study from Heidelberg with SRS (14-26Gy) in 33 Pts→98% LC @ 6 months and 81% @ 18 months

*Herfarth KK er al JCO 2001*

- 2006: Experience from Wurzburg 26 Gy in 39 pts → 86%LC @1 year and 58% @ 2 years

*Wurf et al, Acta Oncologica 2006*

**SRS** via a **single-dose** is a feasible method for treatment of singular inoperable liver metastases with the potential of a high local tumor control rate and low morbidity



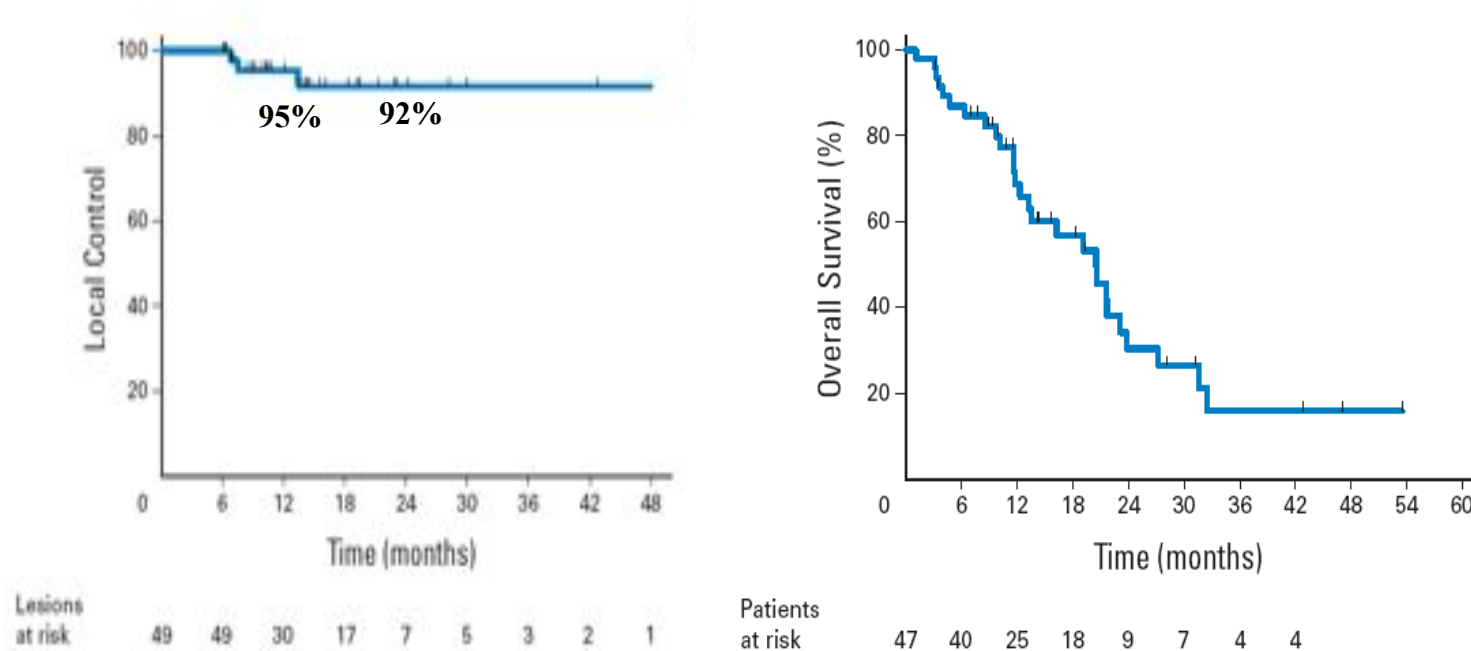
## LIVER STEREOTACTIC BODY RT: DOSE ESCALATION (60 Gy in 3)

### Multi-Institutional Phase I/II Trial of Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy for Liver Metastases

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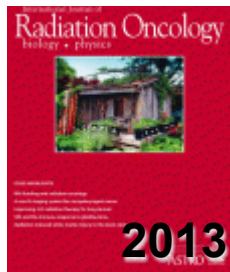


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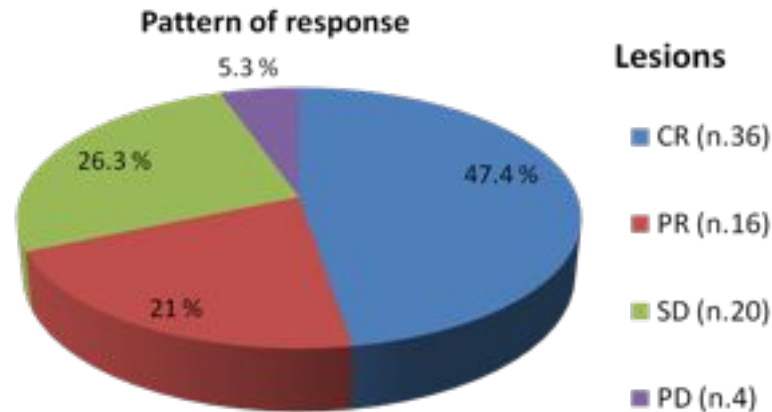
# LIVER STEREOTACTIC BODY RT: DOSE ESCALATION (75 Gy in 3)



Clinical Investigation: Gastrointestinal Cancer

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95% in field response rates

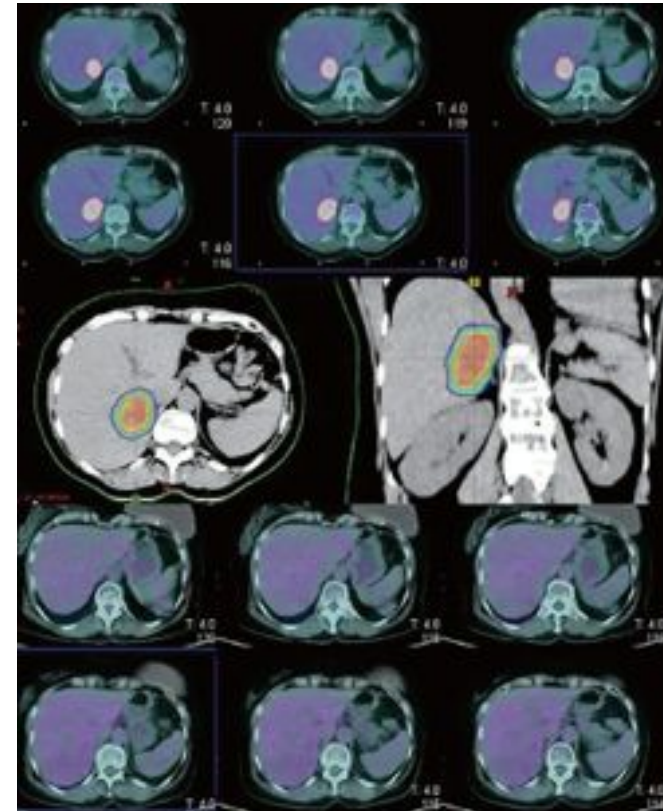
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# LIVER STEREOTACTIC BODY RT: DOSE ESCALATION

## Practical Indications

Selection criteria	Patients categories		
	Suitable	Cautionary	Unsuitable
Lesion Number	< 3	4	> 4
Lesion Diameter	1-3 cm	>3 and ≤ 6cm	> 6cm
Distance from OARs	>8 mm	5-8 mm	< 5mm
Free Liver Volume	>1000cc	< 1000cc and ≥ 700 cc	<700 cc

Lesion diameter	Prescription Dose
≤ 3 cm	48 - 60 Gy
3-6 cm	60 – 75 Gy



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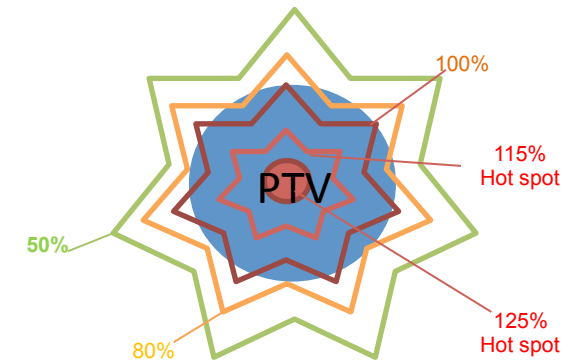
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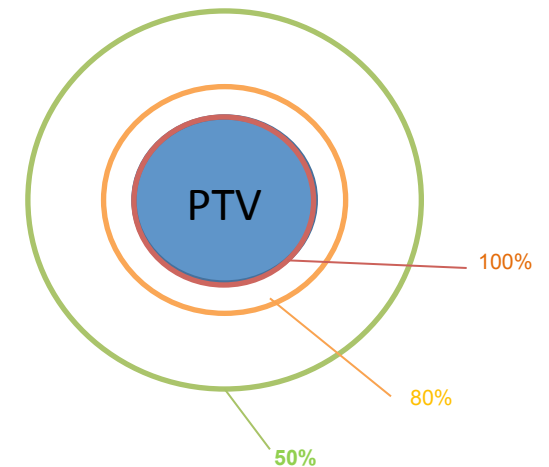
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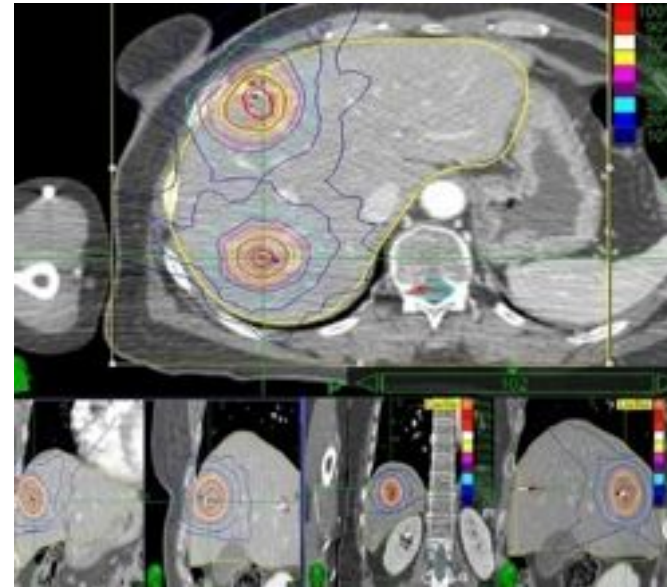
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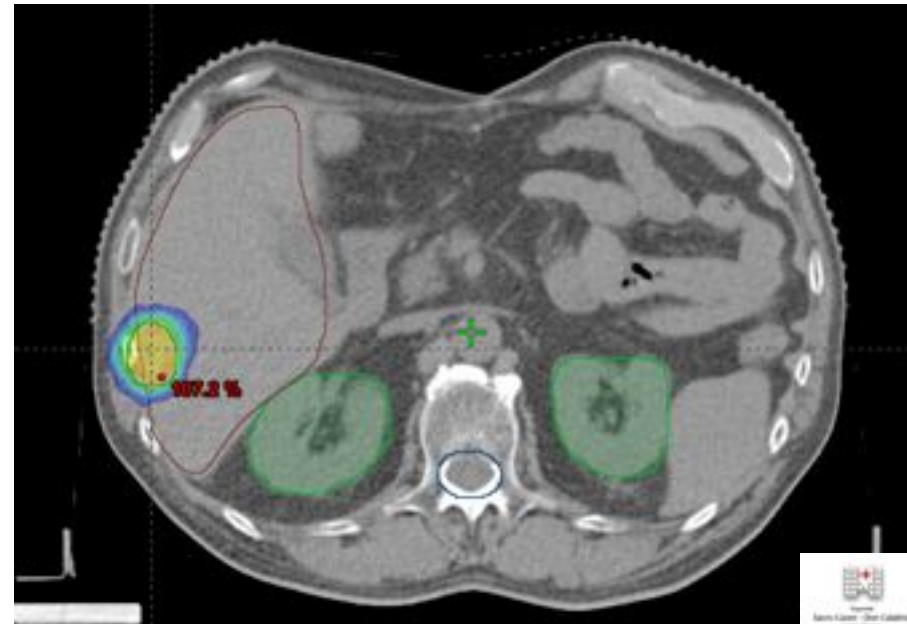
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## LIVER STEREOTACTIC ABLATIVE RT(SBRT): HIGHLY CONFORMAL ON ADVANCED LINAC

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**60Gy in 3 fractions**

*FFF 10 X beams*

Dose rate 2400, BOT 150 sec  
Multiple arc Jaw tracking

## LIVER STEREOTACTIC ABLATIVE RT(SBRT): HIGHLY CONFORMAL ...

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**PROTON THERAPY? HEAVY IONS?**

**BIOLOGICAL PROFILING BEFORE RT?**

## LIVER STEREOTACTIC ABLATIVE RT(SBRT): TAKE HOME MESSAGES

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- SBRT is technically feasible (*with dedicated machines but also with Linacs*)
- Toxicity is acceptable (*if constraints are respected..*)
- High doses and dose escalation are effective (IGRT, immobilization, High conformal delivery,..)
- Local control is high(85-100%). Survival is encouraging (30-85%)
- Combination with (new?) systemic therapies is needed in prospective trials

***PLEASE, NOT ONLY HIGH TECHNOLOGY  
....HIGH EXPERTISE IS NEEDED!!!***



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# Thanks for your attention

