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**IMRT: in quali patologie e con quali tecnologie?**

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## Rational Use of Intensity-Modulated Radiation Therapy: The Importance of Clinical Outcome

Study Tumor Site	Number of Patients		Endpoint	IMRT Group	Non-IMRT Group	P Value
	IMRT	Non-IMRT				
Nutting, 2011 <sup>10</sup> Oro- and hypopharynx	47	47	2-year overall survival, %	78	76	NA
			2-year locoregional progression-free survival, %	78	80	.34
			Xerostomia G $\geq$ 2 (12 months/24 months), %	38/29	74/83	.0027/<.0001
			Acute fatigue G $\geq$ 2, %	74	41	.0015
Parsport			Patients with unstimulated saliva flow from the contralateral parotid (12 months/24 months), %	47/44	0/0	<.0001/.0068
			Patients with stimulated saliva flow from the contralateral parotid (12 months), %	NA	NA	<.0001
Kam, 2007 <sup>11</sup> Nasopharynx	28	28	Xerostomia G $\geq$ 2 (6 weeks/6 months/12 months), %	46.4/75/39.3	85.7/92.9/82.1	.002/.069/.001
			Fractional SWSFR (6 weeks/6 months/12 months)	.32/.30/.41	.28/.20/.20	0.43/.06/.001
			Fractional SPFR (6 weeks/6 months/12 months)	.39/0.70/.90	.09/.04/.05	<.0001/<.0001/<.0001
			Patient-reported xerostomia (6 weeks/6 months/12 months)†	-38.4/-30.7/-24.3	-37.2/-31.8/-33.1	0.99/0.86/0.32
			Difficulty in speaking without need for drinking (12 months)	-30.7	-5.0	.05
Tejpal Gupta 2014	32	28	acute salivary gland toxicity	19/32	25/28	0.009
			3-years Overall survival	68	70.6	
			3-years loco-regional control.	80.5	88	





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ORIGINAL REPORT

### Randomized Controlled Trial of Intensity-Modulated Radiotherapy for Early Breast Cancer: 5-Year Results Confirm Superior Overall Cosmesis

#### Conclusion

Improved dose homogeneity with simple IMRT translates into superior overall cosmesis and reduces the risk of skin telangiectasia. These results are practice changing and should encourage centers still using two-dimensional RT to implement simple breast IMRT.

Mukesh B. Mukesh 2013	228	233	overall cosmesis	good	43%	37%	0.27
				moderate	45%	41%	
				poor	12%	22%	

Clinical Investigation: Breast Cancer

## Five-year Results of Whole Breast Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy for the Treatment of Early Stage Breast Cancer: The Fox Chase Cancer Center Experience

**Table 3** Frequency of treatment related effects observed in follow-up after whole-breast IMRT

Follow-up interval	Edema	Erythema	Infection	Fibrosis	Telangiectasia
≤3 mo ( <i>n</i> = 377)	4.2%	5.0%	1.1%	0.00%	0.00%
3-6 mo ( <i>n</i> = 402)	26.4%	14.2%	1.2%	2.2%	0.00%
6-12 mo ( <i>n</i> = 592)	17.9%	8.1%	0.34%	3.7%	0.84%
12-18 mo ( <i>n</i> = 426)	14.8%	6.3%	0.00%	4.2%	0.23%
18-24 mo ( <i>n</i> = 394)	9.9%	5.1%	0.01%	0.05%	0.02%
24-30 mo ( <i>n</i> = 308)	7.8%	0.03%	0.00%	0.04%	0.02%
30-36 mo ( <i>n</i> = 299)	0.03%	0.03%	0.00%	0.08%	0.04%
≥36 mo ( <i>n</i> = 427)	3.7%	3.3%	0.00%	6.8%	8.2%

Conclusions: Whole-breast IMRT is associated with very low rates of local recurrence at 5years, 83%-98% "good/excellent" cosmetic outcomes, and minimal chronic toxicity, including late fibrosis



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## Choosing Wisely: The American Society for Radiation Oncology's Top 5 list

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**5. Don't routinely use intensity modulated radiation therapy (IMRT) to deliver whole-breast radiation therapy as part of breast conservation therapy.**

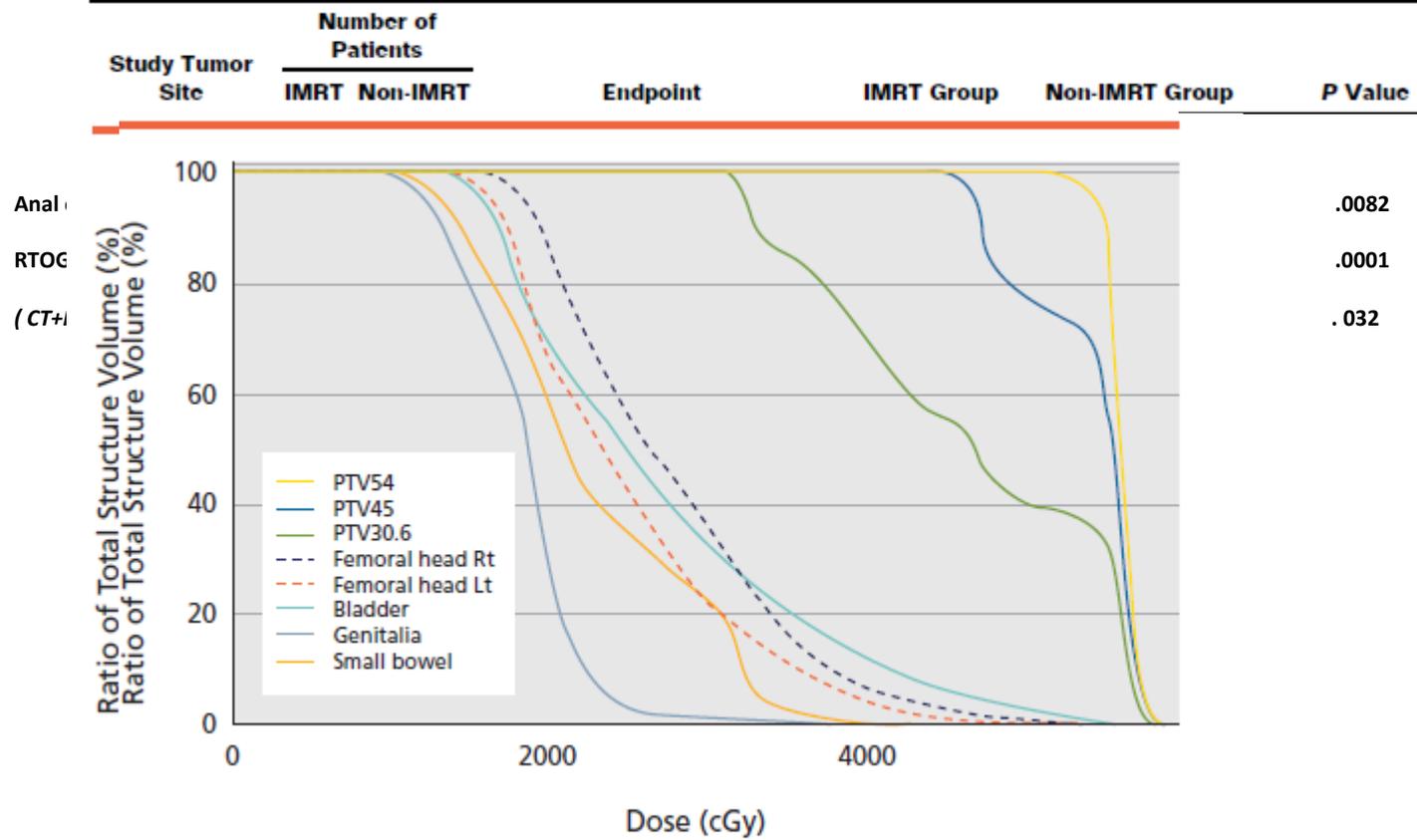
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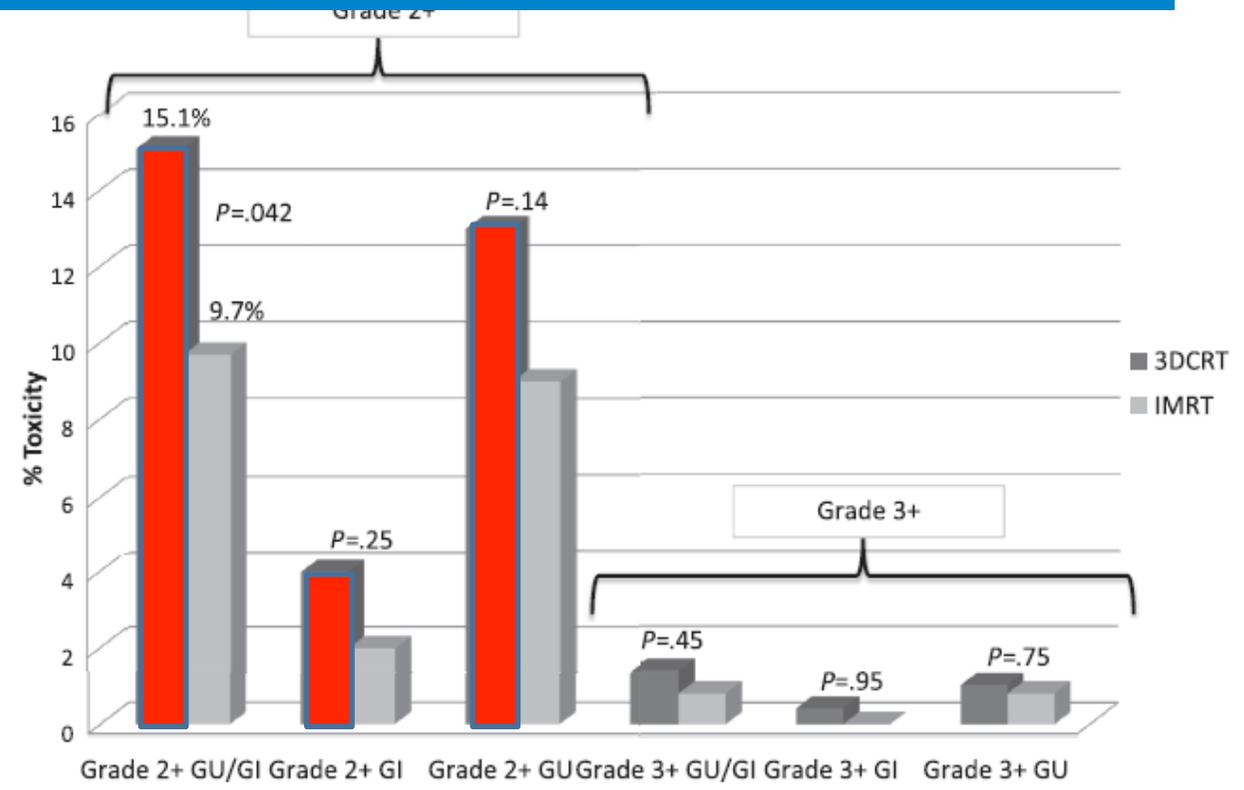
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**Conclusions:** Intensity modulated RT is associated with a significant reduction in acute G2+ GI/GU toxicity. There is a trend for a clinically meaningful reduction in late G2+ GI toxicity with IMRT. The occurrence of acute GI toxicity and large (>15%) volumes of rectum >70 Gy are associated with late rectal toxicity.

**Radiation Therapy Oncology Group protocol 0126 is a phase 3 trial that compares conventional-dose (70.2 Gy) radiation therapy with dose-escalated (79.2 Gy) conformal radiation therapy for the management of early-stage, intermediate-risk prostate cancer. The primary objective of the trial is to determine whether an improvement in overall survival can be achieved with dose escalation. In September 2003 the trial was amended to allow IMRT**

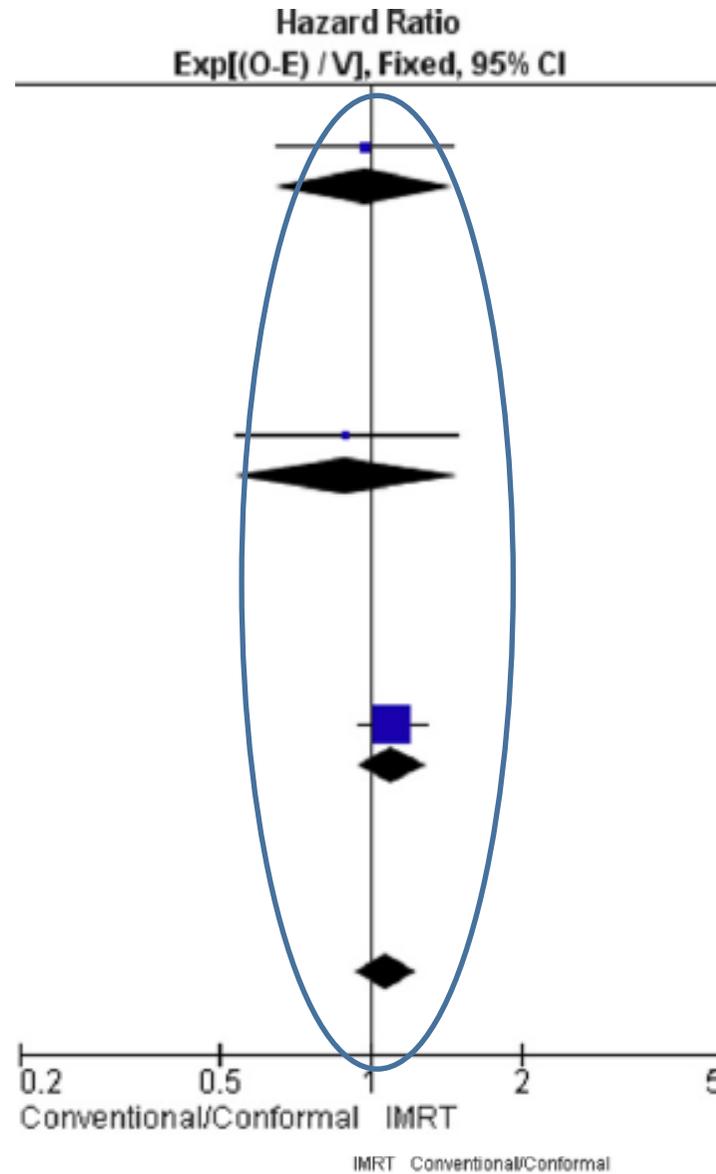


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Chen, 2011 <sup>15</sup> Head and neck CUP	27	24	2-year overall survival, %	87	86	0.43
			2-year locoregional control, %	92	87	0.44
Clavel, 2011 <sup>16</sup> Oropharynx	100	149	3-year overall survival, %	92.1	75.2	<.001
			3-year disease-free survival, %	85.3	69.3	.001
			3-year locoregional control, %	95.1	84.4	.005
Givens, 2009 <sup>19</sup> All head-and-neck subsites	89	15	5-year overall survival, %	NA	53.3	0.45
Madani, 2008 <sup>21</sup> Head and neck CUP	23	18	2-year overall survival, %	74.8	61.1	0.97
			2-year freedom from distant metastases, %	76.3	68.4	0.99
Fang, 2008 <sup>22</sup> Nasopharynx	110	93	3-year overall survival, %	85.4	81.7	0.58
			3-year distant metastasis-free survival, %	82.6	76.7	0.37
Tejpal Gupta 2014	32	28	3-years Overall survival	68	70.6	
			3-years loco-regional control.	80.5	88	
McDonald, 2008 <sup>28</sup> Breast	121	124	7-year overall survival,* %	91	91	0.86
			7-year disease-specific survival,* %	97	95	0.42
			7-year freedom from ipsilateral breast tumor recurrence,* %	95	90	0.36
Al-Mamgani, 2009 <sup>32</sup> Prostate	41	37	5-year freedom from failure, %	70	61	0.3
			5-year freedom from clinical failure, %	90	72	.07
Bazan, 2011 <sup>39</sup> Anal canal	29	17	Distant metastasis-free survival	HR, 1.05; 95% CI, .72-1.53		0.81
			3-year overall survival, %	88	52	<.01
			3-year locoregional control, %	92	57	<.01
			3-year progression-free survival, %	84	57	<.01
			3-year colostomy-free survival, %	91	NA	NA



Systematic review

ion therapy for head and neck cancer:  
meta-analysis



Conventional/conformal RT versus  
IMRT and loco-regional control



Review

**The role of intensity modulated radiotherapy in gynecological radiotherapy: Present and future**



Author/year	n	Patients	Technique	Field	
Mundt 2002 <sup>12</sup>	40	Cervix/Endo <sup>a</sup>	EBRT 4F <sup>b</sup> vs IMRT <sup>c</sup>	Pelvic	$p = 0.002$ $p = 0.22$ Reduced Tox <sup>g</sup> G2 for IMRT vs EBRT 4F $p = 0.001$
Mundt 2003 <sup>23</sup>			<b>Local failure</b>	<b>Distant failure</b>	
			EBRT: 4F 6%		
Beriwal 2007 <sup>21</sup>			$p$ value ns	$p$ value ns	$p < 0.05$ , but Late Tox GU $p = 0.231$
		13.8% 3 years		22%	
		14% @ 3 years		17% @ 3 years	
Kidd 2010 <sup>25</sup>					
Chen 2011 <sup>20</sup>			3.4%	27%	
Hasselle 2011 <sup>22</sup>					
Zhang 2012 <sup>24</sup>	58	Radical and Adjuvant Cervix I-II Adjuvant	IMRT + QT	Pelvic + Para	$p = 0.0017$

**Conclusions:** Consistency in approach and reporting are vital in order to acquire the data to justify the considerable increased expense of IMRT.

# IMRT - Beam Delivery

Pencil Beam



Cyberknife

Fan Beam



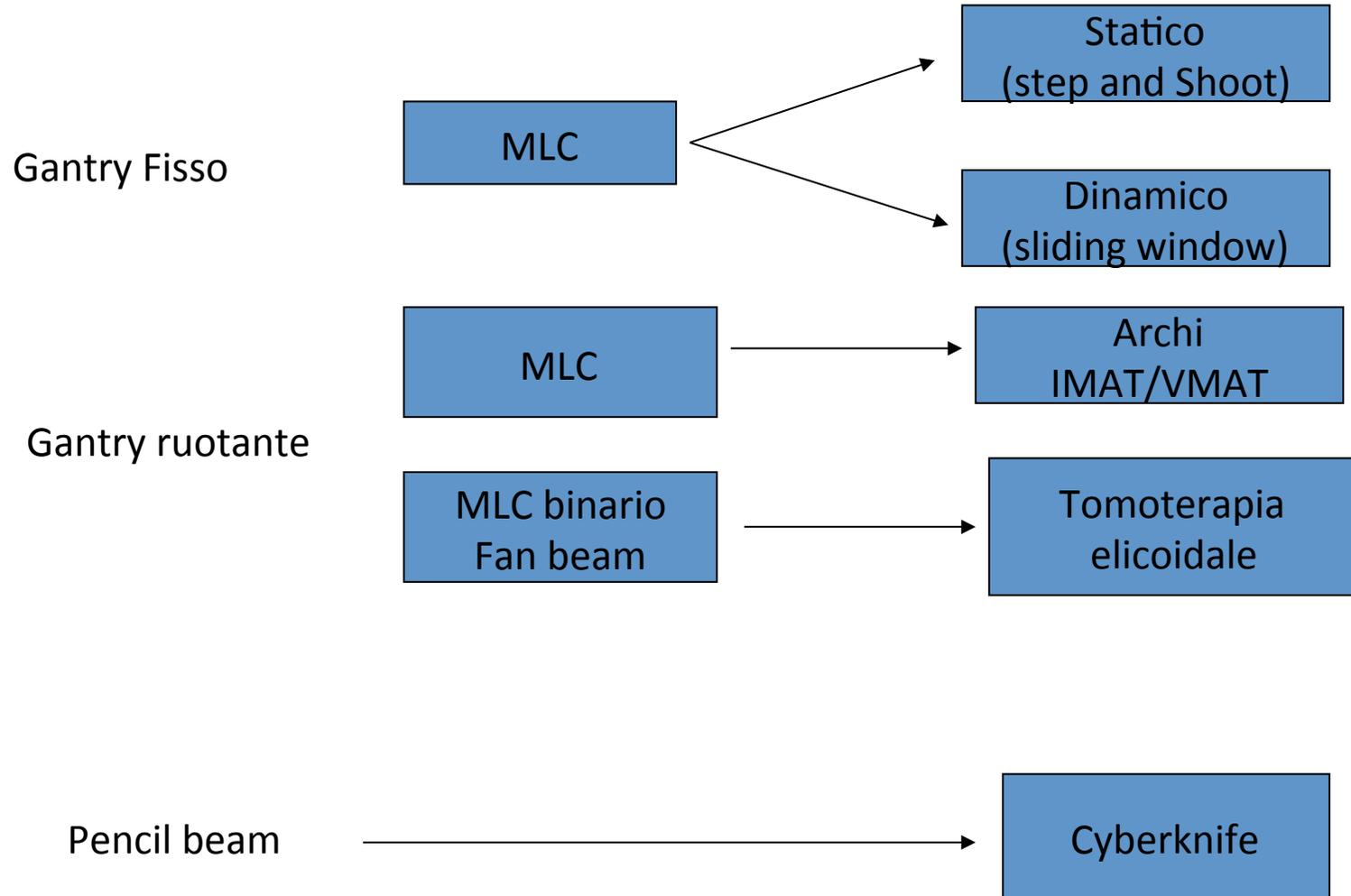
Tomotherapy

Cone Beam

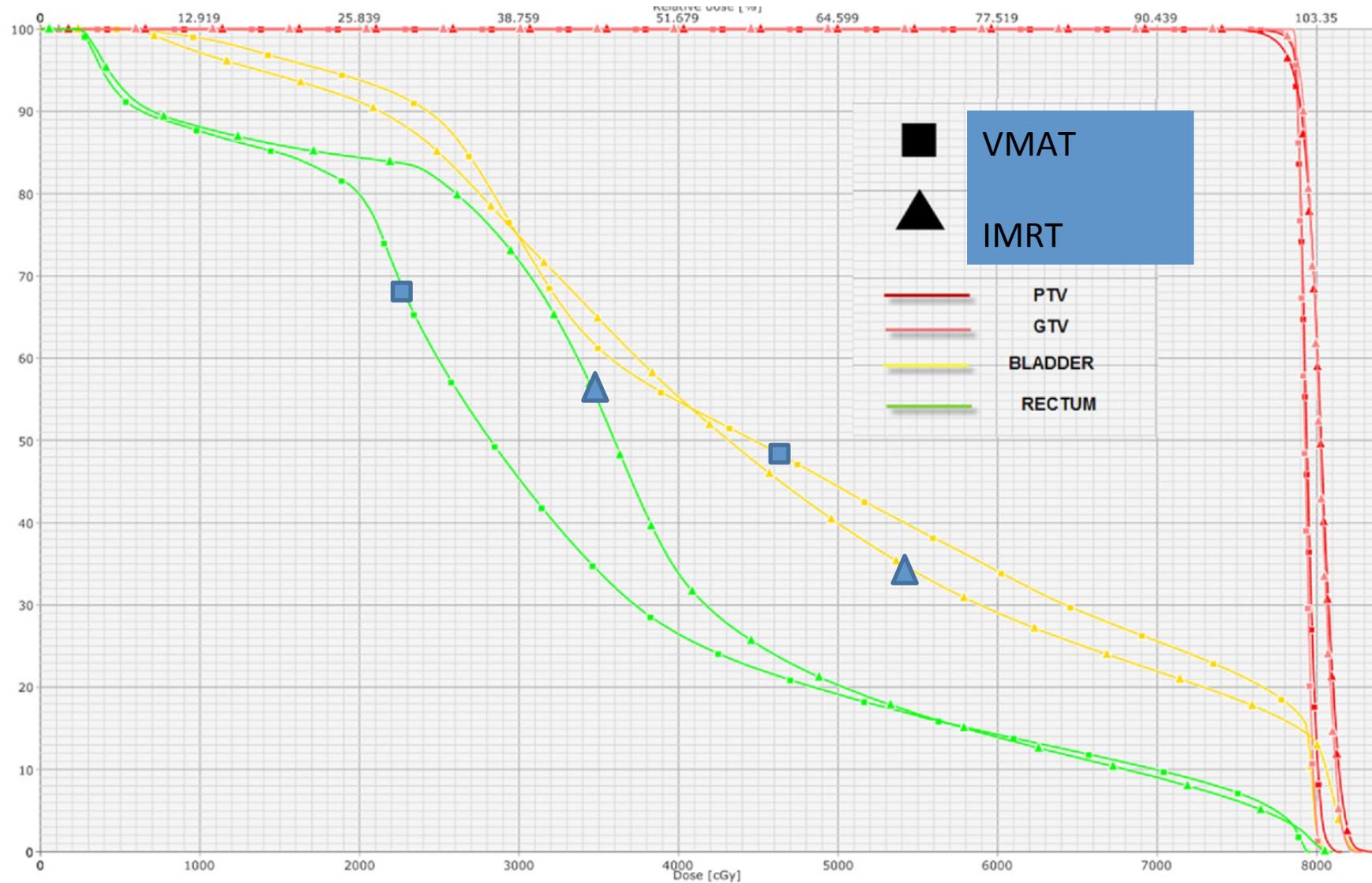


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# Produzione Intensity Modulated Radioterapy (IMRT)

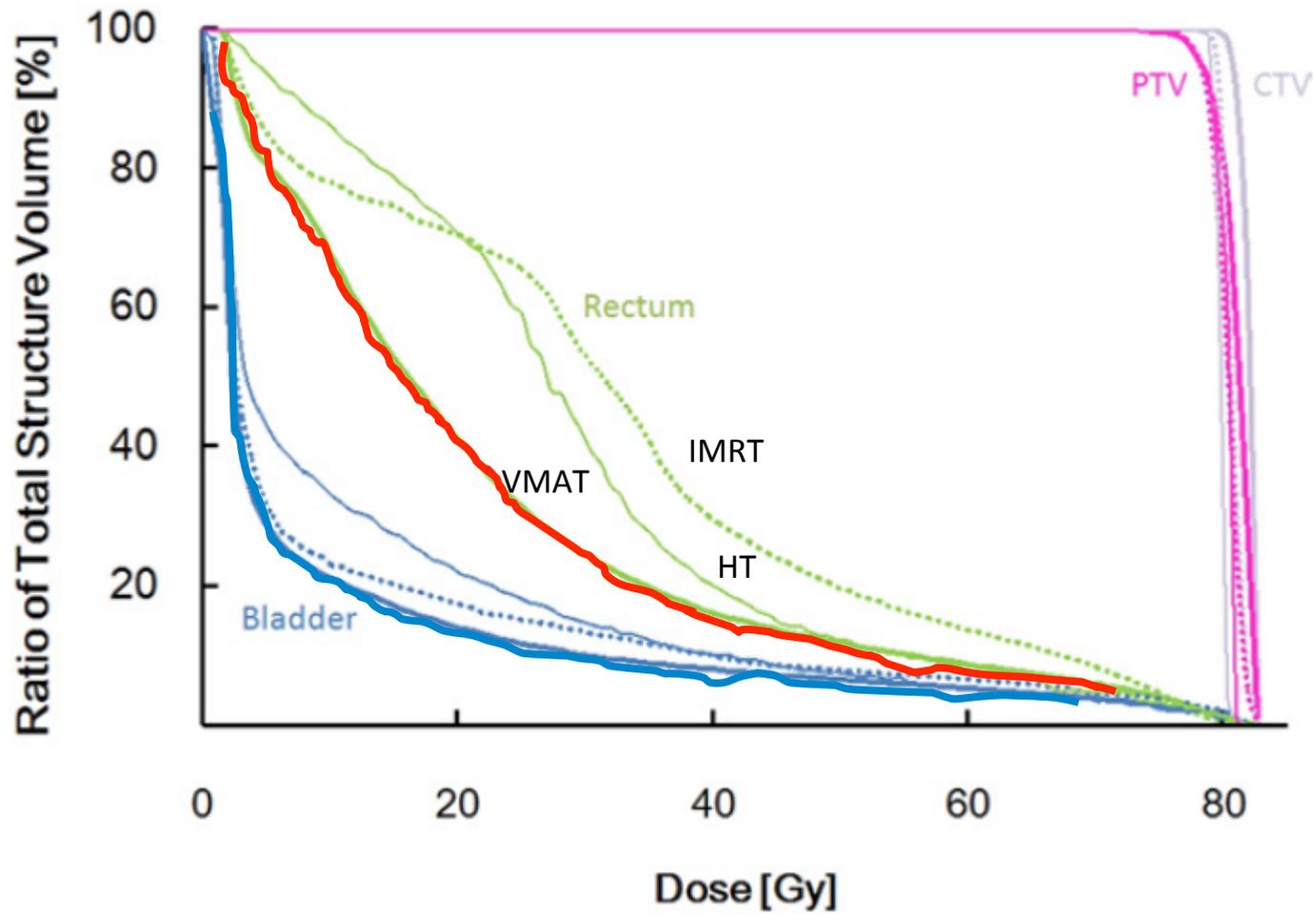


### VMAT VS. 7-FIELD-IMRT: ASSESSING THE DOSIMETRIC PARAMETERS OF PROSTATE CANCER TREATMENT WITH A 292-PATIENT SAMPLE





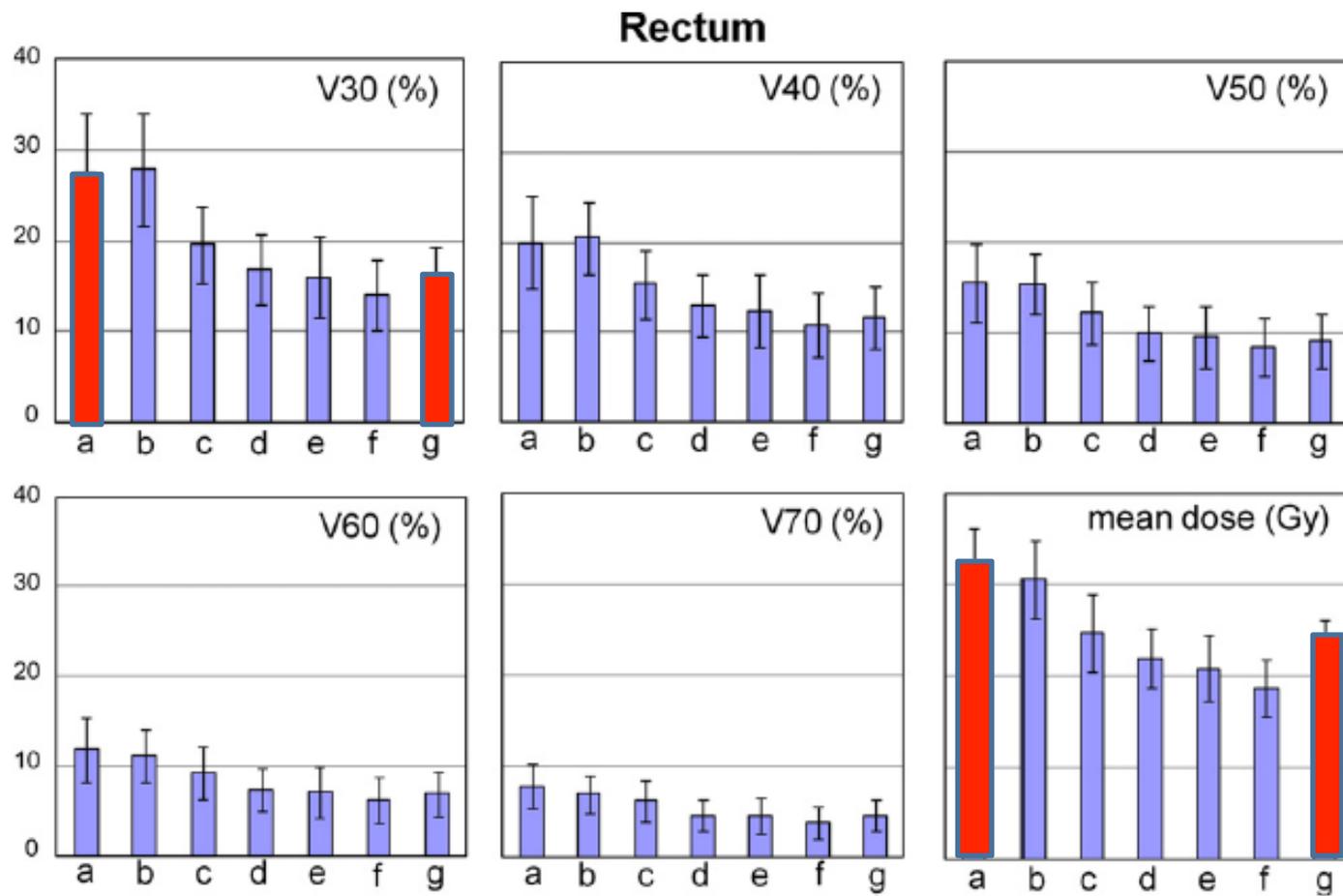
### TREATMENT AND DOSIMETRIC ADVANTAGES BETWEEN VMAT, IMRT, AND HELICAL TOMOTHERAPY IN PROSTATE CANCER



Clinical Investigation: Genitourinary Cancer

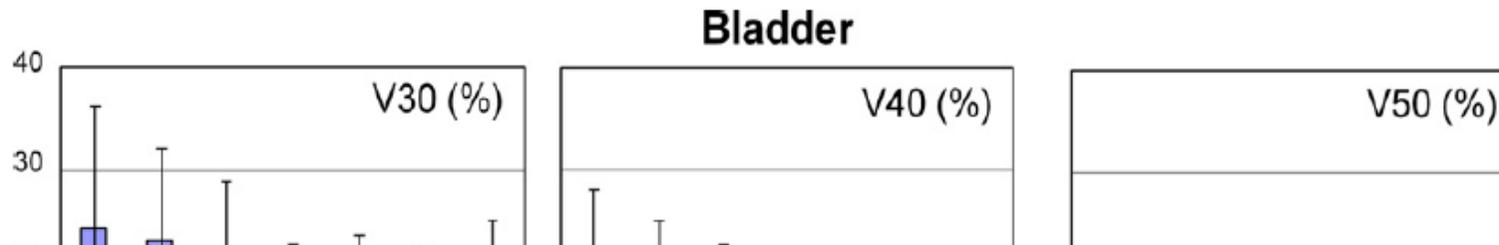
## A Comprehensive Comparison of IMRT and VMAT Plan Quality for Prostate Cancer Treatment

IMRT 8 beam  $\longrightarrow$  24  $\longrightarrow$  VMAT

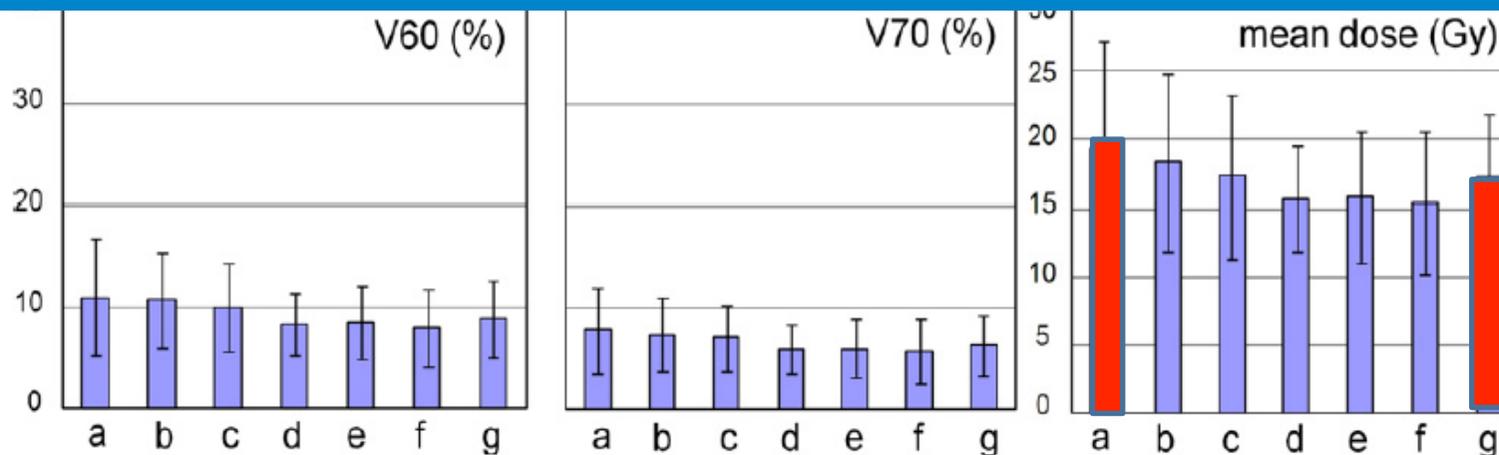


Clinical Investigation: Genitourinary Cancer

## A Comprehensive Comparison of IMRT and VMAT Plan Quality for Prostate Cancer Treatment



For IMRT plan quality to be improved such that it is comparable to that of an optimized VMAT plan, a sufficiently large number of beams has to be used. However, this would come at the expense of even longer dose delivery, increased treatment times (leading to increased intra-fractional motion) and higher economic cost





Head and neck cancer radiotherapy

A comparison of several modulated radiotherapy techniques for head and neck cancer and dosimetric validation of VMAT

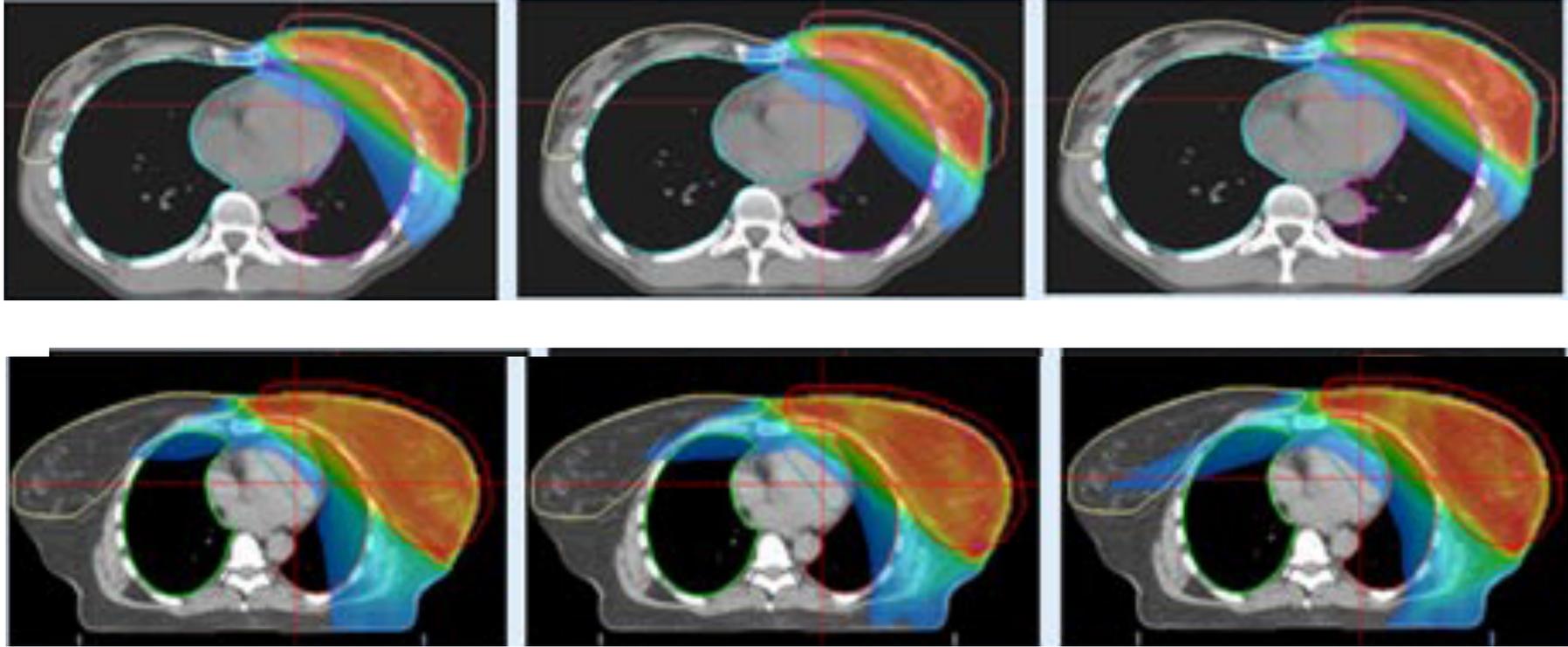
	MIMiC (Corvus)	IMRT 7F (Hyperion)	IMRT 9F (Hyperion)	VMAT (Monaco)
$D_{\text{meanPTV1}}$	$59.9 \pm 0.1$	$60 \pm 0.4$	$60.1 \pm 0.5$	$60.6 \pm 0.3$
$D_{99\%PTV1}$	$56.0 \pm 0.4$	$51.7 \pm 1.5$	$52.0 \pm 1.6$	$53.3 \pm 0.6$
$D_{\text{maxPTV1}}$	$67.2 \pm 1.3$	$72.2 \pm 3.7$	$72.4 \pm 4.0$	$67.4 \pm 1.4$
$D_{\text{meanPTV2}}$	$55.7 \pm 0.7$	$56.4 \pm 0.4$	$56.5 \pm 0.4$	$56.7 \pm 0.7$
$D_{99\%PTV2}$	$53.0 \pm 0.7$	$50.3 \pm 0.8$	$50.6 \pm 0.8$	$51.6 \pm 1.7$
$D_{\text{maxPTV2}}$	$62.3 \pm 1.0$	$64.5 \pm 1.4$	$63.4 \pm 1.2$	$62.0 \pm 0.8$
$D_{\text{meanParotid}}$	$19.5 \pm 0.9$	$14.1 \pm 1.1$	$13.9 \pm 1.5$	$14.9 \pm 0.6$
$D_{\text{maxSpinalCord}}$	$43.6 \pm 2.4$	$40.8 \pm 1.9$	$41.6 \pm 1.7$	$42.6 \pm 1.4$
$D_{\text{maxBrainStem}}$	$44.2 \pm 7.0$	$45.8 \pm 9.7$	$43.9 \pm 10.3$	$47.8 \pm 5.3$
CI	$1.98 \pm 0.13$	$2.23 \pm 0.13$	$2.23 \pm 0.12$	$1.82 \pm 0.12$
$HI_{PTV1}$	$1.12 \pm 0.02$	$1.20 \pm 0.06$	$1.20 \pm 0.07$	$1.11 \pm 0.01$
$HI_{PTV2}$	$1.11 \pm 0.02$	$1.15 \pm 0.02$	$1.13 \pm 0.02$	$1.12 \pm 0.02$
MU	$2551 \pm 349$	$945.2 \pm 201$	$925 \pm 234$	$521.5 \pm 53$
Treatment tin	$12.8 \pm 1.7$	$7.6 \pm 0.3$	$8.5 \pm 0.4$	$6.2 \pm 1.0^a$
				$4.3 \pm 0.6^b$





Obese breast

6 MV
10 MV
15 MV

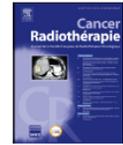


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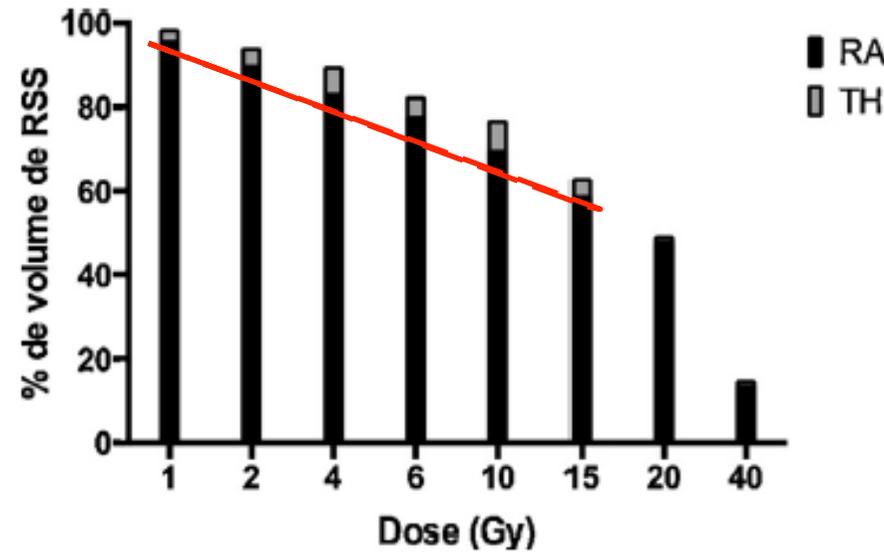
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Article original

Apport de la RCMI rotationnelle et de la tomothérapie hélicoïdale dans les cancers pelviens : étude dosimétrique prospective sur 51 patients



**Results.** – Although some dosimetric differences were statistically significant, helical tomotherapy and Rapid Arc provided very similar and highly conformal plans. Regarding organs at risk, Rapid Arc® provided better pelvic bone sparing with a lower non-tumoral integral dose.

# COST- EFFECTIVENESS

Clinical Investigation: Head and Neck Cancer

## Two-Year and Lifetime Cost-Effectiveness of Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy Versus 3-Dimensional Conformal Radiation Therapy for Head-and-Neck Cancer

Although HNC patients receiving IMRT will likely experience reduced xerostomia and dysphagia symptoms, the small quality-of-life benefit associated with IMRT is not cost effective in the short term but may be cost-effective over a patient's lifetime, assuming benefits persist over time and patients are healthy and likely to live for a sustained period. Long-term survivors, such as HPV-positive OPSCC patients, may realize the most economic value of IMRT.

Clinical Investigation

## Cost-Effectiveness Analysis of Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy Versus 3-Dimensional Conformal Radiation Therapy for Anal Cancer



In our base model, IMRT was a cost-ineffective strategy despite the reduced acute treatment toxicities and their associated costs of management.

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IMRT was estimated to have a modest long term advantage over 3DCRT in terms of both improved effectiveness and reduced cost

Cost-effectiveness

A decision model to estimate the cost-effectiveness of intensity modulated radiation therapy (IMRT) compared to three dimensional conformal radiation therapy (3DCRT) in patients receiving radiotherapy to the prostate bed



## CONCLUSIONI

### EVIDENZE - IMRT

**NH** : minor tossicità

**Prostata** : minor

**Mammella** : minor

**Ano** : minor

**T.Ginecologic** : minor

### POSSIBILITÀ

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Dose escalation

Ipo-frazion



### VMAT vs IMRT

VMAT vs IMRT :

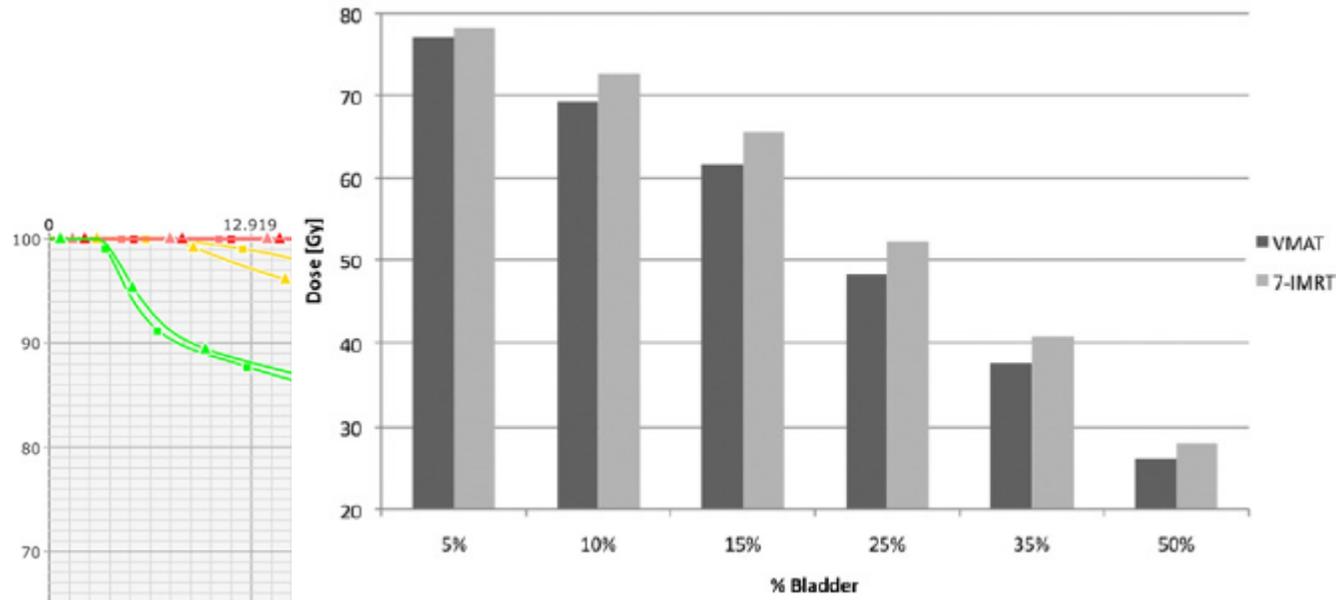
**VMAT vs TOMO** : in casi semplici risultati comparabili ,in casi complessi la TOMO può migliorare la copertura del target

**VMAT vs IMRT e TOMO** : riduzione MU quindi minore scatter e leakage

**VMAT vs IMRT e TOMO** : riduzione tempi di trattamento quindi maggiore confort paziente , minori movimenti intra-fraction

dose a OAR)

### Dose Received as % of Bladder Volume



### ETERS MPLE



### Dose Received as % of Rectal Volume

