



# Fattori predittivi di tossicità nella radioterapia del carcinoma prostatico

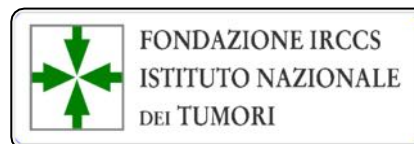
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# Considerazioni preliminari

1. In Medicine, we are facing an increasing need and wish to move from evaluation of “*mean effect*” as derived from the present “**philosophy of clinical trial**”, i.e. of group comparison,



to the “*philosophy of models*” which

- takes most of what we know about the individual patient into account (more pt-centered), to try
- to produce an estimate of patient’s present condition (e.g., pos. lymphnodes) and/or his/her future outcome (e.g., clinical results or radioinduced toxicity)

## Predicting Radio-induced Toxicity

2. Treatment planning procedures greatly benefitted from the routine utilization of sophisticated dosimetric predictive models.

This resulted in a very limited incidence of radio-induced side effects exhibited by our patients

However,

it is becoming more and more evident that **dosimetric-only predictive tools are scanty helpful** in anticipating the knowledge of the risk of developing **that specific toxic event in the individual patient**

**Factors predicting radio-induced toxicity in  
prostate cancer**

**What have we learned?**

# Predictive Factors of Radio-induced Toxicity

## What have we learned? The three Ingredients



Modifiers of dose-response relationship:  
Ingredients to be considered are  
given the same dose levels,  
subgroups of pts may have greater (less)  
probabilities of tox events

**Dosimetric  
factors**

**Clinical  
factors**

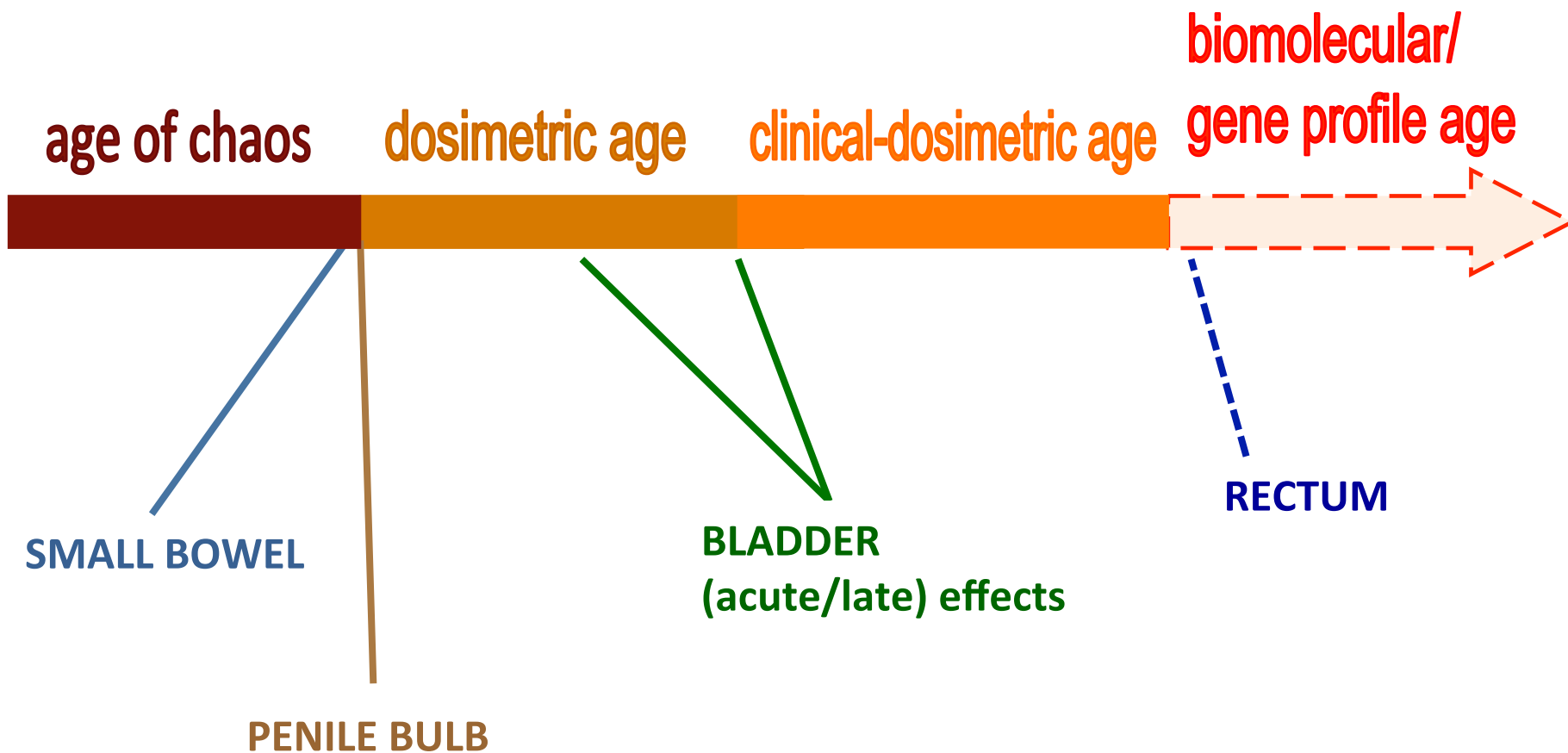
**Genetic  
factors**

There is a dose-response relationship:  
↑ Dose to OaRs = ↑ probability of tox events

**Factors predicting radio-induced toxicity in  
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**Historical scenario**

Every time the role of a variable and its relationship with toxicity were determined, at the same time the role of a new type of variable was unveiled





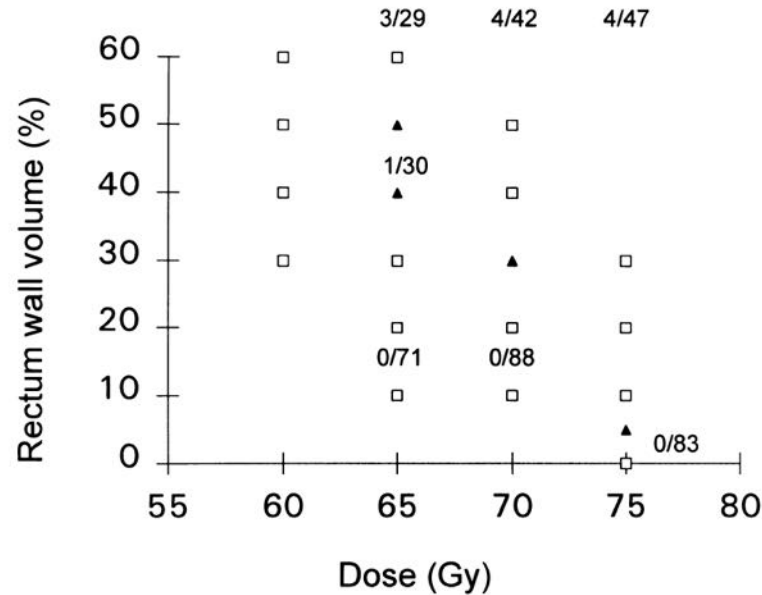
**Factors predicting radio-induced toxicity in  
prostate cancer  
The rectum paradigm**

1995 → 2000

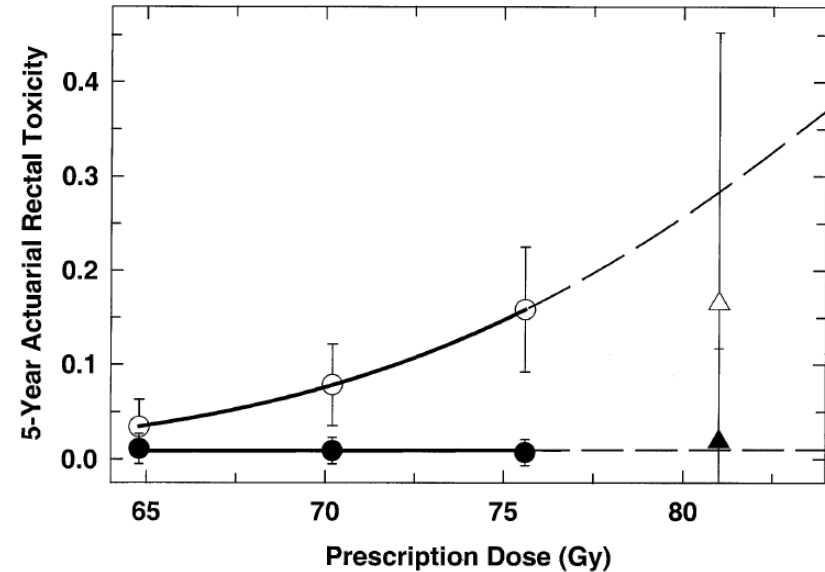
The Age of Chaos



Boersma, IJROBP, 1998



Skwarchuk, IJROBP, 2000



## Late Rectal Toxicity

No dose-volume relationship  
for grade  $\geq 2$  toxicity

Dose-volume relationship  
for grade 3 toxicity



Dose-volume relationship  
for grade  $\geq 2$  toxicity



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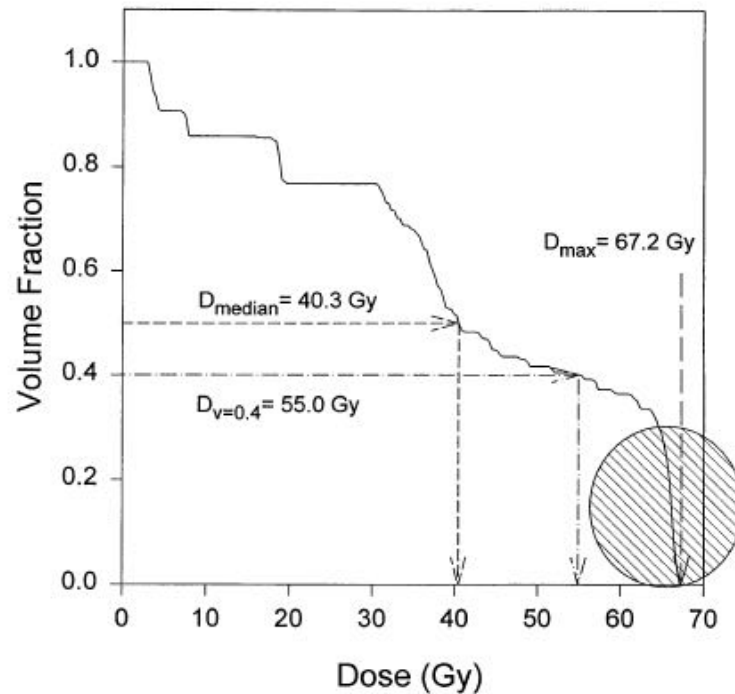
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## Late Rectal Toxicity



Dale, IJROBP, 1999



*“The maximum rectal dose is the only parameter correlated to late rectal bleeding (G1+)”*

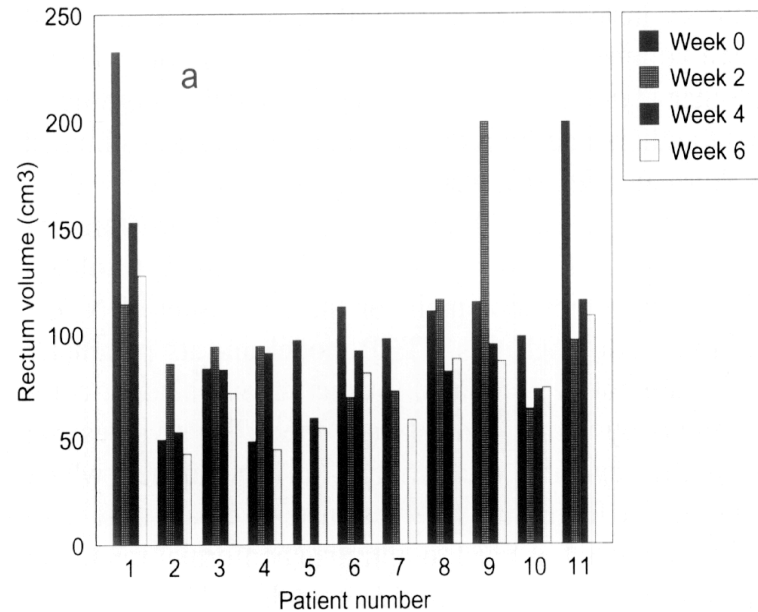
Fig. 2. Example of a cumulative whole rectum dose-volume histogram. The hatched circle, indicates the part of the histogram with the best predictive ability for risk (Results).

1995 → 2000

Reasons for Chaos



Lebesque, IJROBP 1995



The major problem was related to the reliability and reproducibility of rectal DVHs:

- hollow organ
- variable volume
- variable shape
- variable position

But also mixing toxicity end points in scoring systems:

can we expect the same dose-volume effect for:

- ✓ rectal bleeding
- ✓ faecal incontinence
- ✓ abdominal pain

?

≥2000

## Emerging from Chaos: Problem Solving

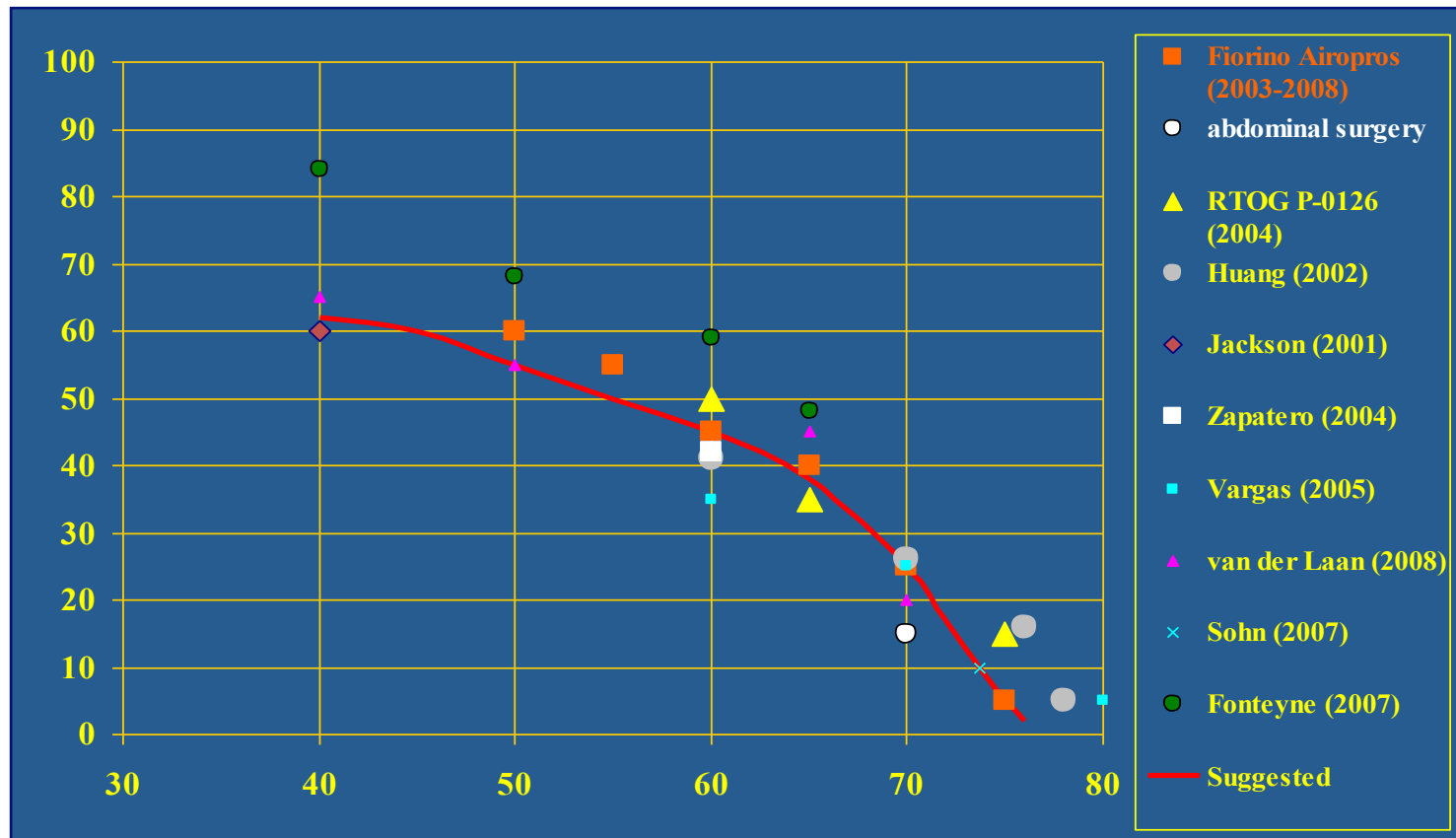
1. Sharing rules for rectum contouring
2. Reducing the spacing between CT slices
3. Emptying the rectum
4. Selecting different endpoints for different symptoms
5. Using self-assessed questionnaires, systematically
6. Choosing adequate follow-up



And the first studies with comparable results on dose-volume effects evaluating late rectal bleeding became available

2000-2009

## The Dosimetric Age: towards a Consensus



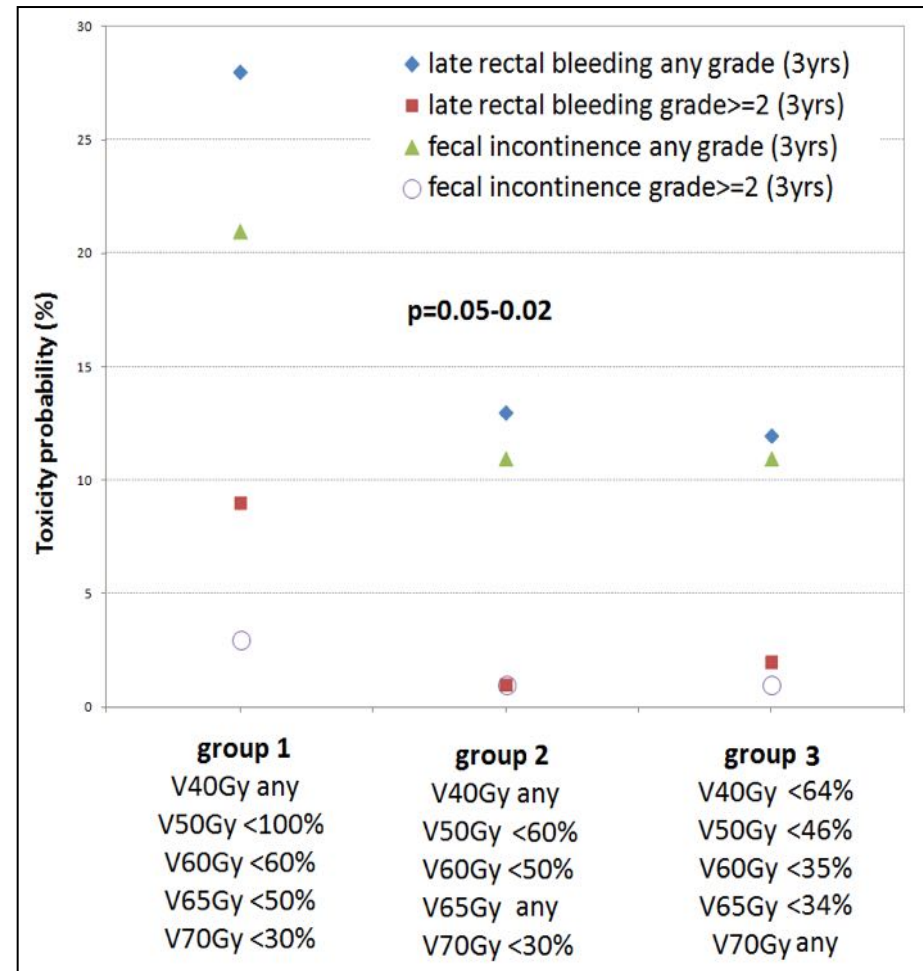
C. Fiorino, T. Rancati and R. Valdagni, Cancer, 2009

- ✓ Late rectal bleeding: keeping grade 2-3 below 5-10%
- ✓ A cut-off DVH derived from the literature was proposed

# DVH constraints to reduce late rectal bleeding: Evidence Based? Maybe ...

Indirect evidence:  
Fonteyne et al, Acta Oncol 2015  
Single centre experience (≈600 pts)

**Stricter DVH constraints  
resulted in significantly  
lower toxicity rates**

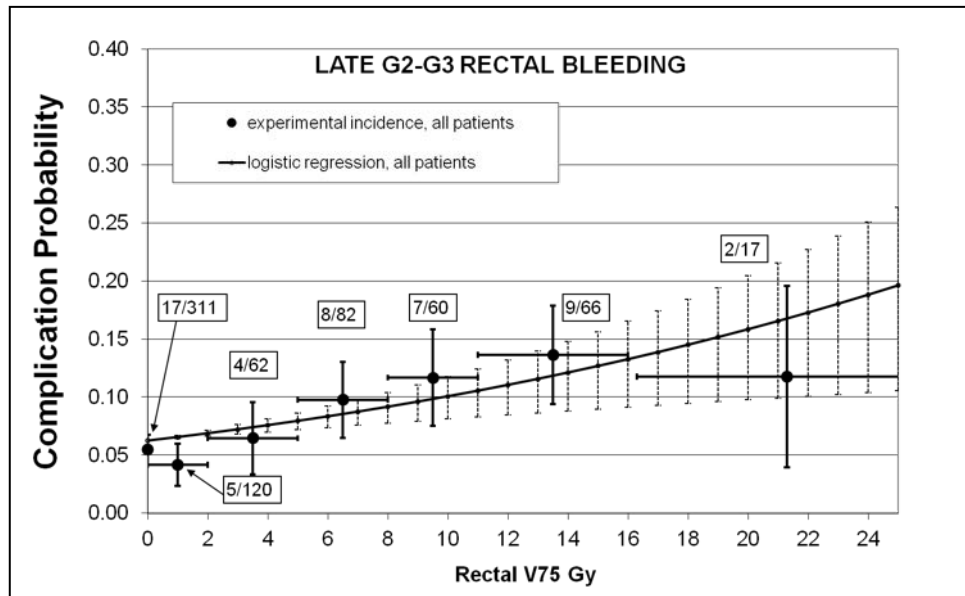


# 2000-2009 The Dosimetric Age: towards a Consensus

More sophistication than single dose-volume constraints:  
Normal Tissue Complication Probability modeling  
for non-uniform irradiation of the rectum in the single patient



C. Fiorino et al, AIROPROS 0102, Rad&Oncol, 2008



S. Peeters et al, Dutch trial, IJROBP, 2006

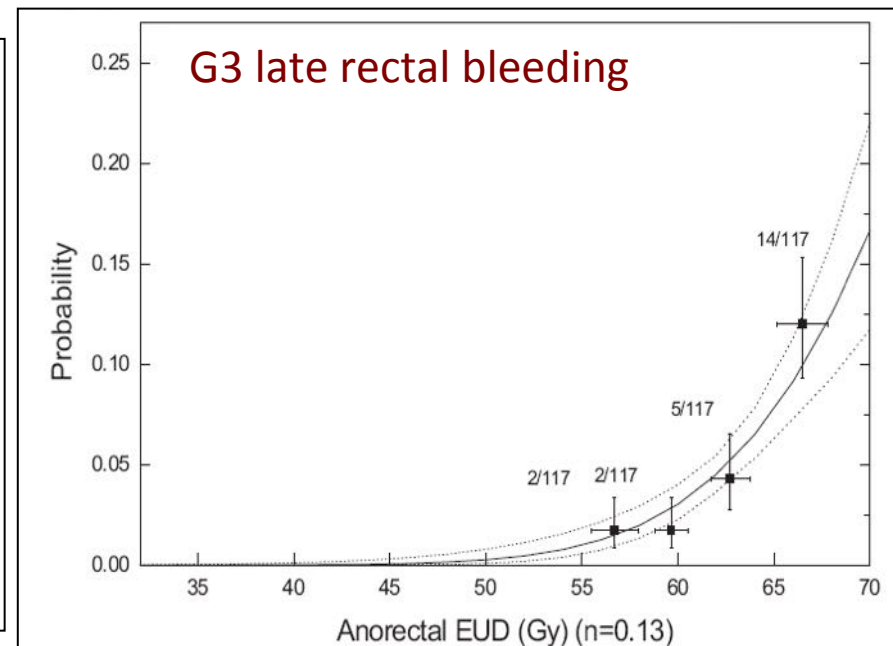


Fig. 1. Probability of late gastrointestinal toxicity as a function of the equivalent uniform dose (EUD)

Lyman-Kutcher-Burman (LKB) models: rectal bleeding



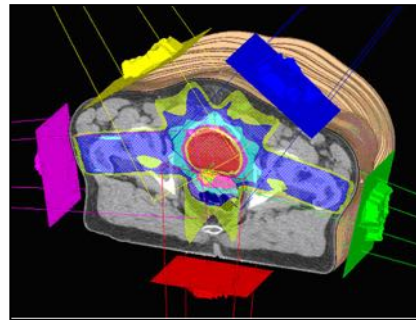
## 2000-2009 The Dosimetric Age: Consensus

- ✓ Use of a set of solid dose-volume constraints (V40Gy, V50Gy, V70Gy, V75Gy)
- ✓ Use of logistic curves (prob. of rectal injury vs V40Gy, V50Gy, V70Gy, V75Gy)
- ✓ Use of DVH reduction to EUD
- ✓ Use of NTCP models



## 2004 → 2009: The Clinical-Dosimetric Age

From anatomy/dose- based  
treatment planning



to patient/disease/dose- based  
treatment tailoring



The Tailor, GB Moroni, c. 1570,  
National Gallery, London

Reductionism



Holism

## 2004 → 2009: The Clinical-Dosimetric Age

Whenever possible, the application in the RT planning of

- well defined dose-volume constraints and of
- NTCP models

promotes the reduction of both

1. the incidence of late radio-induced toxicity
2. the impact of dosimetric factors and →

## 2004 → 2009: The Clinical-Dosimetric Age

New risk factors can be unveiled:

✓ clinical risk factors (or protective factors\*), such as

haemorrhoids

anticoagulants\*

antihypertensives\*

hormonal therapy\*

previous abdominal surgery

✓ radiobiological factors, such as

the sequential relationship between acute and late damage

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Prostate radiotherapy

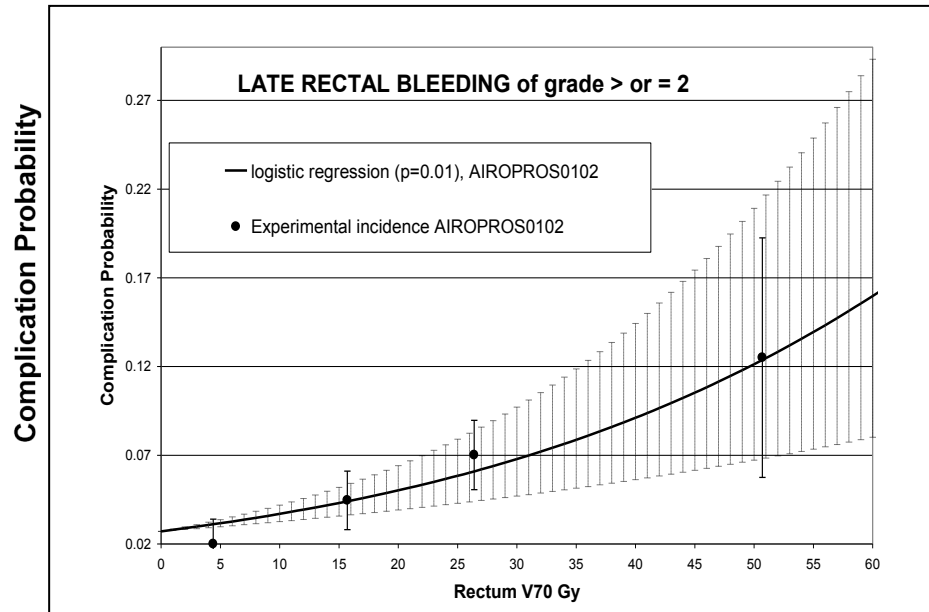
Clinical and dosimetric predictors of late rectal toxicity after conformal radiation for localized prostate cancer: Results of a large multicenter observational study

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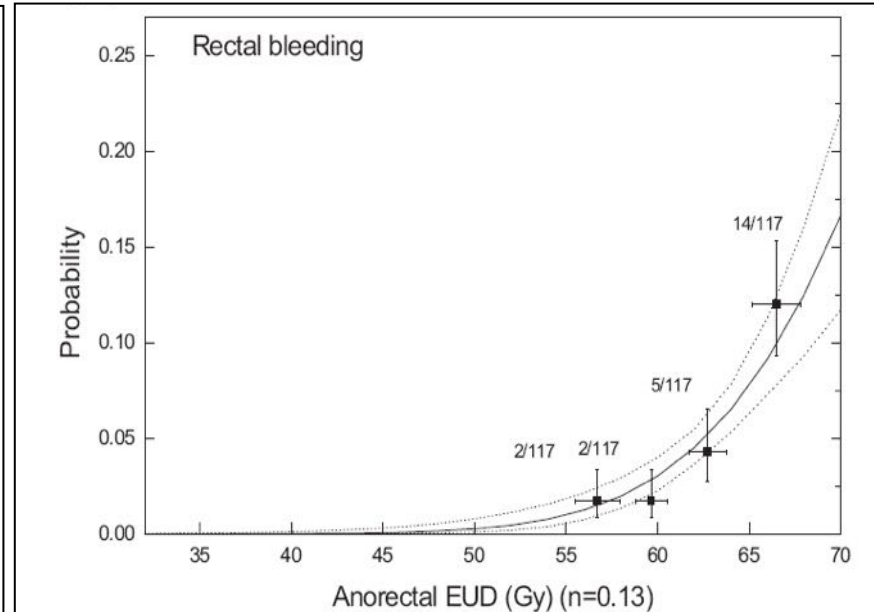
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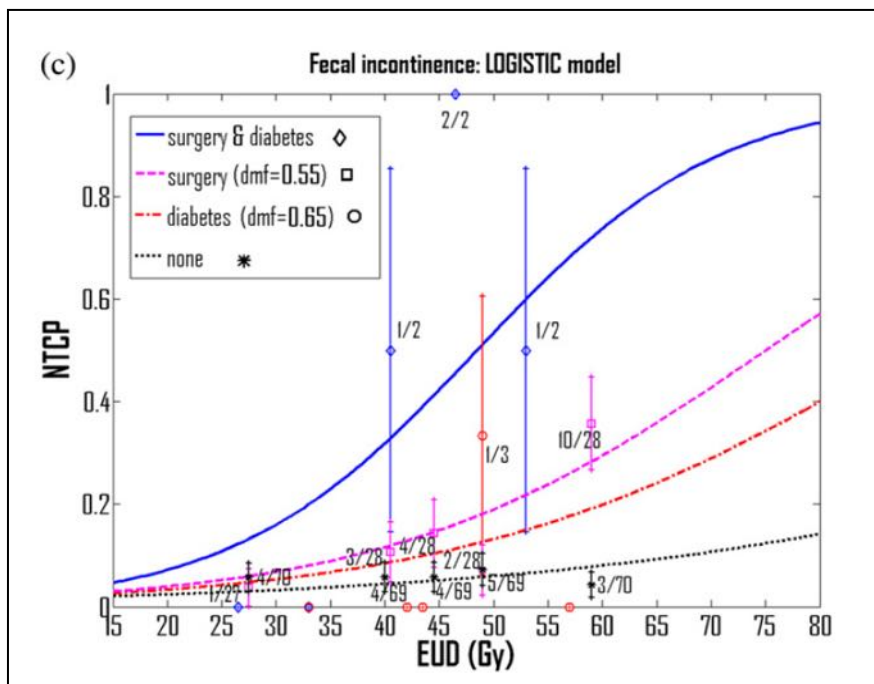
Identifying subgroups of patients with an enhanced risk of late rectal bleeding (e.g. abdominal surgery) and developing different dose-volume curves (and constraints) for these sub-population of patients

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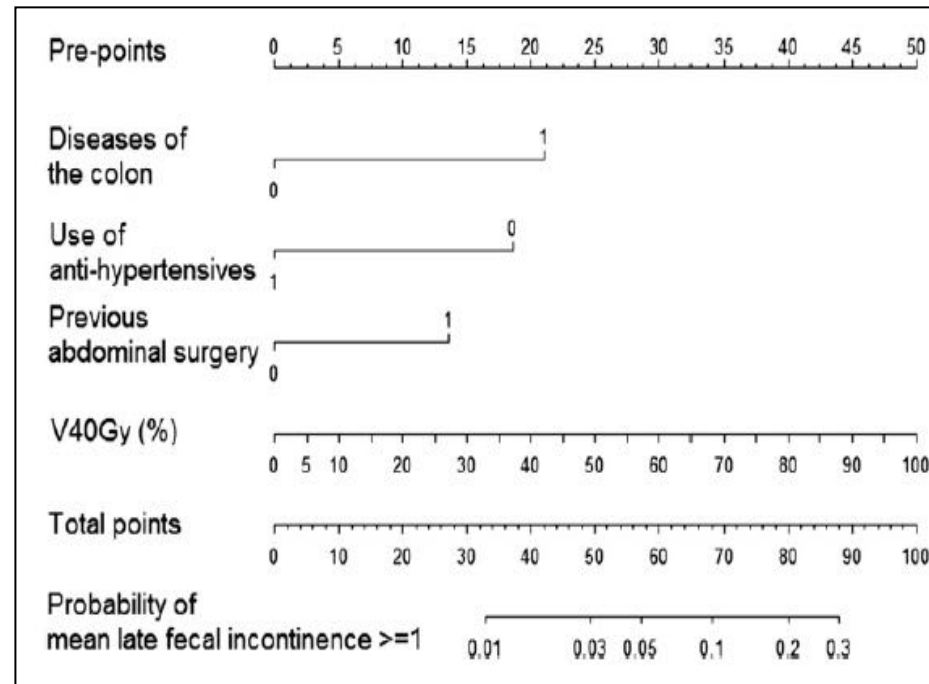
Late fecal incontinence, clinical risk factors:  
 abdominal surgery, diabetes, use of antihypertensives and  
 previous disease of the colon



DeFraene et al, Dutch trial IJROBP 2011



Fiorino et al, AIROPROS 0102, IJROBP 2012



2007 → Predictive Models: a new problem arose

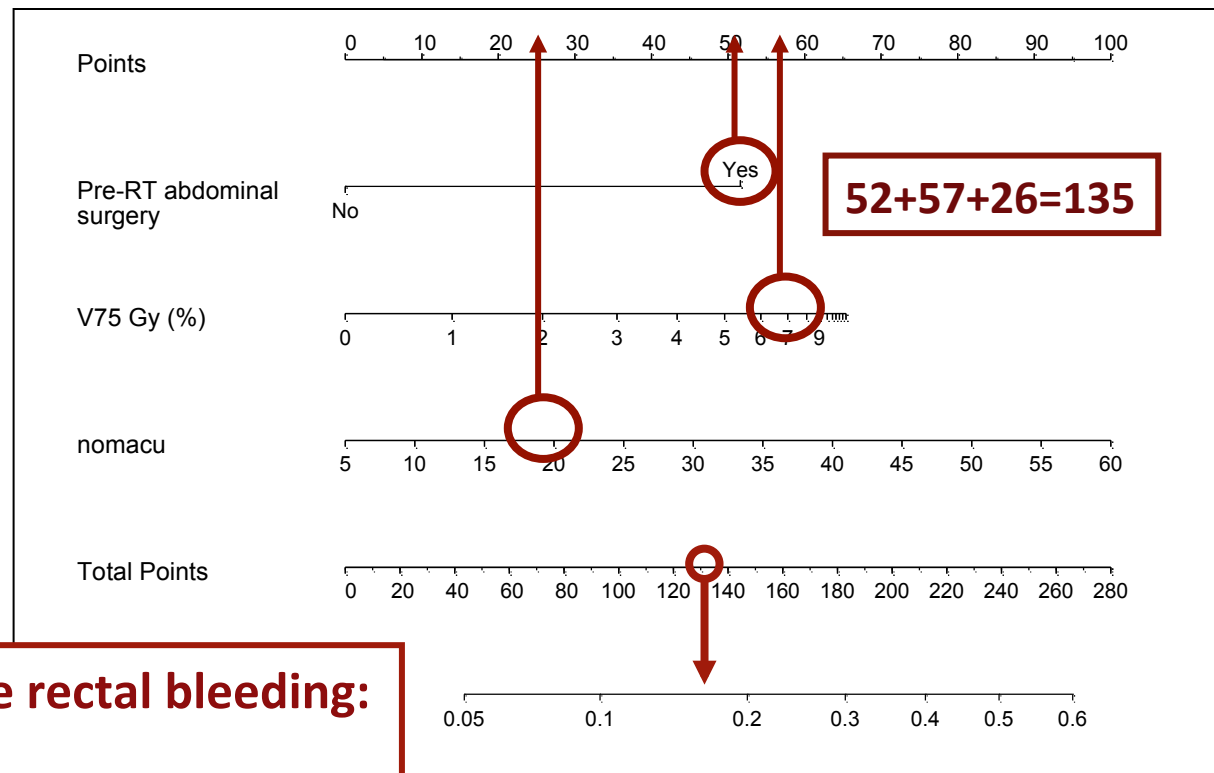


How to combine in  
a friendly tool  
several variables?

i.e. dosimetric variables plus clinical variables

# Nomograms

Analyse the combined effects of multiple independent factors found to be prognostically valuable, helping evaluate a single patient's clinical-dosimetric parameters and provide a tailored, *easy to calculate*, probability for a particular outcome



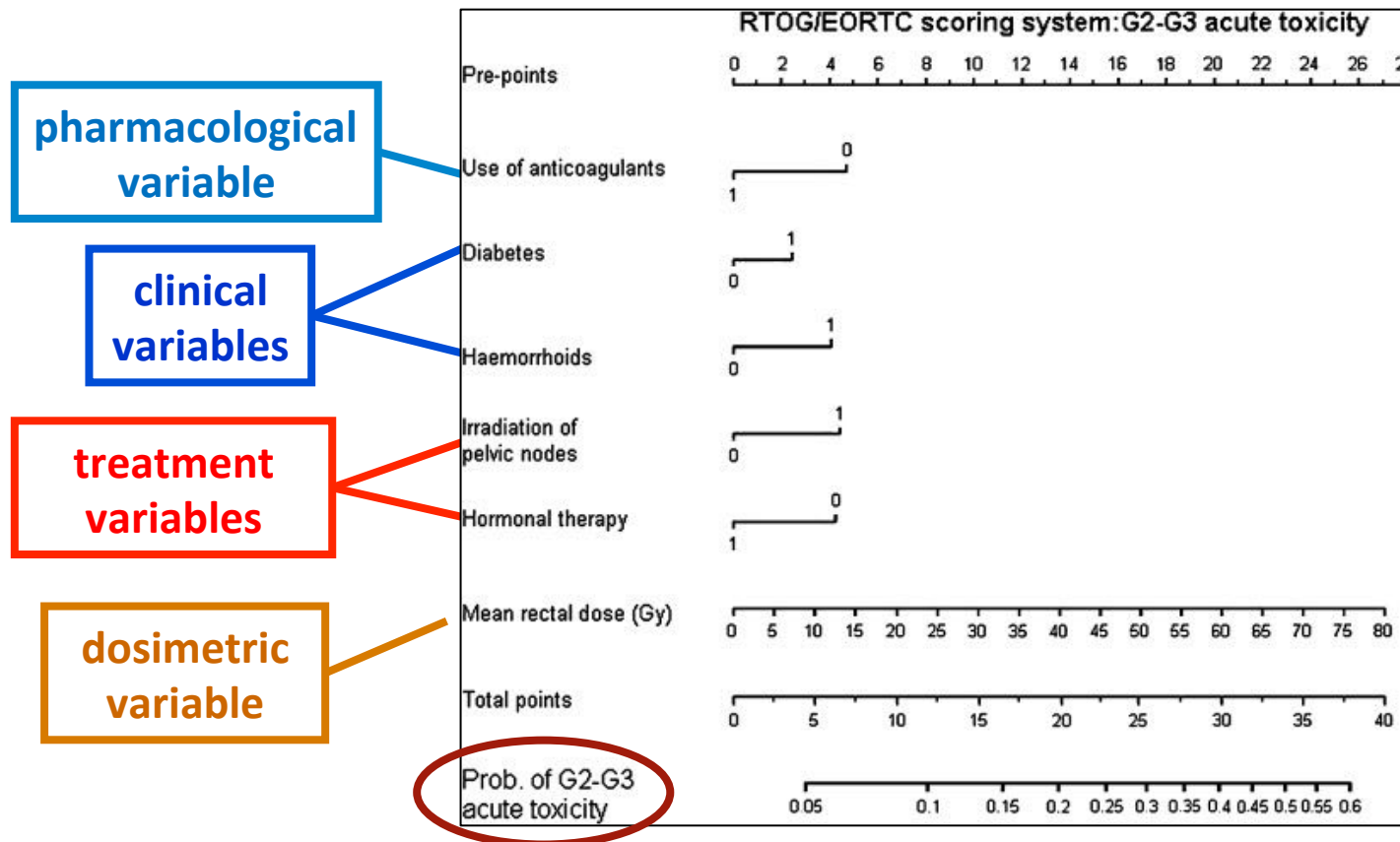


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**CLINICAL INVESTIGATION** **Prostate**

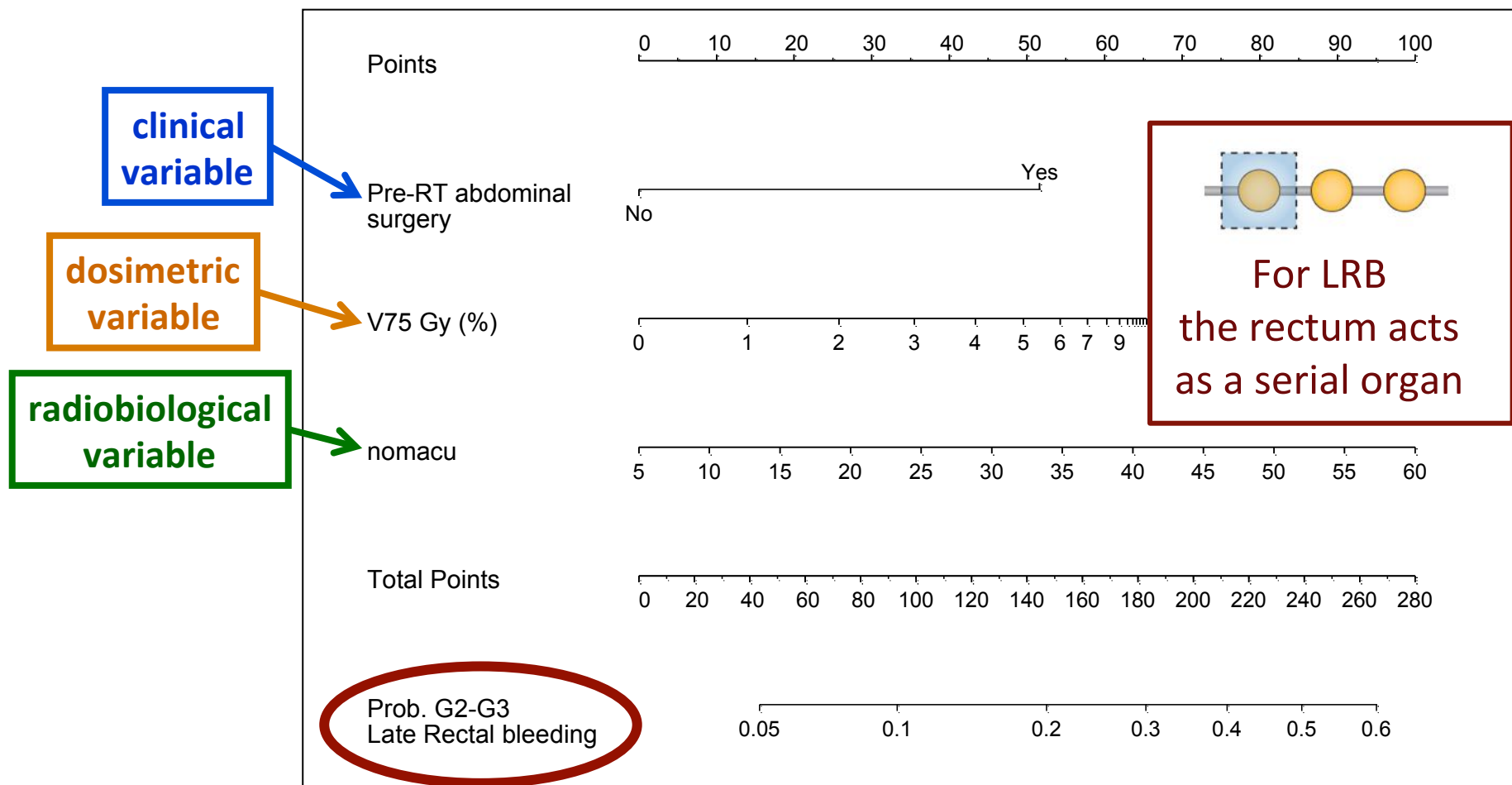
**DEVELOPMENT OF A SET OF NOMOGRAMS TO PREDICT ACUTE LOWER GASTROINTESTINAL TOXICITY FOR PROSTATE CANCER 3D-CRT**

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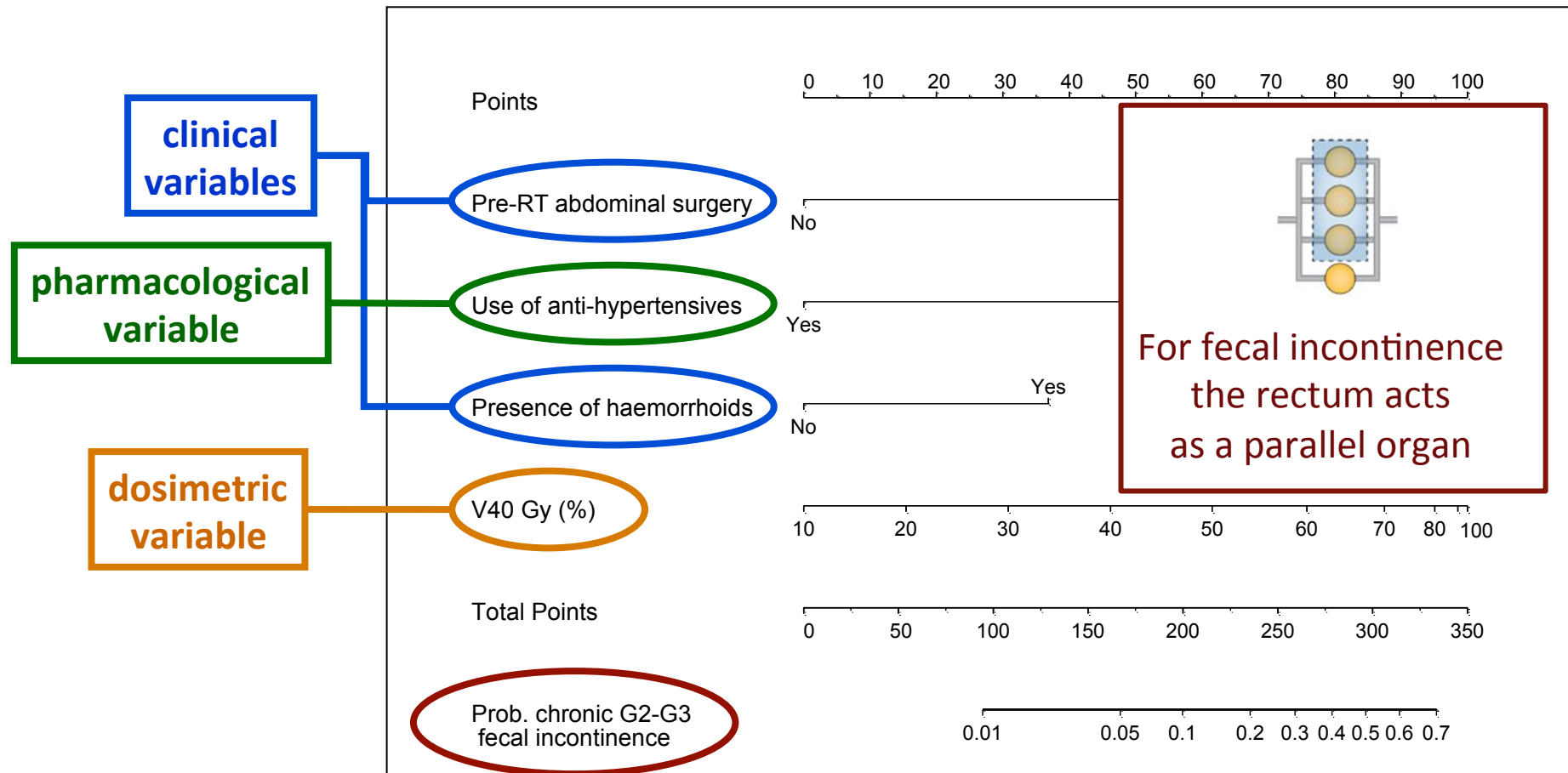
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Large prospective studies allow the detailed evaluation of relatively uncommon toxicity, e.g. **G2-3 late rectal bleeding**



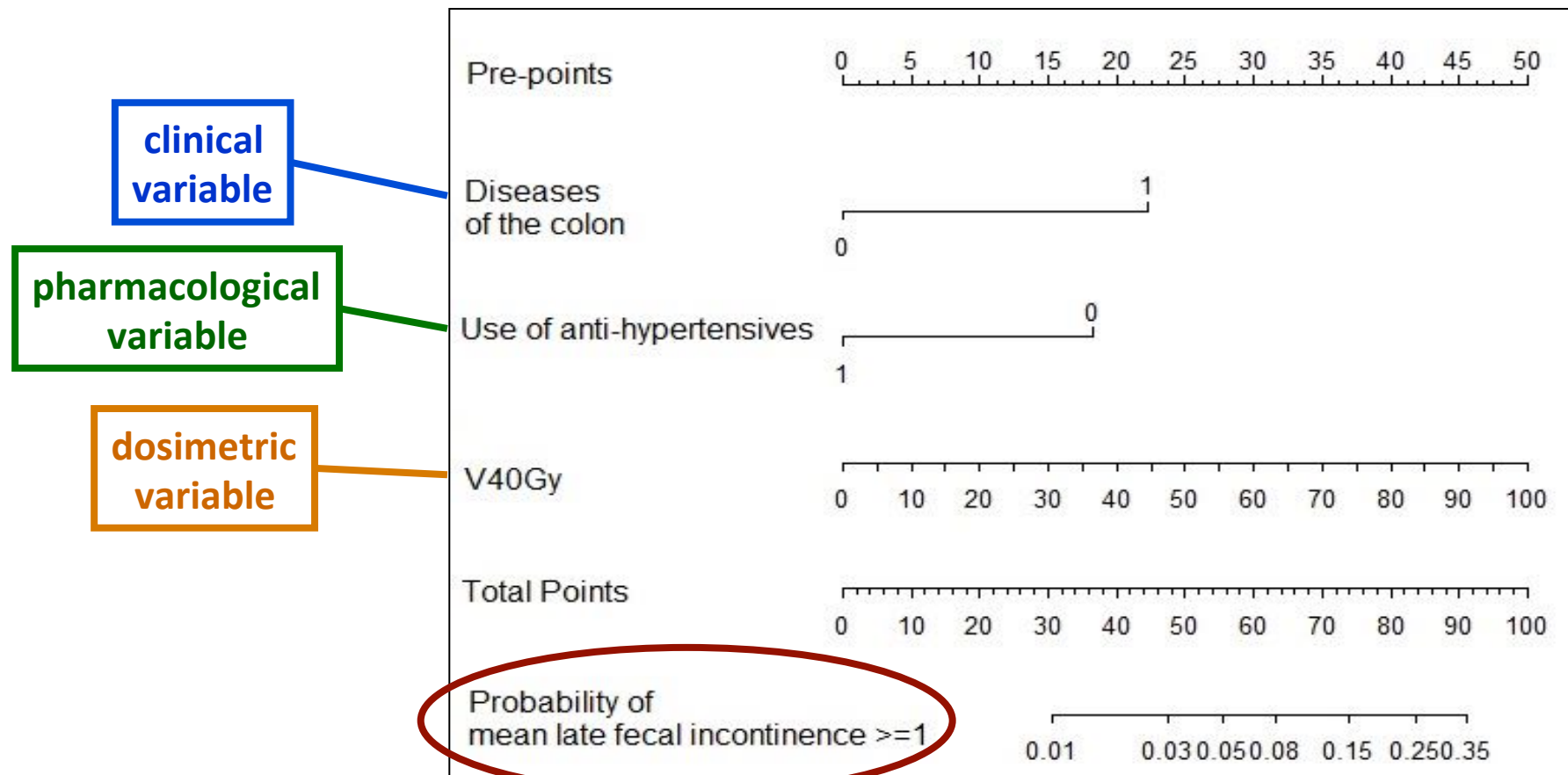
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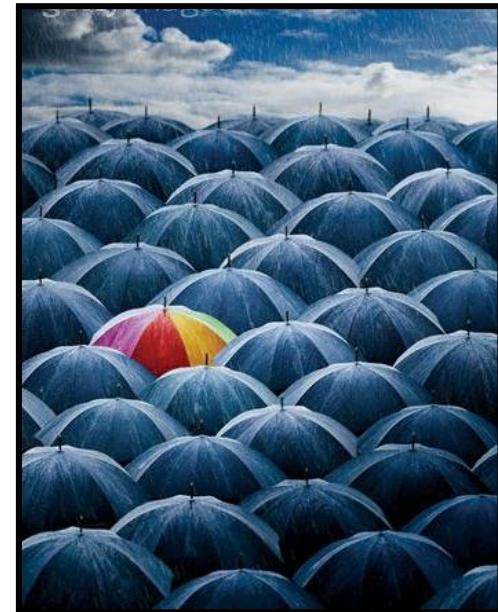
Changing perspective:  
from peak definition of grade  $\geq 2$  late fecal incontinence, to a longitudinal definition, i.e. **persistent,  $\geq$  mild fecal incontinence**



## Bleeders despite good DHVs and absence of clinical risk factors?

There are a number of hints from human studies underlining that the assumption of uniform radiosensitivity is incorrect.

Inter-patient variability in the expression of radio-induced toxicity could be explained by a genetically driven, enhanced radiosensitivity



**Years 2009 → 2020?**

## **The Genetic/Biomolecular Age**

Modifiers of dose-response relationship:  
given the same dose levels,  
subgroups of pts have greater (less)  
probabilities of tox events

**Dosimetric  
factors**

**Clinical  
factors**

**Genetic  
factors**

**The influence of genetic makeup on radio-induced  
late rectal bleeding has not yet been unveiled:  
we are still in the Stone Age!**

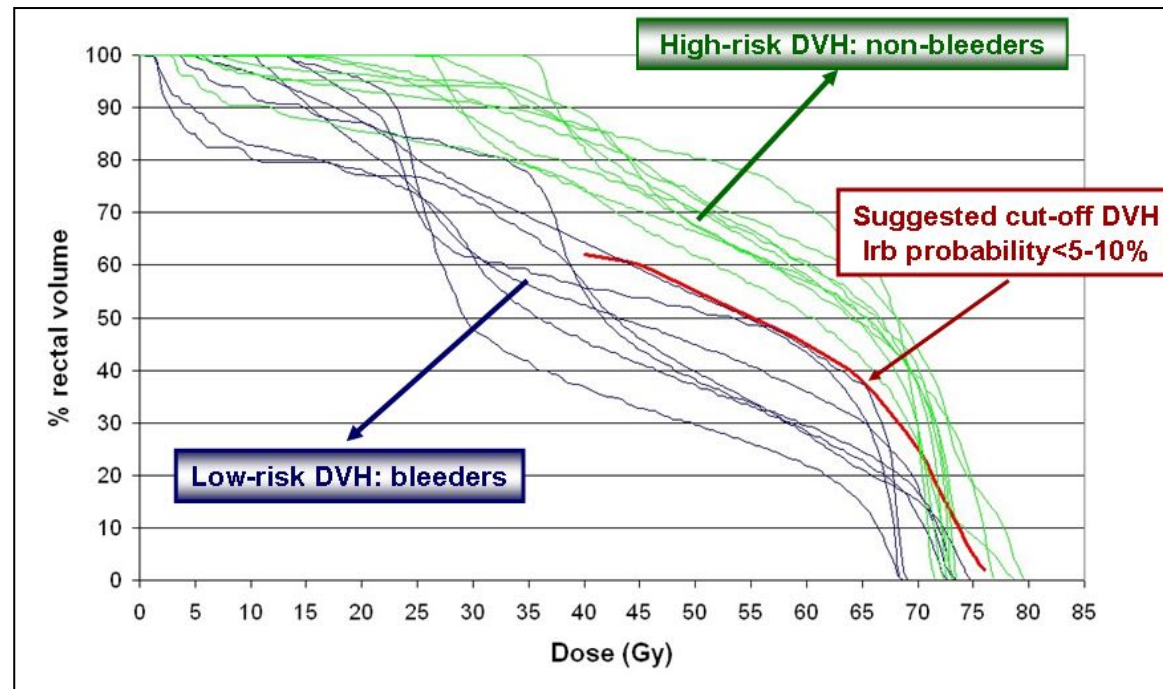
2009 → 2020?

## The genetic/biomolecular age

Bleeders despite good DVHs and absence of clinical risk factors?

Working hypothesis:

might gene expression profile concur to unveil the individual radio-sensitivity/resistance?



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# The genetic/biomolecular age

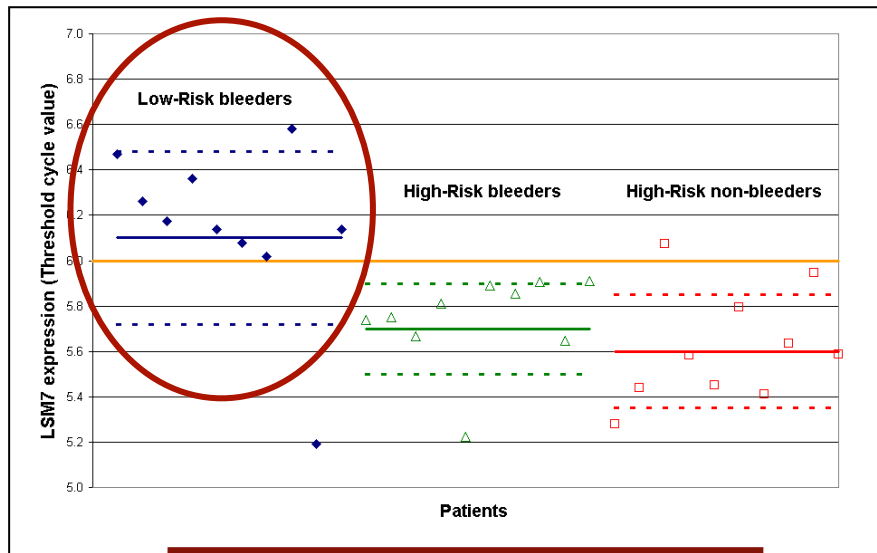
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**TO BLEED OR NOT TO BLEED. A PREDICTION BASED ON INDIVIDUAL GENE PROFILING COMBINED WITH DOSE-VOLUME HISTOGRAM SHAPES IN PROSTATE CANCER PATIENTS UNDERGOING THREE-DIMENSIONAL CONFORMAL RADIATION THERAPY**

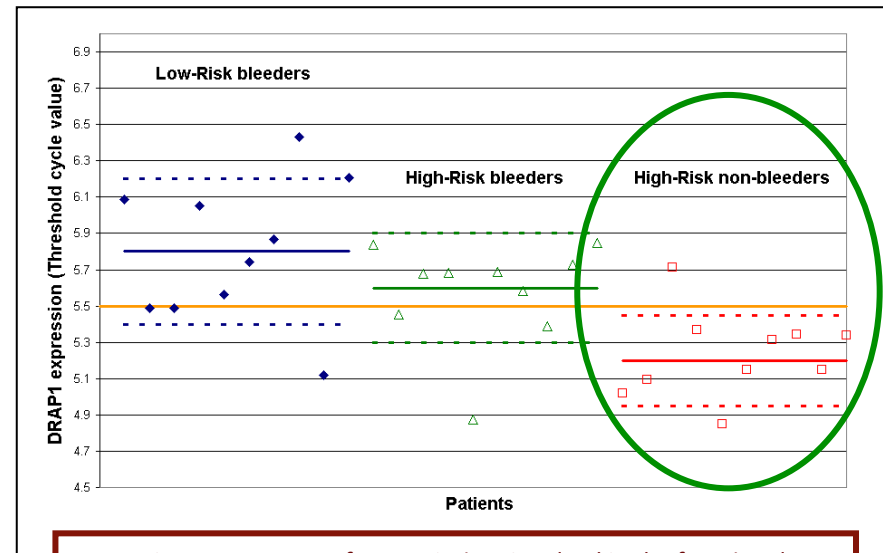
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Int. J. Radiation Oncology Biol. Phys., 2009

Bleeders with optimal DVHs? Genetically radiosensitive patients  
Non-bleeders with bad DVHs? Genetically radioresistant patients



LSM7 is a protein with RNA binding activity, involved in RNA splicing and mRNA processing



DRAP1 is a corepressor of transcription, involved in the functional repression of class II genes (genes that are transcribed by DNA polymerase II)



2009 → 2020?

# The genetic/biomolecular age

Our data seem to confirm Cesaretti et al's findings (BCT) on the possible genetic component of rectal bleeding

**CLINICAL INVESTIGATION** **Prostate**  
A GENETICALLY DETERMINED DOSE-VOLUME HISTOGRAM PREDICTS FOR RECTAL BLEEDING AMONG PATIENTS TREATED WITH PROSTATE BRACHYTHERAPY  
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Percentage of patients within each category who experienced rectal bleeding Grade 1 or 2.

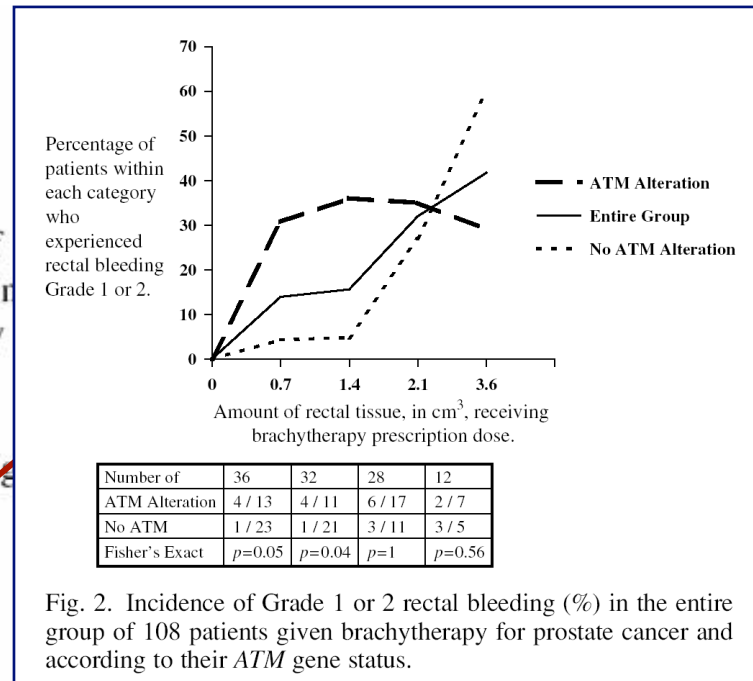


Fig. 2. Incidence of Grade 1 or 2 rectal bleeding (%) in the entire group of 108 patients given brachytherapy for prostate cancer and according to their *ATM* gene status.

EUD (Gy)

High-dose region: the genetic makeup plays a minor role and the dose the major role

LSM7 alteration ?

Entire population ?

no LSM7 alteration ?

Low-dose region: the genetic makeup might play the major role

When more pts are available, it might be reasonable to unveil the double nature of the dose-response relationship also for EBRT

**We are aware of the influence of genetic signature.  
Nevertheless, investigation in this field  
is still leading to controversial results**

Lancet Oncol 2012

Independent validation of genes and polymorphisms  
reported to be associated with



**Gene signature:  
lot of clinical research still to be done!  
Use of genetic profiles will help better identify  
patients at high risk of exhibiting toxicity**

**Negative Study:  
no replication of previously reported  
association between late tox & SNPs  
was shown**

**Models predicting radio-induced toxicities in  
prostate cancer**

**Validation?**

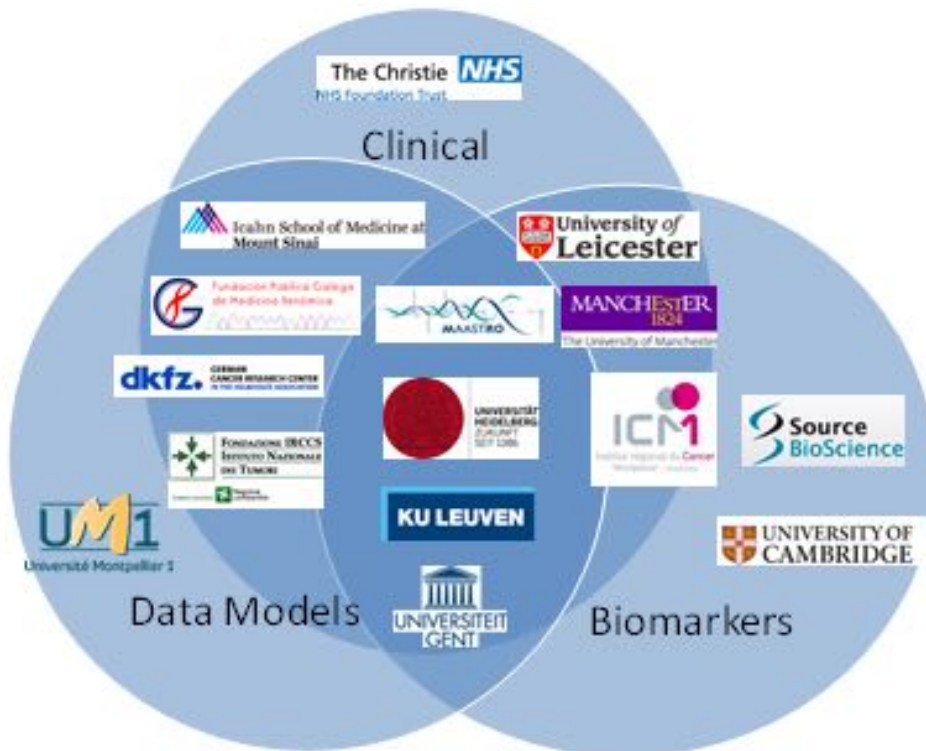
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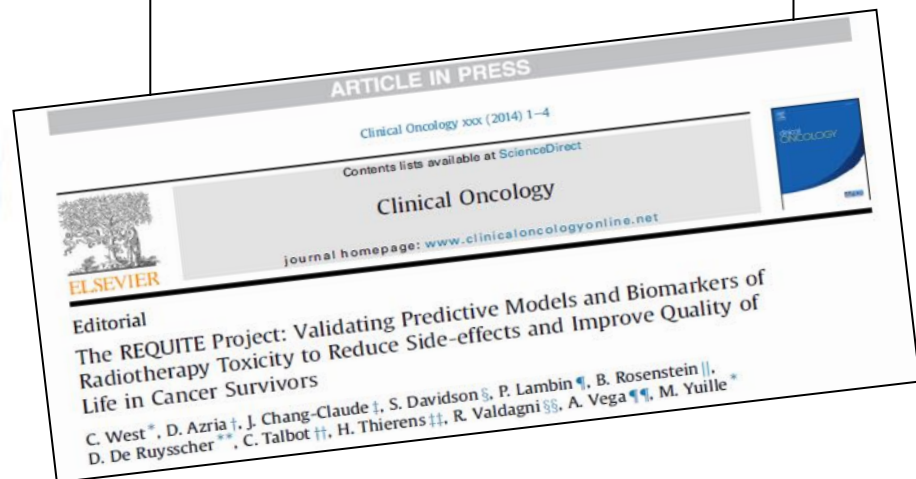


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Validating Predictive Models and Biomarkers of Radiotherapy Toxicity  
to Reduce Side-Effects and Improve Quality-of-Life in Cancer Survivors



**2100 Pca prospectively  
collected pts in 2.5 yrs  
(open: April 2014)  
1032 pts (October 2015)**



2014 → 2020?

## The Validation Age



# Modelling toxicity after high dose RT for prostate cancer: validating clinical, dosimetric and molecular factors

### *Aims of the project*

1. External cross-validation of models for prospectively assessed toxicity symptoms based on independent data sets
2. Development of models for acute and late GI and acute GU toxicity from the joined population ( $\approx 2000$  patients)
3. Inclusion of molecular features into the external validated models

Group	study	patients	RT type and dose	endpoint	follow-up
INT+HSR	AIROPROS0102	1124	3DCRT 70-80 Gy	RTOG; SOMA/LENT questionnaire	acute, 1 month
INT+HSR	AIROPROS0102	718	3DCRT 70-80 Gy	SOMA/LENT questionnaire	minimum: 36 mos
INT+HSR	AIROPROS0102	515	3DCRT 70-80 Gy	SOMA/LENT questionnaire	minimum: 72 mos
HSR	DUE-01	500	3DCRT+IMRT 70-80 Gy	SOMA/LENT questionnaire (IPSS/ICIQ/IIEF)	open to recruitment
IRE	IRE-HYPO	186	3DCRT 80Gy conv/62 Gy Hypo	Modified "clinical" SOMA/LENT	median 96 mos
France	STIC-IGRT	130	IMRT+ IGRT 78-80 Gy	acute and late toxicity (SOMALENT and CTCAE v4)	median 31 mos
France	GETUG_Rennes	170	IMRT 70-80 Gy	SOMA/LENT; CTCAE v4	median 65 mos
France	Rennes	63	3DCRT and IMRT 70-80 Gy	SOMA/LENT; CTCAE v4	median 68 mos
France	IGR	97	3DCRT 70 Gy	RTOG; SOMA/LENT	median 92 mos
Australia	TROG 03.04 RADAR	754	3DCRT 66, 70 and 74 Gy	EORTC QLQ-PR25; SOMA/LENT; CTC v2; IPSS	acute, 1 month
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# **Factors predicting radio-induced toxicities in prostate cancer**

## **Organs at Risk**

# Organs at Risk



- Gastro-intestinal toxicity
- **Genito-urinary toxicity**
- **Erectile dysfunction**

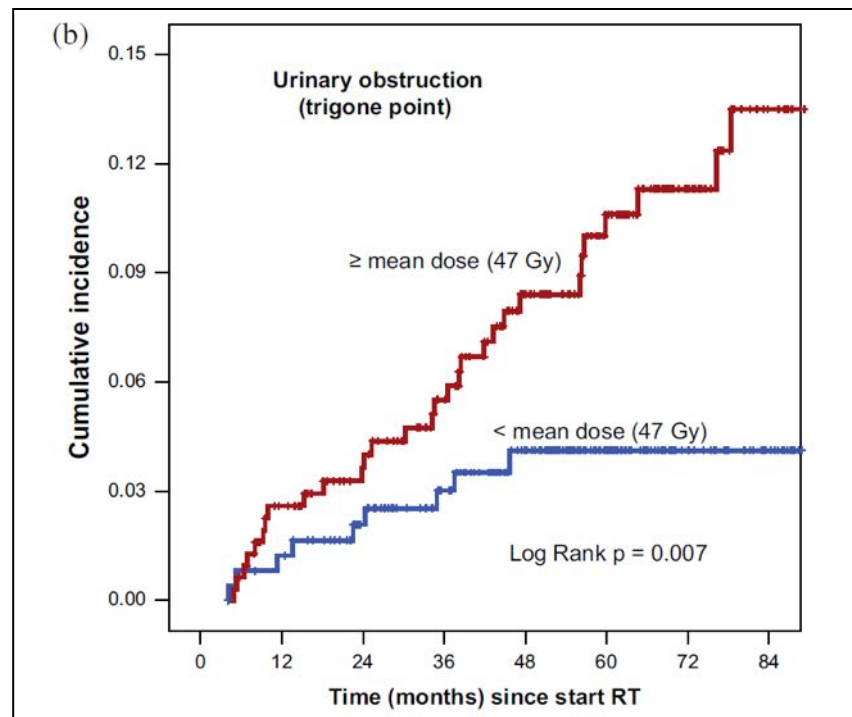
- Rectum
- Anal canal
- **Bladder**
- **Urethra**
- **Penile Bulb**
- **Testicles**
- Bone marrow
- Second cancers



# Genitourinary toxicity: towards the Dosimetric Age

Urinary obstruction:  
relationship with  
dose to the trigone

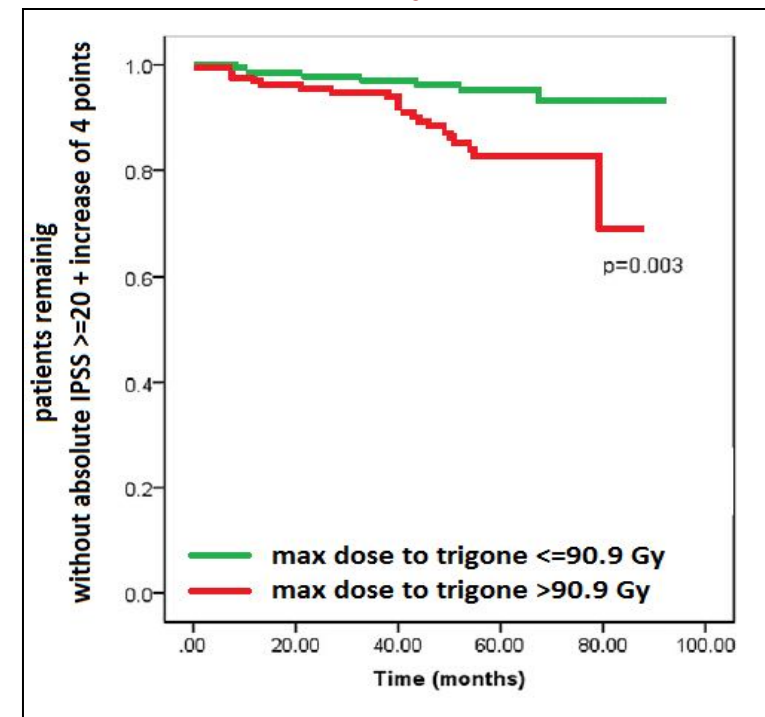
(68 vs 78 Gy: 3DCRT !)



Dutch dose escalation trial  
*Heemsbergen et al, IJROBP 2010*

IPSS increase:  
relationship with  
dose to the trigone

(86.4 Gy IMRT)

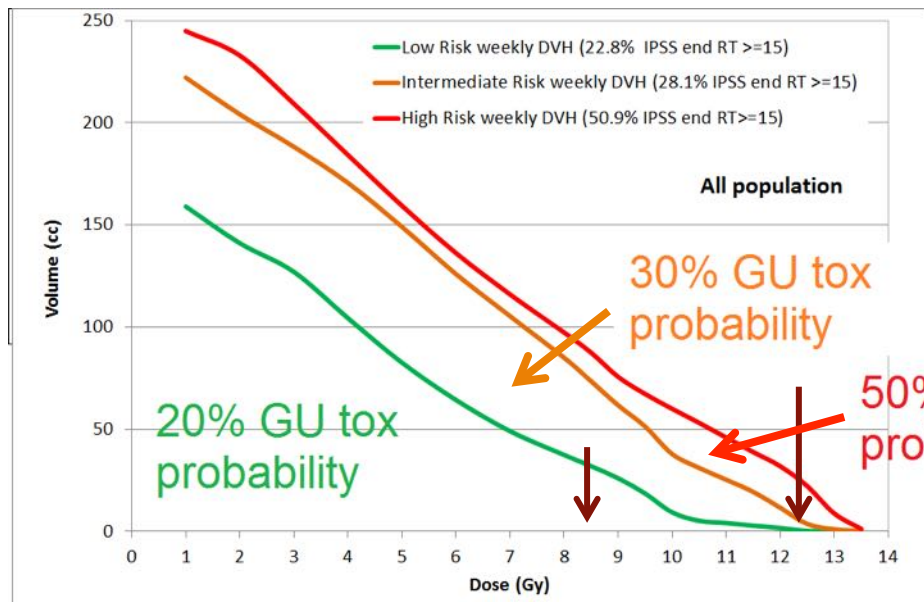


MSKCC data  
*Ghadjar et al, IJROBP 2014*



# Genitourinary toxicity: towards the Dosimetric Age

If robust DVH constraints for bladder not (yet) available  
... first proofs of evidence are coming for acute GU toxicity



A dose-response relationship is becoming evident together with the possibility of stratifying dose-volume histograms, leading to low/int/high probabilities of acute GU tox

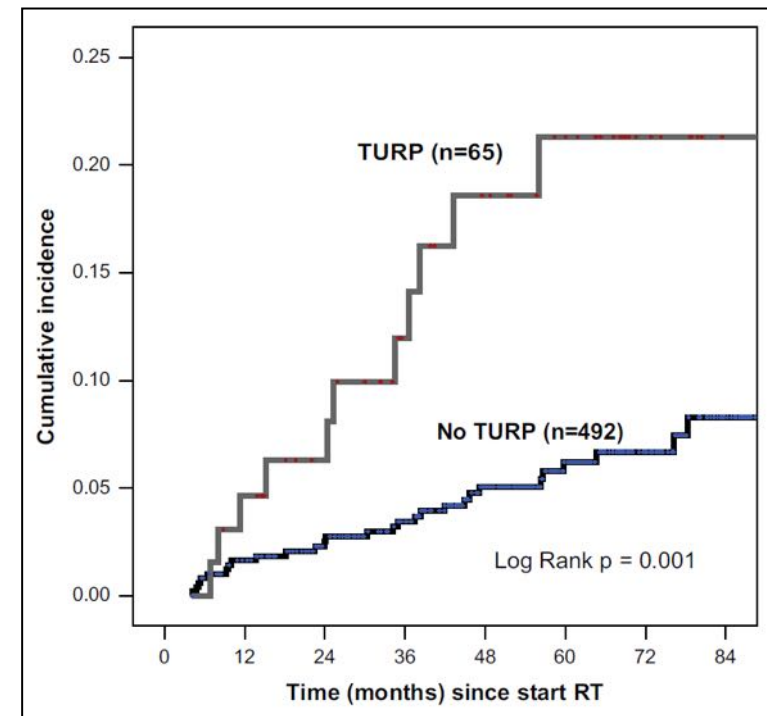
First results of the DUE01 multicenter trial, *Carillo et al, Radioth Oncol, 2014*

HSR	Milan
INT	Milan
Humanitas Gavazzeni	Bergamo
Arcispedale SMN	Reggio E
Ospedale ASL 9	Ivrea
Ospedale Bellaria	Bologna
Ospedale Parini	Aosta
IRCCS	Candiolo

# GU toxicity: some hints for Clinical-Dosimetric Age

## Clinical variables: Urinary Obstruction endpoint Relation between RT acute tox and baseline characteristics

Parameter/endpoint	Urinary obstruction (40 events)	
	HR	<i>p</i>
<u>Baseline</u>		
TURP (yes vs. no)	3.6	.001
Urinary leakage (yes vs. no)	2.7	.007
<u>Acute toxicity</u>		
Pain passing urine*	3.4	<.001
<u>Dose parameter</u>		
Surface >80 Gy (<0.5 vs. >2 cm <sup>2</sup> )	3.5	.006
Trigone point (<47 vs. >47 Gy)	2.6	.02

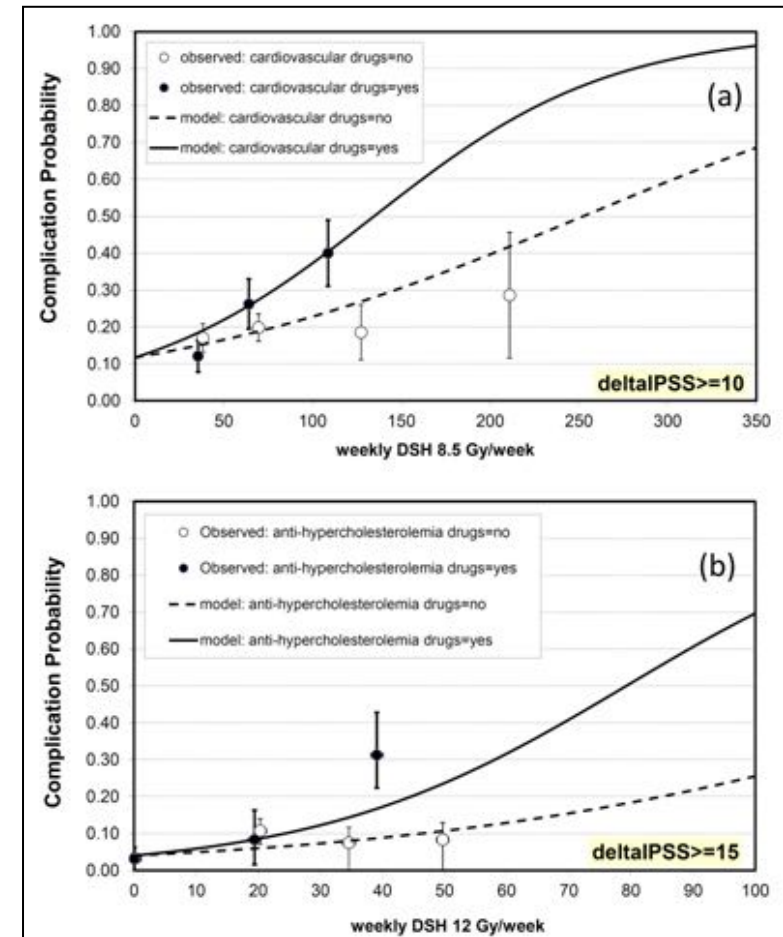
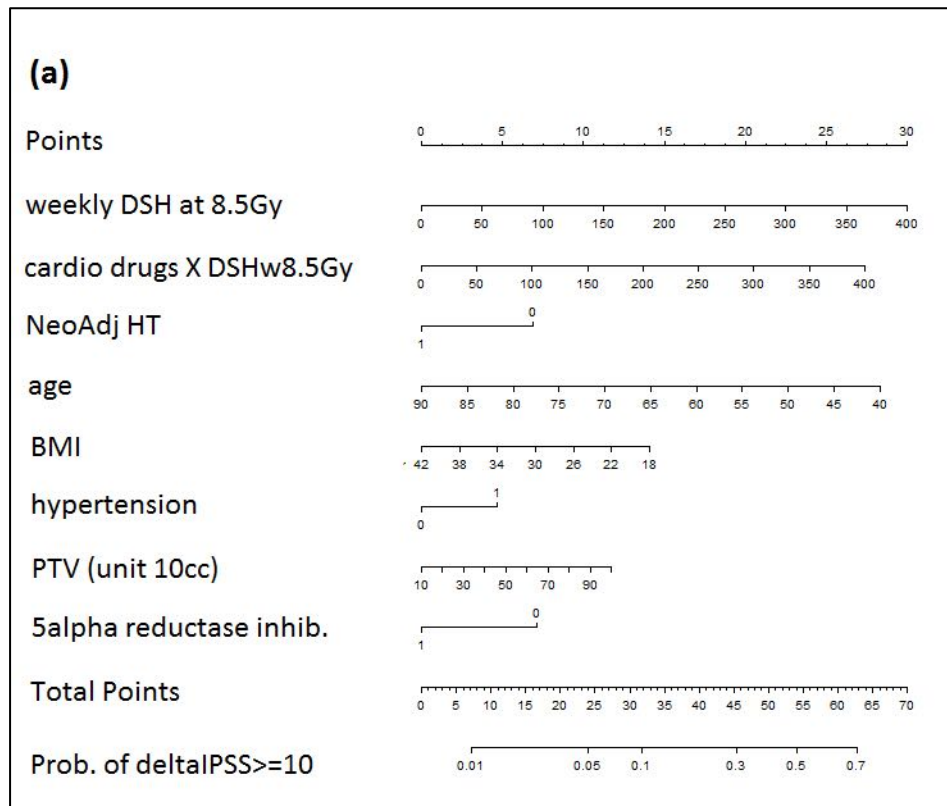


Results from the Dutch dose escalation trial, *Heemsbergen et al, IJROBP 2010*

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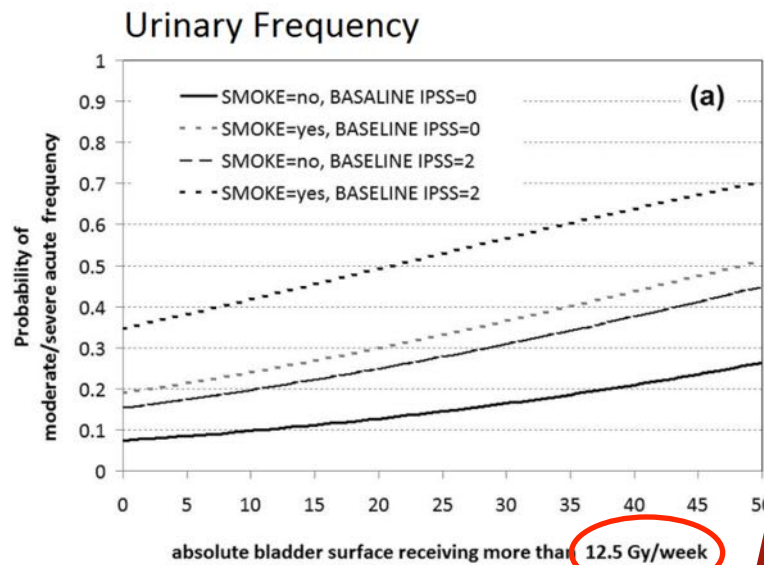
... but first deep knowledge of influence of clinical factors on acute GU toxicity syndrome is coming

**TOX GU= IPSS increase of at least 10**



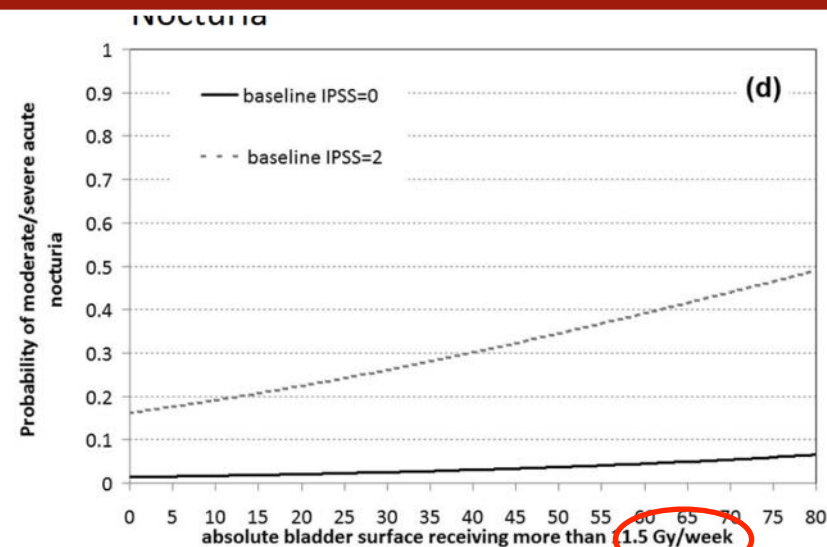
Palorini et al, DUE01, R&O submitted

# GU tox syndrome: some hints for Clinical-Dosimetric Age



Should we pay attention to bladder volume included in medium doses in pts harbouring clinical risk factors (smoking, slight urinary sympt, etc)?

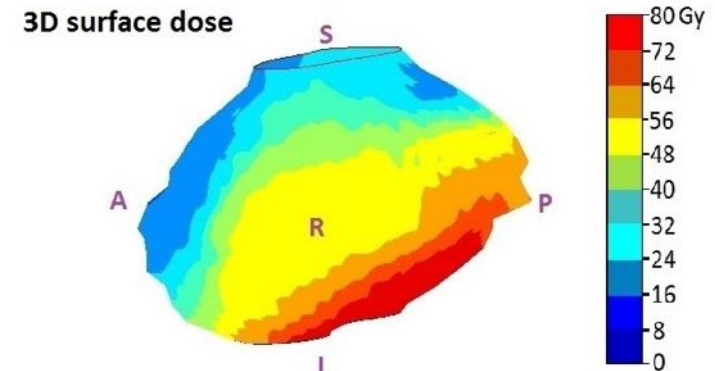
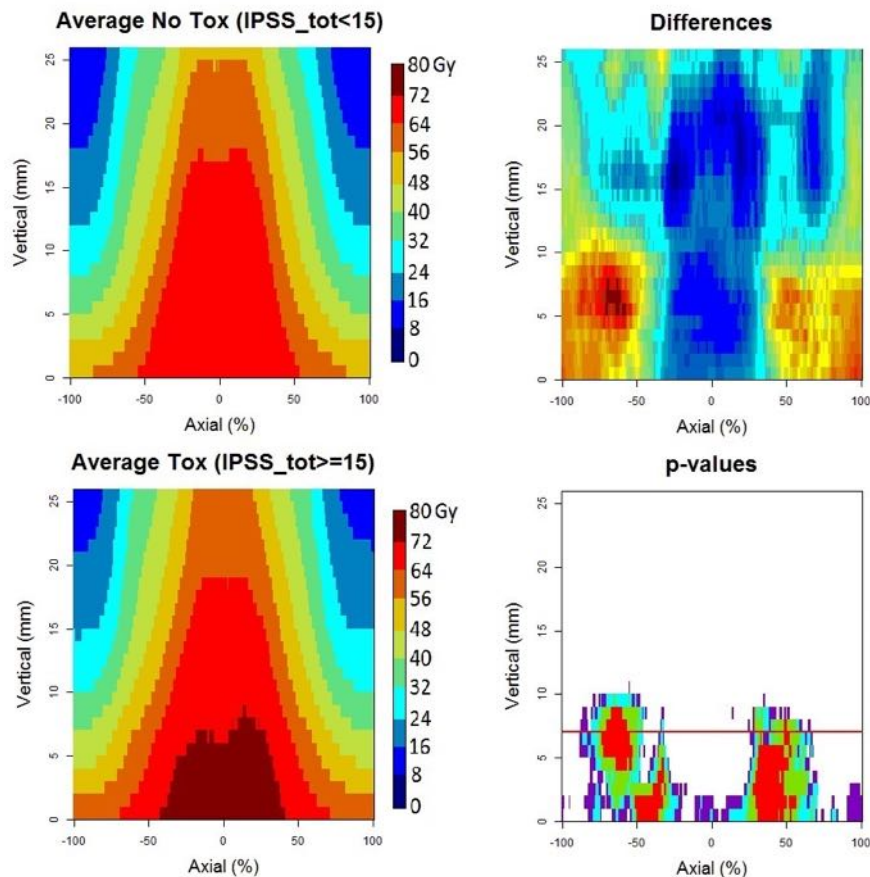
Should we avoid moderate hypofractionation in patients harbouring clinical risk factors (smoking, slight urinary sympt, etc)?



# Considering sensitive sub-volumes

## Identification of specific bladder regions correlated to GU acute toxicity

77 patients of DUE01 project with no urinary symptoms before radiotherapy treated with Tomotherapy and hypofractionation (2.5 - 2.65 Gy/fr, 70-74 Gy)



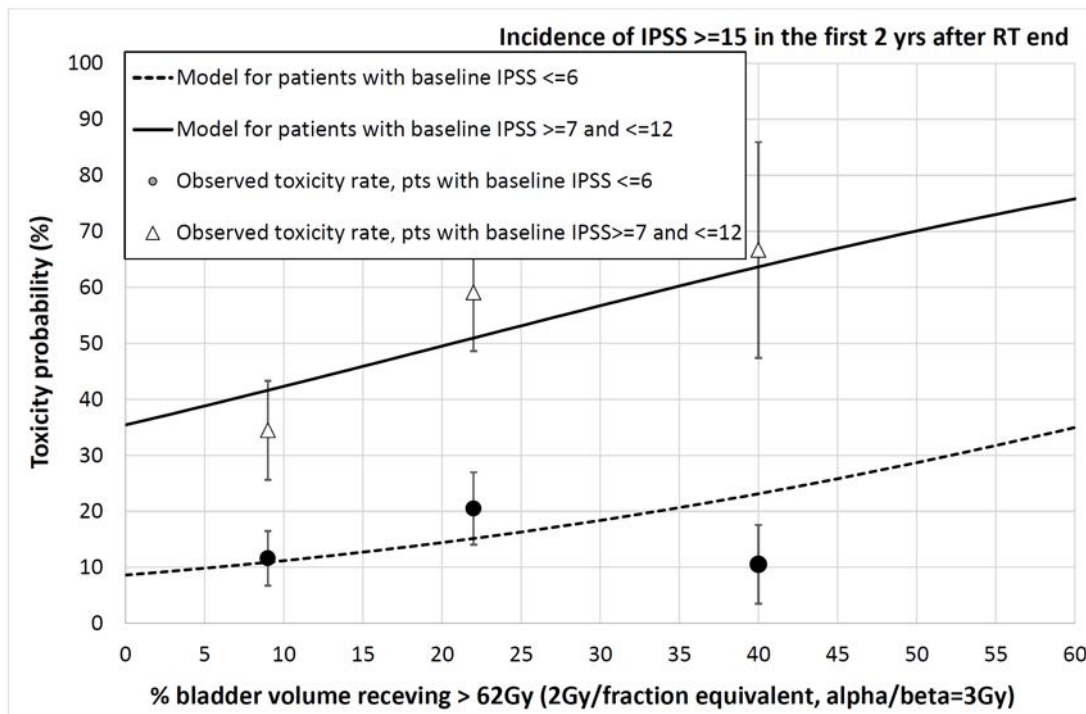
Sparing of the anterior surface of bladder in the region near the bladder base might have the potential of significantly reducing acute toxicity

*Palorini et al., DUE01 Trial, IJROBP submitted*



# Late GU toxicity: some hints for Clinical-Dosimetric Age

## Late GU toxicity as measured by IPSS (IPSS $\geq 15$ , in patients with baseline IPSS $\leq 12$ , 2 yrs fup)



Bladder dose (V62Gy) and presence of baseline symptoms are the main predictors of late GU toxicity.

# Genitourinary toxicity: first steps towards the Genetic-Age

A three-stage genome-wide association study identifies a susceptibility locus for late radiotherapy toxicity at 2q24.1

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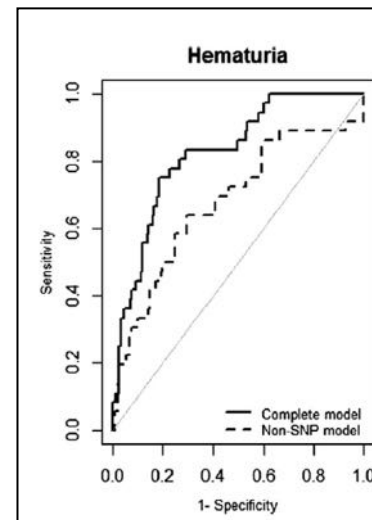
## One locus comprising *TANC1*

(lowest unadjusted  $P$  value for overall late toxicity =  $6.85 \times 10^{-9}$ , odds ratio (OR) = 6.61, 95% confidence interval (CI) = 2.23–19.63) was replicated in the second stage (lowest unadjusted  $P$  value for overall late toxicity =  $2.08 \times 10^{-4}$ , OR = 6.17, 95% CI = 2.25–16.95;  $P_{\text{combined}} = 4.16 \times 10^{-10}$ ). The inclusion of the third cohort gave unadjusted  $P_{\text{combined}} = 4.64 \times 10^{-11}$ . These results, together with the role of *TANC1* in regenerating damaged muscle, suggest that the *TANC1* locus influences the development of late radiation-induced damage.

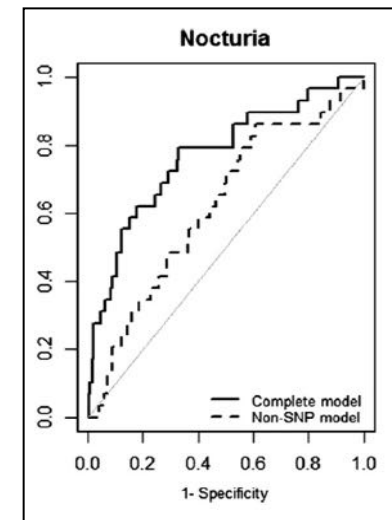
**Evidence for the role of  
selected SNPs in  
determining GU tox probability**

Integrated models for the prediction of late genitourinary complaints after high-dose intensity modulated radiotherapy for prostate cancer: Making informed decisions

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*Radioth Oncol* 2014



**V75Gy  
TURP  
HMGRC rs3931914  
NOS1 rs2293054  
PTGER2 rs708498**

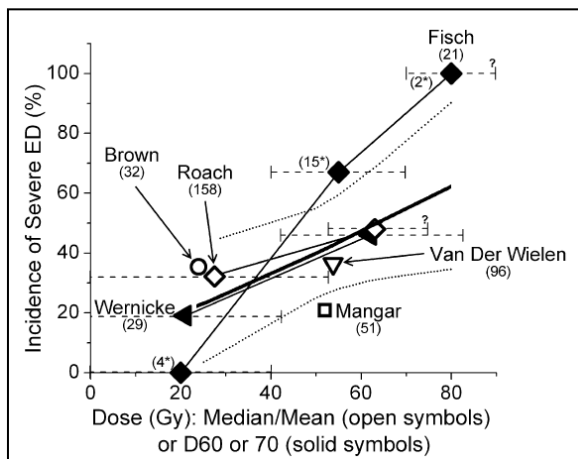
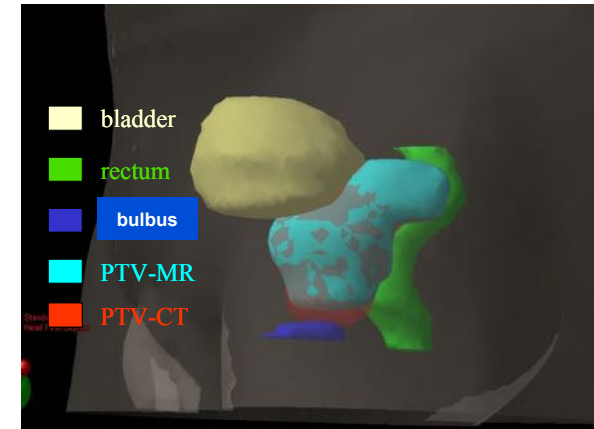


**Minimum dose to CTV  
CTV volume  
NOS rs 799983  
CASP8 rs 1045485  
NR2F6 rs4898611**

# A forgotten endpoint?

Gastro-intestinal toxicity  
 Genito-urinary toxicity  
**Erectile dysfunction**

**Still in the era of “chaos”!**



Despite QUANTEC suggestions ...  
*“It is prudent to limit mean dose to 95% of penile bulb <50Gy and dose to 70% < 70Gy and dose to 90% < 50Gy”*

QUANTEC: ORGAN-SPECIFIC PAPER Pelvis: Penile Bulb

## RADIATION DOSE-VOLUME EFFECTS AND THE PENILE BULB

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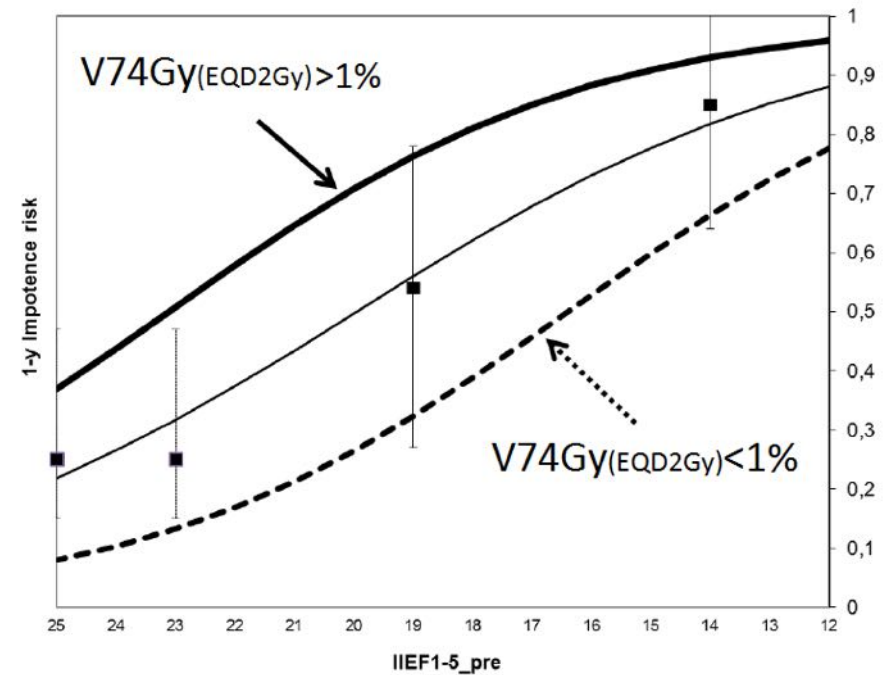




## ... something is coming out of the fog...

In HT-naive potent men, the risk of 1-year impotence may be predicted by a 2-variable model including baseline status (as measured by IIEF1-5) and dose to the penile bulb ( $V74Gy(EQD2Gy) < 1\%$ )

The steep relationship with  $V74Gy(EQD2Gy) < 1\%$  suggests that avoiding/minimizing the overlap between PTV and PB could dramatically improve potency preservation (need of using MRI for contouring in potent men?)



HSR	Milan
INT	Milan
Humanitas Gavazzeni	Bergamo
Arcispedale SMN	Reggio E
Ospedale ASL 9	Ivrea
Ospedale Bellaria	Bologna
Ospedale Parini	Aosta
IRCCS	Candiolo

First results of the DUE01 multicenter trial,  
*Cozzarini et al, Clinical Oncology submitted*

# Erectile Dysfunction: What do we have at this point?

**First results**

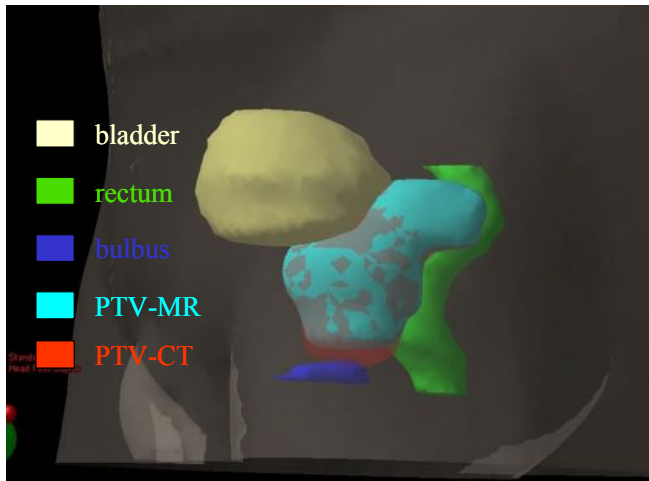
**BUT**

**new large prospective studies are evaluating this endpoint, analyzing many factors influencing ED**

## **Patients' factors possibly involved in ED**

- ✓ **Age**
- ✓ **Smoking**
- ✓ **Alcohol**
- ✓ **Hypertension**
- ✓ **Cardiovascular diseases**
- ✓ **Diabetes**
- ✓ **Baseline potency**
- ✓ **BMI**
- ✓ **Presence of GU symptoms**
- ✓ **Use of drugs**
- ✓ **Psycho-emotional aspects regarding cancer diagnosis and treatment**

# Organs at Risk

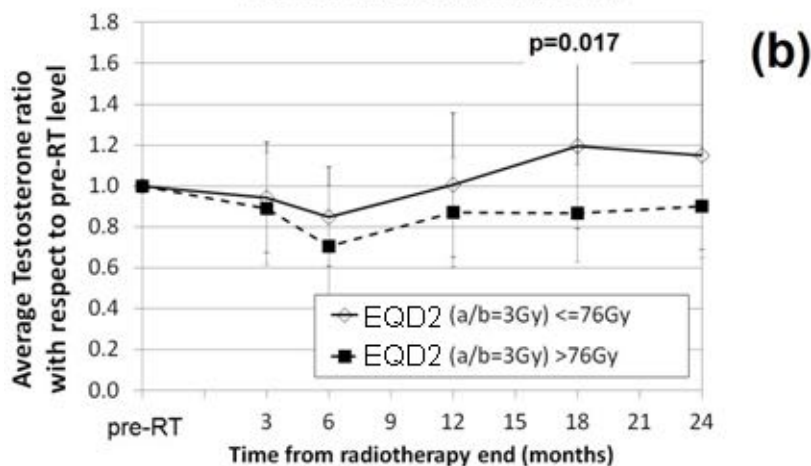
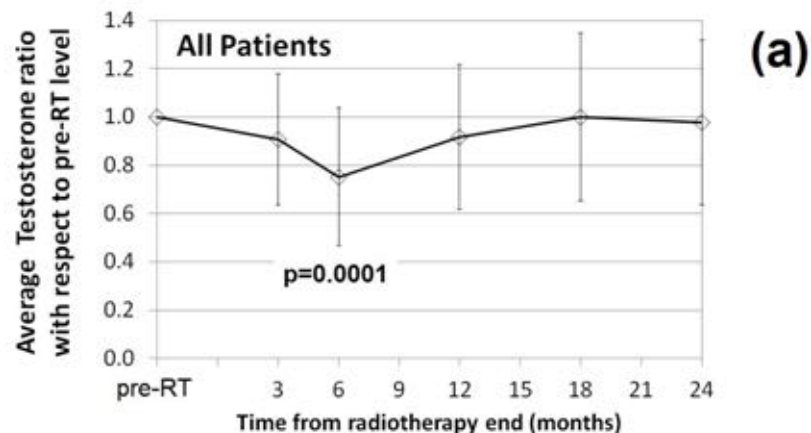


- Rectum
- Anal canal
- Small intestine
- Bladder
- Urethra
- Penile Bulb
- **Testicles**
- Bone marrow
- Second cancers

# Trying to measure toxicity to testicles

## What happens to testosterone levels after radical radiotherapy for prostate cancer?

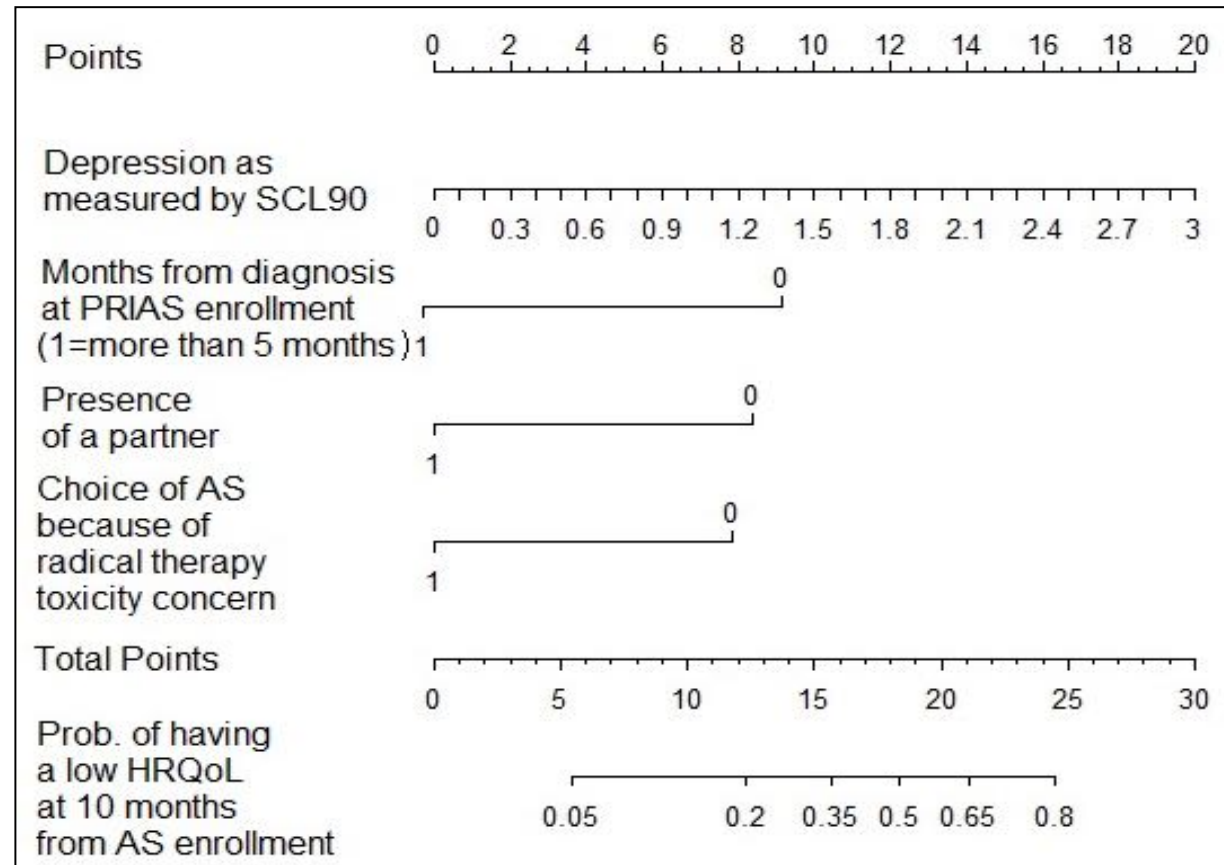
Population of patients treated with RT alone (no association with hormone therapy) and with a minimum follow-up of two years after the end of RT



- Significant testosterone decrease after prostate RT, with nadir at 6 months after RT end
- For most patients this decrease was temporary with recovery at 18-24 months
- Significant correlation with prescription dose >76Gy-equivalent, with patient exhibiting longer recovery times.  
Prescription dose is probably a surrogate of testicular dose.

First results of the DUE01 multicenter trial, Avuzzi *et al*, oral communication at AIRO 2015

# The next Challenge: Predicting Quality of Life after RT including psycho-emotional domains



L. Bellardita et al, QoL in Active Surveillance, Eur Urol, 2012



Best Poster award

**Factors predicting radio-induced toxicities in  
prostate cancer**

**Promoting the Age of Big Data**



**New frontiers in predictive modelling:  
“to predict the future,  
consider the present as well as the past”**

*Cooperberg, Eur Urol 2012*

We should encourage the widespread collection of clinical/dosimetric/genetic data on tumor control and radio-induced toxicity, ideally for all treated patients, and invest in data warehousing, data mining, and statistical analysis.

***“More than 95% of clinical data are DARK MATTER.  
It’s time to enlighten it”***

***T.R. Mackie, ASTRO 2012***

# Conclusions

1. GI toxicity prediction reached very good levels and validation tests are ongoing
2. GU toxicity prediction is highly promising due to new prospective trials
3. ED prediction still needs a lot of work
4. Prediction of Quality of Life in the psycho-emotional domains after RT is a brand new topic
5. **Promote large cooperative groups for data building, data mining and rapid learning: are a promising way to speed up improvements in “knowledge based medicine”**





## Fattori predittivi di tossicità nella radioterapia del carcinoma prostatico

# Vi ringrazio per la vostra attenzione



Grazie a tutto il team di lavoro degli studi italiani sulla modellizzazione della tossicità nella radioterapia del carcinoma prostatico



# Predictors of rectal tolerance in SBRT

## Predictors of Rectal Tolerance Observed in a Dose-Escalated Phase 1-2 Trial of Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy for Prostate Cancer

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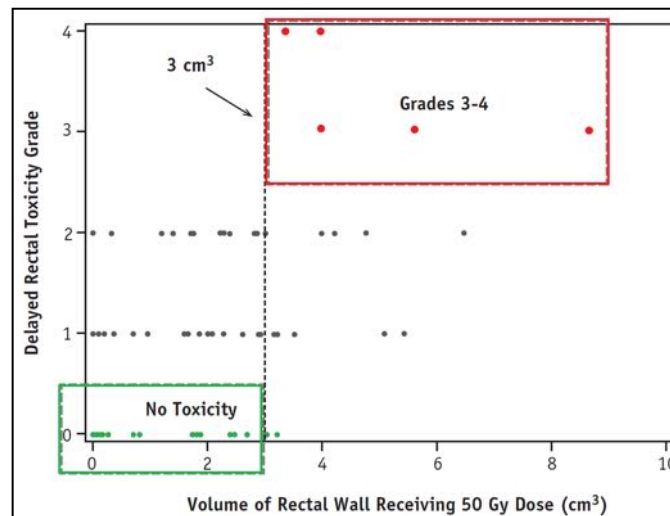
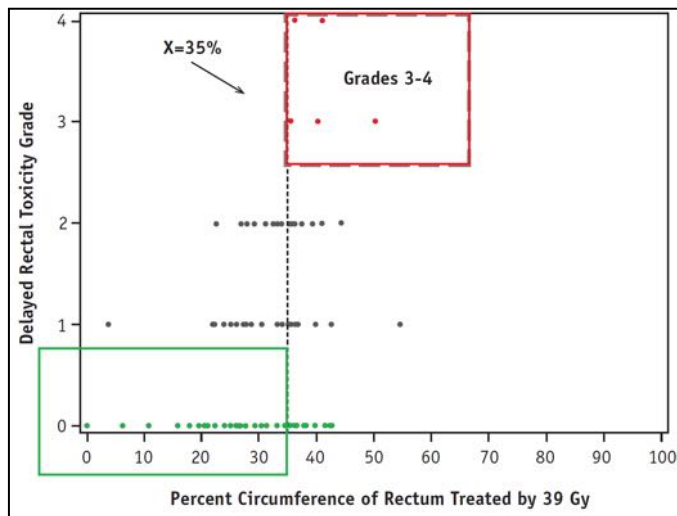


Evidenza relazione D-R con SBRT 9-9.5-10 fr:

1. Reazioni gravi sono tardive
2. G3-4: 8.2%
3. >35% circonferenza retto >39Gy
4. > 3cc >50 Gy

**Table 2** Worst acute and delayed rectal toxicity in patients by radiation prescription dose level

Grade	All patients (n=91)		45 Gy (n=15)		47.5 Gy (n=15)		50 Gy (n=61)	
	Acute	Late	Acute	Late	Acute	Late	Acute	Late
0	39 (42.9)	38 (41.8)	9 (60.0)	10 (66.7)	7 (46.7)	8 (53.3)	23 (37.7)	20 (32.8)
1	33 (36.3)	27 (29.7)	6 (40.0)	4 (26.7)	4 (26.7)	2 (13.3)	23 (37.7)	21 (34.4)
2	17 (18.7)	21 (23.1)	0	1 (6.7)	4 (26.7)	5 (33.3)	13 (21.3)	15 (24.6)
3	1* (1.1)	3 (3.3)	0	0	0	0	1* (1.6)	3 (4.9)
4	1 (1.1)	2 (2.2)	0	0	0	0	1 (1.6)	2 (3.3)



EQD2Gy(50Gy)=  
107Gy ( $\alpha/\beta=5\text{Gy}$ )  
130Gy ( $\alpha/\beta=3\text{Gy}$ )

EQD2Gy(39Gy)=  
70Gy ( $\alpha/\beta=5\text{Gy}$ )  
81Gy ( $\alpha/\beta=3\text{Gy}$ )

# Predictors of rectal tolerance in SBRT

**Table 4** Analysis of dosimetric and clinical parameters for high-grade delayed rectal toxicity

Parameter	Odds Ratio	95% CI	P
<b>Clinical</b>			
Age	0.92	(0.80-1.06)	.2610
Race			.0756
African American vs Caucasian	15.0	(1.44-155.75)	
All other vs Caucasian	8.1	(0.46-142.93)	
Gleason score			.9427
3+4 vs 3+3	1.3	(0.18-9.92)	
4+3 vs 3+3	1.5	(0.12-17.41)	
Diabetes	3.5	(0.54-23.3)	.1888
Baseline EPIC bowel symptom score	1.05	(0.86-1.28)	.6558
Smoking history*	N/A	N/A	.8043
Androgen deprivation therapy*	N/A	N/A	.5793
<b>Dosimetric</b>			
PTV volume, cm <sup>3</sup>	1.03	(0.99-1.07)	.1248
Max PTV length, cm	2.12	(0.56-8.05)	.2695
Max PTV width, cm	5.28	(0.50-55.62)	.1664
Rectal wall volume, cm <sup>3</sup>	1.03	(0.96-1.11)	.3466
Max point dose on rectum	1.01	(0.997-1.01)	.1981
% Circumference of rectum treated by 24 Gy	1.1	(1.01-1.2)	.0265
% Circumference of rectum treated by 39 Gy	1.18	(1.01-1.38)	.0374
Volume of rectal wall receiving specified dose, cm <sup>3</sup>			
35 Gy	1.72	(1.13-2.62)	.0115
37.5 Gy	1.84	(1.15-2.92)	.0103
40 Gy	1.95	(1.18-3.22)	.0095
42.5 Gy	2.40	(1.21-4.77)	.0122
45 Gy	2.17	(1.19-3.97)	.0117
47.5 Gy	2.25	(1.19-4.24)	.0124
50 Gy	2.67	(1.25-5.71)	.0113
Volume of anterior rectal wall receiving specified dose, cm <sup>3</sup>			
35 Gy	2.17	(1.12-4.19)	.0212
37.5 Gy	2.20	(1.15-4.19)	.0165
40 Gy	2.21	(1.18-4.13)	.0134
42.5 Gy	2.18	(1.19-3.98)	.0115
45 Gy	2.20	(1.19-4.08)	.0119
47.5 Gy	2.31	(1.20-4.45)	.0122
50 Gy	3.29	(1.37-7.91)	.0077

**Only dosimetric predictors**