



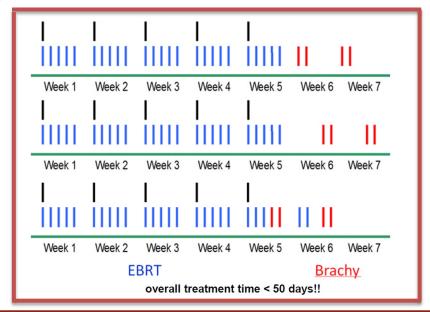
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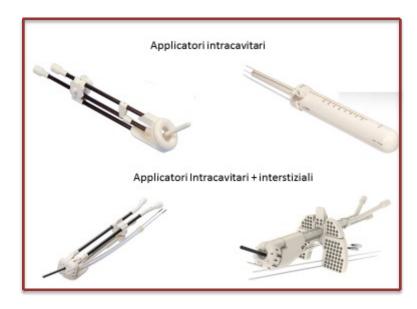
<u>Aims</u>

The use of brachytherapy (BT) is part of the standard of care for patients with locally advanced cervical cancer (LACC).



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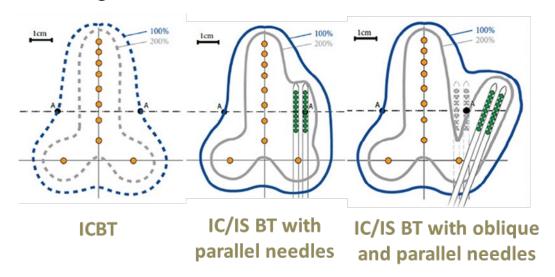
Depending on the residual disease (size and homogeneity of the HR-CTV) at the time of BT, interstitial technique is often required, using needles with intracavitary device.





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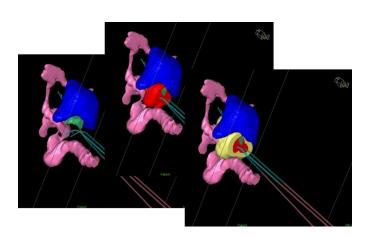
Here we want to evaluate feasibility and dosimetric outcomes in LACC patients with a residual disease at the time of BT who received intracavitary BT (ICBT) at first fraction and interstitial BT (ISBT) for the remaining fractions.

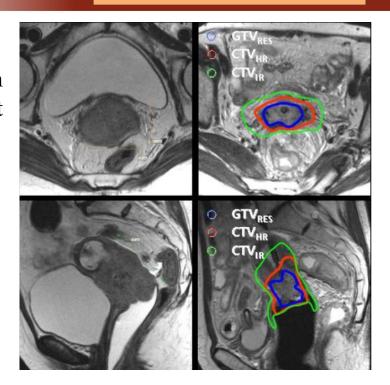


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<u>Methods</u>

From *january 2021* to *may 2023*, 23 patients with LACC were treated at our center with ICBT at first fraction and ISBT for all the following fractions.





For each fraction, MRI was acquired and targets were delineated.

Methods

All the target definitions and treatment plans were evaluated following GEC-ESTRO guidelines.

For OARs, constraints were fulfilled, excepting the cases when the evaluated organ was infiltrated by the initial disease.



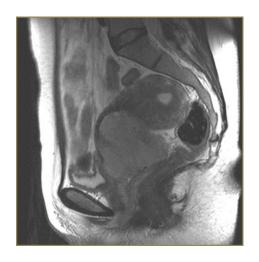
- GTV
- HR-CTV
- IR-CTV

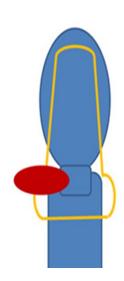
- Bladder
- Rectum
- Sigma
- Bowel

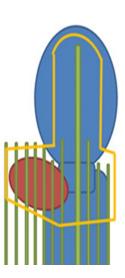


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Interstitial needles, together with the intracavitary tandem, were selected for patients with large and inhomogeneous cervical lesions (mean GTV volume of 6.82 cc at the time of BT).









Methods

First fraction, comprehensive of gynecological examination and imaging, helped determine where to insert needles to guide the delivered dose.

EQD2 was calculated for targets and OARs taking into account external beam doses and BT doses.

Target	D90 CTV _{HR} EQD2 ₁₀	D98 CTV _{HR} EQD2 ₁₀	D98 GTV _{res} EQD2 ₁₀	D98 CTV _{IR} EQD2 ₁₀
Planning Aims	> 90 Gy < 95 Gy	> 75 Gy	>95 Gy	> 60 Gy
Limits for Prescribed Dose	> 85 Gy	-	>90 Gy	-
OAR	Bladder D2cm³ EQD23	Rectum D2cm³ EQD23	Recto- vaginal point EQD23	Sigmoid D2cm³ EQD23
Planning Aims	< 80 Gy	< 65 Gy	< 65 Gy	< 70 Gy*
Limits for Prescribed Dose	< 90 Gy	< 75 Gy	< 75 Gy	< 75 Gy*



<u>Results</u>

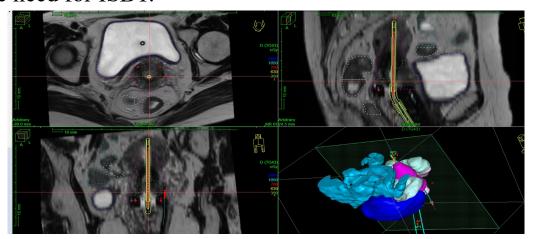
At the end of the whole treatment 66.7% of the patients had CTV-HR D98>75 Gy while 70.4% achieved CTV-HR D90>85 Gy.

OARs:

- Bladder D2cc <80 Gy in 55.6% and <90 Gy in 100% of cases;
- Rectum D2cc <65 Gy in 44.4 % and <75 Gy in 96.3% of cases;
- Sigmoid D2cc <70 Gy in 66.7 % and <75 Gy in 92.6% of cases

Conclusions

It has become clinical practice in our center to treat LACC patients with ICBT at the first fraction and then evaluate the need for ISBT.



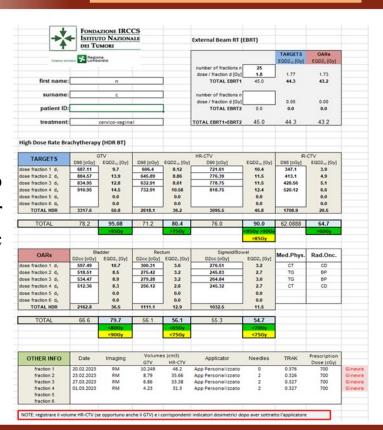
This approach allows a better and safer programming of the following fractions thanks to the precise assessment of the relationship between device, disease and OARs.



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Despite the potential dosimetric disadvantage due to not using needles in the first fraction, the latter guarantees to achieve satisfactory dosimetric objectives for targets and OARs.





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