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## **RE-IRRADIATION: FROM IMRT TO HADRON THERAPY**

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# Reirradiation... a recent history?

- 1926, Lee and Tannenbaum reported their experience with more than 300 patients managed for recurrent inoperable breast cancer at Memorial Hospital, New York
- From 1930, Soiland and Costolow, for cervical cancer, at the Los Angeles Tumor Institute, California: 11% of 1574 pts.
- Between 1936 and 1941, 461 patients were reirradiated for cervical cancer, by Murphy and Schmitz from Roswell Park Memorial Institute, Buffalo, NY.
- Garland and Sisson reported the results of irradiation for lip, tongue, and ear cancer between 1932 and 1948 (San Francisco)
- Zuppinger reported the University of Zurich data with protracted fractionated radiation therapy between 1931 and 1936 in 107 patients with head and neck tumors. 22 Of these, 13 (12%) were reirradiated.
- Between 1940 and 1950, selected patients with nasopharyngeal malignancy were reirradiated at the University of California School of Medicine, San Francisco.
- Chu and Hilaris from Memorial Hospital, New York, about brain metastases, which covers 1954 to 1958.

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# 1920-1970

## Reirradiation... a recent history?

- In a textbook from 1965, Kramer provided a summary of the knowledge about reirradiation, including persistent, recurrent, and new primary tumor scenarios. Factors to consider during decision making included the **natural history of the tumor**, its **extent**, the **condition of the normal tissues**, the **details of the previous treatment**, and the **objective** of the proposed reirradiation.
- He recommended that “an **attempt must be made to determine whether the initial course of therapy has failed because of inadequate doses, geographical miss, or radioresistance** of the tumor.
- **Previously irradiated tissues are compromised a priori to some extent, whether this is clinically obvious or not.”**

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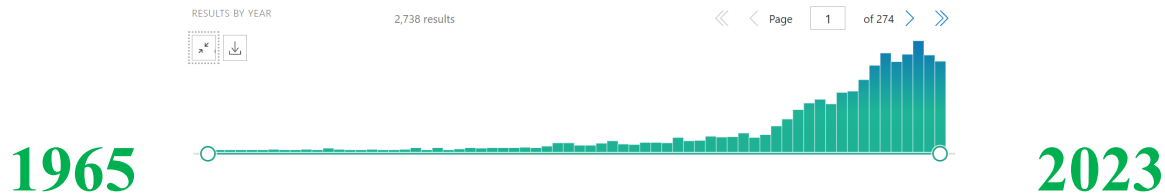
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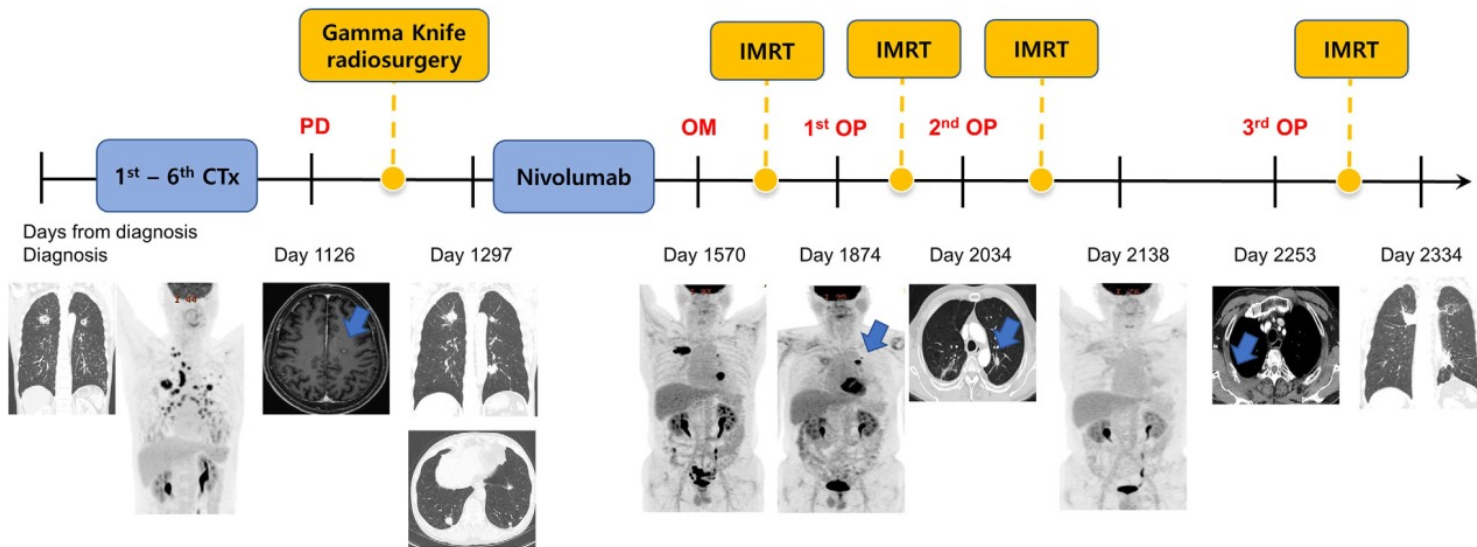


## Re-irradiation history





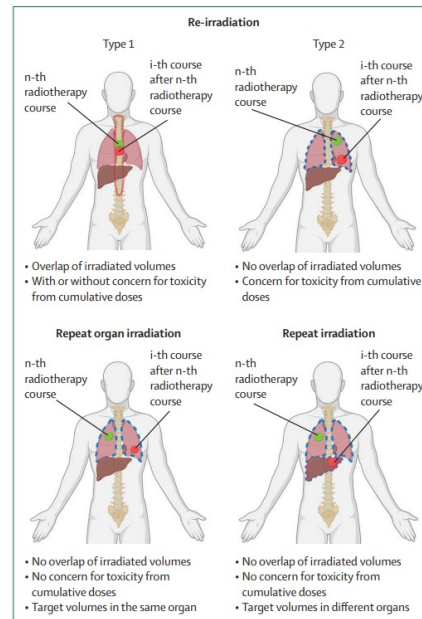
## Modern scenario



# Definition

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# Re-irradiation techniques

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- EBRT in 265 (54%) of the studies:
  - 3D CRT(n=75),
  - IMRT or VMAT (n=64)
  - SBRT to cranial (n=46) or extracranial targets (n=80)
- Particle in 39 (8%)
- Brachytherapy 46 (9%)



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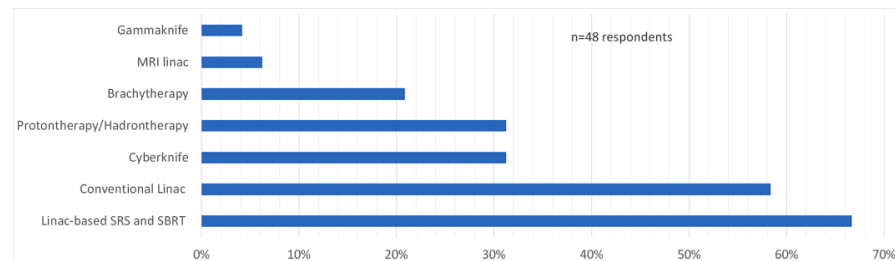
Management of reirradiations: A clinical and technical overview based on a French survey

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## Re-irradiation number

brain (77%, n = 287)  
 pelvis (65%, n = 241)  
 head and neck region (63%, n = 235)  
 thorax (60%, n = 221)  
 breast/chest wall (51%, n = 189)  
 abdomen (39%, n = 145)



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Re-irradiation in clinical practice: Results of an international patterns of care survey within the framework of the ESTRO-EORTC E<sup>2</sup>-RADlatE platform

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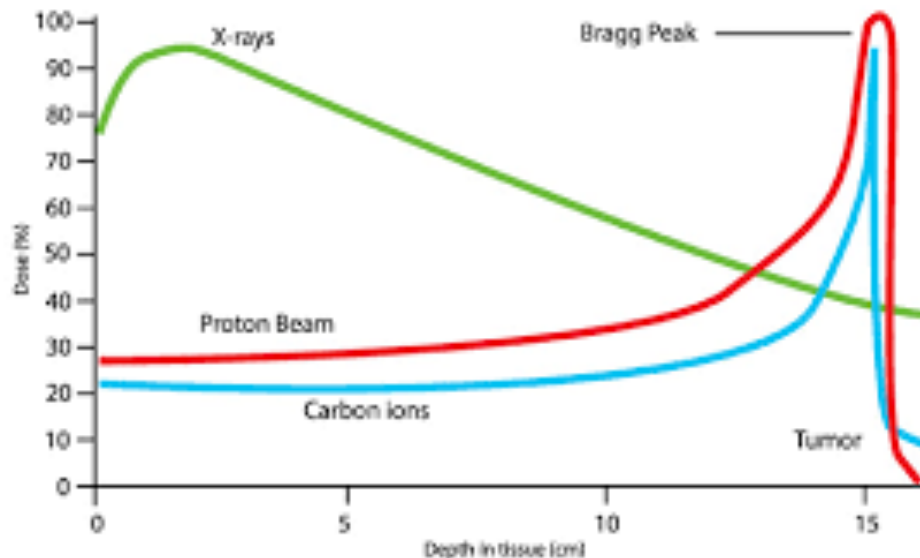
## Challenges in reirradiation

Minimize  
dose to OAR

Efficacy in  
radioresistance

Dose  
escalation

## Challenges in reirradiation





## Brain

90% glioblastoma local  
recurrence

**Median survival times from 7 to 13 months** and 1-year OS rates of 30–55% have been observed following either SRS or **fractionated SRT**, with 1-year incidence of neurological toxicities ranging from 5 to 20%

Table 1 Selected studies of reirradiation for recurrent glioblastoma

| Author                         | No pts | RT Type | Median Dose (Gy/fr) | Concurrent Systemic Therapy (N) | Interval between RT courses (months) | Median PFS (months)                  | Median OS (months)                     | RN (%) |
|--------------------------------|--------|---------|---------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------|
| Combs et al., 2005             | 59     | FSRT    | 36/18               | TMZ or PVC, (36)                | 10                                   | 5                                    | 8, 23% at 12 months                    | 0      |
| Grossu et al., 2005            | 34     | HSRT    | 30/6                | TMZ (29)                        | 16                                   | NR                                   | 8 (both), 11 (RT + TMZ), 6 (RT alone)  | 20.5   |
| Kong et al., 2008              | 65     | SRS     | 16/1                | None                            | 4.3                                  | 4.6                                  | 23                                     | 37.5   |
| Cuneo et al., 2009             | 49     | SRS     | 15/1                | BEV                             | 20                                   | 5.2 (+BEV), 2.1 (-BEV)               | 11.9 (+BEV), 3(-BEV)                   | 10     |
| Gutin et al., 2009             | 20     | HSRT    | 30/5                | BEV                             | 15                                   | 7.3 (4.4–8.9)                        | 12.5; 54% at 12 months                 | 0      |
| Fogh et al., 2010              | 105    | HSRT    | 35/10               | TMZ (26), other (22)            | 8                                    | NR                                   | 11                                     | 0.7    |
| Minniti et al., 2011           | 36     | HSRT    | 37.5/15             | TMZ                             | 14                                   | 5; 42% at 6 months                   | 9.7; 33% at 12 months                  | 22.2   |
| Minniti et al., 2013           | 38     | HSRT    | 30/5                | TMZ                             | 15.5                                 | 6.24% at 12 months                   | 12.4; 53% at 12 months                 |        |
| Martinez-Carrillo et al., 2014 | 46     | SRS     | 18/1                | NR                              | 10                                   | NR                                   | 7.5                                    | 10     |
| Wick et al., 2014              | 91     | FSRT    | 36/18               | APG101 (58)                     | 21                                   | 2.5 (RT), 4.5 (RT+APG101)            | 11.5 (both groups)                     | 1.3    |
| Kim H.R. et al., 2015          | 57     | SRS     | 15/1                | TMZ                             | 8.8                                  | 3.6 (2.3+TMZ)                        | 9.2 (15.5+TMZ)                         | NR     |
| Minniti et al., 2015           | 42     | HSRT    | 25/5                | FTM (23) BEV (19)               | 14                                   | 50% (BEV), 18% (BEV+FTM) at 6 months | 30% (BEV), 8.3% (BEV+FTM) at 12 months | 16.6   |
| Pinzi et al., 2015             | 88     | SRS     | 16–22/1             | NR (22)                         | 15                                   | NR                                   | 11.5 48% at 12 months                  | 6      |
| Imber et al., 2017             | 174    | SRS     | 16/1                | TMZ (20), CCNU (13), BCNU (11)  | 8.7                                  | NR                                   | 10.6                                   | 13     |
| Kim et al., 2017               | 57     | SRS     | 15/1                | TMZ (28)                        | NR                                   | 3.6, 6 (+TMZ)                        | 9.2, 15.5 (+TMZ)                       | 24.4   |
| Sharma et al., 2017            | 53     | SRS     | 18/1                | None                            | 16                                   | 4.4                                  | 11                                     | 4      |
| Palmer et al., 2018            | 87     | SRT     | 35/10               | none                            | 10.8                                 | NR                                   | 13.9                                   | NR     |
| Fleischmann et al., 2019       | 124    | FSRT    | 36/18               | BEV (95)                        | 18                                   | 5                                    | 9                                      | 6.9    |
| Scartoni et al., 2020          | 33     | PBRT    | 36/18               | TMZ (7)                         | 21.3                                 | 5.9                                  | 8.7                                    | 9.09   |
| Kaul et al., 2020              | 133    | HSRT    | 41.8–49.4/12–15     | TMZ (58)                        | 14                                   | NR                                   | 6                                      | 5.6    |
| Saeed et al., 2020             | 45     | PBRT    | 42.6/20             | TMZ (16), BEV (4), TMZ+BEV (10) | 20.2                                 | 13.9                                 | 14.2                                   | 8.8    |
| Attia et al., 2022             | 57     | FSRT    | 36/18               | none                            | 16                                   | 8                                    | 11                                     | 3.5    |
| Tsien et al., 2023             | 170    | HSRT    | 35/10               | BEV+RT, BEV alone               | NR                                   | 54% vs. 29% at 6 months              | 10.1 BEV+RT, 9.7 BEV alone             | 0      |

Legend: BEV, bevacizumab; BCNU, Carmustina; CCNU, Lomustine; FSRT, fractionated stereotactic radiotherapy; FTM, fotemustine; HSRT, hypofractionated stereotactic radiotherapy; NR, not reported; OS, overall survival; PBRT, proton beam radiotherapy; PFS, progression-free survival; PVC, Procarbazine, lomustine, vincristine; RN, radionecrosis; SRS, stereotactic radiosurgery; SRT, stereotactic radiotherapy; TMZ, temozolomide.

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## Brain

| First author, year [reference] | Country | Primary tumour | Site  | Age   | No. patients/ reirradiation courses | Time to reirradiation (median, range) | Tumour volume                 | Type of study | Total dose first radiotherapy course (Gy: Median, range) | Total dose second radiotherapy course (GyRBE: Median, range) | No. fractions | Dose per fraction (GyRBE) | Local control/ overall survival rates         | Acute and late toxicities    |
|--------------------------------|---------|----------------|-------|-------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|--|--|---------------|---------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| <b>Brain</b>                   |         |                |       |       |                                     |                                       |                               |               |  |  |               |                           |   |                              |
| Saeed, 2022 [13]               | USA     | GBM            | Brain | Adult | 45                                  | 20 months (3–77)                      | NS                            | Prospective   | 60 (25–60)   | 46.2 (25–60)   | NS            | 2.2 (1.2–4)               | Median PFS 13.9 months; median OS 14.2 months | AT: 3 grade 3; LT: 4 grade 3 |
| Scartoni, 2020 [14]            | Italy   | GBM            | Brain | Adult | 33                                  | 21.3 months (5–96)                    | Median CTV 75 cm <sup>3</sup> | Prospective   | 60   | 36   | 18            | NS                        | Median PFS 5.9 months; median OS 22.1 months  | AT: 3 grade 2                |

no comparative studies have demonstrated the clinical superiority of a technique over another in patients with brain tumors in terms of local control and treatment-related toxicity

## Brain

Median Dose 46.2 Gy (25-60)

**Table 3** Clinical outcomes of proton beam therapy reirradiation patients

| Parameter                                     | All patients<br>(N = 45) |      |
|---|--------------------------|------|
|   | N                        | %    |
| <b>Survival, mo (95% confidence interval)</b> |                          |      |
| Median progression-free survival              | 13.9 (8.2-20)            |      |
| Median overall survival                       | 14.2 (9.6-16.9)          |      |
| <b>Toxicity, n</b>                            |                          |      |
| Grade 3, acute                                | 1                        | 2.2% |
| Grade 3, late                                 | 4                        | 8.8% |
| Grade 4+, any                                 | 0                        | 0%   |



G3 TOX...Dose

Median Dose 42.3 Gy (30-60)

26 patients with recurrent malignant brain tumors treated with conventional radiotherapy (RT, n = 8), stereotactic radiotherapy (SRT, n = 10), and proton beam therapy (PBT, n = 8)

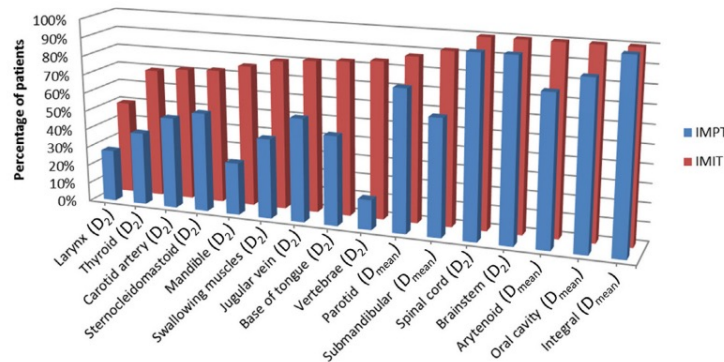
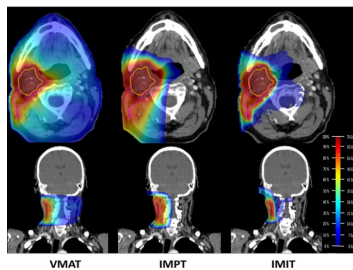
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|------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>median survival</b> | <b>18.3 months</b> |
| local control          | 9.3 months         |
| ...glioblastoma        |                    |
| median survival        | <b>13.1 months</b> |
| local control          | 11.0 months        |

Saaed 2020, Mizumoto 2013



## HNSCC

Patients profit from IMPT &amp; IMIT compared to VMAT



- the exact magnitude of the clinical benefit is uncertain as a decrease in dose does not always translate into a clinically relevant decrease of toxicity risk

## HNSCC

24-50% HNSCC local recurrence

- Series 220 pts, 192Ir seeds, on neck and base of the tongue-
  - 2-, 5- and 10-year LC rates of 69%, 51% and 41%
  - one-third of the cohort (60 pts) developed severe late complications
- cohort of 69 patients receiving low-dose BT with 125I and 103Pd after surgery
  - LC rates in 1-, 3- and 5-year follow-ups constituted 55%, 38%, 28%
  - late severe complications high
- 96 patients receiving reRT for rHNC by CyberKnife®
  - High total doses (>40 Gy) proved beneficial as measured by 1-|2-|3-year LC rates: 69.4%|57.8%|51.1%
  - Target volumes < 25 cm<sup>3</sup>
  - low incidence of radiation complications has been attributed to skip-a-day fractionation
- Vargo et al. published a report (2015) on 48 patients after stereotactic body reRT in combination with cetuximab target therapy
  - smaller tumors (18 pts, 38%) received single focal doses of 8 Gy in 5 fractions to TD of 40 Gy; for tumors ≥ 25 cm<sup>3</sup> (30 pts), single doses were increased to 8.8 Gy and delivered also in 5 fractions to TD of 44 Gy
  - Acute radiation reactions grade 3 developed in 3 pts (6%)
- The meta-analysis by Lee et al. (2020), encompassing a total of 575 cases from 10 multicenter studies
  - Total dose amounted to 24–44 Gy (median 30 Gy) delivered in 3–6 fractions (median 5)
  - The 2-year OS and LC rates constituted, respectively, 30.0% (24.5–36.1%) and 47.3% (3.1–62.1%).

## HNSCC

| Study                  | Period    | n pts            | Follow-Up Time                  | Histology   | Toxicity   | LC  | OS                                    | DSS/PFS                            | RT Type                      |
|------------------------|-----------|------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Riaz et al. [54]       | 1996-2011 | 348              | 32.6 m                          | various   | G ≥ 31<br>31.3%  | 2y 47%  | 2y 25%                                | N/d                                | photons                      |
| Langendijk et al. [54] | 1997-2003 | 34               | 32 m                            | SCC   | G3-4 166%  | 2y 27%  | 2y 38%;<br>3y 22%                     | N/d                                | photons                      |
| Dapunt et al. [69]     | 1997-2011 | 60               | 18.5 m                          | SCC 48;<br>ACC 9;<br>Others 3                                     | Acute:<br>G3 35%;<br>G4 13%;<br>Late:<br>G3 11.7%;<br>G4 26.7%;<br>G5 16.7%            | 1y 64%;<br>2y 48%;<br>3y 32%  | 1y 44%;<br>2y 32%;<br>3y 22%          | N/d                                | photons                      |
| Takiar et al. [63]     | 1999-2014 | 227              | SCC 22.5 m;<br>others<br>74.7 m | SCC 173;<br>Other 33  | G3 38.4%   | 2y 39%  | 2y 51%                                | N/d                                | photons                      |
| Langer et al. [58]     | 2000-2003 | 99               | 23.6 m                          | SCC   | Acute:<br>G3 49%;<br>G4 23%;<br>G5 13%;<br>Late:<br>G3 16.9%;<br>G4 16.9%;<br>G5 13.6% | N/d   | 1y 50.2%;<br>2y 25.9%                 | N/d                                | photons,<br>CT               |
| Loimi et al. [14]      | 2000-2007 | 237              | 51 m                            | SCC   | Late:<br>G3 24%  | 2y 84%  | 2y 82%                                | 2y 87%                             | photons                      |
| Platonou et al. [55]   | 2000-2009 | 51               | 9.5 m                           | SCC   | Acute:<br>G3 29.4%;<br>Late:<br>G3 38.3%   | 2y 32%  | 2y 30%                                | 2y 28%                             | photons                      |
| Khanfar et al. [32]    | 2001-2009 | 38               | 16 m                            | SCC   | N/d  | N/d   | 1y 54%;<br>3y 31%;<br>5y 20%          | N/d                                | photons,<br>CT               |
| Qiu et al. [65]        | 2003-2009 | 70               | 25 m                            | SCC   | N/d  | 2y 65.8%  | 2y 67.4%                              | N/d                                | photons                      |
| Kong et al. [66]       | 2009-2014 | 77               | 25.7 m                          | SCC   | Late:<br>G ≥ 31<br>64.9%   | N/d   | 1y 41.4%;<br>3y 16.6%;<br>5y 10.8%    | 1y 78.7%;<br>2y 45.3%;<br>3y 32.3% | photons                      |
| Ling et al. [13]       | 2002-2013 | 291              | 9.8 m                           | 295 SCC;<br>35 ACC;<br>31 others                                  | Acute:<br>G ≥ 31<br>11.3%;<br>Late:<br>G ≥ 2<br>31.8.9%                                | N/d   | 1y 41.4%;<br>3y 16.6%;<br>5y 10.8%    | N/d                                | photons,<br>SBRT             |
| Rivigemma et al. [42]  | 2003-2008 | 96               | 14 m                            | SCC   | Acute:<br>G3 52%;<br>Late:<br>G3 13.1%   | TD<br>40-50%;<br>1y 69.4%;<br>2y 52.9%;<br>3y 41.1%;<br>TD<br>15-36 Gy;<br>1y 51.9%;<br>2y 31.7%;<br>3y 15.6% | all groups:<br>1y 58.6%;<br>2y 28.4%  | N/d                                | photons,<br>SBRT             |
| Cengiz et al. [45]     | 2007-2009 | 46               | N/d                             | 30 SCC;<br>16 others  | G3 14.4%   | 1y-83.8%  | 1y-47%                                | N/d                                | photons,<br>SBRT             |
| Vargo et al. [61]      | 2007-2013 | IMRT<br>SBRT 197 | IMRT<br>8.4 m;<br>SBRT<br>7.1 m | IMRT SCC<br>205; SBRT<br>SCC 194;<br>others<br>12 IMRT;<br>3 SBRT | IMRT<br>G3 11.7%;<br>SBRT<br>2y 16.3%  | N/d   | IMRT<br>2y 35.4%;<br>SBRT<br>2y 16.3% | N/d                                | photons,<br>IMRT vs.<br>SBRT |



| Study                      | Period    | n pts | Follow-Up Time | Histology                        | Toxicity  | LC  | OS  | DSS/PFS  | RT Type         |
|----------------------------|-----------|-------|----------------|----------------------------------|---|---|---|----------|-----------------|
| Saroja et al. [111]        | 1976-1985 | 46    | 9.3 m          | various,<br>non-SCC              | G3 25%  | 2y 50%  | 2y 78%  | 2y 44%   | FNT             |
| McDonald et al. [97]       | 2004-2014 | 61    | 29 m           | SCC 37;<br>Other 24              | G3 13.1%;<br>G4 13.3%;<br>G5 14.9%  | 2y 19.7%  | 2y 32.7%  | N/d      | PT              |
| Beddok et al. [100]        | 2012-2019 | 55    | 41.3 m         | SCC                              | N/d   | 2y 18.3%  | 2y 42.5%  | N/d      | PT +<br>photons |
| Romesser et al. [96]       | 2011-2014 | 92    | 13.3 m         | 52 SCC;<br>9 ACC;<br>31 others   | Acute:<br>G ≥ 31<br>31.4%;<br>Late:<br>G ≥ 31 15.8%                           | 1y 25.1%  | 1y 65.2%  | 1y 84%   | PT              |
| Phan et al. [95]           | 2011-2015 | 60    | 13.6 m         | SCC                              | G3 30%;<br>Late:<br>G3 16.7%  | 1y 68.4%  | 1y 83.8%  | 1y 60.1% | PT              |
| Dionisi et al. [98] et al. | 2015-2018 | 17    | 10 m           | SCC                              | G3 23.5%  | 1.5y 66.6%  | 1.5y<br>54.4%   | N/d      | PT              |
| Lee et al. [101]           | 2013-2020 | 242   | N/d            | SCC                              | Acute:<br>G3 30.2%;<br>G4 16.4%;<br>Late:<br>G3 32.6%;<br>G4 11.6%;<br>G5 12% | Fx group<br>1y 71.8%;<br>quad shot<br>group<br>1y 61.6% | Fx group<br>1y 66.6%;<br>quad shot<br>group<br>1y 28.5% | N/d      | PT              |
| Kankaanranta et al. [114]  | 2003-2008 | 30    | N/d            | 29 SCC;<br>1 sarcoma             | G3 86%;<br>Late:<br>G3 20%  | 1y 95%;<br>2y 27%                                       | 2y 30%  | N/d      | NCT             |
| Wang et al. [116]          | 2010-2013 | 17    | 19.7 m         | 11 SCC;<br>6 others              | G3 19%  | 2y 28%  | 2y 47%  | N/d      | NCT             |
| Hirose et al. [118]        | 2016-2018 | 21    | 24.2 m         | 8 SCC;<br>13 others              | Acute:<br>G3-4 10%  | N/d   | 2y 58%;<br>non-SCC 2y<br>100%                           | N/d      | NCT             |
| Hayashi et al. [120]       | 2007-2016 | 48    | 27 m           | various,<br>non-SCC              | G3 25%;<br>G4 25%;<br>G5 12%  | 2y 40.5%  | 2y 59.6%  | 2y 29.4% | CIT             |
| Held et al. [123]          | 2010-2017 | 229   | 28.5 m         | 124 ACC;<br>60 SCC;<br>45 others | G ≥ 31 2.3%;<br>Late:<br>G ≥ 31 8%  | 1y 60%;<br>1.5y 44.7%                                   | 26 m  | N/d      | CIT             |
| Vischioni et al. [121]     | 2013-2020 | 15    | 22 m           | 7 ACC;<br>2 SCC;<br>6 others     | Acute:<br>G3-G4 1<br>6.7%;<br>Acute:<br>G5 10.7%                              | 1y 44%;<br>2y 35.2%                                     | 1y 92.9%;<br>2y 78.6%;<br>3y 38.2%                      | N/d      | CIT             |
| Gao et al. [122]           | 2015-2017 | 141   | 14.7 m         | 106 SCC;<br>10 ACC;<br>25 others | Acute:<br>G ≥ 31<br>10.6%   | 1y 84.9%  | 1y 95.9%  | 1y 95.9% | CIT             |



## HNSCC

- Relative Biological Effectiveness of Protons versus Photons in HNSCC
- LET-Based Optimization of Proton Treatment Plans for HNSCC
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**The Biological Basis for Enhanced Effects of Proton Radiation Therapy Relative to Photon Radiation Therapy for Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma**

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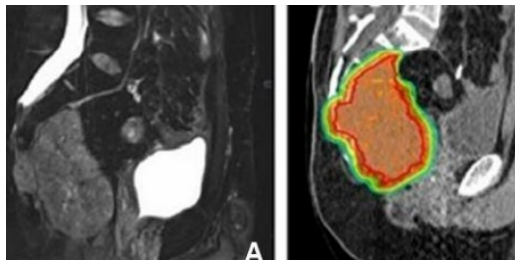
## Rectal cancer

4-8% recurrence

| Author       | N° Patients | Country     | Year | Study Design | Study Period | Patient Population | Re-RT Technique                   | Age, (Range) Years | Previous RT Dose (Range), Gy | Interval between RT (Range), mo | Re-RT Total Dose, Gy                       | Re-RT Fx. Dose, Gy | CTx. Rate (%) (Agent) | Surgery                     |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Chung SY     | 35          | Japan-Korea | 2022 | R            | 2005-2019    | LRRC               | CIRT                              | 62 (37-76)         | 50 (20-66)                   | NR                              | 70.4 Gy (RBE)<br>101.38 Gy in BED10        | 4.4 Gy [RBE]       | Not administered      | 0%                          |
|              | 31          |             |      |              |              |                    | 29% 3D RT, 71% IMRT or Cyberknife | 60 (35-87)         | 50.4 (45-60)                 | NR                              | 50 Gy (range 25-62.5 Gy)<br>60 Gy in BED10 |                    | 68% *                 | 23% After, 13% Before re-RT |
| Yamada S     | 77          | Japan       | 2022 | R            | 2005-2017    | LLRC               | CIRT                              | 60 (37-76)         | 50 (20-74)                   | 50 (13-157)                     | 70.4 Gy (RBE)                              | 4.4 Gy [RBE]       | Not administered      | 0%                          |
| Barcellini A | 14          | Italy       | 2020 | R            |              | LRRC               | CIRT                              | 58.5 (34-78)       | 45 (45-76)                   | 65 (14-139)                     | 60 Gy RBE (35-76.8)                        | 3 Gy RBE (3-4.8)   | NR                    | 0%                          |
| Habermehl D  | 19          | Germany     | 2014 | R            | 2010-2013    | Unresectable LRRC  | CIRT                              | 62 (14-76)         | 50.4 (50.4-60.4)             | 47.4 (17-110)                   | 36 to 51 Gy (RBE)                          | 3 Gy (RBE).        | NR                    | NR                          |
| Cai G.       | 22          | China       | 2014 | Phase II     | 2007-2012    | Unresectable LRRC  | IMRT                              | 53 (40-68)         | 48.6 (36-62)                 | 30 (18-93)                      | 39   | 1.3 BID            | 81.8% (5-FU based)    | 0%                          |
| Dagoglu N.   | 18          | Turkey      | 2015 | R            | 2006-2012    | Pelvic RRC or CC   | Cyberknife                        | 68 (32-93)         | 50.4 (25-100.4)              | 22 (15-336)                     | 25 (24-40)                                 | 5                  | Not administered      | NR                          |
| DeFoe S.G.   | 14          | USA         | 2011 | R            | 2003-2008    | Presacral RRC      | Cyberknife                        | 65.5 (42-77)       | 50.4 (20-81)                 | NR                              | 16 (12-36)                                 | 12                 | NR                    | NR                          |

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## Rectal cancer



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### Re-irradiation With Carbon Ion Radiotherapy for Pelvic Rectal Cancer Recurrences in Patients Previously Irradiated to the Pelvis

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- median total CIRT dose was 60 Gy RBE (range=35-76.8)
- median follow-up was 18 months
- 1 year LC 78%; 2 years 52%
- acute toxicities were grade 2 (G2) (7%) and G1 (14%) neuropathic pain. The major late toxicities consisted of G2 peripheral neuropathy (14%)

# Rectal cancer

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE – COLORECTAL CANCER

## Carbon Ion Radiotherapy for Locally Recurrent Rectal Cancer of Patients with Prior Pelvic Irradiation

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- 77 pts.
- Dose 70.4 Gy (RBE) (4.4 Gy [RBE] per fraction; 16 fr.
- LC 90% at 3 years and 87% t 5-years

|            | Acute |    |    |    |    |       | Late |    |    |    |    |       |
|------------|-------|----|----|----|----|-------|------|----|----|----|----|-------|
|            | G0    | G1 | G2 | G3 | G4 | Total | G0   | G1 | G2 | G3 | G4 | Total |
| Skin       | 23    | 51 | 3  | 0  | 0  | 77    | 25   | 48 | 3  | 1  | 0  | 77    |
| GI         | 52    | 9  | 6  | 0  | 0  | 77    | 66   | 1  | 1  | 9  | 0  | 77    |
| GU         | 70    | 2  | 5  | 0  | 0  | 77    | 73   | 0  | 4  | 0  | 0  | 77    |
| Infection  | 64    | 5  | 3  | 5  | 0  | 77    | 60   | 1  | 3  | 13 | 0  | 77    |
| Pain       | 36    | 23 | 16 | 2  | 0  | 77    | 35   | 24 | 16 | 2  | 0  | 77    |
| Neuropathy | 39    | 28 | 9  | 1  | 0  | 77    | 33   | 23 | 17 | 4  | 0  | 77    |

10% G3 acute tox  
21% G3 late tox

## Rectal cancer

| Author        | Re-RT Technique       | Follow up (Range), Months | Progression-Free Survival (PFS) |            |            |            |            | Overall Survival (OS) |           |           |           |           | Local Control (LC) |           |           |           |           |
|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|               |                       |                           | Median (months)                 | 1-year PFS | 2-year PFS | 3-year PFS | 5-year PFS | Median (months)       | 1-year OS | 2-year OS | 3-year OS | 5-year OS | Median (months)    | 1-year LC | 2-year LC | 3-year LC | 5-year LC |
| Chung S.Y.    | CIRT                  | 45.7 (7-148.4)            | NR                              | NR         | NR         | NR         | NR         | Not achieved          | 97%       | 93%       | 86.4%     | 62%       | NR                 | 94%       | NR        | 87%       | 70%       |
|               | 3D-IMRT or Cyberknife | 22.8 (7.2-148.4)          | NR                              | NR         | NR         | NR         | NR         | 36.9                  | 88.9%     | 59%       | 54.5%     | 30%       | NR                 | 89%       | NR        | 44%       | 55%       |
| Yamada S.     | CIRT                  | 45 (7-159)                | 14                              | 58%        | 36%        | 33%        | 25%        | 47                    | 90%       | 73%       | 61%       | 38%       | NR                 | 85%       | 75%       | 69%       | 62%       |
| Barcellini A. | CIRT                  | 18                        | m-PFS 14.4 (2-40)               | 64.3%      | 43%        | NR         | NR         | NR                    | 100%      | 76.2%     | 76.2%     | NR        | 14.5 (2.4-49.5)    | 78%       | 52%       | NR        | NR        |
| Habermehl D.  | CIRT                  | 8                         | NR                              | NR         | NR         | NR         | NR         | 9.1                   | NR        | NR        | NR        | NR        | 20.6 *             | 85%       | NR        | NR        | NR        |
| Cai G.        | IMRT                  | 17 (2-59)                 | NR                              | 67%        | 10.7%      | NR         | NR         | 19                    | 85.9%     | 27.2%     | NR        | NR        | 14                 | NR        | NR        | NR        | NR        |
| Dagoglu N.    | IMRT                  | 38 (6-36)                 | 38                              | 80.2%      | 68.7%      | 61.1%      | NR         | 40                    | 76.8%     | 65.9%     | 59.3%     | NR        | NR                 | 100%      | 93.7%     | 85.9%     | NR        |
| DeFoe S.G.    | cyberknife            | 16.5 (6-69)               | NR                              | NR         | NR         | NR         | NR         | NR                    | 90%       | 78.8%     | NR        | 60%       | NR                 | 90.9%     | 68.2%     | 30%       | NR        |

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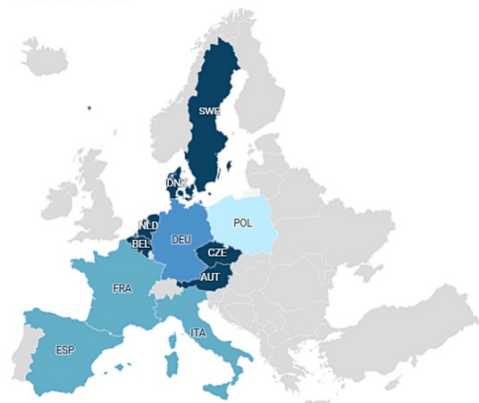
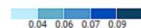
## Rectal cancer

| Study author                           | Type of study  | Study details  |
|--|--|--|
| Combs et al. (Heidelberg Germany) [18] | Prospective phase I/II study                             | Locally recurrent rectal cancer with inoperable lesion with prior photon irradiation of 20–60 Gy<br>Time between initial radiotherapy and re-irradiation of at least 12 months<br>Patients will be treated within seven increasing dose regimens starting at 12 × 3 GyE up to 18 × 3 GyE |
| HIMAT1351 (Japan) [19]<br>Japan [20]   | Prospective phase II study<br>Prospective phase II study | CIRT for patients with local recurrence after primarily resected rectal cancer<br>CIRT for pelvic recurrent rectal cancer in patients with prior pelvic CIRT   |

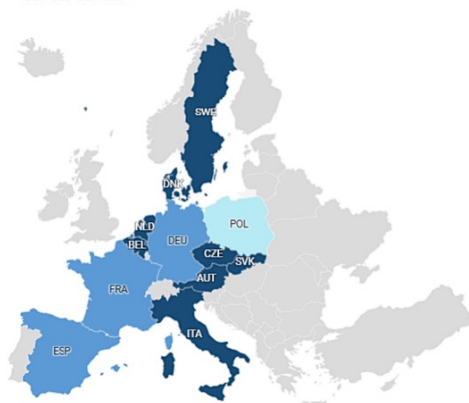
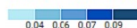
No comparative studies

## PARTICLE THERAPY: Re-irradiation patients... and QoL

Particle facilities (active) per million inhabitants



Particle facilities per million inhabitants



Reirradiation is performed by all centers in a proportion ranging from < 5% to 20% of cases.

Fig. 2. Density of particle therapy facilities over million inhabitants in the European Union (august 2022) considering (left) active facilities and (2a) total facilities (active, under construction, in planning) (2b). created with <https://app.datawrapper.de/>.

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# PROTON THERAPY: Re-irradiation patients... and costs

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## Individualized quality of life benefit and cost-effectiveness estimates of proton therapy for patients with oropharyngeal cancer

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| Normal tissue complication   | Management/patient procedure   | Estimated cost   | Reference  |
|--|--|--|--|
| Oral mucositis (grade $\geq 3$ ) or<br>Esophagitis (grade $\geq 3$ ) | Fentanyl 25 $\mu\text{g}/\text{h}$ patch (for<br>6 weeks)                                      | \$168.8  | NADAC database   |
|  | Percocet 325 mg tablet (for<br>6 weeks)  | \$1514.1   | NADAC database   |
|  | Mucositis cocktail (for 6 weeks)   | \$37.0   | NADAC database   |
|  | Weekly IV hydration (for 4 weeks)  | \$154.2  | 2019 Medicare Coding and Payment<br>Report   |
|  | PEG tube placement in 30% of<br>cases  | \$5686*  | Callahan et al. [18]   |
|  | Emergency room visit in 15% of<br>cases for oral mucositis and 10%<br>of cases for esophagitis | \$2096   | 2018 Health Care Cost and Utilization<br>Report <sup>1</sup>   |
|  | In patient hospitalization in 10%<br>of cases  | \$19,672   | 2018 Health Care Cost and Utilization<br>Report  |
| Dysphagia (grade $\geq 2$ )  | Loss of 1 month of work  | \$2718   | US Census Bureau Median per Capita<br>Income 2014–2018 <sup>1</sup>  |
|  | Chronic PEG tube in 10% of cases   | \$18,836/year*   | Callahan et al. [18]   |
|  | Stricture dilation in 16% of patients<br>[14, 15]  | \$1700 (based on average Medicare<br>charges ranging from \$1200 to<br>\$2700) | <a href="http://www.howmuchisit.org/esophageal-dilation-cost/">www.howmuchisit.org/esophageal<br/>-dilation-cost/</a> (updated Aug 2018) |

## WHEN?



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## I nuovi Livelli essenziali di assistenza (LEA)

29 settembre 2022

Dopo essere stato sottoposto al parere delle Commissioni parlamentari competenti, è stato approvato il [D.P.C.M. 12 gennaio 2017 Definizione e aggiornamento dei livelli essenziali di assistenza di cui all'articolo 1, comma 7, del decreto legislativo 30 dicembre 1992, n. 502](#), pubblicato sulla G.U. n. 65 del 18 marzo 2017. I precedenti LEA erano stati definiti con [D.P.C.M. del 29 novembre 2001](#).

## REIRRADIAZIONE

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Model Policies

## PROTON BEAM THERAPY (PBT)

This Model Policy\* addresses coverage for Proton Beam Therapy.

## Group 1

Based on the medical necessity requirements and published clinical data that meets the selection criteria above, disease sites that frequently support the use of PBT include the following:

## GENERAL

Benign or malignant tumors or hematologic malignancies in children aged 21 years and younger treated with curative intent and occasionally palliative intent treatment of childhood tumors when at least one of the three criteria noted above under "indications for coverage" apply

Benign or malignant tumors or hematologic malignancies in the adolescent/young adult (AYA) population aged 22 years to 39 years treated with curative intent when at least one of the three criteria noted above under "indications for coverage" apply

Patients with genetic syndromes making total volume of radiation minimization crucial, such as but not limited to NF-1 patients, deleterious ATM mutations, Li-Fraumeni, retinoblastoma patients, and patients with known or suspected genetic mutations. In addition, patients with other genetic mutations who are at increased risk of developing second cancers at or near the same body location such as but not limited to BRCA 1/2, Lynch syndrome, etc.

Medically inoperable patients with a diagnosis of cancer typically treated with surgery where dose escalation is required due to the inability to receive surgery

Re-irradiation cases (where cumulative critical structure dose would exceed tolerance dose)

Primary malignant or benign bone tumors

# Prospective Randomized Study in re-irradiation

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## REVIEW ARTICLE

### Prospective randomized clinical studies involving reirradiation: update of a systematic review

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| Author and year of publication | Disease site       | Study type, inclusion                           | Arms, design, endpoint, statistics  | Patient number and characteristics   | Median follow-up | Results and comments  |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|---|---|--|------------------|---|
| Li et al. 2006 [9]             | Nasopharynx cancer | Single centre dose escalation, China, 1999–2002 | 54 Gy followed by 16, 20 or 24 Gy in 4-Gy fractions (3 fractions per week)<br>4 primary endpoints, power/assumed differences not reported   | 36, interval $\geq 6$ months, N0 M0  | 27 mo            | In each arm 2–3 patients had received induction chemotherapy<br>3-year recurrence-free survival was best in the 24-Gy boost group, $p=0.047$<br>Similar OS, $p=0.6$<br>Similar acute and late toxicity rates, but one fatal bleeding event in the 24-Gy boost group, which also had higher incidence of trismus, $p=0.08$   |
| Tian et al. 2014 [10]          | Nasopharynx cancer | Single centre phase 2, China, 2003–2007         | IMRT 68 Gy in 34 fractions vs. 60 Gy in 27 fractions<br>Overall survival, 80% power to detect 23% difference  | 117, KPS $\geq 70$ , interval $>6$ months  | 25 mo            | Longer OS in the 60-Gy arm, $p=0.06$<br>Similar PFS<br>Less mucosal necrosis in the 60-Gy arm, $p=0.02$   |
| Guan et al. 2016 [11]          | Nasopharynx cancer | Single centre phase 2, China, 2002–2008         | IMRT 60 Gy in 27 fractions alone vs. same RT + concomitant weekly cisplatin<br>Overall survival, 80% power to detect 30% difference   | 69, KPS $\geq 70$ , interval $>6$ months   | 35 mo            | Longer OS in the combined modality arm, $p=0.049$<br>No significant increase in late toxicity, but more hematologic toxicity in the combined modality arm   |
| Liu et al. 2021 [19]           | Nasopharynx cancer | Three centres, phase 3, China, 2011–2017        | Endoscopic nasopharyngectomy or IMRT 60–70 Gy (2–2.36 Gy per fraction, 5 fractions per week)<br>Overall survival, 80% power and a two-sided 5% significance-level hazard ratio of 0.52                                    | 200, KPS $\geq 70$ , $\geq 12$ -month disease-free interval between the initial course of radiotherapy and recurrence, age 18–70 years | 56 mo            | Improved 3-year overall survival after surgery (86% versus 68% in the IMRT group, $p=0.0015$ )  |
| You et al. 2023 [20]           | Nasopharynx cancer | Three centres phase 3, China, 2015–2019         | IMRT 60 Gy in 27 fractions vs. 65 Gy in 54 fractions (2 fractions per day)<br>Overall survival and severe late complications, 80% power to detect 20% difference (survival) and 24% difference (toxicity grade 3 or more) | 144, KPS $\geq 70$ , interval $>12$ months, age 18–65 years, no radiation-induced complications grade $\geq 3$                         | 45 mo            | Reduced grade 3 or worse late radiation-induced toxicity in the hyperfractionation group (34% versus 57%, $p=0.02$ )<br>Better 3-year overall survival after hyperfractionation (75% versus 55%, $p=0.01$ )<br>49% of patients in the hyperfractionation group and 46% in the standard fractionation group had locoregional relapse<br>significant differences favouring hyperfractionated radiotherapy in the general quality-of-life domains of global health status, role functioning, and social functioning, and in the symptom burden domains of pain, financial difficulties, and loss of appetite |





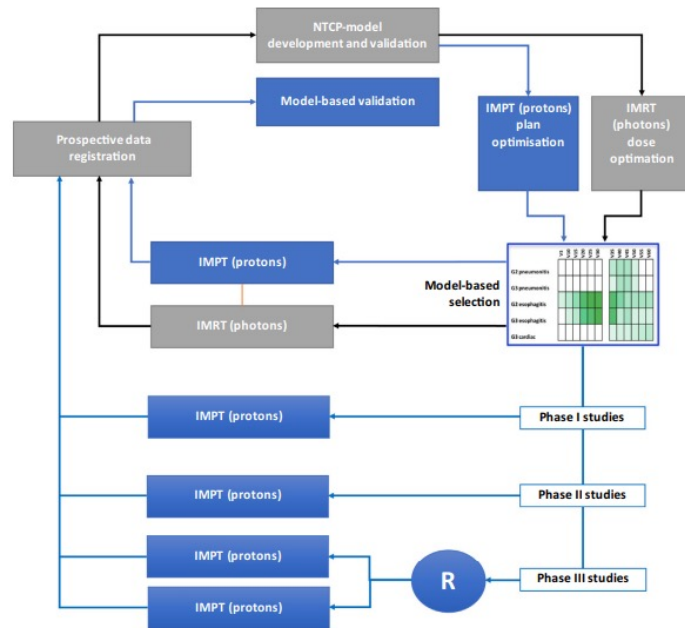
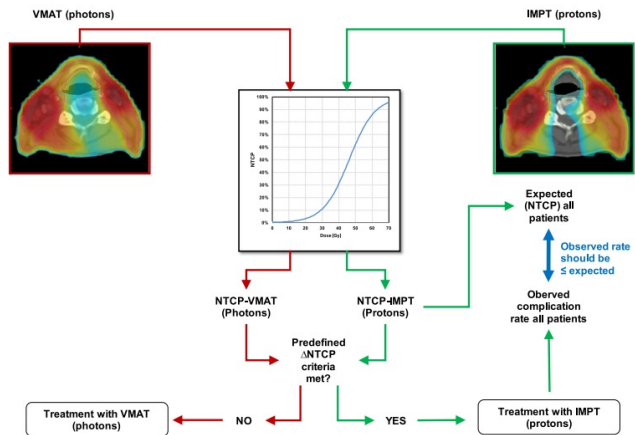
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## Clinical Trial Strategies to Compare Protons With Photons

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## Comparison?



Management of reirradiations: A clinical and technical overview based on a French survey

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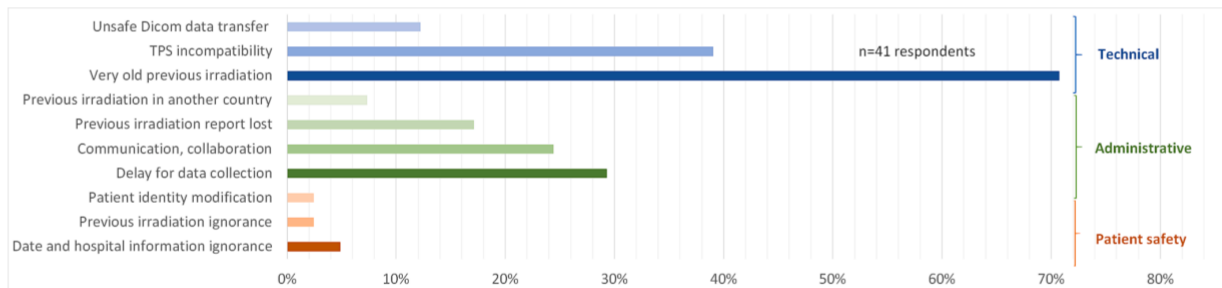
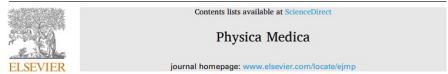
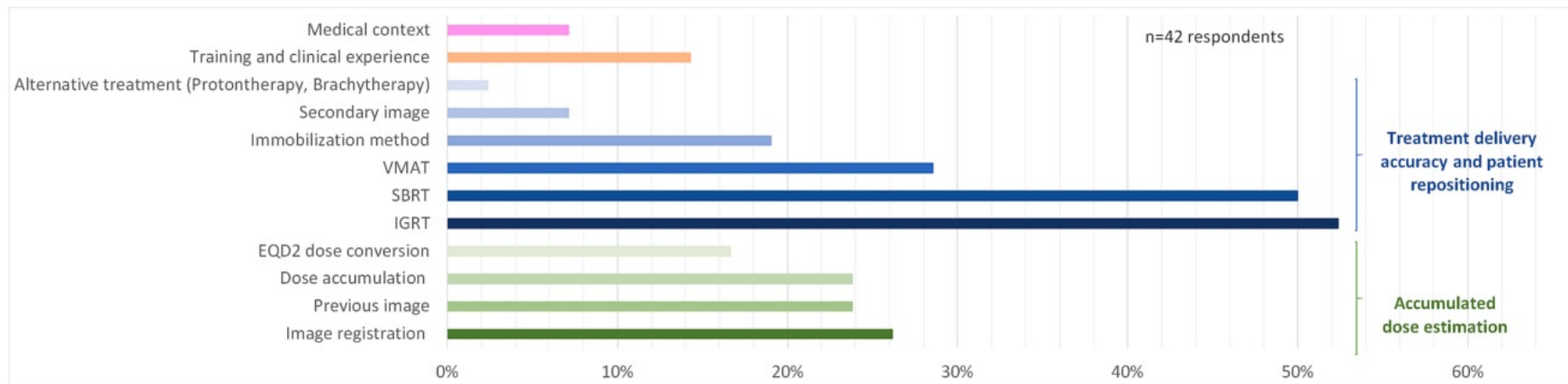


Fig. 1. Difficulties raised by the institutions during the previous irradiation data collection (based on open-ended questions).

European Society for Radiotherapy and Oncology and European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer consensus on re-irradiation: definition, reporting, and clinical decision making

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## Re-irradiation: Technical, administrative and patient safety

- Issue: previous treatment records that we may receive for patients span a wide range of quality and informations
- Solution? The export of radiation treatment records from commercial planning systems should be standardized
- Issue: diversity of patient data transfer means...
- Solution? Develop a common and secured platform to allow inter-institutional data transfer

## Technical, administrative and patient safety

- Issue: DICOM RT planning data transfer inability, due to TPS obsolescence or decommissioning, or incompatible formats
- Solution? TPS vendors should guarantee compatibility of DICOM RT files provided by their software and inversely the ability of software to read DICOM RT files independently of their source



# Technical, administrative and patient safety

## Issue: Biological and physical dose...

| Prioritized wish-list for vendors  | Average score |
|--|---------------|
| Calculation and visualisation of 3D dose distributions in EQD2 (and/or BED) with organ specific $\alpha/\beta$ and recovery factors in the TPS                                 | 12.7          |
| Calculation of 3D dose distributions in EQD2 (and/or BED) in the TPS   | 10.11         |
| Reliable deformable image registration   | 10.04         |
| Visualisation of 3D dose distributions in EQD2 (and/or BED) in the TPS   | 9.63          |
| Visualisation of uncertainty in dose mapping   | 9.63          |
| Summed dose across treatment courses in EQD2   | 9.11          |
| Tool to incorporate uncertainties from different parts of the process (image registration, EQD2 calculation, contouring, recovery factors, etc.) into the final dose reporting | 8.78          |
| DVH with 'error bars' to visualise uncertainty in dose mapping & summation   | 8.67          |
| An all-in-one system!  | 8.52          |
| Ability to do multiple (per-organ) rigid registrations (and dose summations)   | 8.26          |



Commentary

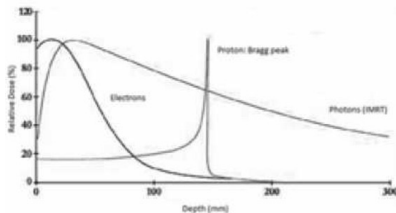
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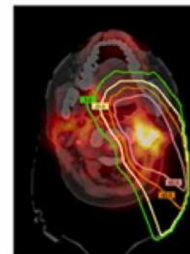
## Clinical and technical challenges of cancer reirradiation: Words of wisdom



- Clinical challenges:
- ⇒ Patient selection
  - ⇒ Risk/benefit balance
  - ⇒ Multidisciplinary staff meeting



- Technical challenges:
- ⇒ Radiation technique selection
  - ⇒ Target volume definition
  - ⇒ Maximal protection of healthy tissues



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## TECHNICAL EVOLUTION

Modern techniques

Evaluation biological effect

Selection of patients

Comparison in the best way

AI for analyse data recorded and correlate to toxicity

**“each patient is a special problem to be handled in a special way”**