

# Application of Small-Field Treatment: The Promises and Pitfalls of SBRT

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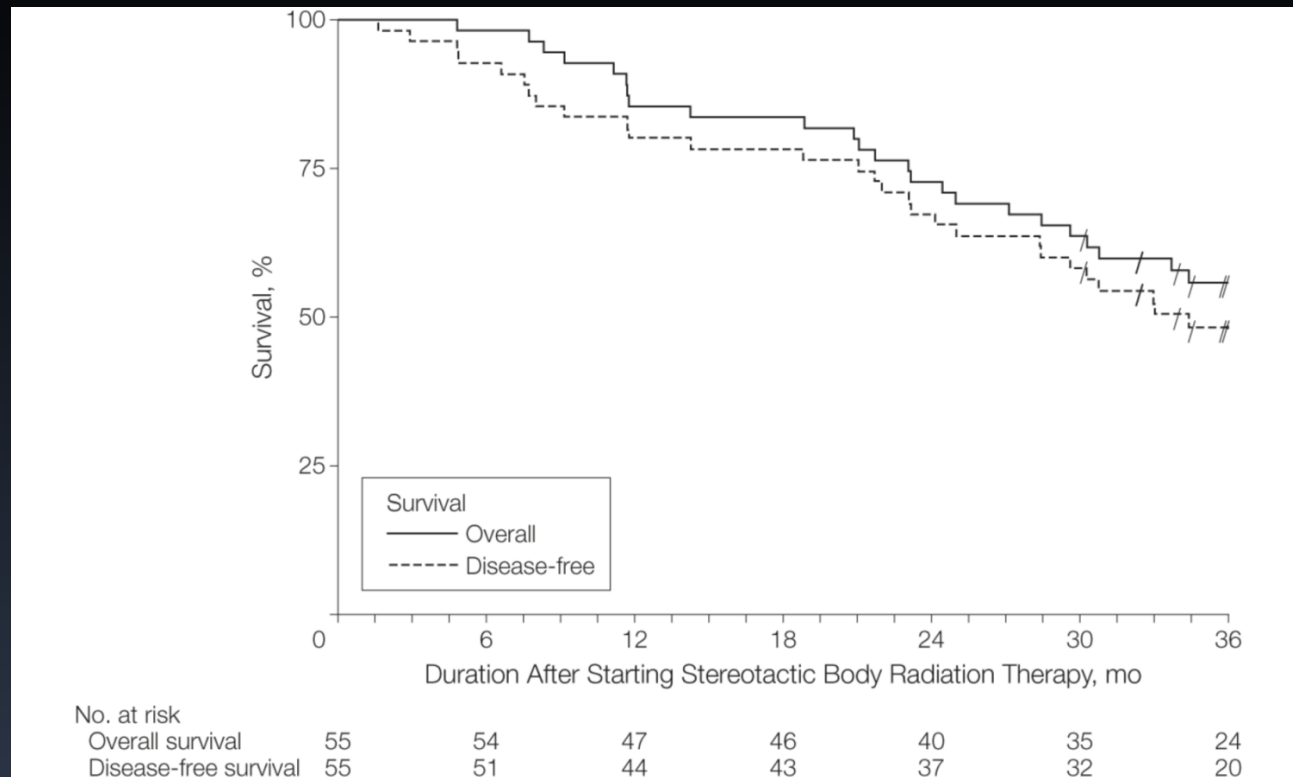
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# Learning Objectives

1. Learn special technical consideration in delivering SBRT treatments
2. Appreciate specific challenges of SBRT implementation

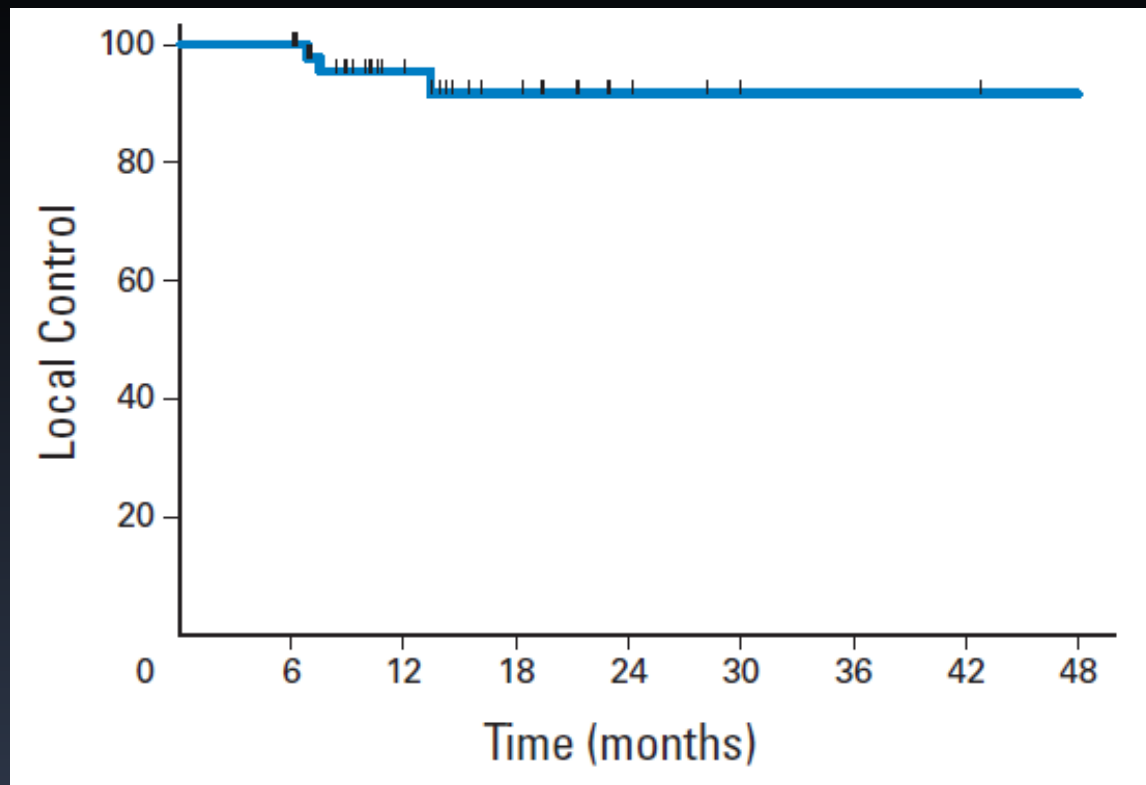
Promises

# RTOG 0236: Lung SBRT



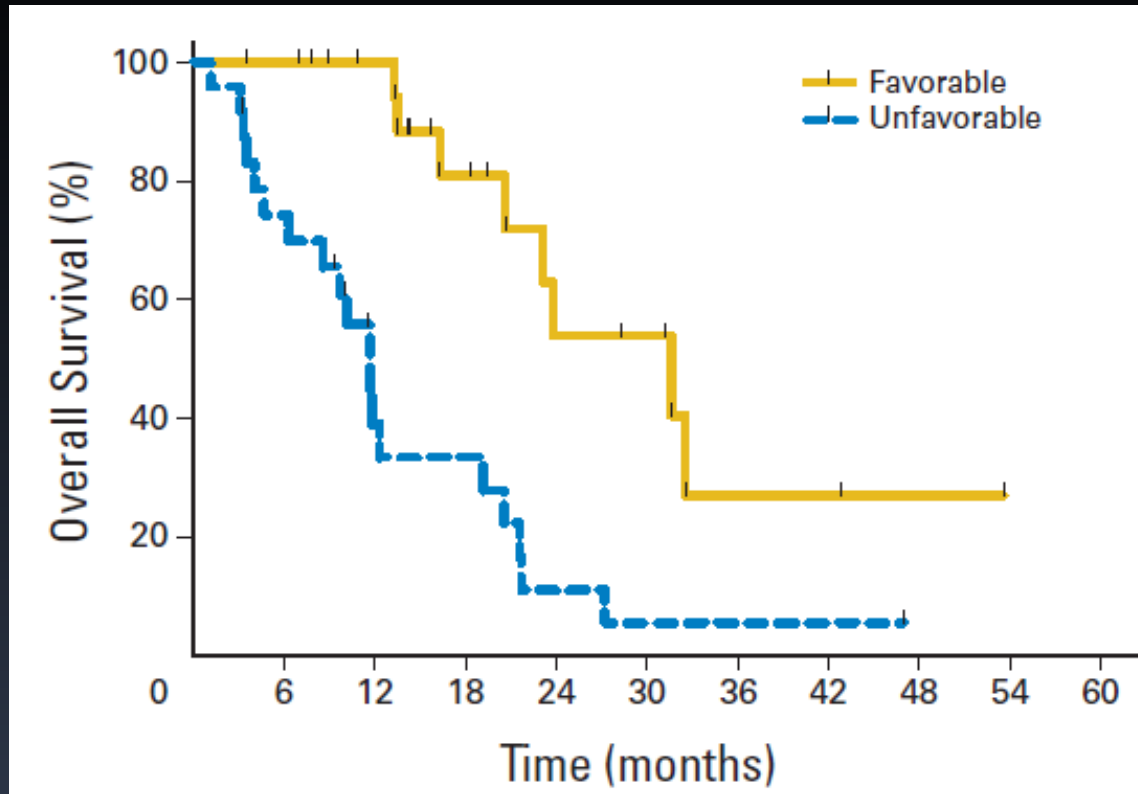
*Timmerman et al. JAMA, 2010*

# Liver SBRT



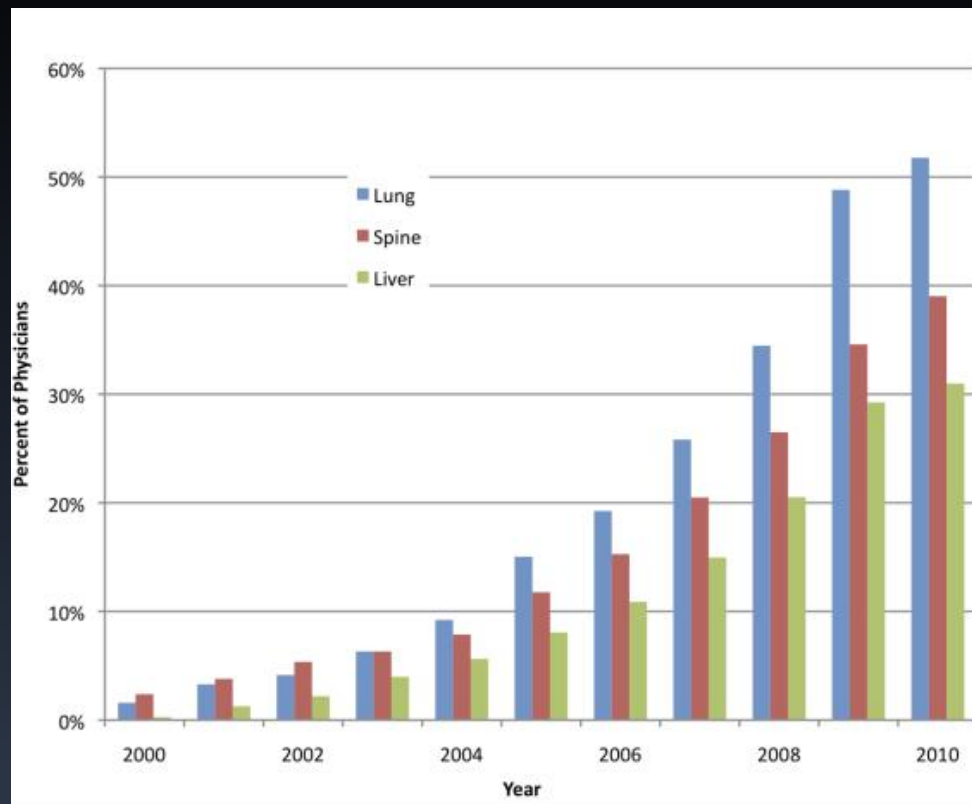
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# Liver SBRT



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# Availability of SBRT



Pan et al. Cancer, 117, 4566 (2011)



# Availability of SBRT

## AAPM COMMITTEE TREE

Task Group No. 275 Strategies for Effective Physics Plan and Chart Review in Radiation Therapy

### Charge

1. To review existing data and recommendations that support the use of physics plan and chart review; and to review the current recommendations on the qualifications for performing these.
2. To provide survey information on current practices in the community with respect to physics plan and chart review.

*Survey of physics practices*

# Availability of SBRT

*What treatment modalities and techniques does your practice provide?*

Type	% respondents
Photon	96%
IMRT	96%
VMAT	79%
SRS	67%
SBRT	81%
Brachytherapy	65%
IORT	15%

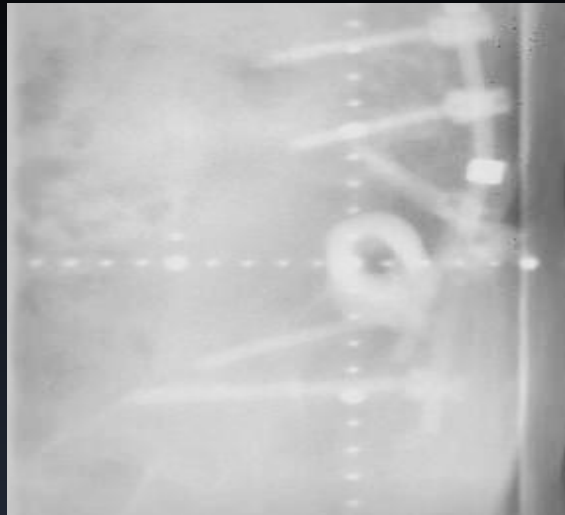


*TG275 survey*

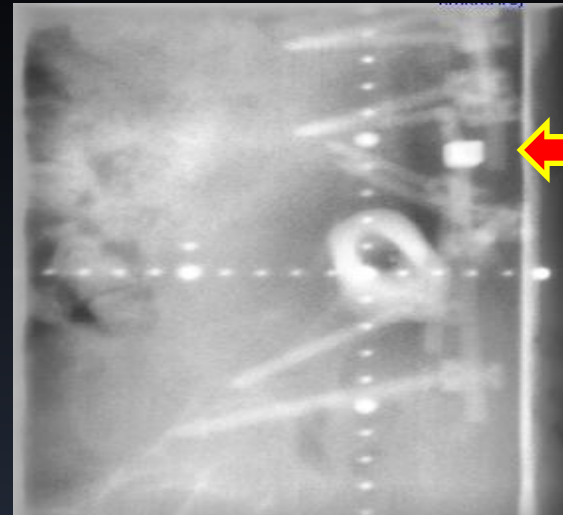
# Pitfalls

# Pitfalls Case Studies

# Case Study #1



Simulation

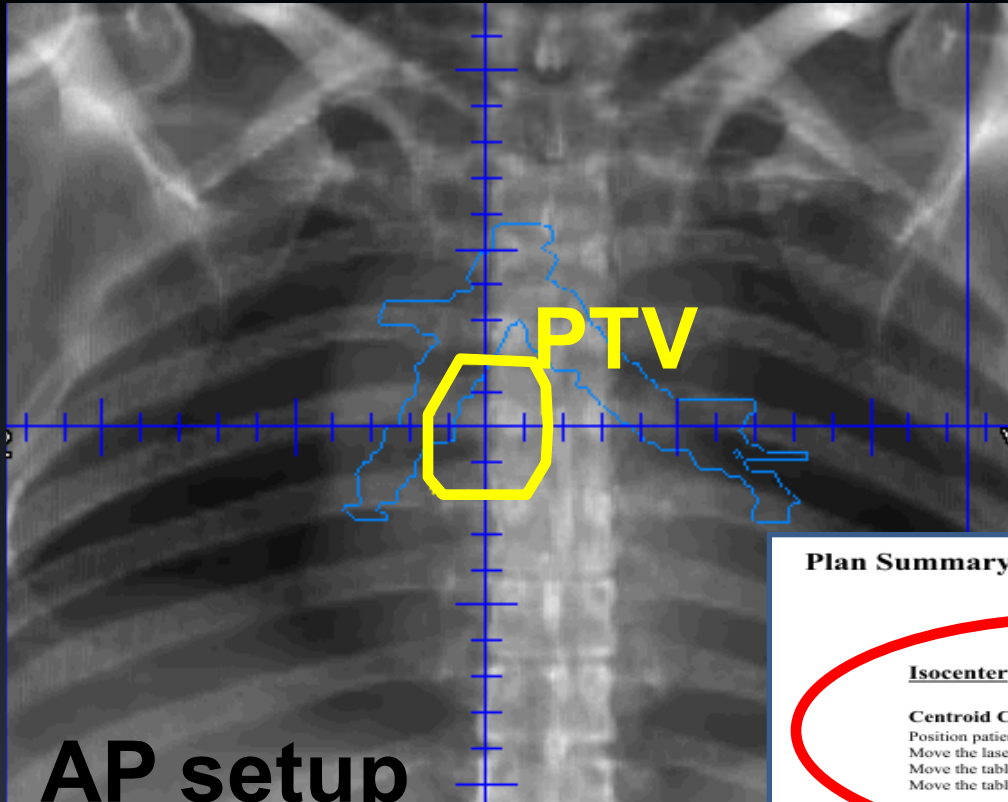


Treatment

S-spine Hardware

## Case Study #2: Wrong Tx Location

- Patient with metastatic melanoma undergoing Tx to R hilar mass
- 600 cGy x 5
- Physicist notes wrong isocenter on plan check

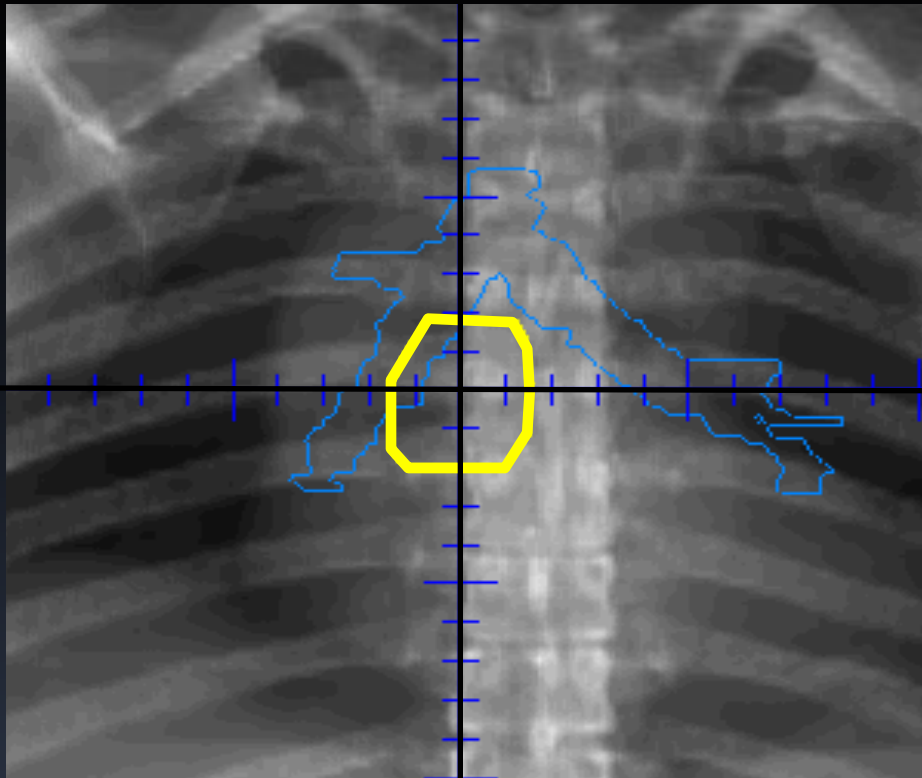


### Plan Summary Sheet

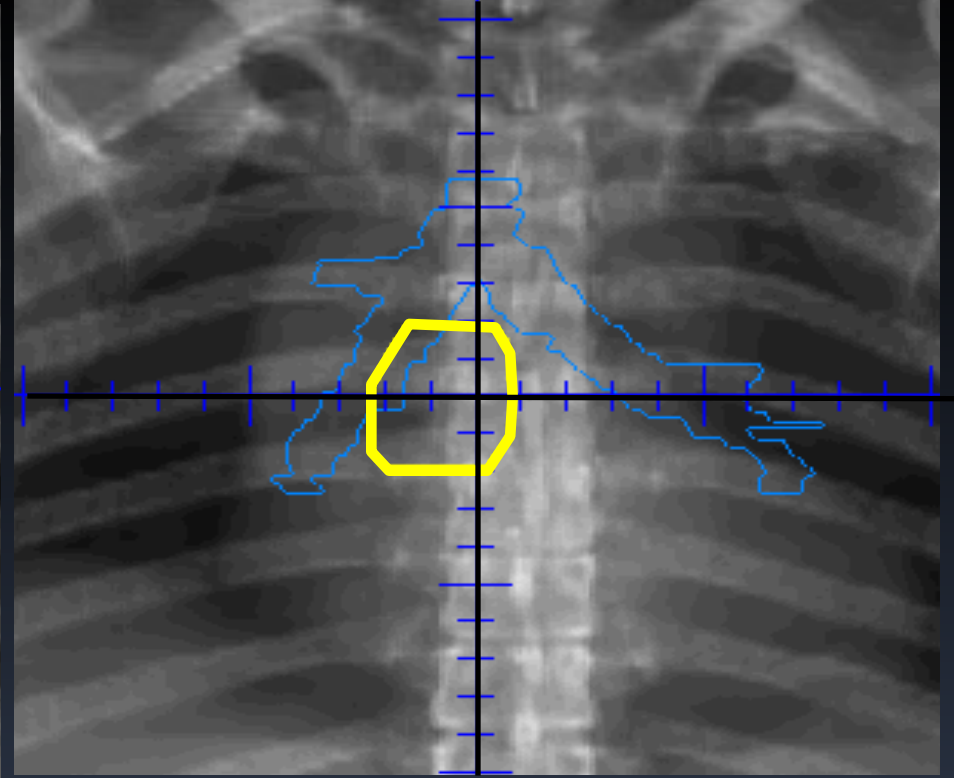
#### Isocenter

#### **Centroid Calc Pt**

Position patient such that lasers line up with patient marks.  
Move the laser LEFT 0.75 cm (looking from foot of table.)  
Move the table DOWN 0.73 cm.  
Move the table OUT (away from the gantry) 0.06 cm.



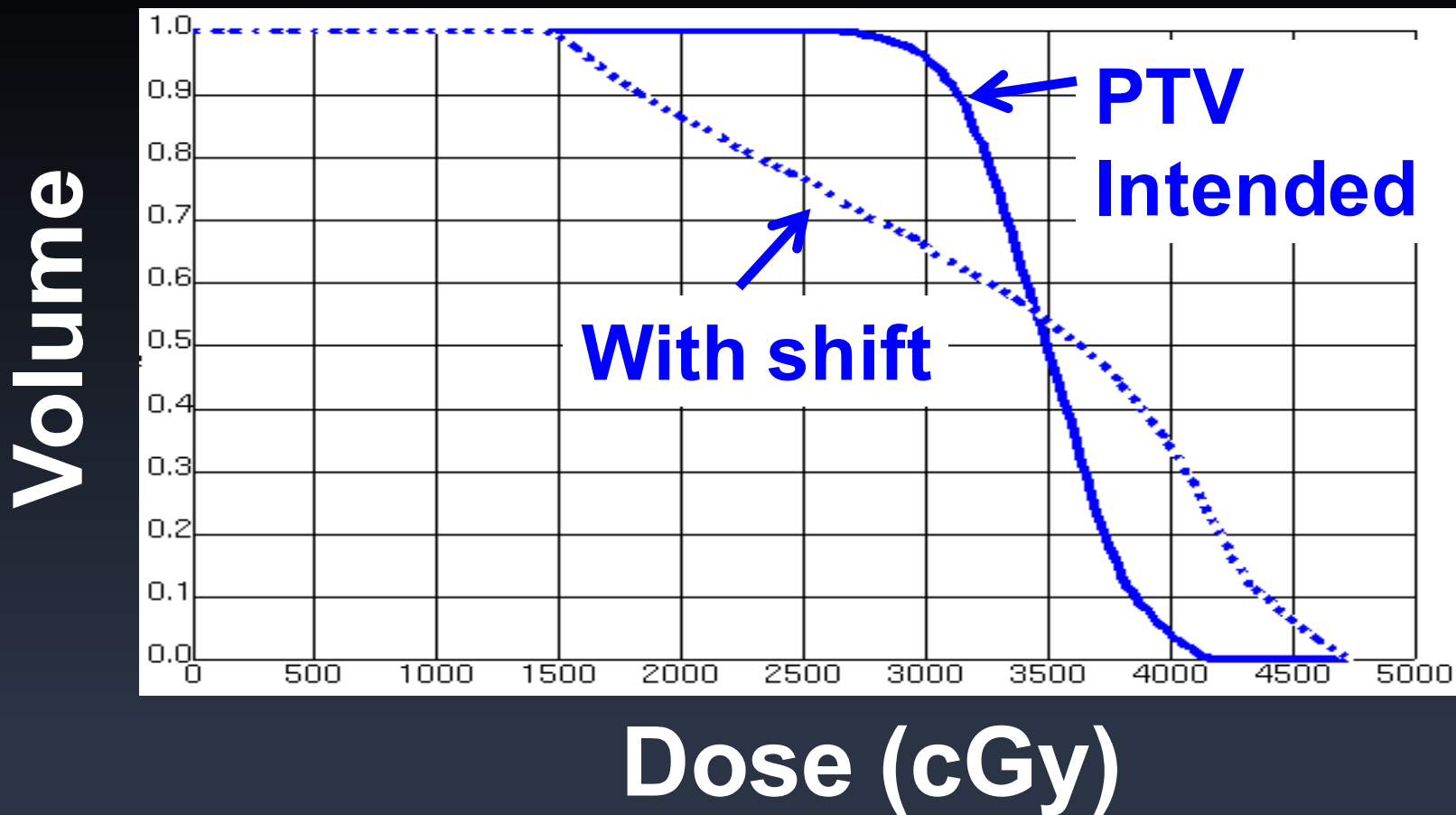
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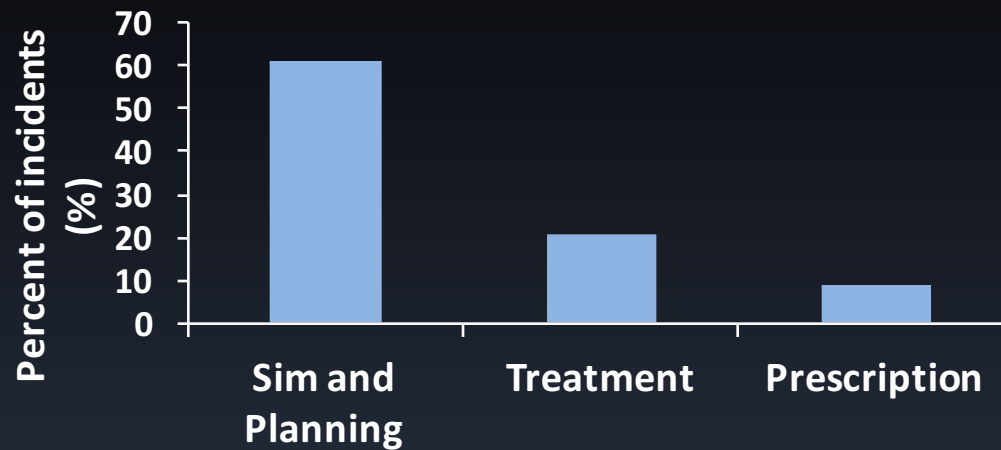
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# Big effect (SBRT/small fields)

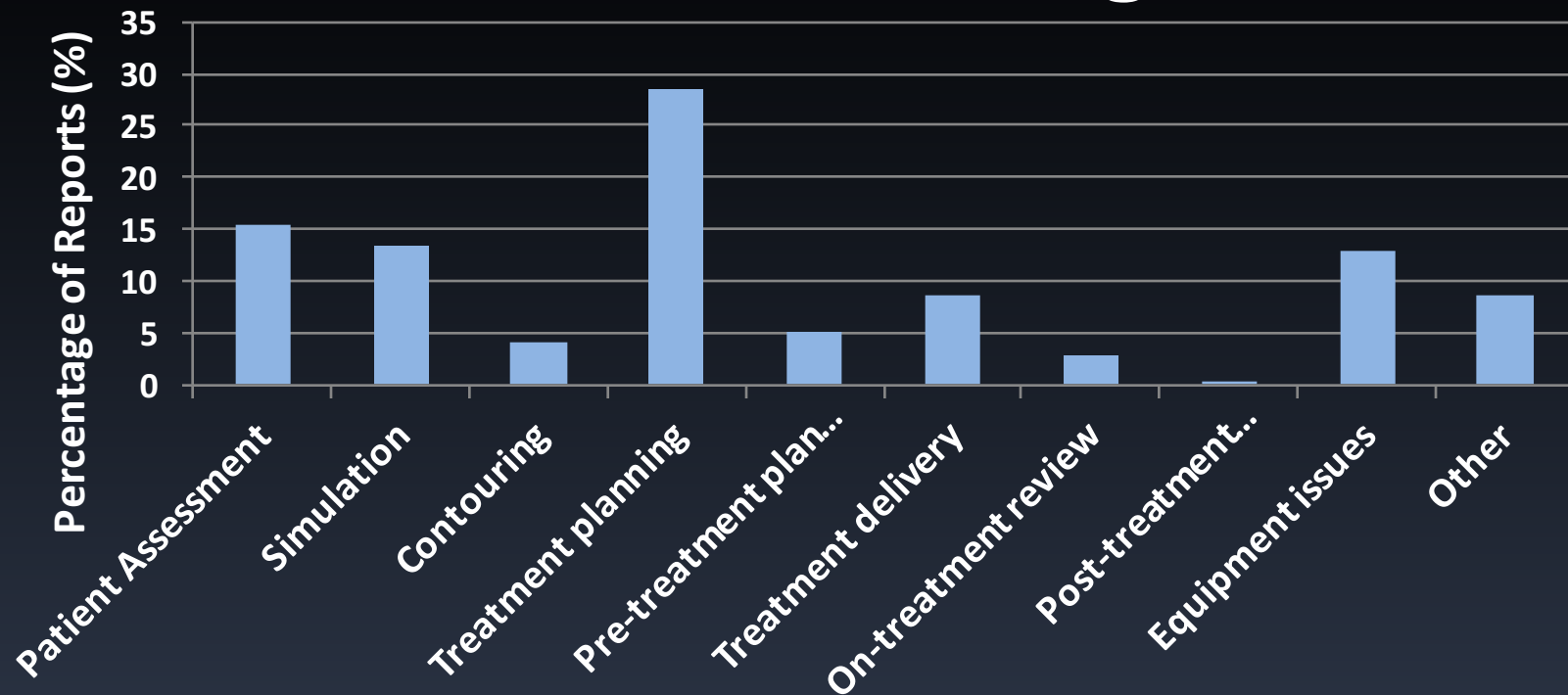


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*Clark et al. Prac Rad Onc, 3, 157-163, 2013*

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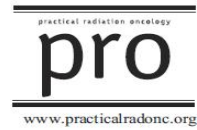


*Avrey Novak, Jing Zeng, et al. 2015*

What do you need to do SBRT safely?

# ASTRO White Paper on SBRT Safety

Practical Radiation Oncology (2012) 2, 2–9



Special Article

## Quality and safety considerations in stereotactic radiosurgery and stereotactic body radiation therapy: Executive summary

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# What you need to do SBRT Safely

## IGRT

- 3D
- Direct tumor visualization @ fraction
- Markers acceptable
- Respiratory management

## QA program

- Formalized
- Periodically updated

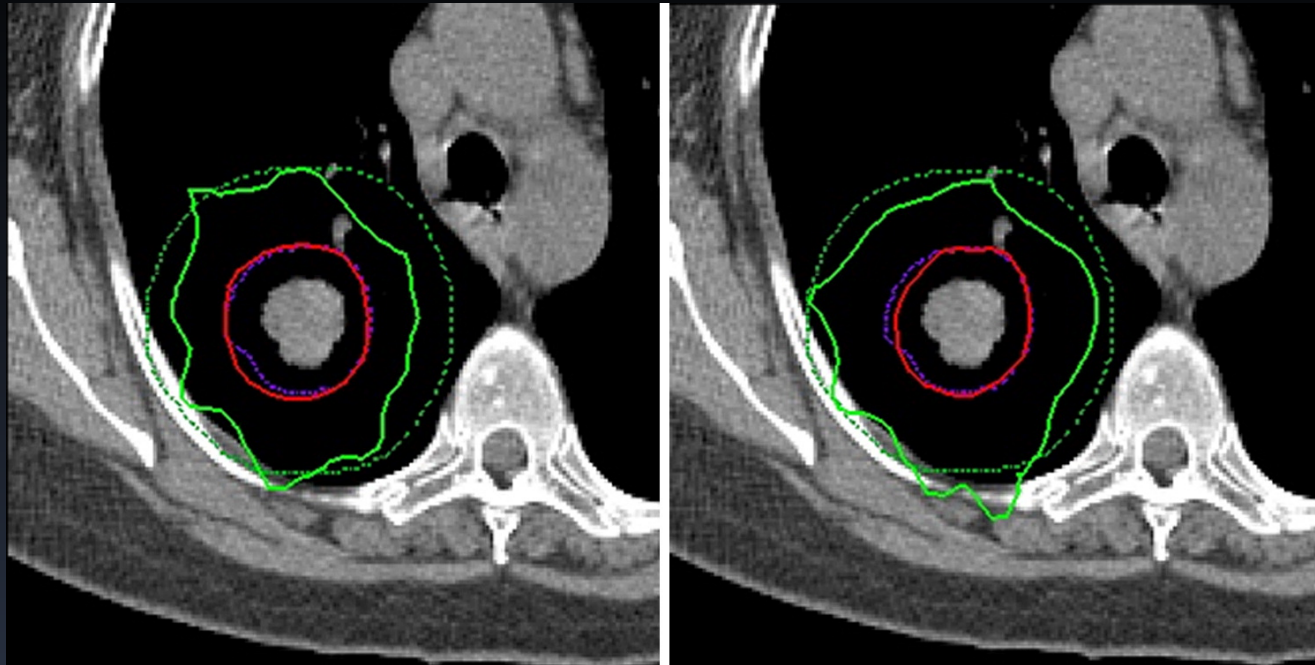
# What you need to do SBRT Safely

## Personnel

- Special staffing needs
- SRS/SBRT-specific training per disease site
- SRS/SBRT-specific CME

## Commissioning

## Effects of Heterogeneity



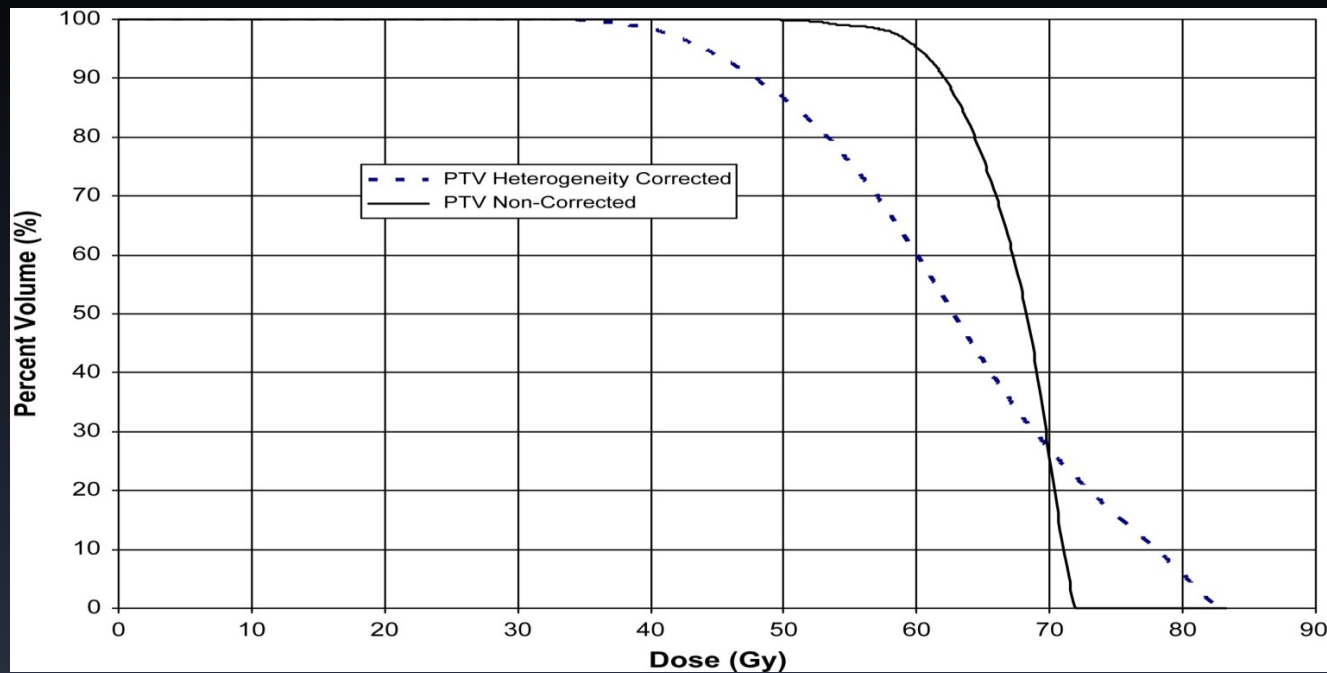
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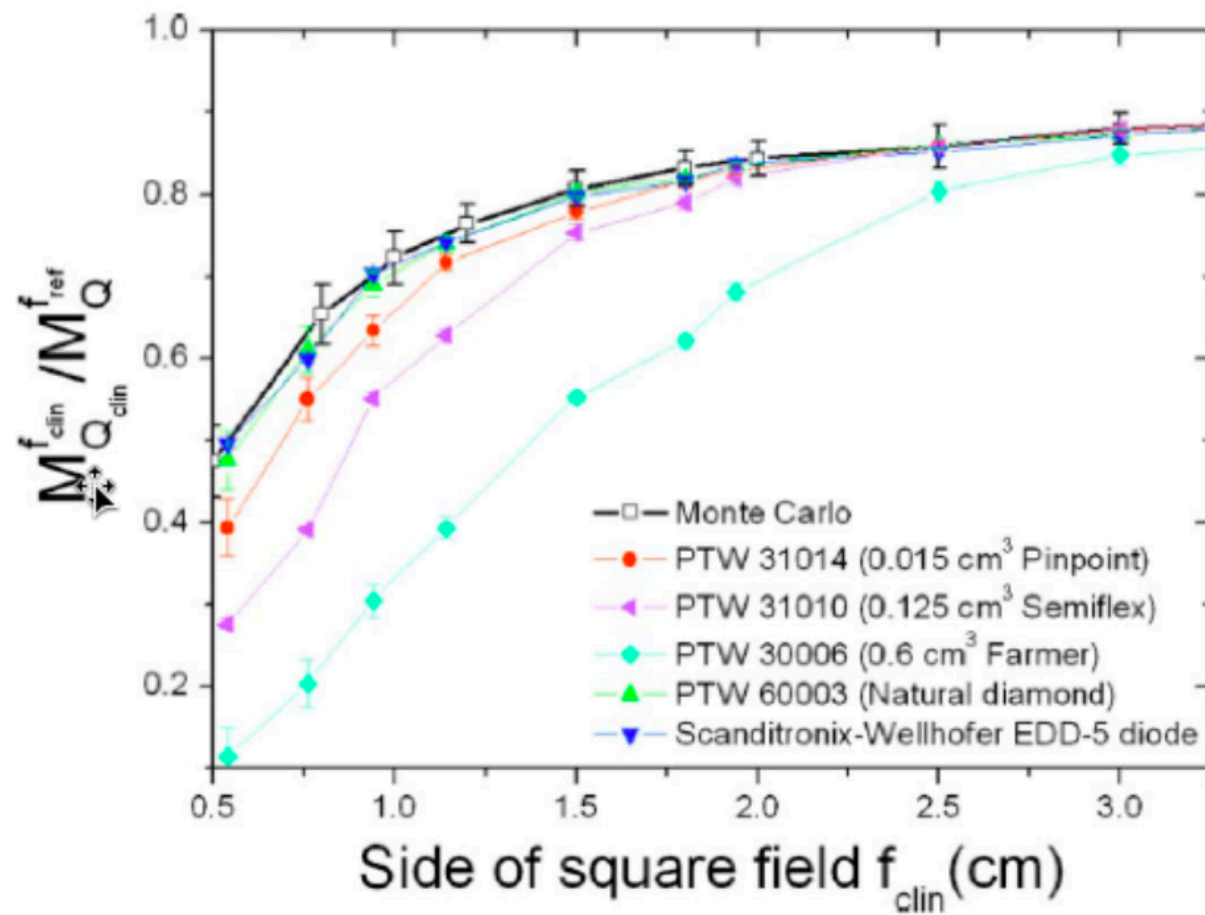
# Effects of Heterogeneity



# What you need to do SBRT Safely

## Commissioning

- Independent check of small field measurements
- End-to-end tests
- Independent check of TPS dose calc (IROC-H)



Alfonso et al. *Med Phys*, 35, 5179 (2008)

# The New York Times

HEALTH | THE RADIATION BOOM

## A Pinpoint Beam Strays Invisibly, Harming Instead of Healing

By WALT BOGDANICH and KRISTINA REBELO DEC. 28, 2010

- Overdoses due to wrong output factor
- Factor of ~2
- 75 patients



Terri Anderson was given too much radiation last year while being treated for a benign tumor. She now suffers facial spasms. "I started having 12 to 14 of those a day," she said.

# IROC-H Phantom Family



**2 prostate  
phantoms**



**33 lung phantoms**



**24 H&N  
phantoms**



**8 Spine  
phantoms**



**19 SRS  
phantoms**



**10 liver  
inserts**

*Courtesy: Dave Followill*

# Phantom Results

Comparison between institution's plan and delivered dose.

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# On-Site Dosimetry Review Audit

Discrepancies Discovered (Jan. '05 – April '13)

<u>Discrepancies Regarding:</u>	<u>Number of Institutions Receiving rec. (n = 206)</u>
Review QA Program	152 (74%)
<b>Photon Field Size Dependence</b>	<b>138 (67%)</b>
Wedge Factor (WF)	66 (32%)
Off-axis Factors (OAF)/Beam symmetry	60 (29%)
Electron Calibration	35 (17%)
Photon Depth Dose	33 (16%)
Electron Depth Dose	25 (12%)
Photon Calibration	16 (8%)

This is a beam measurement issue and TPS beam modeling challenge.



# Conclusions

- Minor deviations – big effect
- Quality gap
- Commissioning and independent audit

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