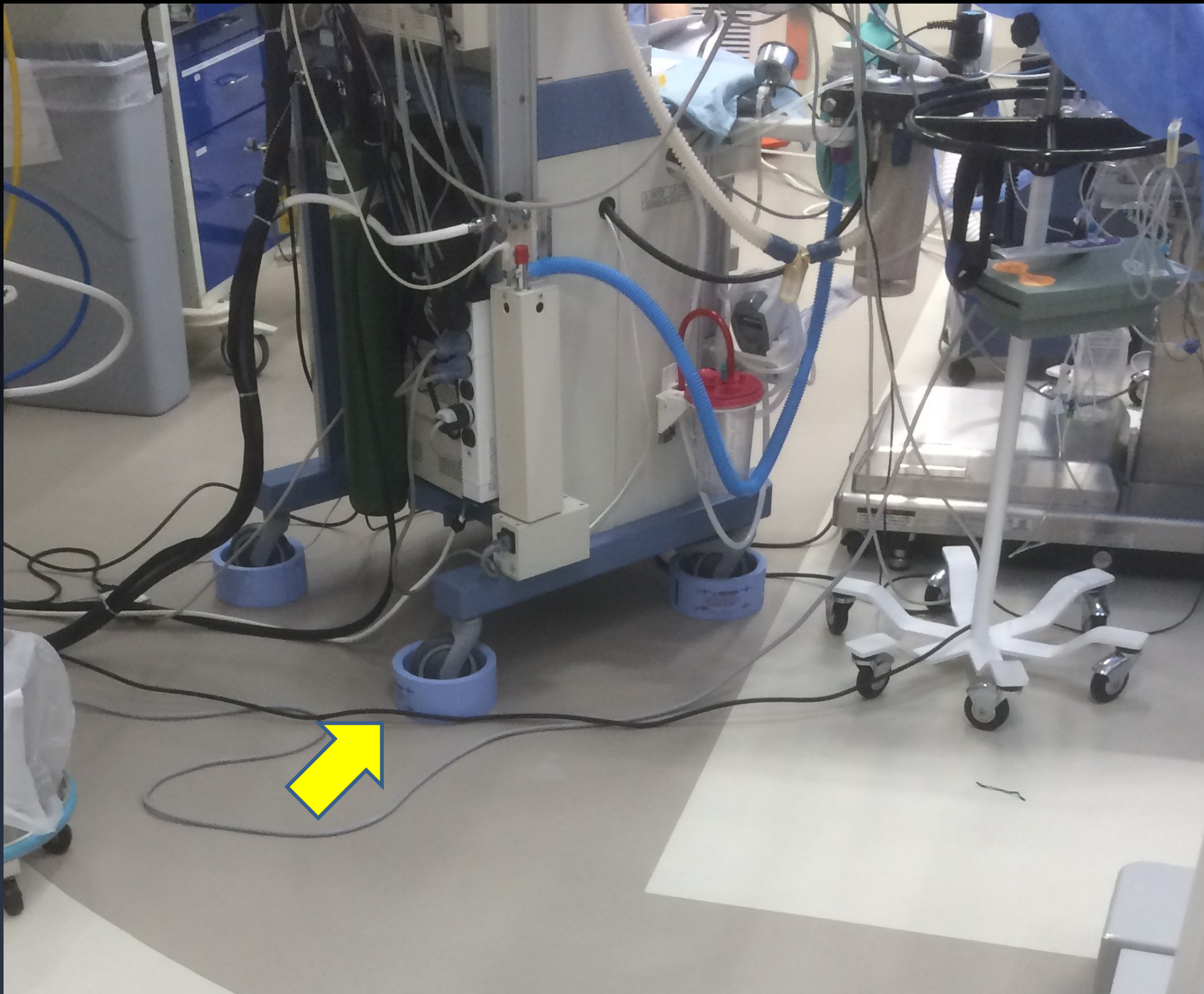


# Design for Care

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# Outline

## Joint Therapy-Imaging Session

- Designing away error.  
A radiation oncology physicist's perspective.  
Eric Ford, PhD
- Human Factors Engineering in Software Interface Design. A Vendor's Perspective  
Cristina Negrut, MS

# Outline of the session

- Designing the Optimal Reading Room Environment.  
A Radiology Perspective  
Elizabeth Krupinski, PhD
- Workflow Design and Errors. An Anesthesiologist's  
Perspective  
Aubrey Samost-Williams, MD, MS

# Designing away error. A radiation oncology physicist's perspective.

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# Case Study

## *Error and Design*

The lethal overdose of Lisa Norris

January 2006

Beatson Oncology Center, Glasgow,  
Scotland





## References

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# Clinical Background

- Lisa Norris. 15 yo female with pineoblastoma.
- Sept 2005 referred for radiotherapy.
- Intended prescription:
  - 1.75 Gy x 20 (35 Gy) to whole craniospinal axis
  - Spine fields split (upper and lower)
  - Followed by 1.8 Gy x 11 (19.8 Gy) to tumor bed
- Planning begins Dec 16. Complete Dec 19.



# Background: Planning System

- May 2005. Clinic upgrades to Varis 7. Allow direct transfer of plan Eclipse->Varis *RTChart* module (previously typed in by hand)
- Use of paper forms was retained for some of the more complex cases (e.g. 'whole CNS')

# Planning for Lisa Norris

- Rx entered in RTChart
- Treatment planning complete in Eclipse
- “Planner B” transcribes dose to paper form.

# Treatment Plan: MU calc

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MEDULLA PLANNING FORM  
TWO SPINE FIELDS

FM.14.014

Name:	Site:
B.O.C. No:	Unit:
Radiotherapist:	Date:
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Setup	Head fields isocentric; asymmetric jaws; customised shielding trays. Physics to move junction after every ..... fractions (see over).			
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Description	Right Lateral	Left Lateral	Posterior	Post / Sup
Field Size (approx for first ..... fractions)				
Jaw Settings	X1 Y1 X2 Y2	X1 Y1 X2 Y2		
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Collimators	.....° (i.e. ....° Sup End Post)	.....° (i.e. ....° Sup End Post)	0°	90°
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Beam Modifier	Shielding block tray code =	Shielding block tray code =	Wax compensator (a). tray code 17	Wax compensator (b). tray code 17

Beam Weight (%)	100% (a)	100% (a)	100% (b)	100% (c)
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Beam Weight (%)	100% (a)
Output (MU/100cGy)	

Planner B entered  
MU per 167 cGy instead of  
MU per 100 cGy

# Treatment Plan: MU calc

- Plan checked by two senior planners.
- Plan goes on to radiographer.
- Following standard calc procedure:

Output (MU/100cGy) x Rx (175 cGy) = **159 MU**

Should have been **94.5 MU**

- Treatment starts January 5.

Dose/fraction = 2.92 Gy instead of 1.75 Gy

# Finding the Error

- Feb 1, 2006. Another case is planned by Planner B.
- Same normalization error made.
- Caught by Plan Checker D.
- Realize the mistake in Lisa Norris' plan.
- Treatment stopped immediately.

# Follow Up

- Lisa Norris received 19 fractions
  - $2.92 \text{ Gy} \times 19 = 55.5 \text{ Gy}$
  - vs. intended  $1.75 \text{ Gy} \times 20 = 35 \text{ Gy}$
  - 58% overdose



# Follow Up

- Lisa Norris died nine months later

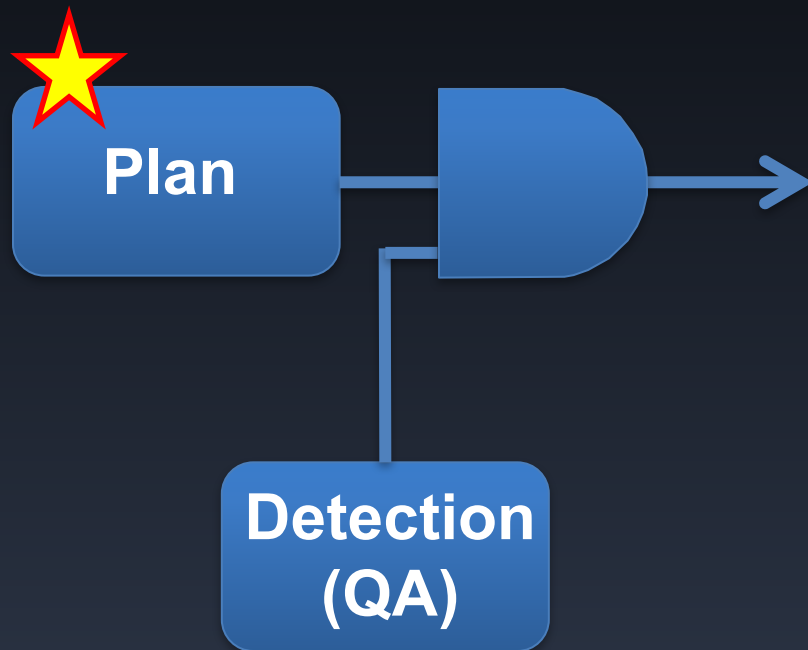


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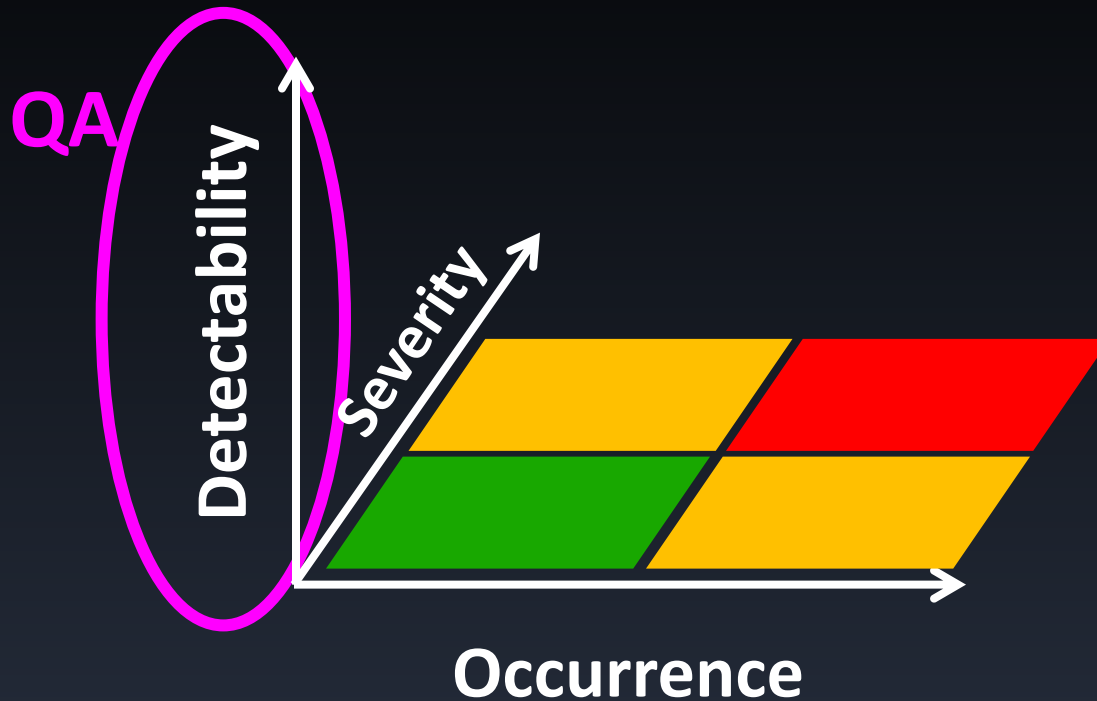
## *Quality Control*

# Stopping Errors

## A traditionalist approach

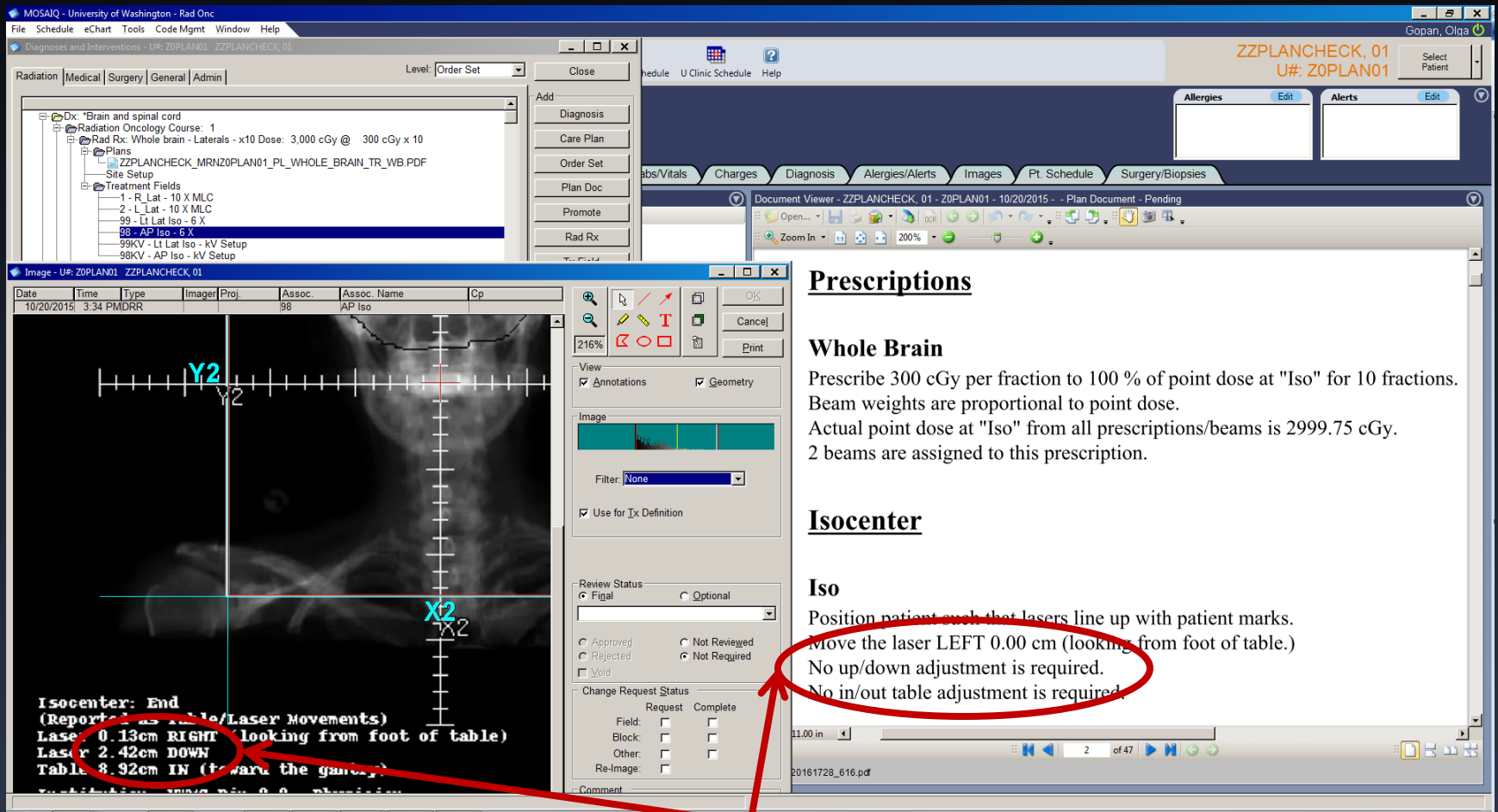


# Risk ala TG-100 and FMEA



$$\text{Risk} = S \times O \times D$$

# “Mock” plan with embedded errors



**Prescriptions**

**Whole Brain**

Prescribe 300 cGy per fraction to 100 % of point dose at "Iso" for 10 fractions. Beam weights are proportional to point dose. Actual point dose at "Iso" from all prescriptions/beams is 2999.75 cGy. 2 beams are assigned to this prescription.

**Isocenter**

**Iso**

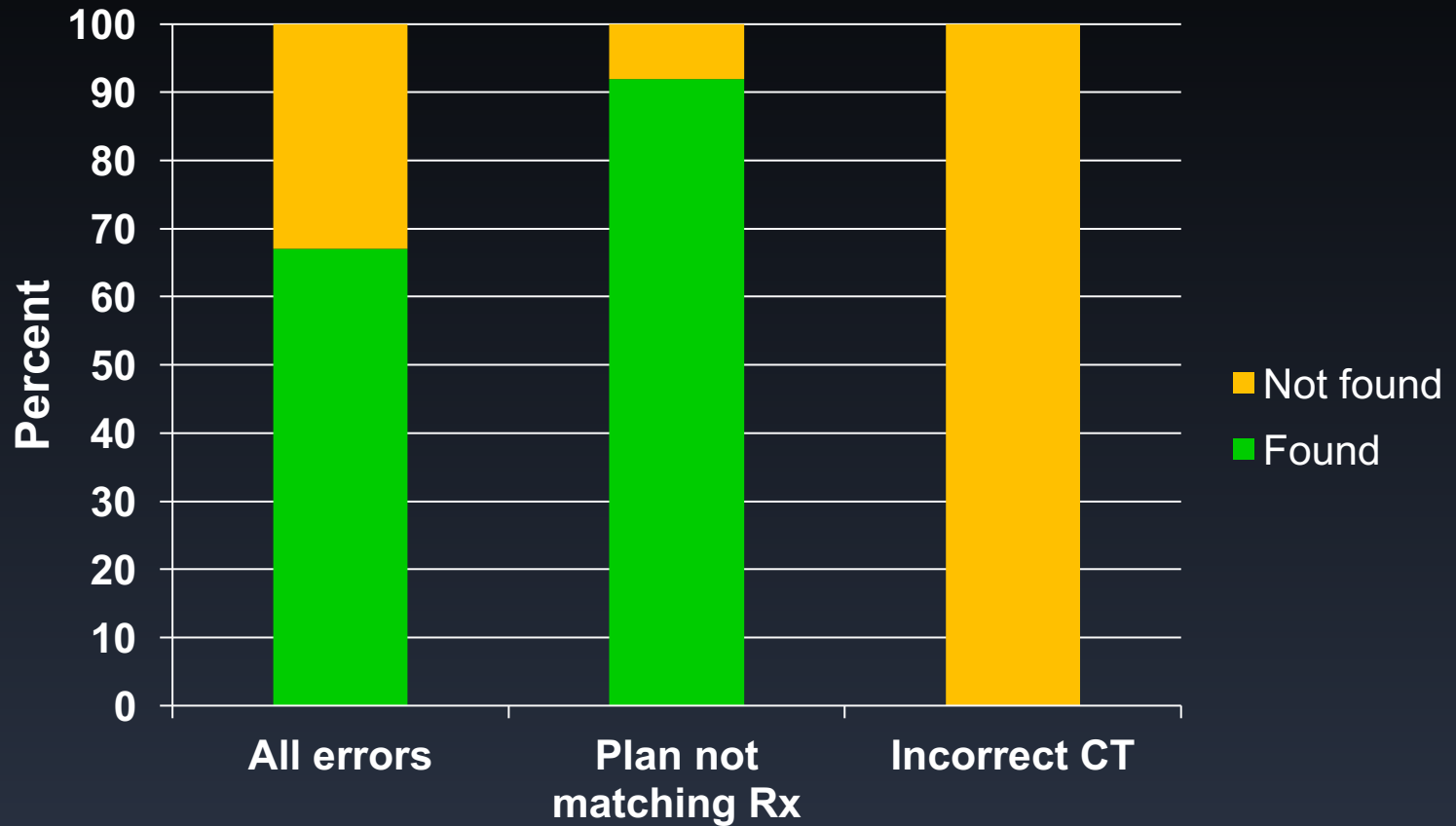
Position patient such that lasers line up with patient marks. Move the laser LEFT 0.00 cm (looking from foot of table.) No up/down adjustment is required. No in/out table adjustment is required.

**Isocenter: End (Reported as Table/Laser Movements)**

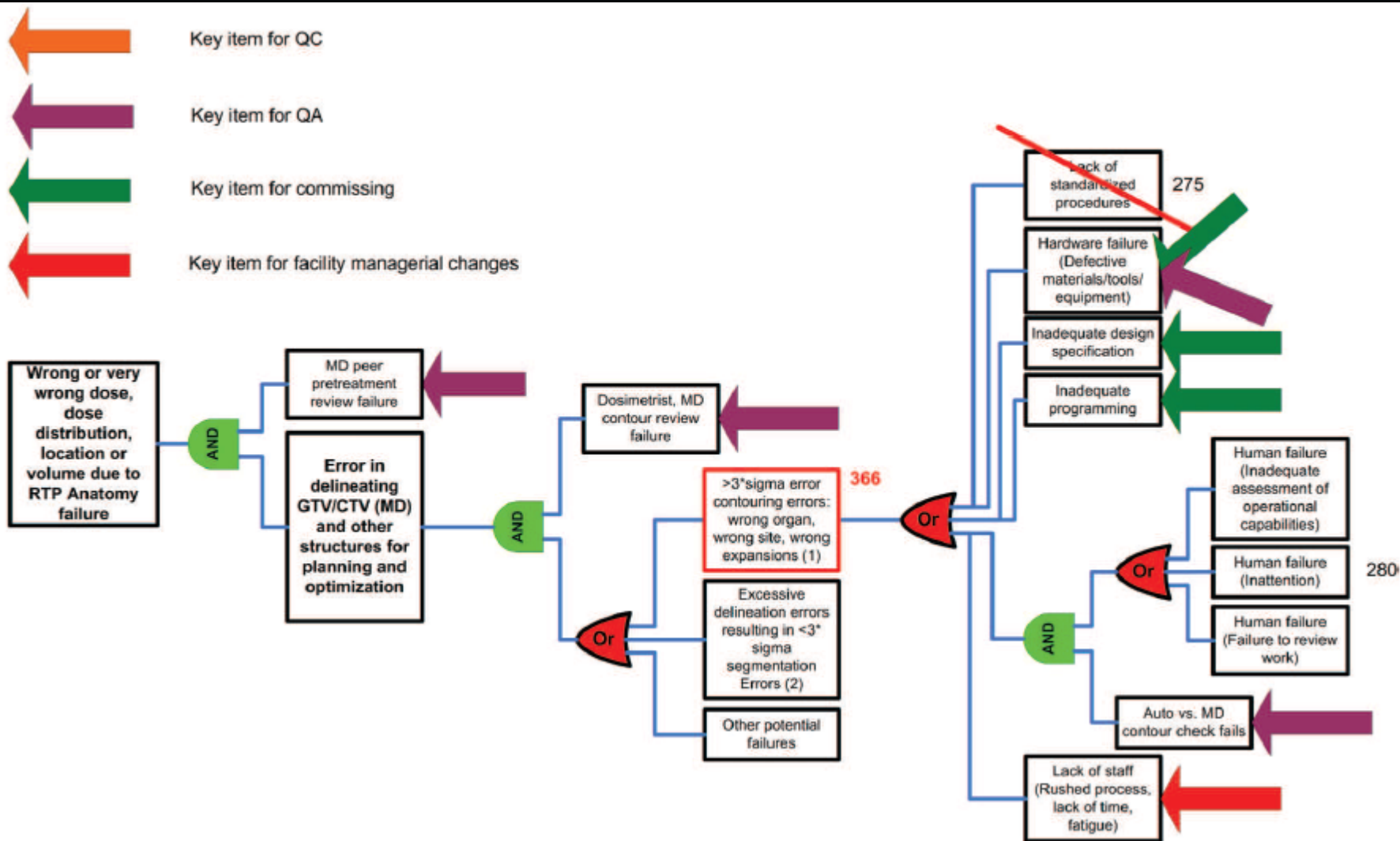
Laser 0.13cm RIGHT (looking from foot of table)  
Laser 2.42cm DOWN  
Table 8.92cm IN (toward the gantry)

**Error: incorrect isocenter location**

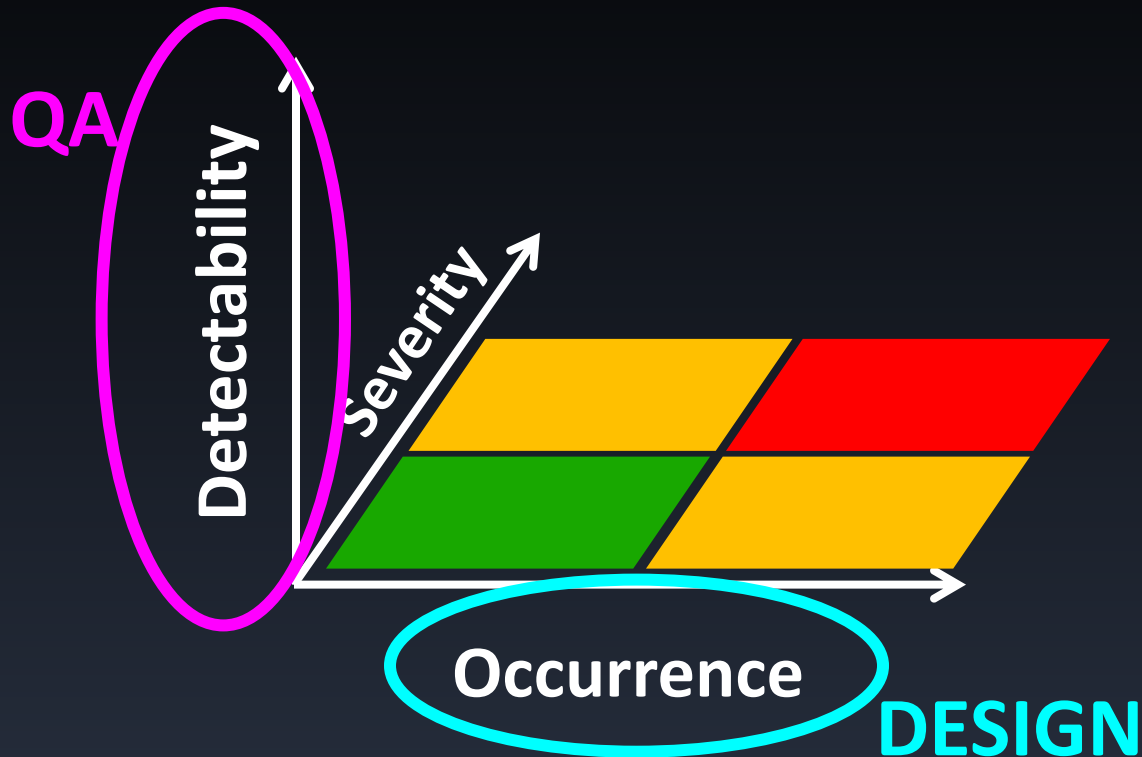
# Results: Mock Plan Error Checks



# Quality Control Using Checks: TG-100



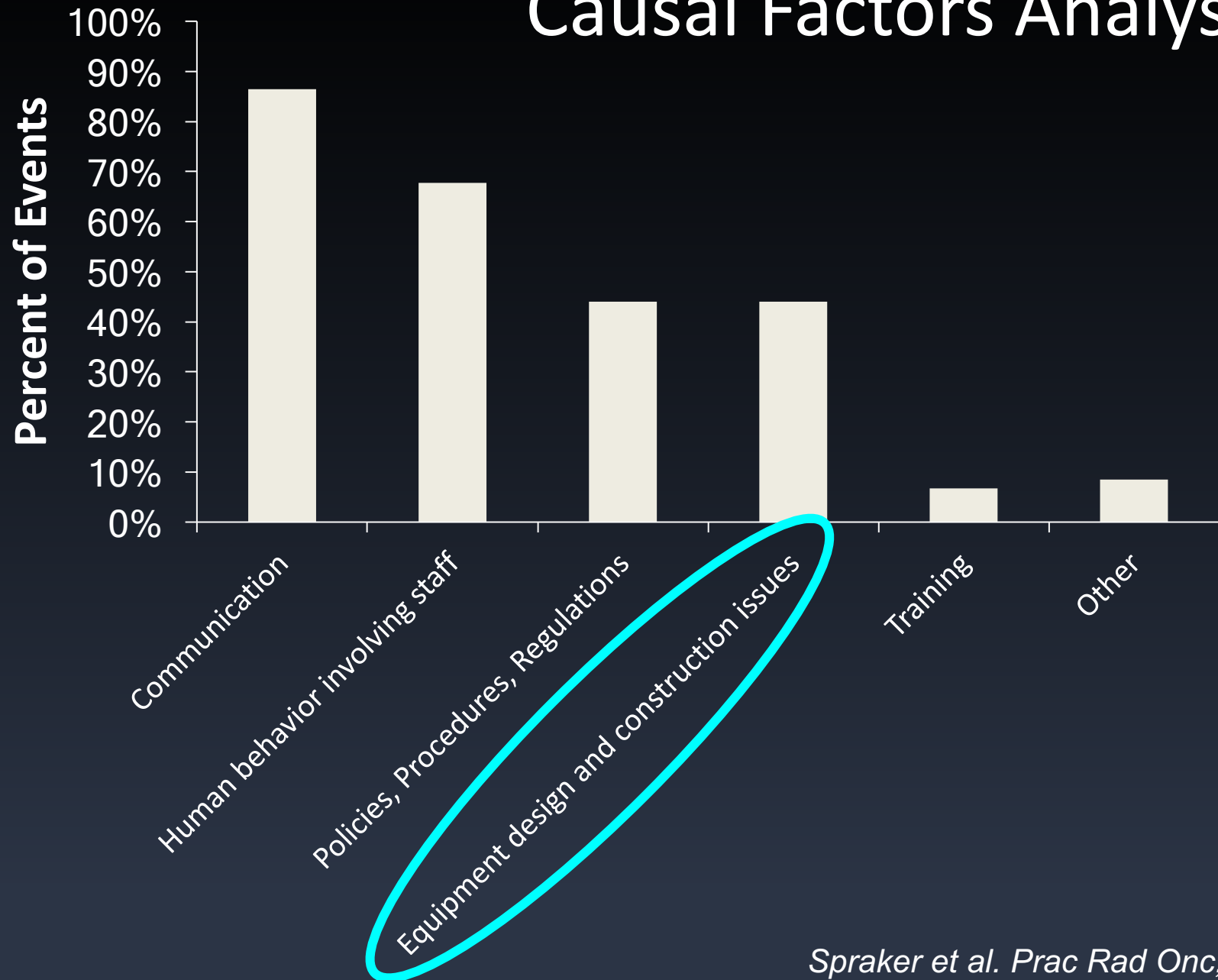
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Could the process / form be designed to prevent error from happening in the first place?

Beam Weight (%)	100% (a)
Output (MU/100cGy)	

# Data-driven design



# RO•ILS

RADIATION ONCOLOGY  
INCIDENT LEARNING SYSTEM

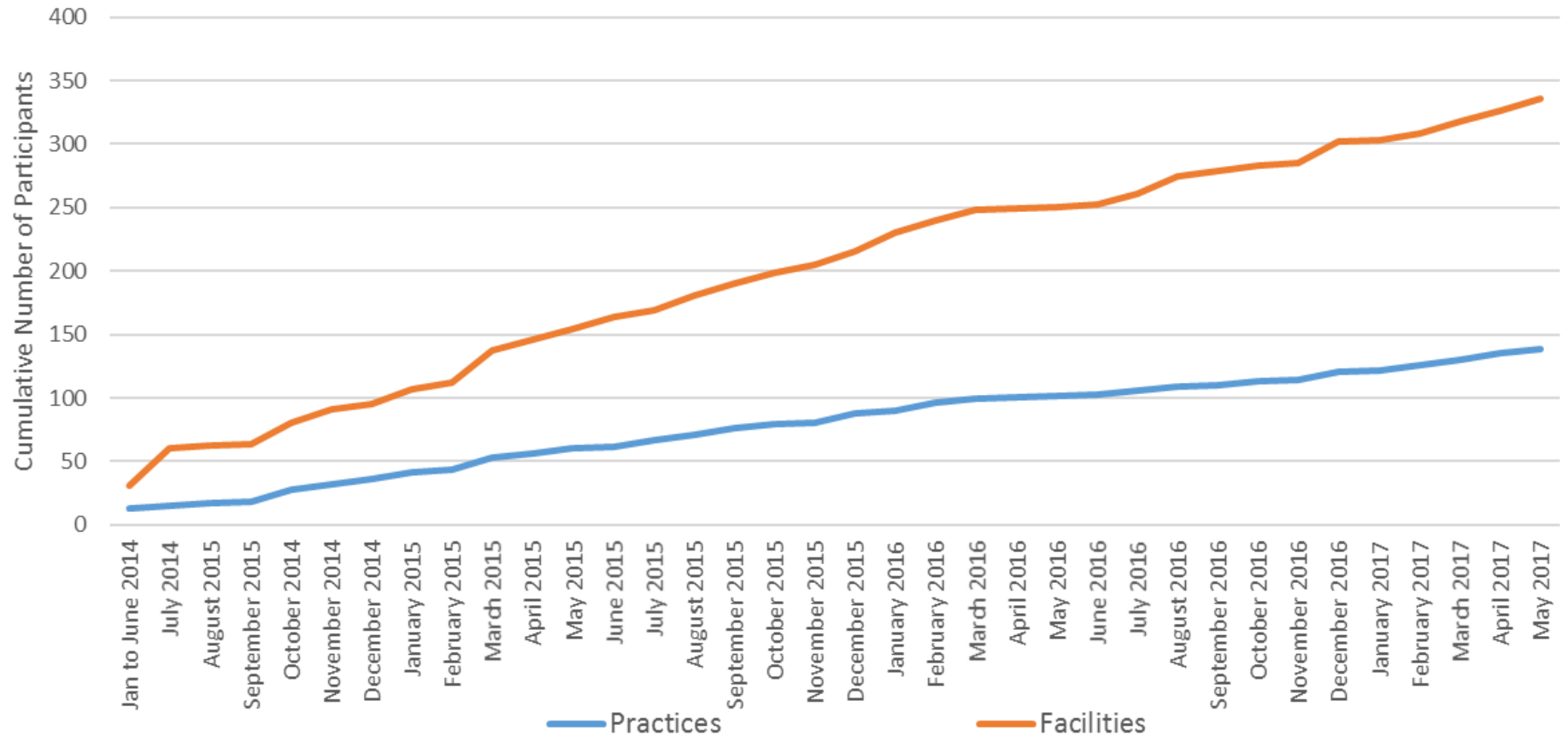
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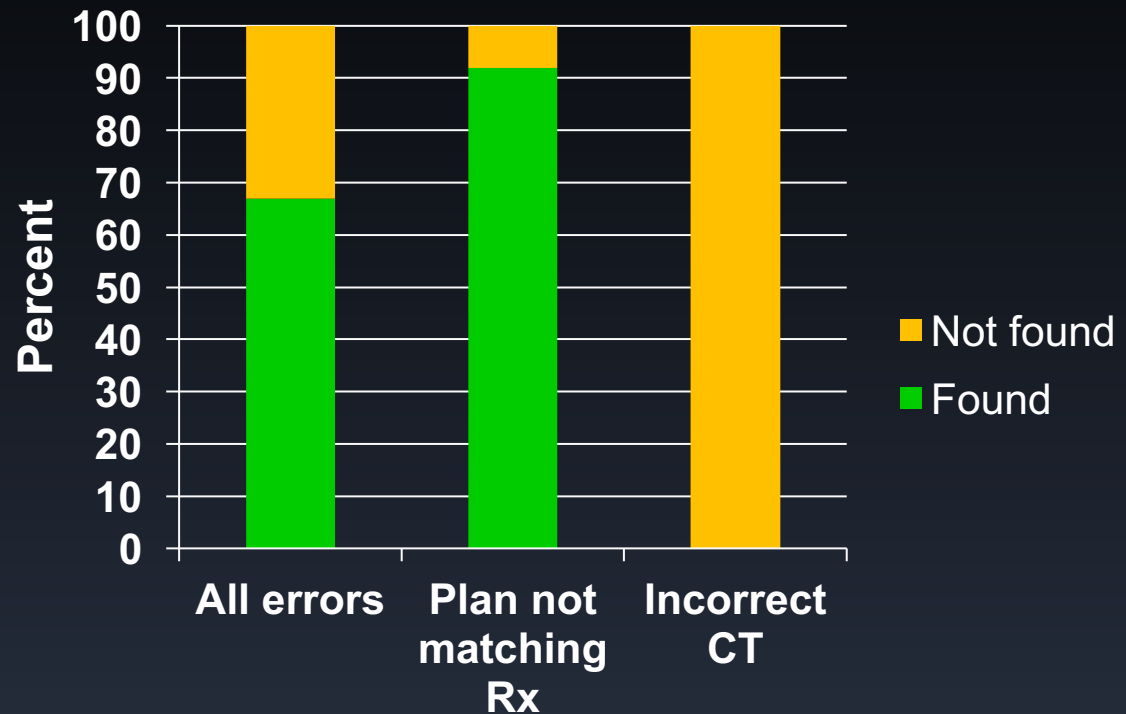
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## Cumulative Number of Contracted Practices and Facilities



# Data-driven design



➤ CT in TPS and isocenters

# CT import window

**Plans**

CT, 5004, 58, 2013-09-10 10:00:00, PELVIS F  
pubic arch study, 2013-09-10 10:00:00, (0)

**Primary Image Set**

CT, 5004, 58, 2013-09-10 10:00:00

**Image Select**

Images for

Image Name	Modality	MRN	Study ID	# of Images	Scan Date/Time	Series Description
(2) J... CT	CT		5018	37	2013-12-10 00:00:00	POST SEED IMPLANT AXIALS
CT	CT		5004	58	2013-09-10 10:00:00	PELVIS PUBIC ARCH

**Multiple CT scans**

Image Name:  Sort by  Image Name


Scanner Type:  DICOM3File

Image set is either used by a plan or selected for concatenation and cannot be deleted or overwritten.

# Plan document

Patient Name:		Time:	2013-08-
Patient ID:		Comment:	
Plan Name:	L5-S2	Institution:	UWMC Pin_9.0
Trial Name:	L... Approved	Physician/Physicist:	I
Revision:	<b>R04.P03.D03</b>	Planner:	
Lock Status:	The plan was locked by '		

## Plan Setup

Primary Data Set Name:   
Primary Data Set Dimensions: 232 slices, 512 x 512 pixels  
CT to Density Table Name: CT Sim Aug05

Patient Position: On back (supine) Head First  
Couch: Removed at Y = -10.29  
Body Board Angle: None

Number of Photon Beams: 2  
Number of Stereo Beams: 0  
Number of Electron Beams: 0

Number of Brachy Sources: 0

Outside-Patient Air Threshold: 0.60 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

	Dose Grid Geometry			<u>Units</u>
	<u>Lateral</u>	<u>Ant-Post</u>	<u>Sup-Inf</u>	
Resolution	0.400	0.400	0.400	cm
Dimension	119	97	109	Pixels
Origin	-23.415	-22.922	-18.840	cm
Reference Point	-0.00	4.61	0.00	cm

Top Slice of CT Extended: 0.00 cm  
Bottom Slice of CT Extended: 0.00 cm

Region of Interest Density Overrides:  
ROI

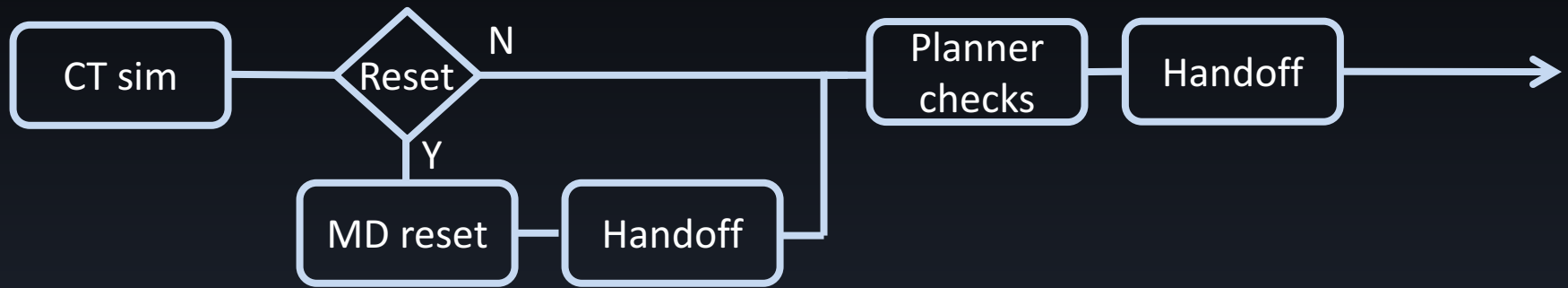
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lastname



# Failure Modes

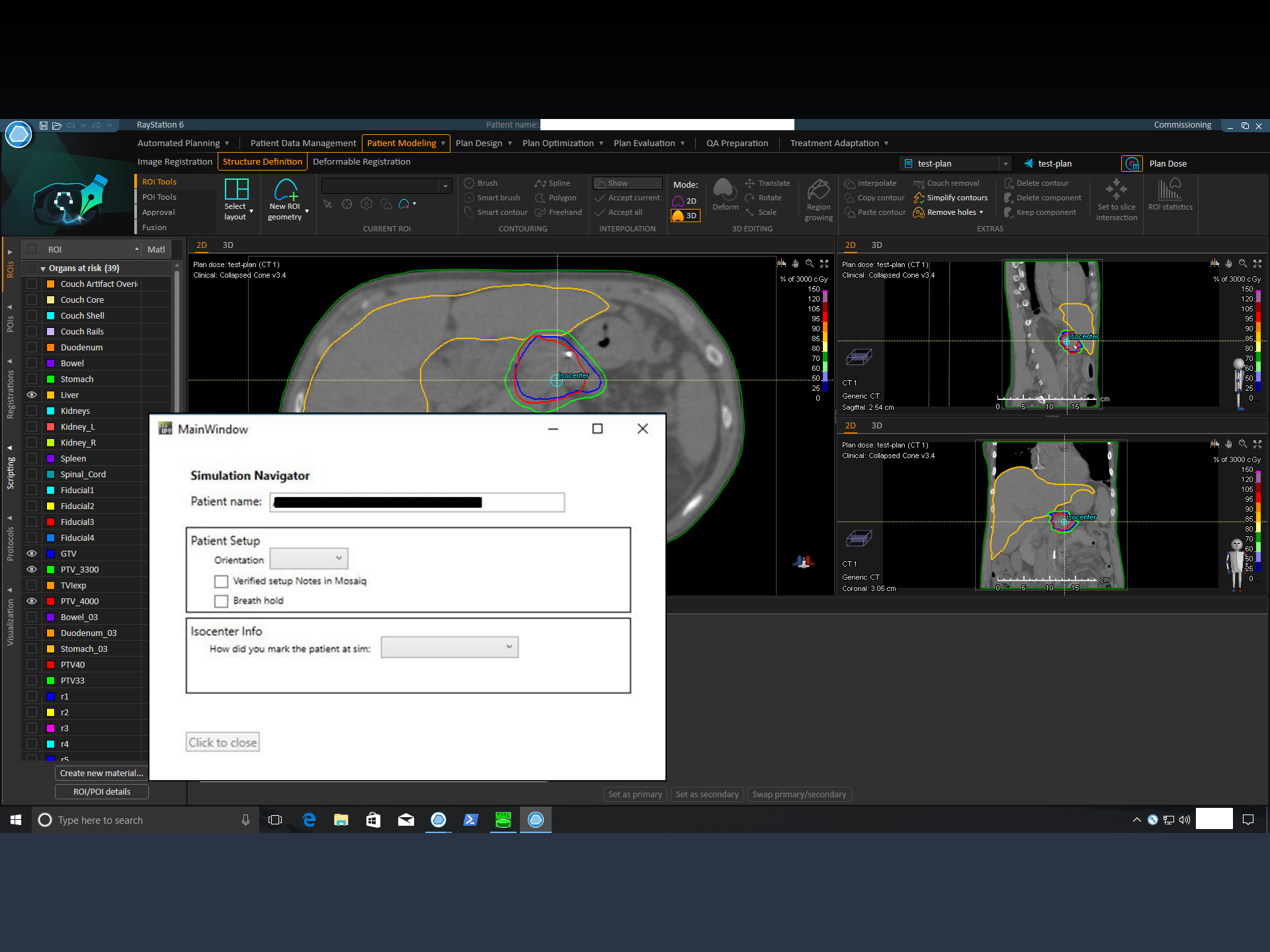
1. Wrong CT scan loaded into TPS

# Isocenter Handling



# Failure Modes

1. Wrong CT scan loaded into TPS
2. Isocenter move after sim not communicated





MainWindow



## Simulation Navigator

Patient name:

### Patient Setup

Orientation

☐

Verified setup Notes in Mosaic

☐

Breath hold

### Isocenter Info

How did you mark the patient at sim:

Iso marked at sim

CT origin set at sim

Used existing marks

Click to close

ROI

Organs at risk (39)

- Couch Artifact
- Couch Core
- Couch Shell
- Couch Rails
- Duodenum
- Bowel
- Stomach
- Liver
- Kidneys
- Kidney\_L
- Kidney\_R
- Spleen
- Spinal\_Cord
- Fiducial1
- Fiducial2
- Fiducial3
- Fiducial4
- GTV
- PTV\_3300
- TVIexp
- PTV\_4000
- Bowel\_03
- Duodenum\_03
- Stomach\_03
- PTV40
- PTV33
- r1
- r2
- r3
- r4
- r5

Registrations

Scripting

Protocols

Visualization

Create new mat

ROI/POI det

% of 3000 cGy

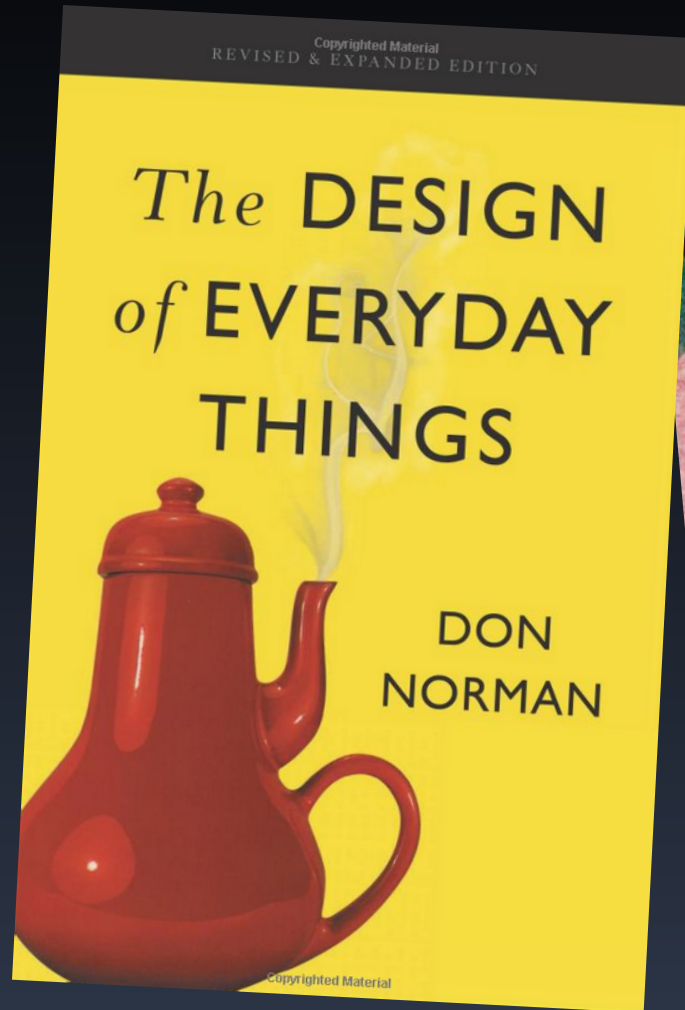
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% of 3000 cGy

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# Conclusions & Future Directions

# Further reading



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