

The Roadmap Ahead for Big Data in Radiation Oncology

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The Roadmap Ahead for Big Data in ...?

- Oncology
- Radiation Oncology
- Medical Physics

As Previously Discussed

2015 Big Data Workshop

August 13-14, 2015
NIH Campus, Bethesda, Maryland

ASTRO, the National Cancer Institute (NCI), and the American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM) are co-sponsoring a two-day workshop for radiation oncology physicians and physicists focused on opportunities for radiation oncology in the era of big data.

The 2015 Big Data Workshop: Exploring Opportunities for Radiation Oncology in the Era of Big Data will provide a platform for leaders in big data projects to interact with their peers in radiation oncology research, quality assessment and clinical care. Presentations will include current big data cancer registries, safety and incident reporting systems and other strategies that will have the greatest impact on radiation oncology research, quality assurance, safety and outcomes analysis/ CRE. Abstract submissions will be solicited for poster presentations.

Outcomes of the Big Data Workshop

- Opportunities
 - Detection
 - Diagnosis\staging
 - Imaging
 - Treatment
 - Safety\quality
 - Outcome response
 - Efficiencies
- Obstacles
 - Access to data



BIG DATA

A Systems Approach Using Big Data to Improve Safety and Quality in Radiation Oncology

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Big Data Use

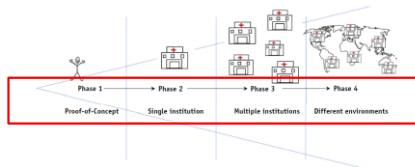


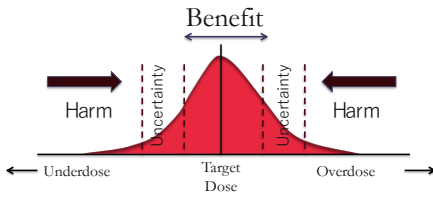
Fig. 1. A paradigm for quality and safety research that requires big data.

Potters et al, Int J Radiation Oncol Biol Phys, Vol. 95, No. 3, pp. 885e889, 2016

Big Data

- Identify improvement opportunities
- Data Collection
- Data Analysis
- Tool creation
- Tool distribution\enablement
- Adoption\Consumption

Example: Knowledge Based Planning

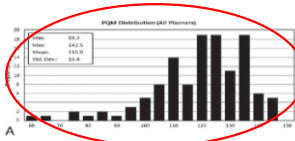


Operating principle: High quality = Reduced Variability

Example: Knowledge Based Planning

Variation in external beam treatment plan quality: An inter-institutional study of planners and planning systems

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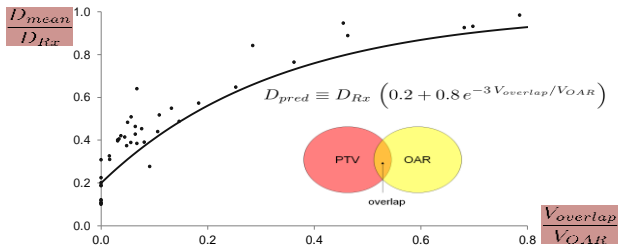


Conclusions

There is a **large inter-planner variation in plan quality** as defined by **the comprehensive PQMI score** that measures the ability of the planner to meet very specific plan objectives. **Plan quality was not statistically different between different TPS or delivery techniques** and was not **correlated to metrics of plan complexity (certification and education demographics, experience)** and **certification level of the planner** were not good predictors of plan quality.

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Example: Knowledge Based Planning (Phase 1)

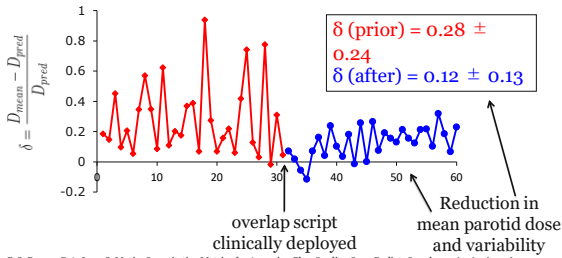


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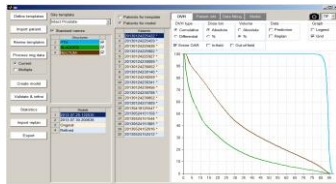
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Standalone predictive DVH tool (Phase 2)

- **pDVH DICOM tool**
 - **TPS independent**
 - **Efficient GPU use**
 - **Allows novice users to automatically create and evaluate pDVH models**
 - **Automatically identifies dosimetric outliers and refines pDVH models**



Tan, J. et al., A Universal Predictive DVH Modeling Toolkit. Oral presentation, AAPM 2013.

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Adoption\Consumption

- Systematic change in operating paradigms needed

From:

Collect, Analyze, Develop, Implement, Use, Maintain

To:

(Provide Data), Adopt, Use, Update

Data use challenges, even when data is available

- Proof of principle for big data benefit is currently the main focus
- Availability of data is the typically mentioned obstacle
- We just discussed adoption\consumption
- Acting on data and using it even when available - potentially another problem

IROC (RPC) Paper (2005)



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PHYSICS CONTRIBUTION

DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ANTHROPOMORPHIC QUALITY ASSURANCE PHANTOM FOR INTENSITY-MODULATED RADIATION THERAPY FOR THE RADIATION THERAPY ONCOLOGY GROUP

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Purpose: To design, construct, and evaluate an anthropomorphic phantom for evaluation of intensity-modulated radiation therapy (IMRT) dose planning and delivery, for protocols developed by the Radiation Therapy Oncology Group (RTOG) and other cooperative groups.

Methods and Materials: The phantom was constructed from a plastic head-shaped shell and water-equivalent inserts. Serial cross-sections were mounted with inserts and an eye at the center. Anthropomorphic shoulders, forearms, and hands were used to measure the phantom dose and the dose distribution, respectively. The reproducibility of the phantom's responses was tested for IMRT treatments, and the phantom was then imaged, planned, and evaluated by IMRT techniques.

Results: The IMRT plans from three clinical institutions showed a percent standard deviation of less than 1.0% for the IMRT plans from three clinical institutions. The IMRT plans from three clinical institutions showed that the TLD agreed with ionization chamber to within 0.5% standard deviation in the planning target volume and 1.5% standard deviation in the region of risk. The IMRT plans from all three clinical institutions showed that the TLD agreed with ionization chamber to within 0.5% standard deviation in the planning target volume and 1.5% standard deviation in the region of risk. The IMRT plans from all three clinical institutions showed that the TLD agreed with ionization chamber to within 0.5% standard deviation in the planning target volume and 1.5% standard deviation in the region of risk. The IMRT plans from all three clinical institutions showed that the TLD agreed with ionization chamber to within 0.5% standard deviation in the planning target volume and 1.5% standard deviation in the region of risk.

Conclusion: A quality assurance phantom using TLDs and radiochromic film can verify dose delivery and field placement for IMRT treatments. © 2005 Elsevier Inc.

IROC (RPC) Report (2013)

Credentialed results from IMRT irradiations of an anthropomorphic head and neck phantom

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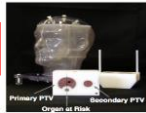
Purpose: This study was performed to report and analyze the results of the Radiological Physics Center's head and neck intensity-modulated radiation therapy (IMRT) phantom irradiations done by institutions seeking to be credentialed for participation in clinical trials using intensity modulated

Methods: The Radiological Physics Center's anthropomorphic head and neck phantom was sent to institutions seeking to participate in multi-institutional clinical trials. The phantoms contained two planning target volume (PTV) structures and an organ at risk (OAR). Thermoluminescent dosimeters (TLD) and film dosimeters were embedded in the PTV. Institutions were asked to image, plan, and treat the phantom as they would treat a patient. The treatment plan should cover at least 95% of the primary PTV with 6 Gy and at least 95% of the secondary PTV with 5.4 Gy. The plan should limit the dose to the OAR to less than 4.5 Gy. The passing criteria were 4.7% for TLD in the PTV and a distance to agreement of 4 mm in the high dose gradient area between the PTV and the OAR. Pass rates for different linac models, treatment planning systems (TPS), linear accelerators, and linear

Results: The phantom was irradiated 1139 times by 763 institutions from 2001 through 2011. 929 (81.6%) of the irradiations passed the criteria. 126 (13.7%) irradiations failed only the TLD criteria, 21 (1.8%) failed only the film criteria, and 33 (3.9%) failed both sets of criteria. Only 69% of the irradiations passed a narrower TLD criteria of $\pm 2\%$. Varian-Eclipse and TomoTherapy-MAT combinations had the highest pass rates, ranging from 90% to 97%. Varian-Pinnacle³, Varian-NO, Siemens-Pinnacle³, and Elekta-Pinnacle³ combinations had pass rates that ranged from 66% to 81.6%.

Conclusions: The head and neck phantom is a useful credentialing and for multi-institutional IMRT clinical trials. The most commonly reported reason accounting for failing combinations was that the plan did not pass the phantom coverage criteria. Higher passing percentages than others. Tightening the criteria would significantly reduce the number of institutions passing the credentialing criteria. Causes for failures include incorrect data entered into the TPS, linac beam modeling, and software and hardware failures. © 2013 American Association of Physicists in Medicine. [http://dx.doi.org/10.1118/1.3535991]

Key words: credentialing, clinical trials, IMRT QA, anthropomorphic phantom



Molinuevo et al., Med. Phys. 40 (2013)

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IROC Data (2013)

- Participating Institutions:
 - 20% failed the +/- 7% criteria
 - 30% failed the +/- 5% criteria
- Reasons for Failure
 - Errors in beam data input
 - Inadequate MLC modeling
 - Inadequate beam modeling
- 90-93% pass rates for institutions that had less local user input
 - Tomotherapy – no user input
 - Varian Linac/Eclipse – Presumably golden beam data or the benefit of auto modeling

Table II. Pass rate versus IMRT technique, treatment planning system, linear accelerator manufacturer, and linac-TPS combination.

IMRT technique	Pass rate (%)	Attempts	Criterion failed			
			Dose	DFA	Dose and DFA	
Dynacomp MLC	88	296	26	5	5	
IMAT	86	103	11	0	3	
Segmental	76	634	109	15	25	
Solid state/meter	43	7	4	0	0	
TomoTherapy	93	99	6	1	0	
Treatment planning system						
Eclipse	88	387	30	8	7	
Pinnacle ³	75	425	14	8	13	
TomoTherapy	93	99	6	1	0	
NO	76	137	19	4	10	
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Other	78	71	17	0	7	
Linear accelerator manufacturer						
Elekta	97	150	17	4	2	
Siemens	70	135	32	4	6	
TomoTherapy	93	99	6	1	0	
Varian	85	775	81	13	25	
Linac-TPS combination						
Elekta-Pinnacle ³	66	90	28	3	0	
Siemens-Pinnacle ³	67	76	21	0	4	
TomoTherapy-MAT	93	99	6	1	0	
Varian-Eclipse	90	332	22	7	9	
Varian-Pinnacle ³	81	267	58	6	9	
Varian-NO	77	74	10	7	6	

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IROC (RPC) Report (2016)

Examining credentialing criteria and poor performance indicators for IROC Houston's anthropomorphic head and neck phantom

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Table I. Institutional percentage pass rates for overall and individual criteria.

Criteria	Overall pass ^a	TLD pass	Gamma pass ^b
7% TLD, 7%/4 mm	90 ± 2	93 ± 2	92 ± 2
5% TLD, 5%/4 mm	77 ± 3	80 ± 3	86 ± 3
5% TLD, 5%/3 mm	70 ± 4	80 ± 3	75 ± 3
4% TLD, 4%/4 mm	63 ± 4	67 ± 4	79 ± 3
3% TLD, 3%/3 mm	37 ± 4	49 ± 4	48 ± 4

Conclusions:

- Failures are the results of systematic dosimetric discrepancies between the TPS and delivered dose.
- Half of all failures are due to systematic underdosing.

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Acting on available data

- IROC Houston is the largest QA center in the world
- Their data is likely the biggest TPS\machine performance centric dataset available
- High quality data
- Data showing problems dating back 10+ years
- Actionable solutions still slow to develop

What if Big Data leads to standard data and automatic QA?



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Are we ready to adopt all results of big data?



Roadmap considerations

- Benefits of Big Data already in clinical use
- One of the main areas of current research
 - Many other proofs of principle
 - New applications constantly being developed
- Constant increase in clinical practice likely
- There will likely be a reassessment of our duties
 - Automated treatment planning example
 - **OPPORTUNITIES TO INCREASE MEDICAL PHYSICS VALUE**
- Willingness to provide data but also willingness to consume outcomes of that data

Roadmap considerations

Individual clinics	Research	Industry
Organization for data collection	Development of incentives for data submission	Access to data
Standardization of practices (e.g. TG-263)	Data sharing and access	Provision of flexible solutions
Evolution of clinical practices	Development of new roles for medical physics	Decision support vs. automation
Model implementation (and development) skills	Identification of highest value opportunities	Identification of highest value opportunities
Change adoption	Data based innovation	Pace of development

Thank you!