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1. Introduction
---- Breast Cancer treatment

- 1. The standard of care currently for locoregional treatment of breast cancer is breast conserving surgery followed by whole breast external beam radiotherapy (EBRT).
- 2. An alternative to standard EBRT is intraoperative radiation therapy (IORT) in which at the time of breast conserving surgery a single dose of radiation is delivered.
- 3. Spherical applicator based Zeiss IntraBeam system is one of the emerging techniques for breast IORT treatment.

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Rationale for using IB-IORT

- 1. Fowler¹ postulated that breast cancer has an α/β ratio of 4, rather than the ratio of 10 that is characteristic of most squamous cell carcinomas. The lower α/β ratio corresponds to a lower radiosensitivity to low doses, favoring a high single dose treatment, such as IORT.
- 2. The use of a 20 Gy dose of IB-IORT (Carl Zeiss Surgical, Oberkochen, Germany) as a monotherapy following breast conserving surgery was compared to the standard of a 50 Gy dose of EBRT in the TARGIT-A clinical trial².

¹ Fowler JF: The linear-quadratic formula and progress in fractionated radiotherapy. Br J Radiol 62:679-94, 1989
² Silverstein M.J, Frastrone G, Maluta S, et al: Intraoperative radiation therapy: a critical analysis of the ELIOT and TARGIT trials. Part 2--TARGIT. Ann Surg Oncol 21:3793-9, 2014

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2. Carl Zeiss IntraBeam System

Low energy, 40 or 50 kV x-ray, Shielding is easy to handle.

The diagram shows the components of the Carl Zeiss IntraBeam System. It includes a Computer, XRS Source, Dosimeter, XRS Source, Spherical applicators, Multifreedom source holder, and a Dosimeter. The Multifreedom source holder is a large, articulated arm that holds the XRS Source and Spherical applicators. The XRS Source is a small, rectangular device. The Spherical applicators are small, spherical devices. The Dosimeter is a small, rectangular device. The Computer is a desktop computer. The XRS Source is connected to the Multifreedom source holder. The Spherical applicators are connected to the Multifreedom source holder. The Dosimeter is connected to the Multifreedom source holder. The Multifreedom source holder is connected to the Computer.

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Intrabeam Components-
Spherical Applicators for breast (2 to 5.0 cm)
Brain IORT needs smaller applicators.



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Intrabeam Components-
Intrabeam cart



- Mobile ---- does not need to remain in operating room,
- Store all patient treatment, QA components and data in cart,
- QA checks are performed on the cart ---- Does not require doing the QA in the Operating Room.

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Advantage of Intrabeam IB-IORT

1. **Advantage:** Because the treatment site can be seen by MD before treatment, so the accuracy of applicator placement is superior,
2. **Advantage:** Because it is one time treatment after tumor removal, so patient does not have to come back for a protracted treatment course seen in EBRT,
3. **Advantage:** Equipment is compact and mobile, so it can be used to treat patients from one OR after another.

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Monthly QA – with Water Phantom

- To perform independent verification of depth dose and dose distribution in water,
- use Radiation shielded (lead glass) water tank,
- Micrometer screw mechanical positioning accuracy of +/- 0.1 mm



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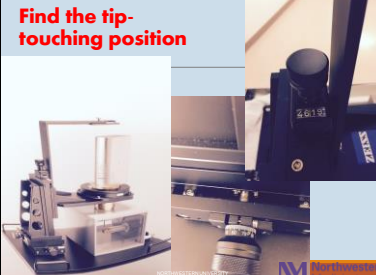
Monthly QA XRS- output water tank measurements

1. Checking the (in-plane and cross-plane) lateral position using micrometer screws and current measurement with the dosimeter. The probe tip has been centered above the measuring window of ionization chamber.
2. Move the probe tip downward until it almost touches the measuring chamber.
3. Watch the shadow of a flashlight from other side, moving the probe tip downward until the shadows from two sides connect each other and there is no light you can see at the tip.
4. The position where you just reached is the exact position of the probe tip.

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Find the tip-touching position



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XRS source water phantom measurement data table

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$N_p = 5.941E+09$ Q/C Cfp = 1.019

$t_c = 21.60$ °C $K_{90} = 1.002$

$P_c = 745.00$ cm²/g $m = 3.024$

XRS S/N: 507216 Lescher ion/ S/N: 000366
XRS chamber

Table 1. Measured depth-dose without applicator. (3/25/2015)

Threading	Depth r (mm)	R1 (cG)	R2 (cG)	R3 (cG)	Q Aug (nc)	F _{tot} (r)	Output measured (Gy/min)	Manual output (Gy/min)	difference
	0	11.46	11.46	11.46	11.933	0.02731	49.878	49.133	-14.20%
	5	3.480	3.493	3.495	3.493	0.21176	13.020	14.458	8.06%
	10	0.926	0.935	0.935	0.9317	0.81339	2.820	2.7540	-2.37%
	15	0.386	0.385	0.386	0.3817	0.65052	0.999	0.9973	-0.17%
	20	0.286	0.286	0.285	0.2817	0.87093	0.472	0.4767	0.96%
	25	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.2403	0.3880	0.259	0.2603	2.83%

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Output comparison

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Figure. Comparison of the measured and Zeiss provided XRS dose rate output without applicators at different depths.

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Monthly QA report

A monthly QA report will be written.

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