
IMPROVEMENTS IN PATIENT SETUP AND TREATMENT EFFICIENCY ADVANCES USING SGRT
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DISCLOSURES
• I have nothing to disclose


OVERVIEW
• Implementing SGRT to decrease setup errors
• Implementing SGRT to decrease setup time
• Advancements in treatment efficiency
Reduced imaging frequency
Free breathing
Real-time motion management
Volumetric modulated arc therapy

TRADITIONAL SETUP TECHNIQUES

- Visual based Clinical Setups
- Permanent or non-permanent subcutaneous marks
- X-Ray Orthogonal imaging
- Volumetric Imaging
  - Gold standard

SGRT COMPLEMENTS TRADITIONAL TECHNIQUES

- Increased temporal visualization
  - Xray based = Snapshots in time
- Decreased initial errors
- Movement verification
  - Reimage thresholds
  - Automatic readjustment
  - Ability to quantify movements
- SGRT serves as the link that correlates the initial imaging throughout the course of treatment.

CAN SGRT DECREASE INITIAL SETUP ERRORS?

- Historically, the process of positioning a patient prior to imaging verification used a set of permanent patient marks, or tattoos, placed subcutaneously.
- Surface-based imaging systems
  - Alternative method of verifying initial positioning
  - Utilizes entire skin surface
  - Non-ionizing
  - Non-invasive
  - Increased clinical efficiency

PROBLEMS WITH SUBCUTANEOUS TATTOOS

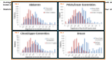
- Body habitus changes
- localized radiation induced swelling/shrinking
- Time difference between the placing of the marks and treatment
- Psychological impact of permanent marks
  - Pediatrics
  - Breast*
  - H&N
- Ink Allergies
- Religious Preferences

SGRT VS SUBCUTANEOUS TATTOOS

- Over a 24 month period
- 6000 individual fractions were analyzed
  - 600-900 Fxs Per Site Per Method
    - Pelvis/lower extremities
    - Abdomen
    - Chest/Upper extremities
    - Breast

D.N. Stanley, et al. "Comparison of initial patient setup accuracy between surface imaging and three point localization: A retrospective analysis." JACMP 18.6 (2017): 58-61.

DECREASE IN INITIAL SETUP SHIFTS



MOVEMENT VERIFICATION FOR DIBH

- Intrafractional isocenter variation during DIBH
  - **Stable bony anatomy ≠ stable isocenter in DIBH**
  - Unadjusted movement resulted in large dosimetric effects, primarily for the OARs
  - Failure to account for respiratory motion and breast motion resulted in statistically significant OAR dose increases
  - Movement due to inspiration and **needs continuous monitoring**

IMPROVEMENTS IN TREATMENT EFFICIENCY WITH SGRT

- Reduced imaging frequency
- Reduced immobilization
- Increased throughput
- Realtime motion management
- Volume change evaluation

REDUCED IMAGING FREQUENCY AND INCREASED THROUGHPUT

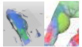
- Conventional Setup
  - Initial Setup: 5 – 15 min
  - Rotational posture correction: 3-10 min
  - Sets of images aquired: ~1-5
    - ~65% > 1 session
  - Trips into room for adjustment: 1-4
  - Total Treatment time : **30 – 55 min**
- Surface Imaging
  - Initial positioning: 1-3 min
  - Posture correction : 1-5 min
  - Imaging sessions: 1-2
    - 95% verification images < 5mm threshold
  - Total Treatment time: **15 – 25 min**

REAL-TIME MOTION MANAGEMENT

- Quantification and visualization of patient motion
- Anticipation of patient movement
- Real-time positional feedback for patients*
  - Anesthesia Reduction

VOLUME CHANGE EVALUATION

- Visual indication of volume change
  - Offline evaluation of percent reduction
  - Establishment of resimulation thresholds
  - Quantification of follow-up anatomical changes



CONCLUSIONS

- SGRT has been shown to improve accuracy and decrease setup uncertainties and time
- Implementation of SGRT has shown an improvement in overall treatment time
- SGRT offers the ability to evaluate and quantify unique clinical aspects not previously achievable


THANK YOU!