

# Functional liver image guided hepatic therapy (FLIGHT) with hepatobiliary iminodiacetic acid (HIDA) scans

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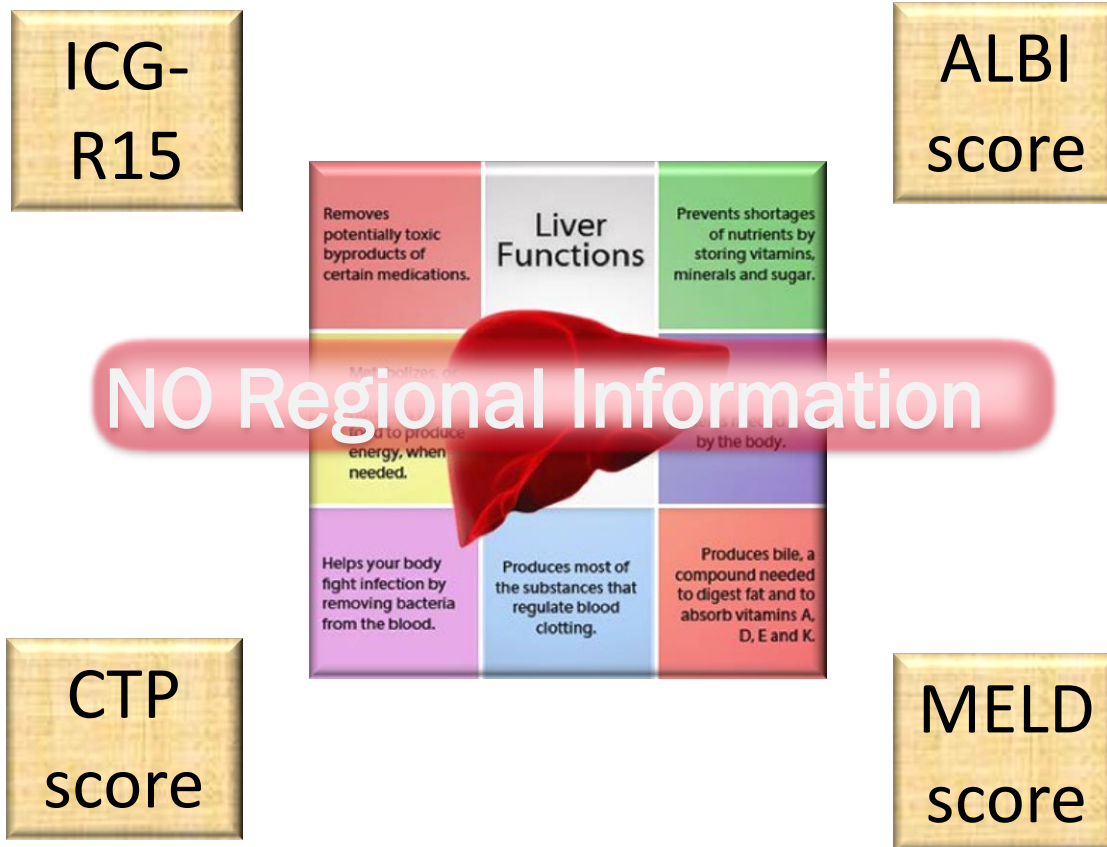


# Assessments of Global Liver Function

- The gold standard indocyanine green retention at 15 minutes (ICGR15)
- Child-Trucotte-Pugh (CTP) score
- Model for end-stage liver disease (MELD) score
- Albumin-bilirubin (ALBI) score

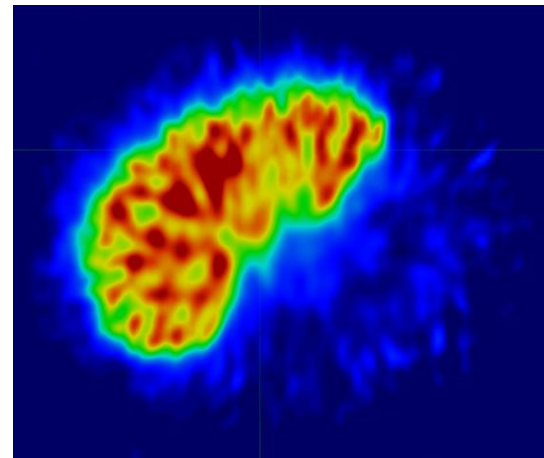


# Assesments of Global Liver Function



# Hepatobiliary iminodiacetic acid (HIDA) scans

- $^{99m}\text{Tc}$  iminodiacetic acid analogues are a group of radiopharmaceuticals which are taken up by hepatocytes and excreted into the biliary tract similar to bilirubin
- Used to demonstrate the distribution of functioning hepatic tissue



## HIDA scans

- Provide global and regional assessments of liver function
- Can serve as a road map for functional avoidance in treatment planning
- Correlate well with the gold standard ICG-R15\*



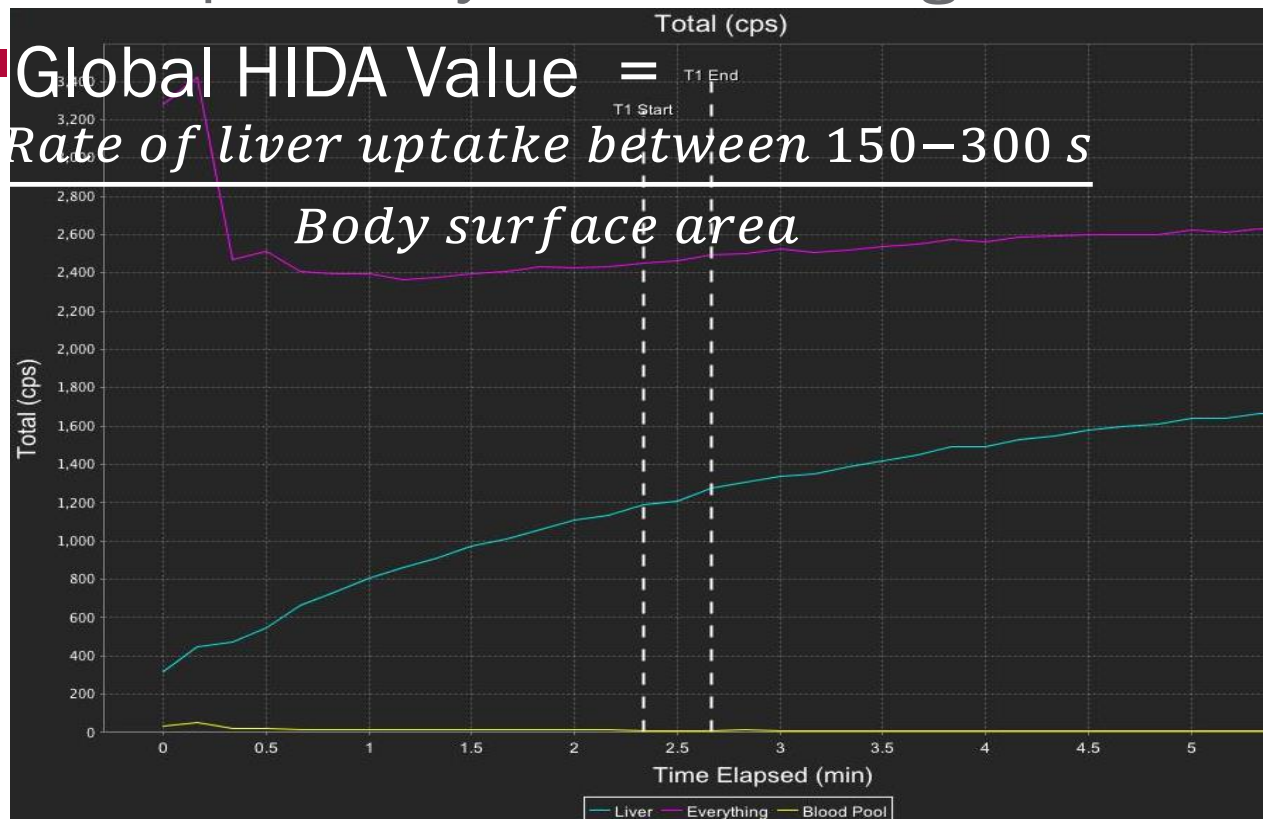
\* Erdogan et al, Liver International 2004, 24, 117-123



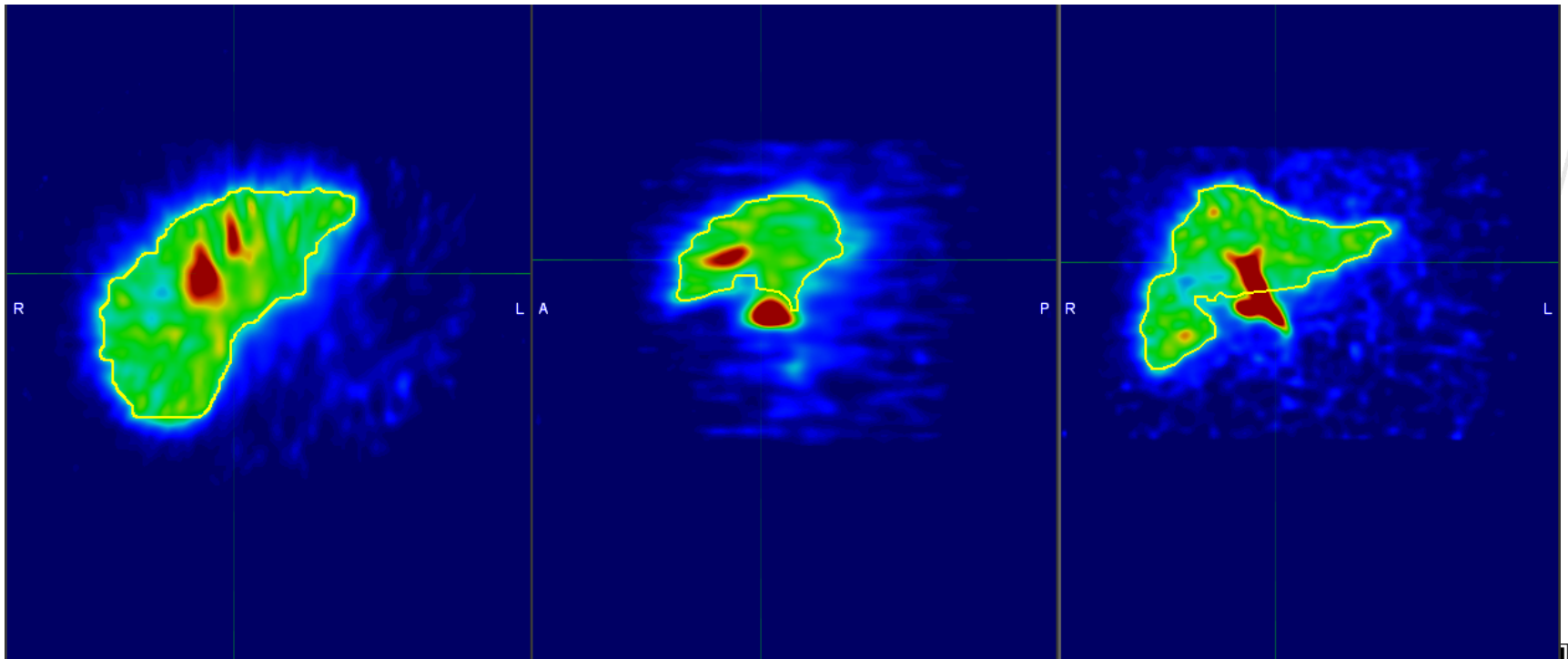
# HIDA Scan Protocol

- 85 MBq Tc99m-mebrofenin injected
- Dynamic images obtained after an hour, over a 6 min period by dual-headed gamma camera

- Global HIDA Value =  $\frac{\text{Rate of liver uptake between 150–300 s}}{\text{Body surface area}}$



# HIDA Images



# Global HIDA Value

- HIDA images alone give relative values in different regions and are lack of interindividual comparability
- Global HIDA value corrects for variations in the global function and can improve interindividual comparisons
- Global HIDA Value\* =  
$$\frac{\text{Rate of liver uptake between 150–300 s}}{\text{Body surface area}}$$
- Unit - %/min/m<sup>2</sup>



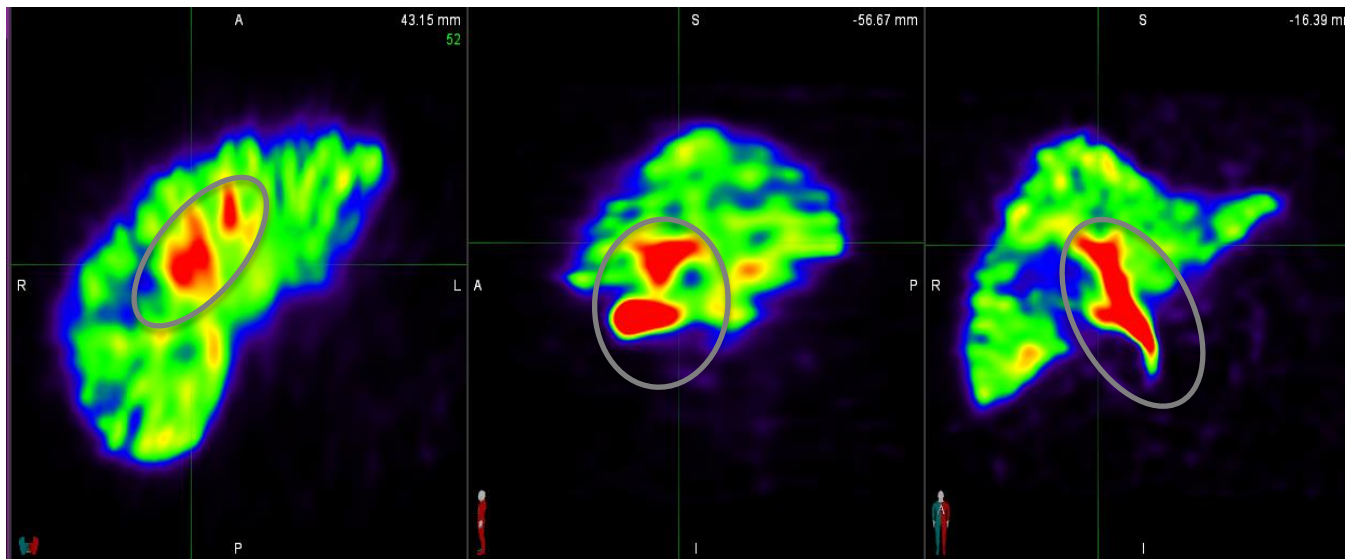
\* Long et al, Practical Radiation Oncology (2018) 8, 429-436



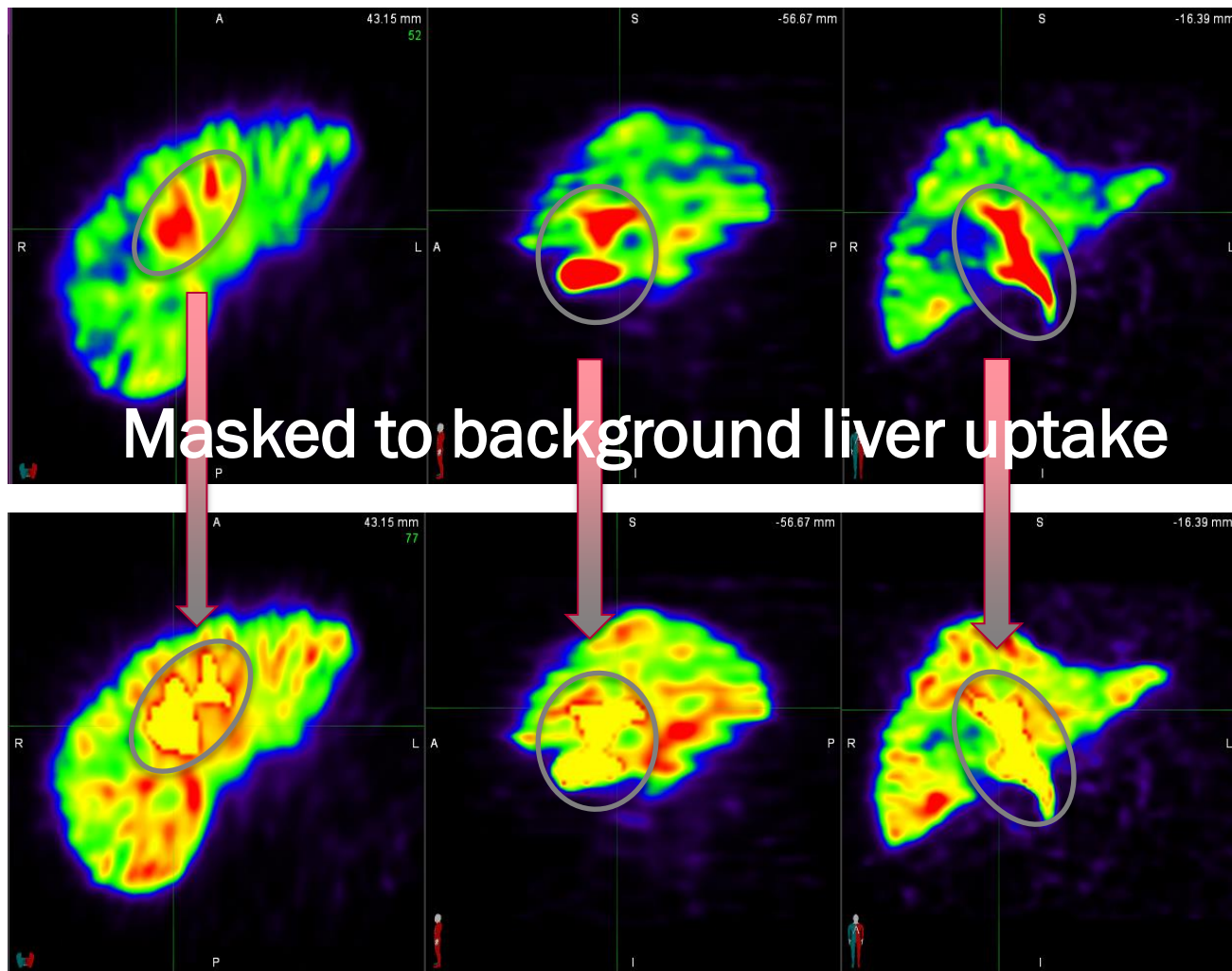


# High Value in Bile Duct

- HIDA travels through bile duct and gives a high value in bile duct.

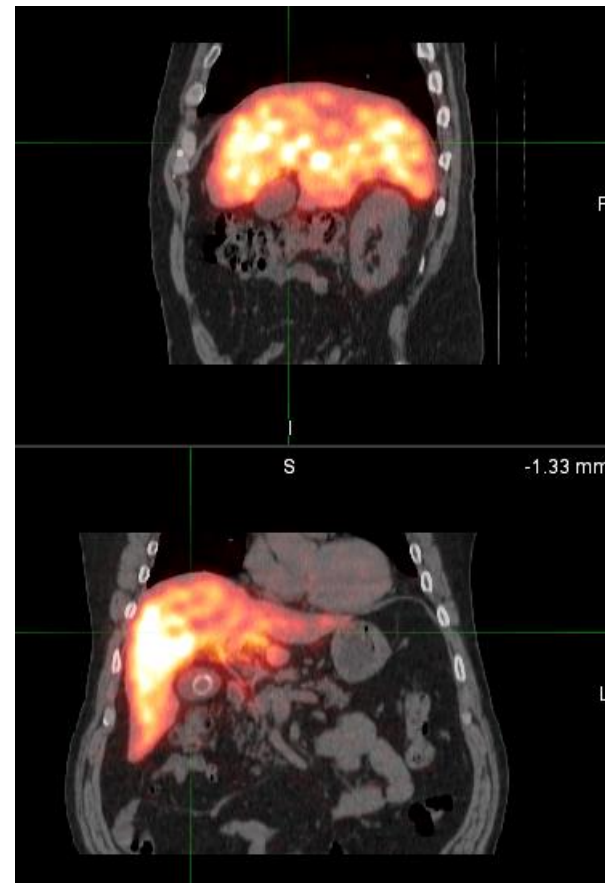
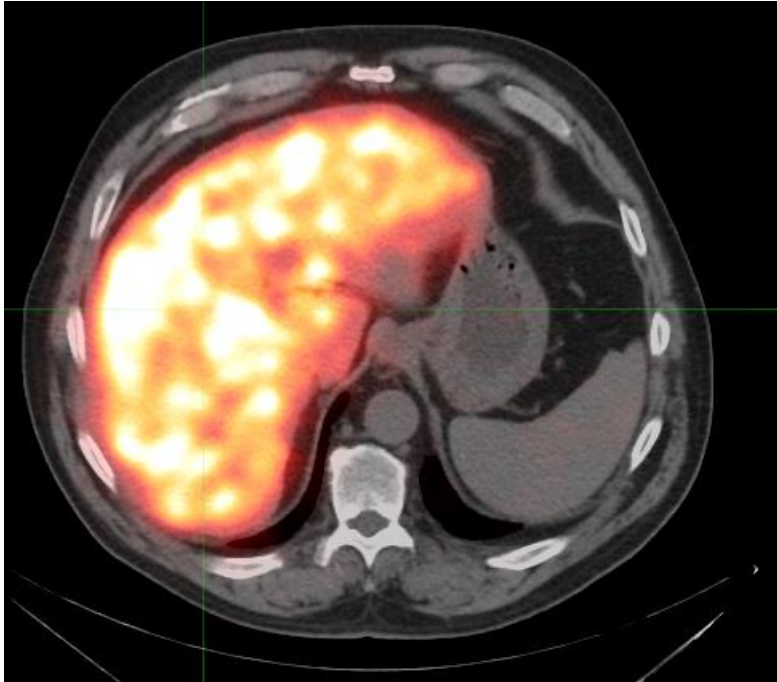


# Bile Duct Mask



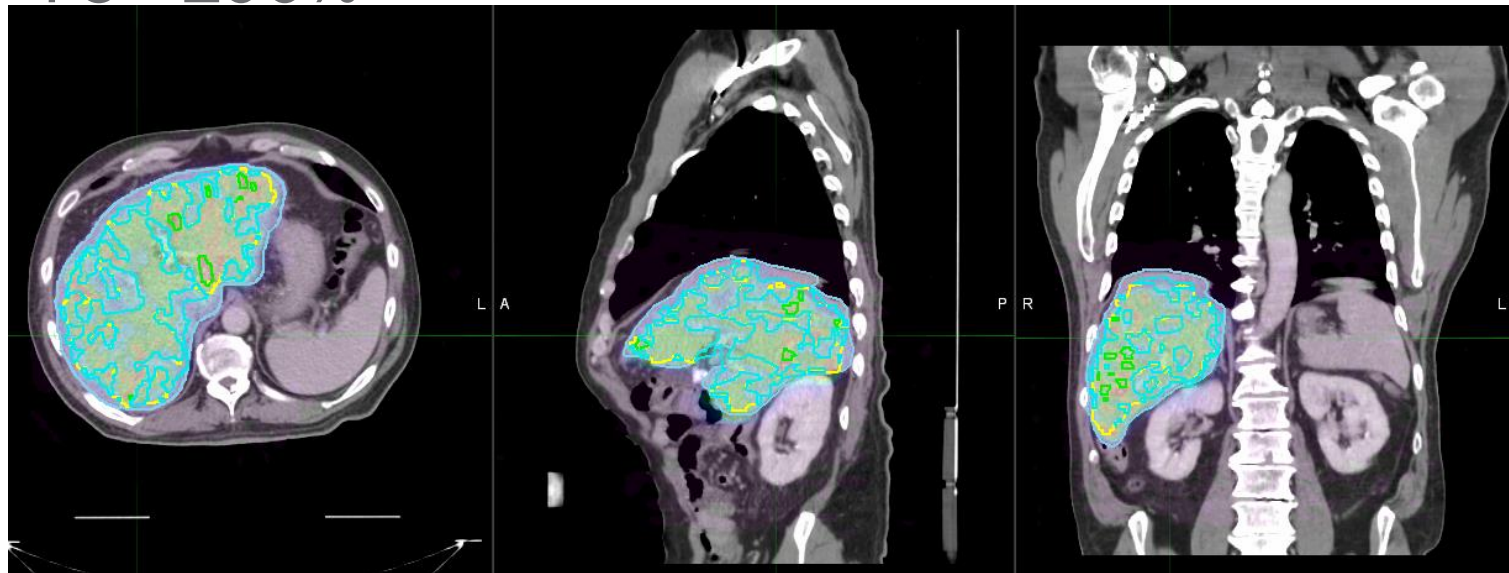
# Contouring the Functional Areas

- HIDA scan was fused to the planning computed tomography with contours generated from percent of maximum



# Contouring the Functional Areas

- Contour the functional areas (% of max value)
  - 0 - 25%
  - 25 - 50%
  - 50 - 75%
  - 75 - 100%



# FLIGHT Planning

- Functional liver image guided hepatic therapy planning (FLIGHT)
- Primary goal of FLIGHT planning was to maximize the functional residual capacity (FRC) of the liver.
- Minimize dose to the highest functioning liver (HIDA uptake 50%- 100% max)
- To preferentially distribute dose through the regions of the liver with a lower function.



# FLIGHT Planning

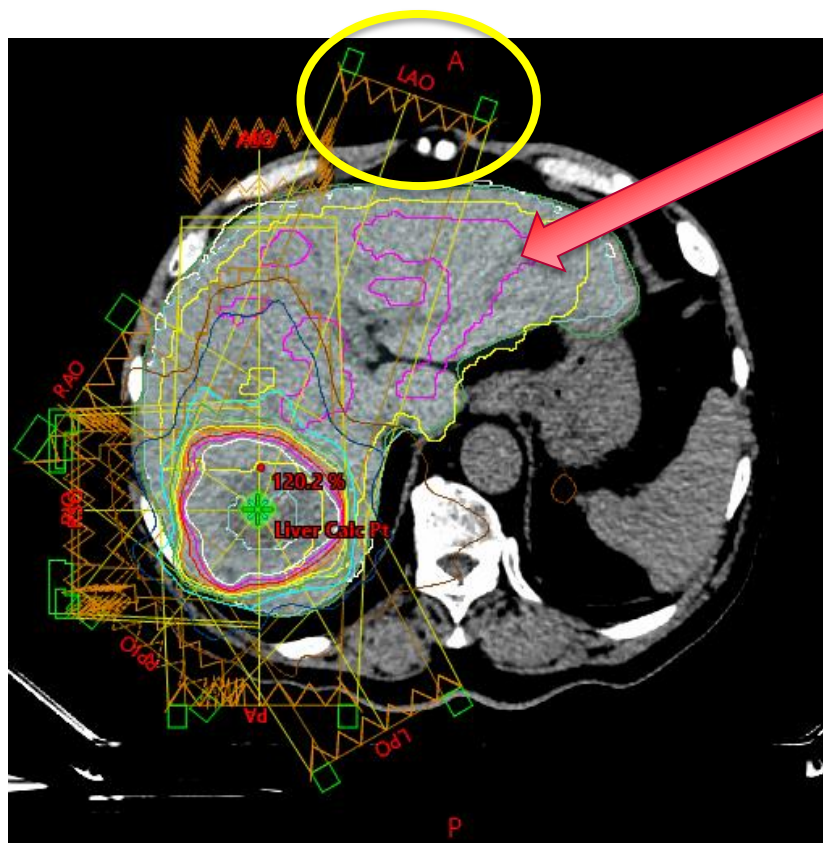
- Typical prescribed dose 8Gy × 5.
- Provided equivalent target coverage to standard SBRT plans
- >98% of gross tumor volume (GTV) covered by 110% of the prescribed dose
- >95% of the planning target volume (PTV) covered by 100% of the prescribed dose
- Without increasing organ at risk (OAR) doses above standard published thresholds



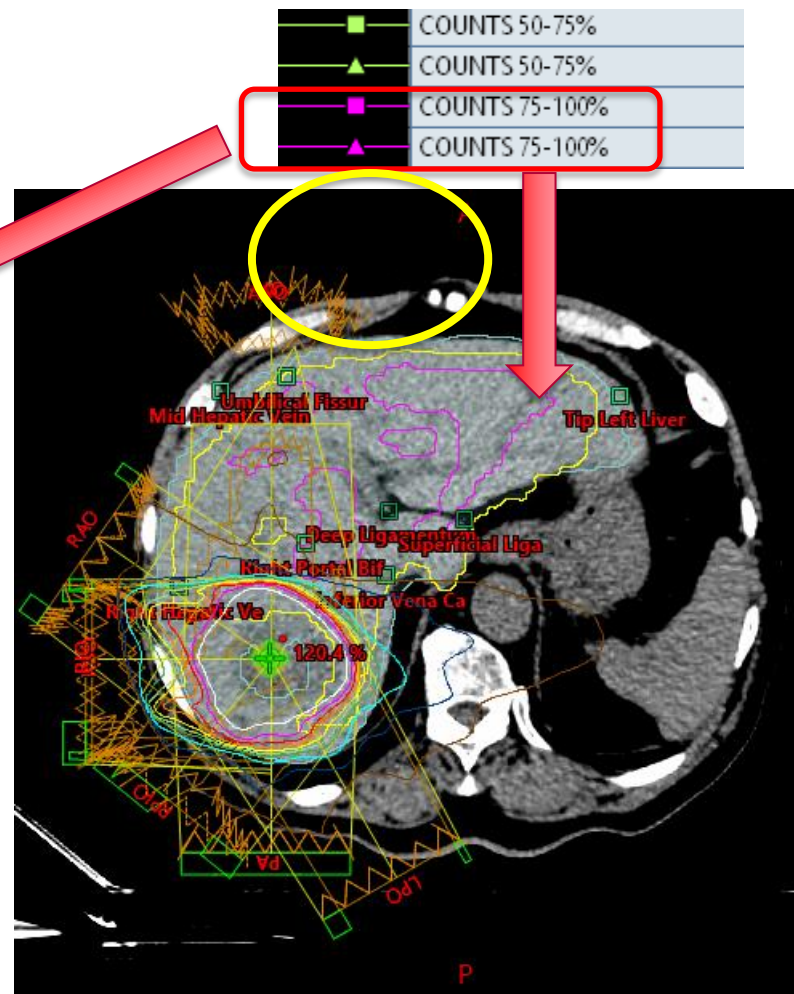


# FLIGHT vs Standard SBRT

## ■ Beam Arrangements



Standard SBRT



FLIGHT SBRT

# Optimization

- Tighter constraints on higher functional area

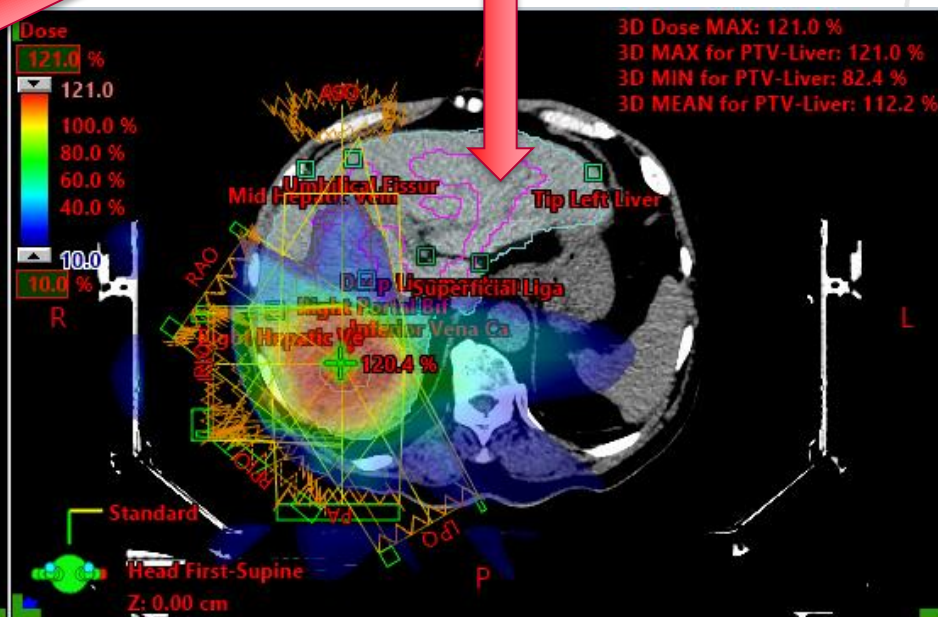
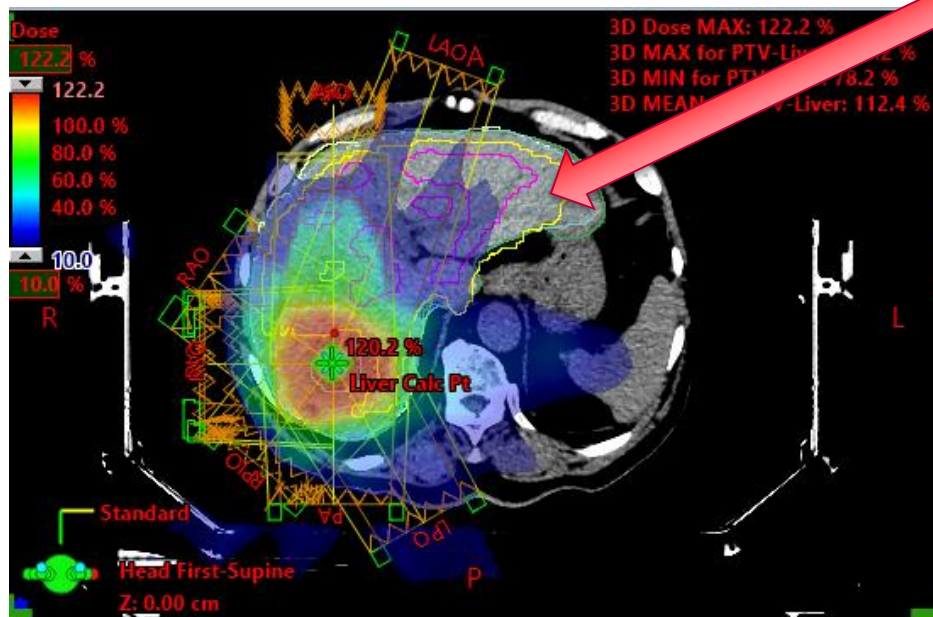
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	Upper		7.0		306.1		50
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# FLIGHT vs Standard SBRT

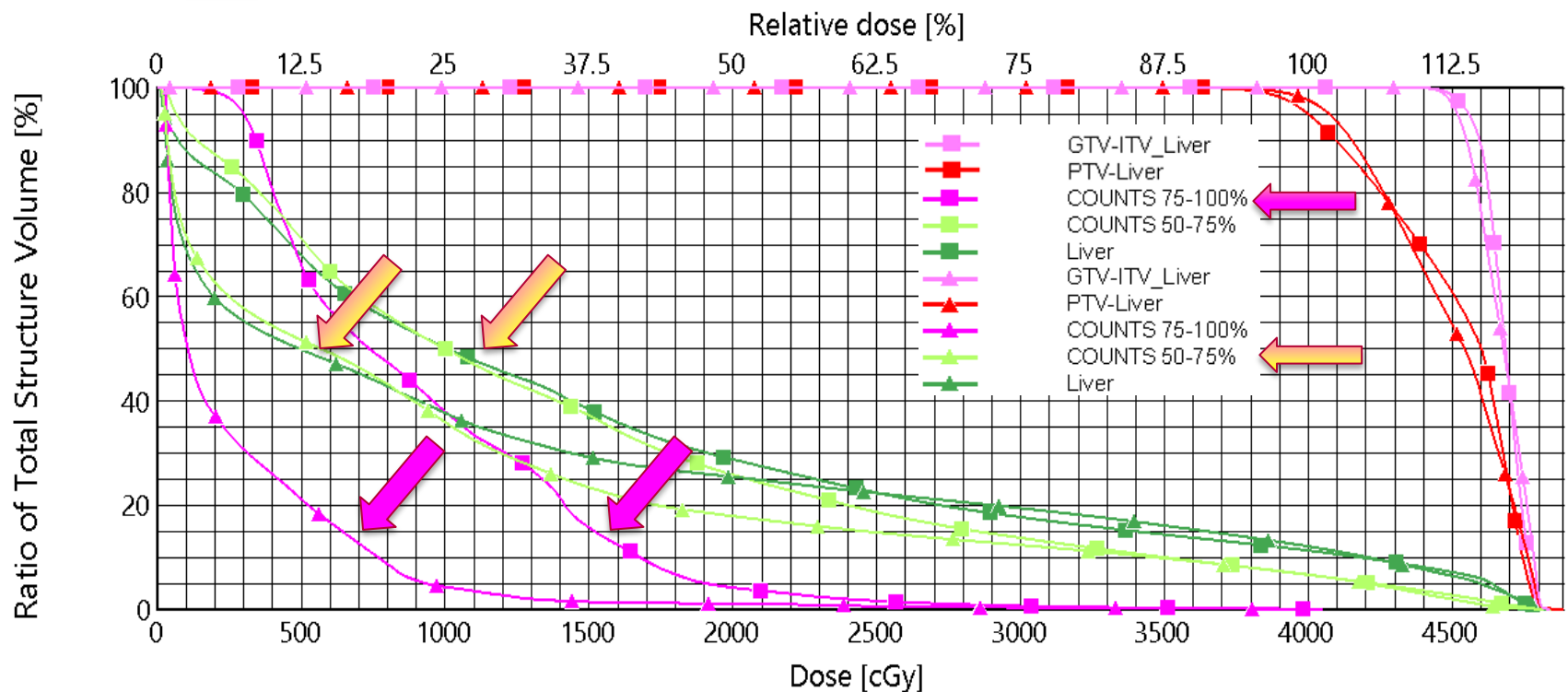
- Spare high functional area

■	COUNTS 50-75%
▲	COUNTS 50-75%
■	COUNTS 75-100%
▲	COUNTS 75-100%



# FLIGHT vs Standard SBRT - DVHs

- Standard SBRT
- ▲ FLIGHT SBRT



# Functional DVH (fDVH)

- Traditional DVH does not consider the functional competence of different regions.\* (Duke University)
- The functional dose–volume histogram is a variation of the dose–volume histogram (DVH), which incorporates the non-uniform distribution of functional subunits into the dose–volume consideration.\*\* (University of Chicago)

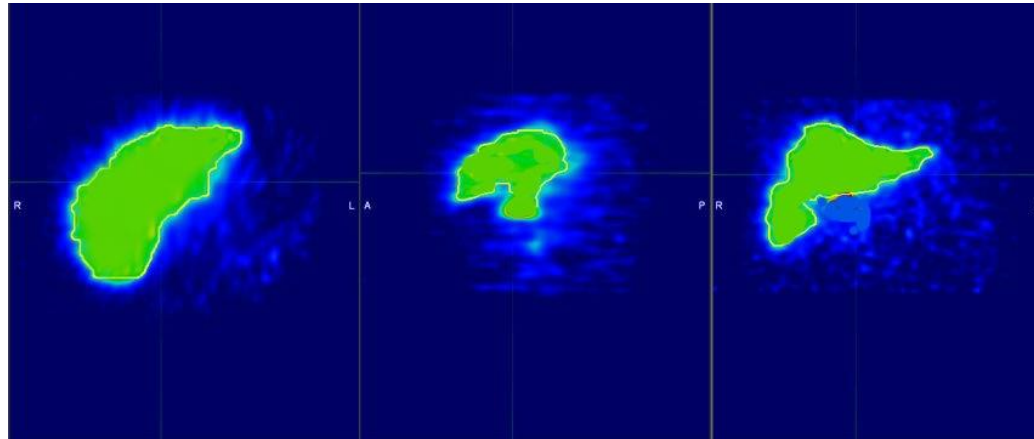
\* Marks et al, I. J. Radiation Oncology Biol. Phys. 1995, V33, No1, 66-75

\*\* Lu et al, Phys. Med. Biol. 42 (1997) 345–356

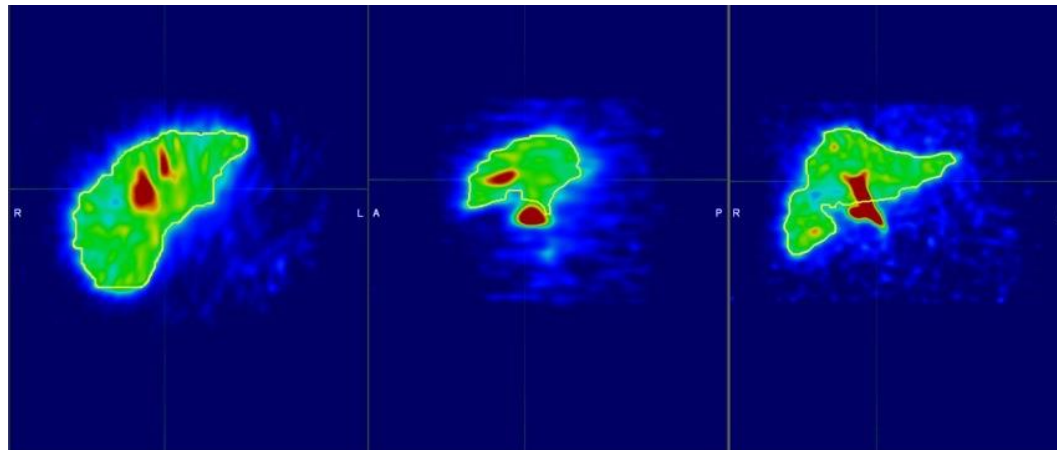


# DVH vs fDVH

- DVH (assume uniform function distribution)



- fDVH (Nonuniform function distribution)



# Functional DVH

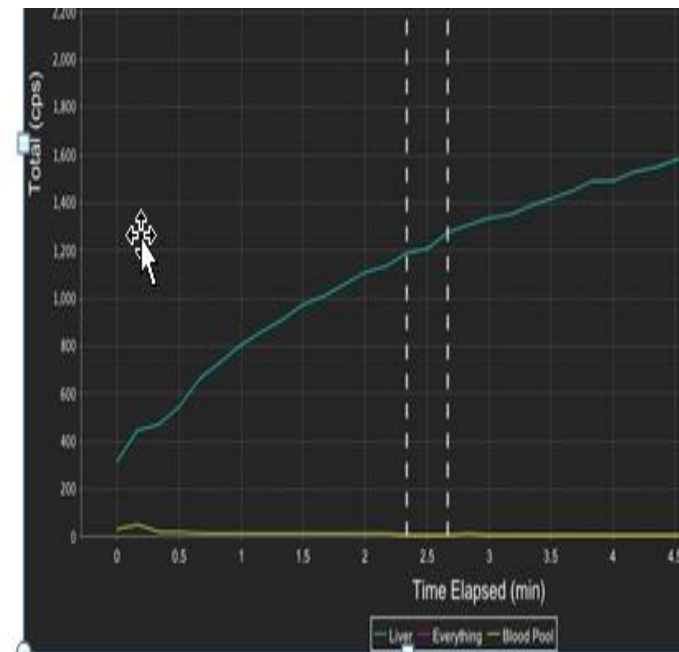
$$\blacksquare fDVH(D_0) = \frac{\text{number of functional units receiving at least the dose } D_0}{\text{total number of functional units}} *$$

$$fDVH(D_0) = \frac{\int_{V_0} d\mathbf{r} f(\mathbf{r}) \Theta(D(\mathbf{r}) - D_0)}{\int_{V_0} d\mathbf{r} f(\mathbf{r})}$$

$\Theta(D(\mathbf{r}) - D_0)$  is the step function which is 1 when  $D(\mathbf{r}) > D_0$  and 0 when  $D(\mathbf{r}) < D_0$

# Absolute fDVH

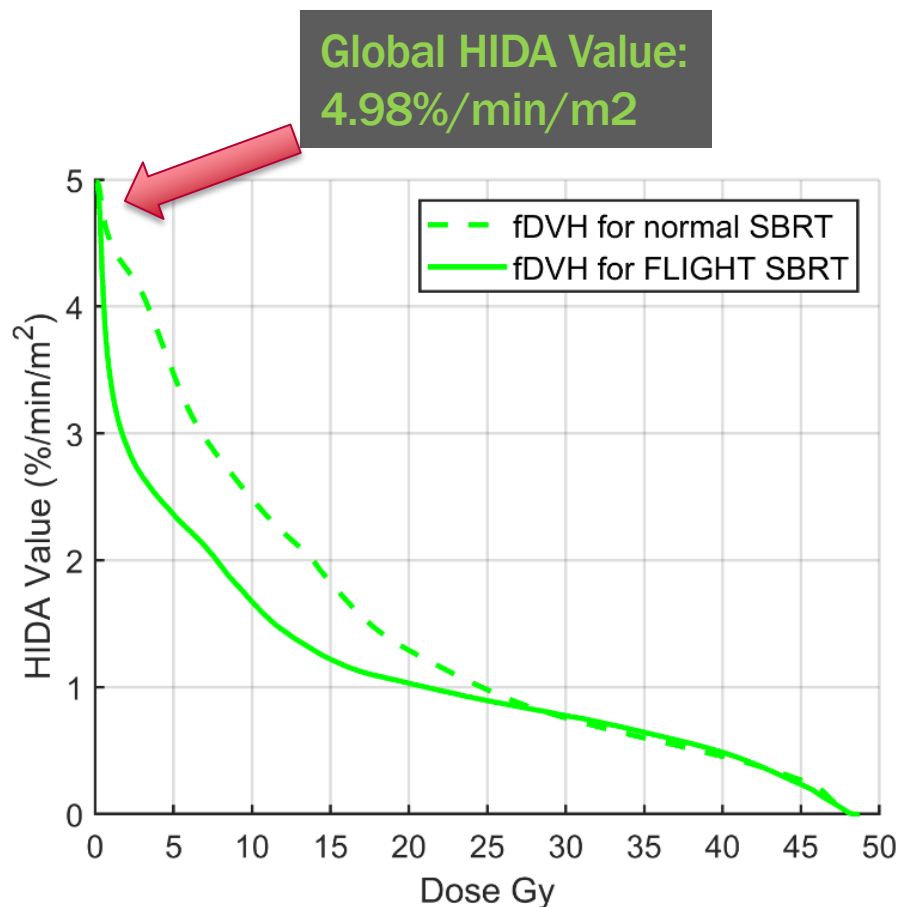
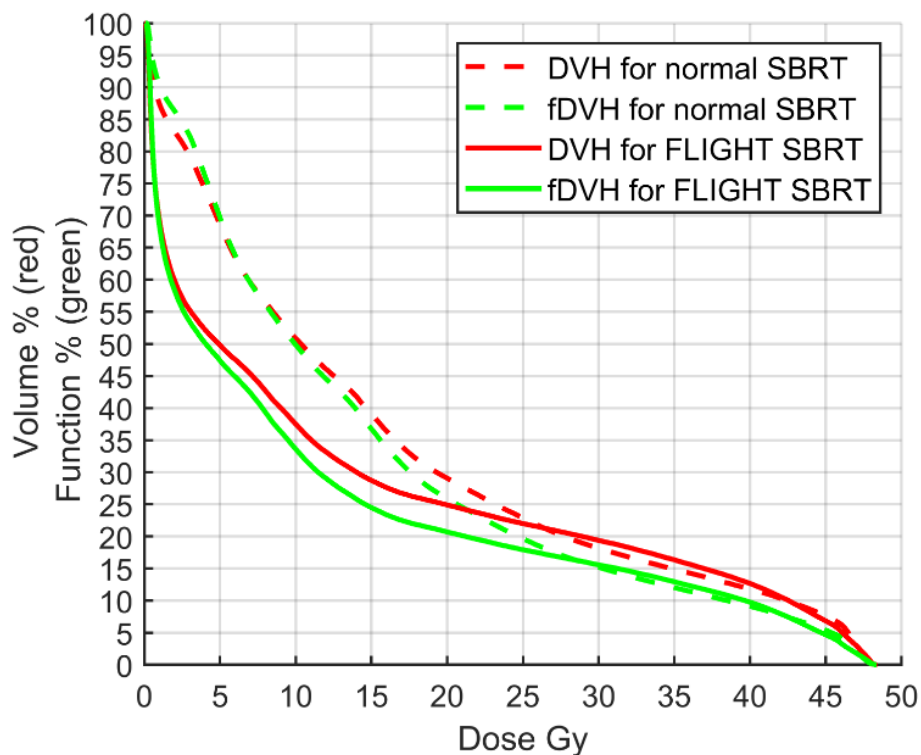
- Absolute fDVH( $D_0$ ) = % fDVH( $D_0$ ) × Global HIDA Value
- Global HIDA Value = 
$$\frac{\text{Rate of liver uptake between 150–300 s}}{\text{Body surface area}}$$



# DVH and fDVH for normal vs FLIGHT SBRT

■ % fDVH

■ Absolute fDVH



# FRC<sub>15</sub> HIDA

- Functional residual capacity < 15 Gy
- $\text{FRC}_{15} \text{ HIDA} = (\% \text{counts} < 15 \text{ Gy}) \times (\text{Global HIDA})^*$
- Represents the liver functionally spared from radiation, receiving below 15 Gy
- 15 Gy was extrapolated from a volumetric parameter evaluated at our institution\*\*
- Close to what suggested from MR perfusion data, 17Gy (University of Michigan)\*\*\*

\* Long et al, Practical Radiation Oncology (2018) 8, 429-436

\*\* Lasley et al, Practical Radiation Oncology (2015) 5, e443-e449

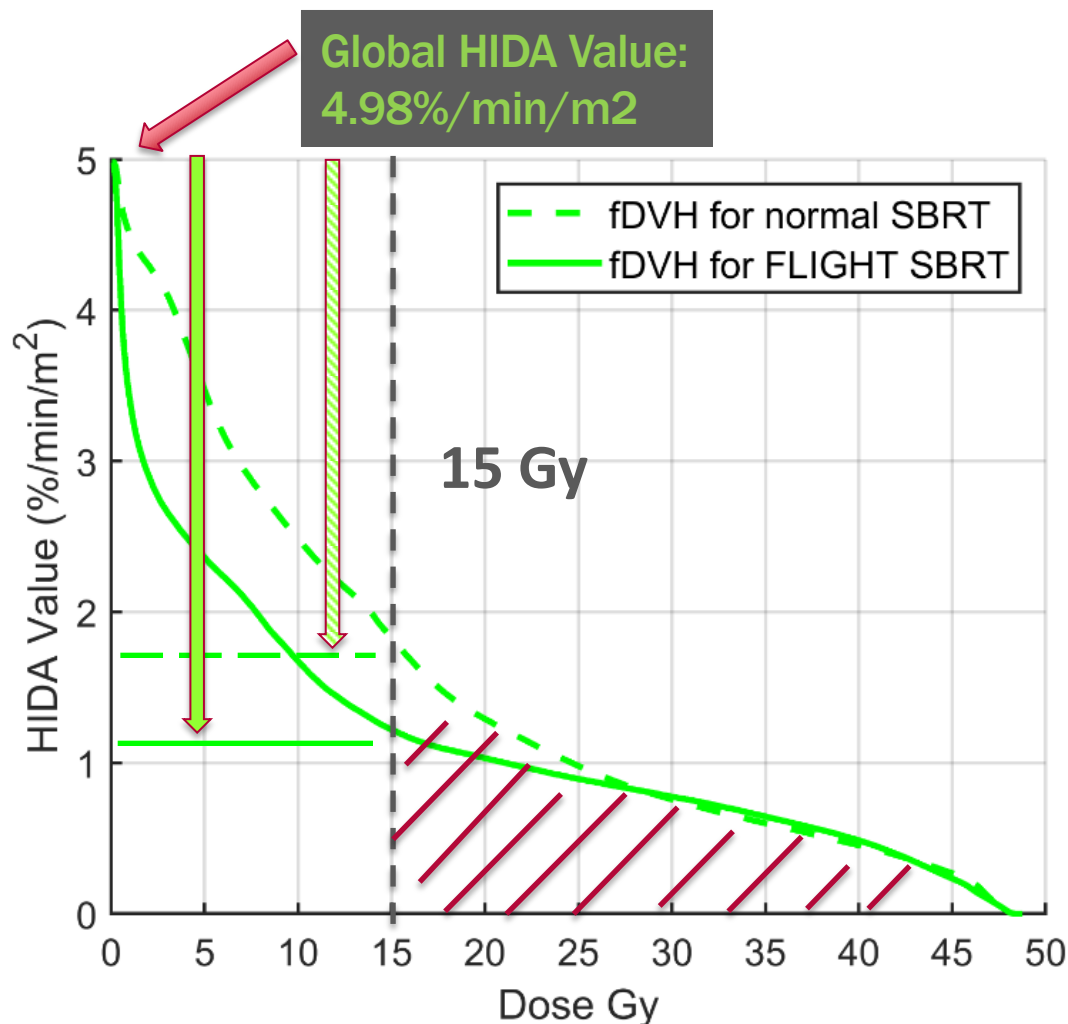
\*\*\* Cao et al, Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys 2013;85:258-263





# FRC<sub>15</sub> HIDA for normal vs FLIGHT SBRT

- Functional residual capacity < 15Gy
- — FLIGHT SBRT
- - - - normal SBRT
- FRC<sub>15</sub>HIDA for FLIGHT is 3.76
- FRC<sub>15</sub>HIDA for normal SBRT is 3.15



# Equivalent uniform dose (EUD) and functional EUD (fEUD)

- The concept of equivalent uniform dose (EUD) assumes that any two dose distributions are equivalent if they cause the same radiobiological effect.\*

- $EUD = \left( \sum_{i=1}^N v_i D_i^a / \sum_{i=1}^N v_i \right)^{1/a} **$

- *a* was calculated using  $TD_{5/5}(1) = TD_{5/5}(v)v^{1/a}$

\* Niemierko, Medical Physics 24, 103, 1997

\*\* Miften, Phys. Med. Biol. 49 (2004) 1711–1721



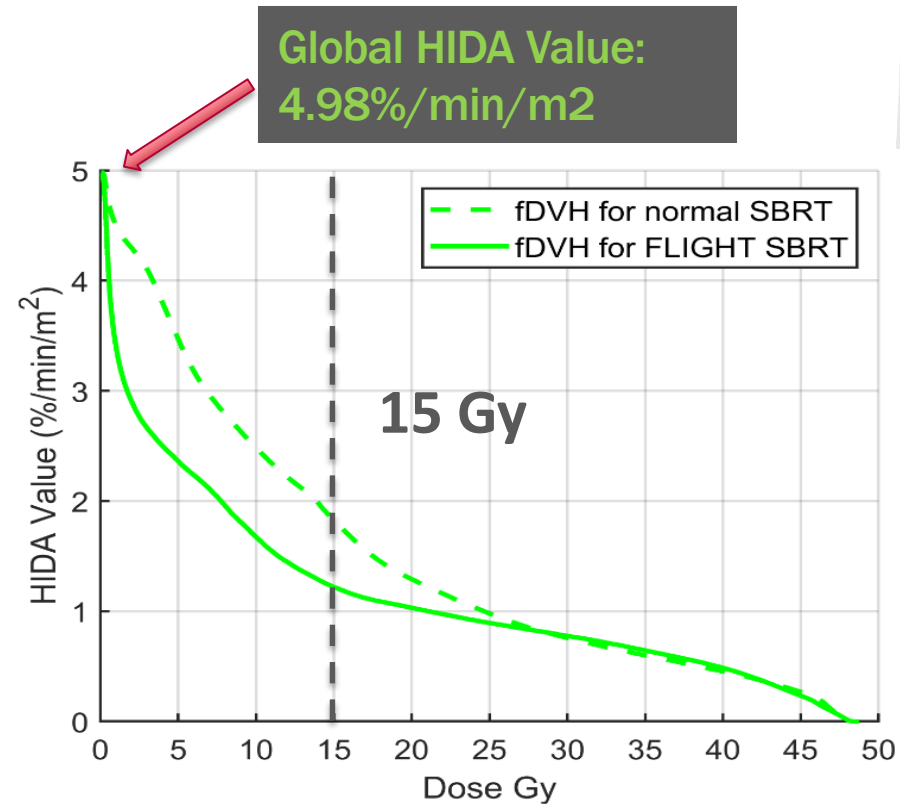
# EUD and fEUD

- To calculate fEUD, replace the volume weighting with function weighting in EUD formalism. \*
- The tumour and critical structures activity/function can be incorporated in calculation
- $FEUD = \left( \sum_{i=1}^N f_i D_i^a / \sum_{i=1}^N f_i \right)^{1/a}$

\* Miften, Phys. Med. Biol. 49 (2004) 1711–1721



# FLIGHT vs normal SBRT



	Standard	FLIGHT	Relative Improvement
<b>FRC<sub>15</sub>HIDA (%/min/m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	3.15	3.76	19.40%
<b>Mean Liver Dose (Gy)</b>	15.11	12.55	16.90%
<b>EUD</b>	22.02	21.26	3.40%
<b>FEUD</b>	20.59	19.33	6.10%

# FLIGHT vs normal SBRT - statistics

- FRC<sub>15</sub> HIDA, liver dose, EUD, fEUD were compared for 17 patients

	Standard (n = 17)	FLIGHT (n = 17)	Mean relative improvement (Range)	P-value
Mean FRC <sub>15</sub> HIDA (%/min/m <sup>2</sup> )	2.48	2.63	5.3% (1.2-20.2%)	.012
Mean liver dose (Gy)	9.07	7.89	14.7% (0.9-33.6%)	< .001
Mean EUD	16.14	15.15	6.2% (-0.2 to 16.6%)	< .001
Mean fEUD	16.14	14.89	7.9% (0.04-18.7%)	< .001
Conformality index	1.03	1.01		.348
Gradient index	3.75	3.55		.087

EUD, equivalent uniform dose; fEUD, functional equivalent uniform dose; FLIGHT, functional liver image guided hepatic therapy; FRC<sub>15</sub>, amount of function <15 Gy; HIDA, hepatobiliary iminodiacetic acid

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# Questions

