Automating plan review checklists in a RayStation-Mosaiq environment

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UNC has a long history of developing 3D-CRT planning software

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- The University of North Carolina (UNC) developed one of the first modern 3D-CRT planning systems
 - PlanUNC → "PLUNC"
- PLUNC used clinically for in-house planning until 2015
 - 3D-CRT
 - IMRT (SMLC)
 - Pencil Beam Algorithm (w- heterogeneity corrections)



Multi-vendor institutions may require additional checks

- In 2015, UNC switched to Elekta linacs & RayStation TPS
 - Steep learning curve for therapy, dosimetry, physics, & physicians
- Per TG-100, and our Incident Learning System (ILS) experience:
 - Transitions in technology = temporary increase in likelihood of errors
 - Multi-vendor institution = increased number of <u>data transfer events</u> per patient and increase in required <u>manual data entries</u>

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Pre-MD check

Additional upstream physics plan review



Automated plan check script

TG 275: physics plan review as early as possible



- UNC has 7+ years experience with "pre-MD" plan reviews
 - Physics review *before* the MD reviews/approves a treatment plan
- Advantages of reviewing a plan before MD approval:
 - Willingness to address "minor" systematic errors
 - Encourages learning/discussion-based feedback \rightarrow collaborative treatment planning

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- More time for dosimetrist to experiment with plan quality improvement suggestions
- Physicians are happier due to lower incidence of plan re-review and re-approval

The pre-MD focusses on all aspects of plan quality before transfer to Mosaiq

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• Pre-MD check focus:

- Prior Tx, Pacemaker, Pregnant (3 P's)
- Treatment site/laterality/Rx vs. written directive
- Patient simulation: immobilization, imaging, iso
- CT & isocenter transfer to TPS
- Secondary image fusions
- Contours (OARs, target volumes & expansions)
- Density overrides, artifacts, bolus, couch model
- Technical plan aspects (dose grids, beam gantry/collimator angles, energy selection)
- Optimization parameters & objectives
- Digital clearance check
- Plan quality isodose lines, conformity, DVHs, hotspot, OAR dose vs. predictive-DVH software
- Clinical goals appropriate and passing
- BEV review for all segments

- Provide constructive planning feedback to dosimetrist
 - 1. Required changes, vs.
 - 2. Suggested improvements
- Completed *before* the MD formally reviews or approves the plan in TPS

The pre-treatment check has additional items covering transfer from TPS to the TMS and linac



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- Pre-treatment check focus:
 - Repeat (2nd-check) examination of all items from the pre-MD checklist
 - Additional key items:
 - TPS (RayStation) to TMS (Mosiaq) transfer
 - TMS setup (Rx, calendar, schedule, IGRT)
 - Secondary MU check & IMRT QA
 - Linac or ancillary setup items (CBCT, SGRT)
 - Appropriate QCL items completed or in-place
 - Billing & documentation

- Performed by a 2nd, independent physicist
- Completed after the MD formally reviews/approves the tx plan

The 1st weekly chart-check at UNC has some additional items, too

Pre-treatment Check

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• 1st weekly chart check focus:

- Repeat (2nd-check) examination of "key items" from the pre-treatment checklist
- Plus, standard weekly chart check items (TG-315: MPPG)



Checklist items (from Sim \rightarrow Tx):



Image retrieved from https://www.healthline.com/nutrition/is-swiss-cheese-health

We unfortunately added to our physics workload

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- Pre-MD checks reduced
 # of plan re-approvals, but...
- Increase in physics workload by ~30 minutes per patient
- Many checklist items can (and should) be automated



 Automation of simple checklist items allows physics to focus on complex, non-automatable items of plan quality and safety **EUNC** SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Pre-MD check

Additional upstream physics plan review



Automated plan check script

"dosCheck" – an automated plan check script

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- In 2016, UNC began development of "dosCheck"
 - Collaboration: Division of Healthcare Engineering; Division of Physics
 - Automated plan check script written in Python
 - Queries RayStation 'state tree' and Mosaiq SQL database
 - Test results: green (passed) / orange (caution) / red (hard stop)
 - Interactive output using HTML/JavaScript/JSON
 - Physicist can accept/override/N.A. each test result
 - Physicist may add comments to each result
 - Dosimetrists run script (self-check) during planning
 - Physicists run script during pre-MD & pre-tx checks

Automated scripting improves check efficiency

Practical Radiation Oncology (2018) 8, 458-467

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- Efficacy study by UNC Division of Healthcare Engineering in 2018
 - N=10 physicists, realistic
 plan check scenarios embedded
 with artificial errors, w/wo dosCheck

Basic Original Report

Developing and assessing electronic checklists for safety mindfulness, workload, and performance

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- Use of automated plan check script was associated with:
 - decreased time to check completion (P<.01)
 - increases in documentation of additional patient safety and plan quality concerns (P=.04)





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An active departmental Incident Learning System (ILS) acts as a feedback loop

 Incidents submitted to the Incident Learning System (ILS) are analyzed by a multi-disciplinary team SCHOOL OI MEDICINE

• When applicable, dosCheck is modified to catch/prevent similar incidents in the future.

Quality Assurance of automated check scripts

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- Use test "modules" that can be added/updated individually
- Modules are tested by treatment planning physicists
 - Use dummy treatment plans with artificial, test-dependent errors
- Dedicated Quality Assurance (QA) testing is necessary when:
 - A new module is added
 - An existing module is edited
 - Your TPS or TMS is upgraded
- Strict version control (script "approval" in RayStation)
- Newly released script versions are treated as "trust, but verify"



Thank you!

Anonymous Session Survey (<5 minutes)



Please take a short survey to help us gather information about current practices in the medical physics community

Thank you!!



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Help/support from vendors?

- We query the Mosaiq database (Microsoft SQL database)
- Mosaiq gave a data dictionary, which is "somewhat" helpful
- RayStation provides a scripting manual, which details some of the function calls and an explanation of the state tree. But the state tree actually provides all of this information.

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• We use Python to create an HTML output with JAVAscript/Jason (similar to XML) making it interactive, opens in MS Edge. Results of user input (accept/reject/comment on test results) are stored in a Jason file.