

New Developments in Knowledge Based Planning and Automation

Setting the Stage for Incorporation of Toxicity Measures in Treatment Plan Assessments

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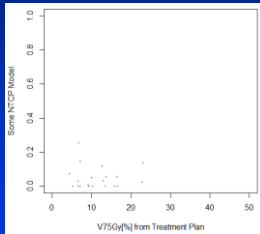
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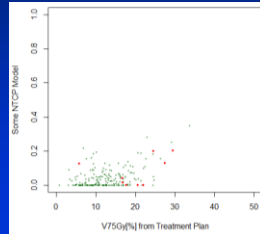
## The world that we're really living in

The clinic is busy, tools are limited, so try out comparison for a small group of patients. Intensely manual!



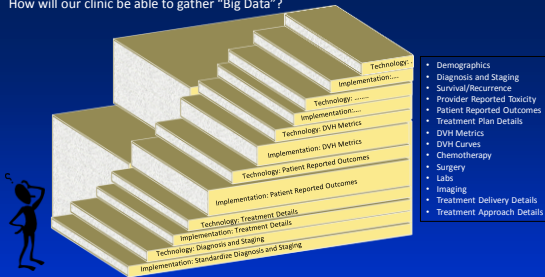
Simulated dataset of 20 patients

More serious about the question, mount a research study. Again tools are limited so intensely manual.



Simulated dataset of 200 patients

## How will our clinic be able to gather “Big Data”?



- Technology is a much smaller step than culture changes needed for implementation: consensus (inter and intra institutional), process, changes in work duties, QA
- Can do a lot with existing treatment planning and radiation oncology information systems
- Think through what data elements you want /need in the long run, how they are related and then develop a strategy of small, manageable steps.

### How to get there ?

## Technology

- Software/database systems for aggregating information
- Software systems for analytics
- Integration with other systems

## Culture

- Need to shift thinking about data related to treating our patients.
- Thinking about the data not just for treatment of the patient before us, but for systematic aggregation to help all the patients yet to come.
- Implication is accepting limitations in options, standardizations
- Potentially more work to quantify data – “free text” is hard to use

**Baby Steps – a lot of them**

To move a group you have to help them believe in the vision.  
As you create working examples that show it is real and doable, then they will lead the way.

Pick working examples that can positively impact work flow in clinic and add value to current practice

Identify and tackle the "enabling" steps one by one. This positions you to grow your effort.

Be sure to fully enter and curate your diagnosis and staging data, primary and metastatic.

These are key to the majority of common questions you'll want to ask later

The screenshot displays a medical record interface with several tabs: Summary, Registration, Encounter, Care Path, Diagnosis, Care Management, Health, Financial, Demographics, Communication, and Billing. The 'Diagnosis' tab is active, showing a list of diagnoses. A red box highlights the following text:

- Primary site: Breast
- Site: Breast
- ICD-10 code: C50.0
- ICD-10 description: Malignant neoplasm of upper-outer quadrant of female breast

Below the diagnosis list, there is a section for 'Staging' with fields for 'Primary site', 'Site', 'ICD-10 code', and 'ICD-10 description'. The 'Staging' section is also highlighted with a red box.

Application becomes our standard prescription.

Also serves as documentation tool for image setup, notes, IMRT justification, etc.

Physician groups define consensus for DVH metrics for all treatment sites, what to measure and default values for constraints and prioritizations.

The screenshot shows a 'Prescription Constraints' window in a treatment planning application. The window is divided into two main sections: 'Prescription Constraints' and 'Normal Tissue Constraints'. The 'Prescription Constraints' section lists various constraints for different organs at risk (OARs) and target volumes. The 'Normal Tissue Constraints' section lists constraints for various normal tissues. A red box highlights the 'Normal Tissue Constraints' section.

Several groups are coordinating efforts to address nomenclature for radiation oncology

#### NRG Oncology

The screenshot shows the 'Radiation Therapy Digital Data Submission Process for National Clinical Trials Network' document. It includes a list of participating institutions and a table of data elements to be submitted. The table lists various data elements and their corresponding codes.

#### AAPM Task Group No. 263 - Standardizing Nomenclature for Radiation Therapy

Members represent multiplicity of state holders – institutions, vendors, national regions and international, academic/non-academic, physicians, physicists, AAPM/ASTRO

Left Optic Nerve(s) [L] Optic Nerve, OPTIC\_N, OPTIC\_NV, L, optic\_nerve, OPTIC\_NV\_L, OpticNerve\_L, LOPTIC, OpticNerve\_L, L, Left Optic Nerve

Left Lung(s) [L] Lung, Lung\_L, LUNG\_L, Lung\_L, L, Lung, LUNG, Lung

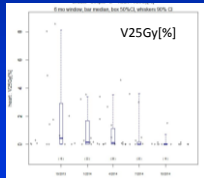
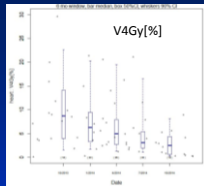
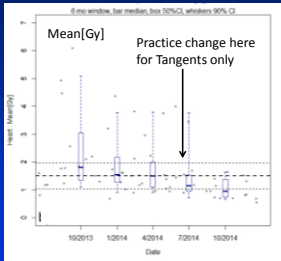
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Right Optic Nerve(s) [R] Optic Nerve, OPTIC\_N, OPTIC\_NV, R, optic\_nerve, OPTIC\_NV\_R, OpticNerve\_R, R, Right Optic Nerve



What is normal?

Simple Tangents  
Heart Doses




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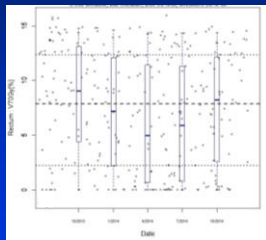
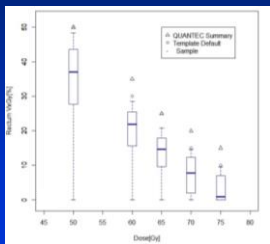
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What is normal?

Prostate Treatment : Rectal Doses




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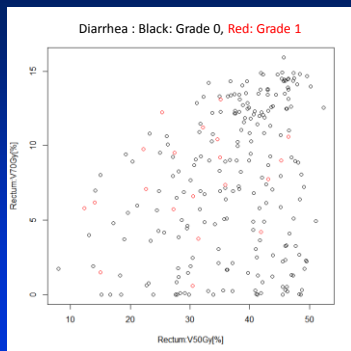
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Comparing toxicity to DVH metrics




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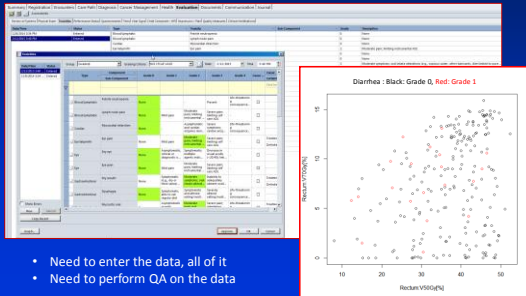
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When is no data, data and when is it just no data?

- Almost all of the 0 scores correspond to not entering a value.
- Another iteration on changing culture to think about treatment records as like a scientist as well as like a clinician.



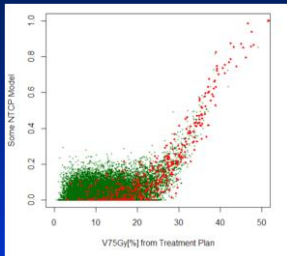
- Need to enter the data, all of it
- Need to perform QA on the data

- Change your culture to think about treatment data as something you will want to aggregate and analyze over the long term, not just what you have to do to treat the patient

- Think in terms of 1000's not 10's of patients. Real knowledge implies real numbers.

- Standardize processes, nomenclatures, etc so that computers can automatically extract the information

- Be sure to use the tools in your planning and record and verify systems to make data extracted reliable for answering clinical and research questions



#### New Developments in Knowledge-Based Treatment Planning and Automation

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#### Presentations

- 2:45 PM: **The Power of Ontologies and Standardized Terminologies for Capturing Clinical Knowledge** - P. Gabriel, Presenting Author
- 3:05 PM: **Setting the Stage for Incorporation of Toxicity Measures in Treatment Plan Assessments** - C. Ma, Presenting Author
- 3:25 PM: **Inclusion of Data-Driven Risk Predictions in Radiation Treatment Planning in the Context of a Localized Learning Health System** - T. McNair, Presenting Author

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Advancements in informatics in radiotherapy are opening up opportunities to improve our ability to assess treatment plans, models on individualizing patient dose constraints from prior patient data and shape relationships have been extensively researched and are now making their way into commercial products. New developments in knowledge-based treatment planning involve understanding the impact of the radiation delivery on the patient. Able to radiobiology models that have given friendly model-based radiobiology information, toxicity and outcome predictions based on treatment plan and/or patient experience may be the next step in knowledge-based planning. In order to make these predictions, it is necessary to understand how the clinical information can be captured, structured and organized with ontologies and databases designed for recall. Large databases containing radiation delivery and outcome present the opportunity to evaluate treatment plans against predictions of toxicity and disease response. Such evaluations can be based on dose-volume histograms or even the full 3-dimensional dose distribution and its relation to the critical anatomy.

This session will provide an understanding of ontologies and standard terminologies used to capture clinical knowledge into structured databases, how data can be organized and accessed to allow the knowledge in planning, and examples of research and clinical efforts to incorporate that clinical knowledge into planning for improved care for our patients.

#### Learning Objectives:

1. Understand the role of standard terminologies, ontologies and data organization in oncology
2. Understand methods to capture clinical toxicity and outcome in a clinical setting
3. Understand opportunities to learn from clinical data and its application to treatment planning

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