

**AAPM WGSBRT
NTCP
Optic Apparatus
(chiasm and nerve)**

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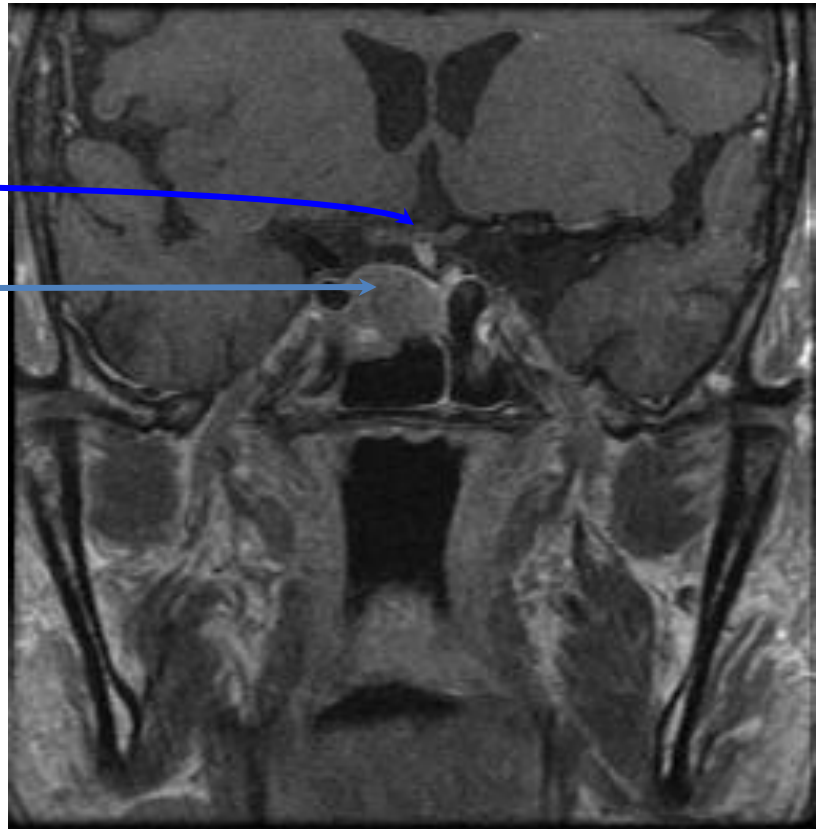
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Optic nerves and chiasm

pituitary
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optic chiasm

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Optic nerves and chiasm

- Toxicity: radiation-induced optic neuropathy (RION)
 - *decreased visual acuity*
 - *visual field deficits/vision loss*
 - generally occurs within 3 years after SRS

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Definitions

- **Stereotactic Radiosurgery (SRS)**
 - **1** fraction
- **Fractionated SRS (fSRS)**
 - **2-5** *hypofractionated*

Methods

- Pooled analysis of studies reporting RION (or absence of RION) after SRS/fSRS
 - Summarize publish data
 - develop NTCP risk model

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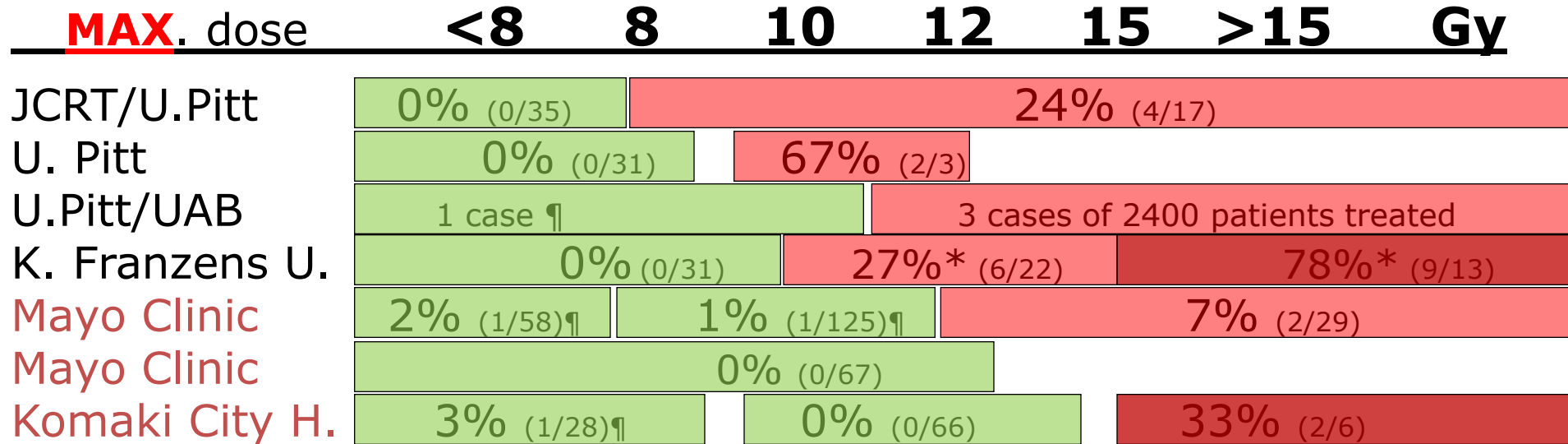
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 - *1990-Jun 2015*
 - *information on*
 - *optic apparatus maximal dose exposure*
 - *RION after SRS/fSRS*
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- **Maximum** dose to optic nerve/chiasm

Optic nerves and chiasm

Risk of optic neuropathy



* Actuarial incidence @ 3-years

¶ SRS + fract. RT in case of optic neuropathy.

In Mayo series, all had preceding surgery as well

Tishler *IJROBP* **27**: 215-21 (1993)

Duma *Neurosurg.* **32**: 699-704 (1993)

Girkin *Ophthamol.* **104**: 1634-43 (1997)

Leber *J Neurosurg.* **88**: 43-50 (1998)

Stafford *IJROBP* **55**: 1177-81 (2003)

Pollock *IJROBP* **70**: 1325-9 (2008)

Hasegawa *Neurosurg.* **66**: 688-95 (2010)

RION: Variables analyzed

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- SRS delivery system
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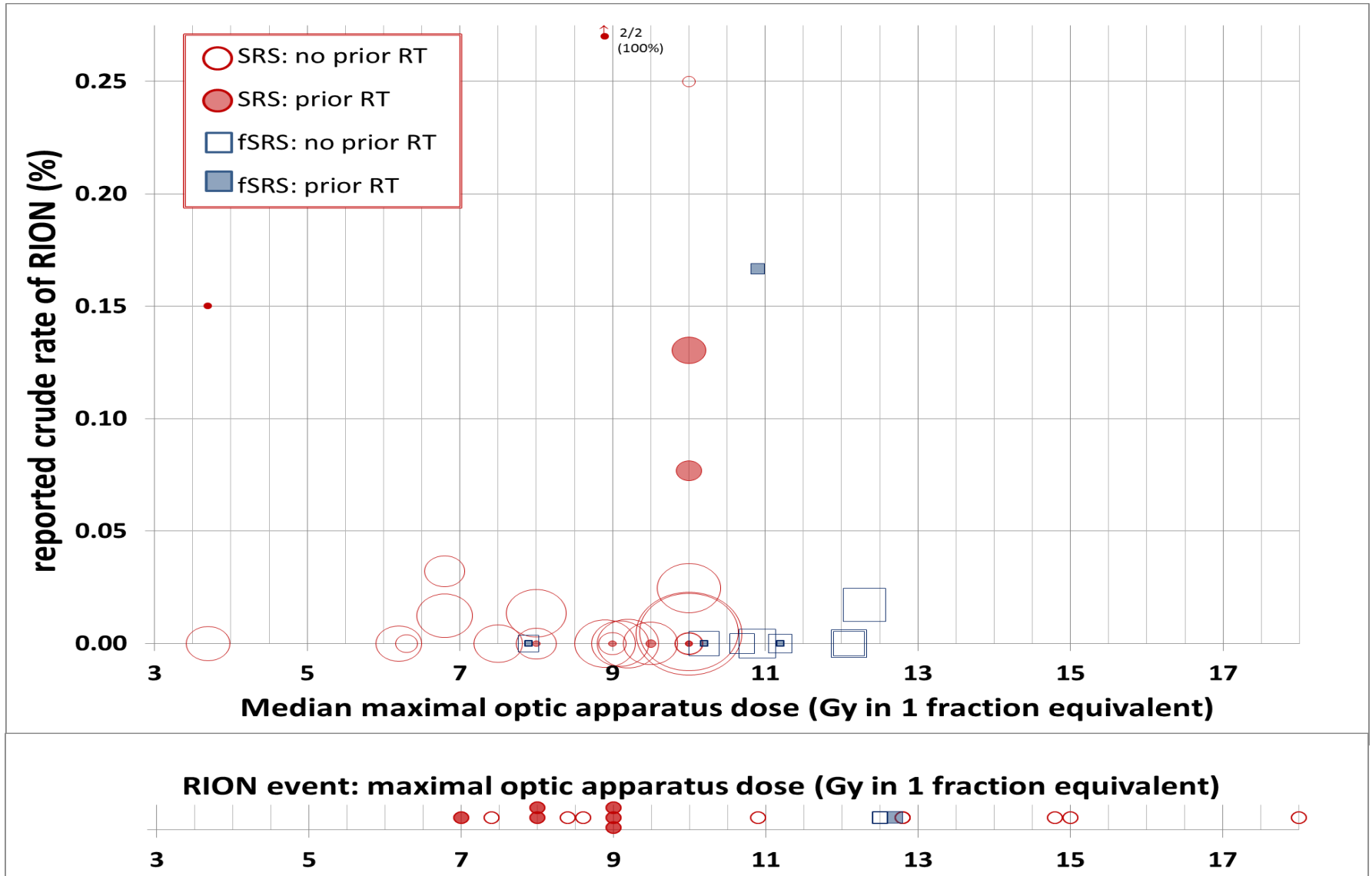
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10-fold increased risk

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RION

Studies with some or all patients treated after 1997



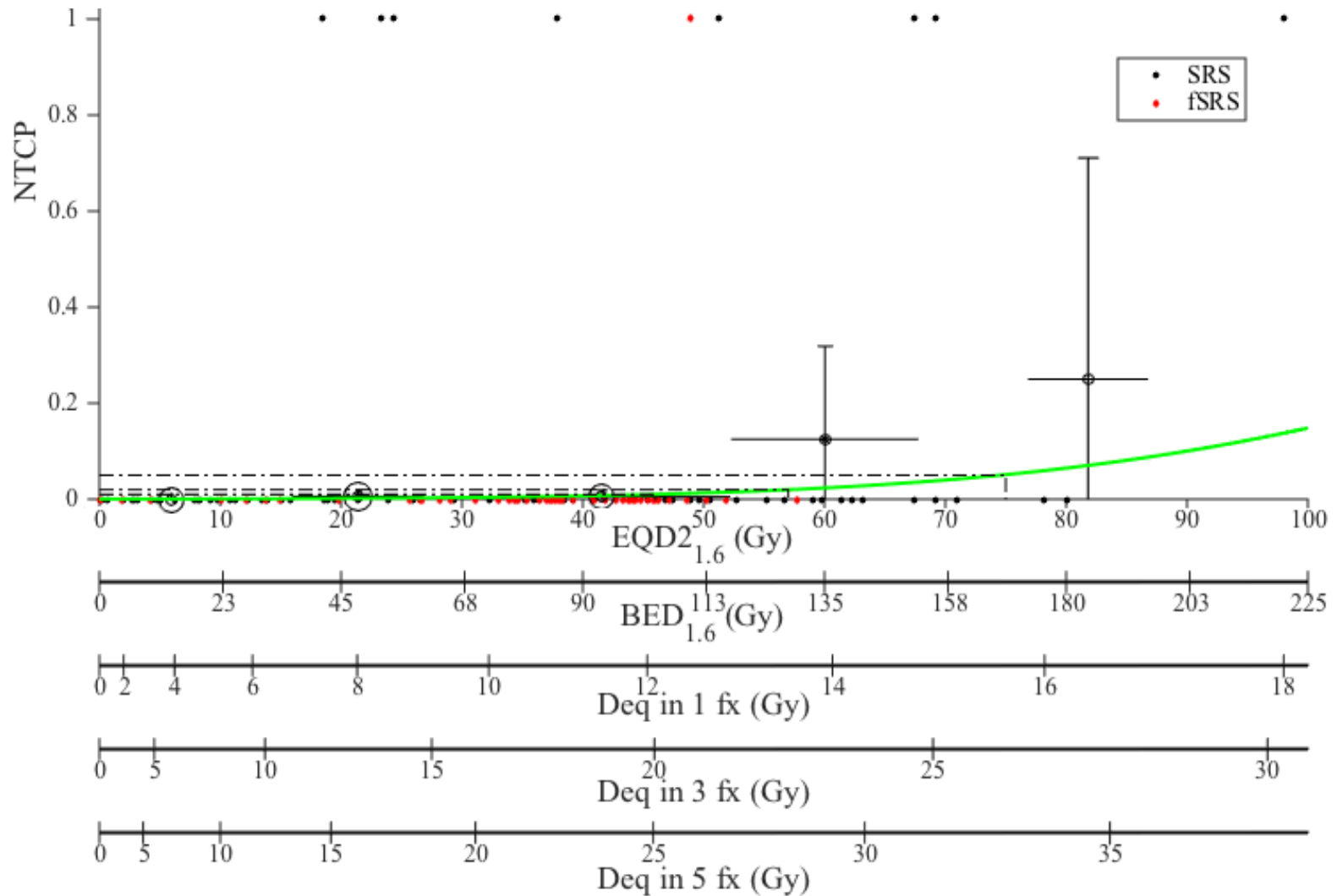
Methods

- NTCP modelling

$$NTCP = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\frac{u^2}{2}} du$$
$$t = \frac{D - TD50}{m \cdot TD50}, \quad m = \frac{1}{\gamma_{50} \sqrt{2\pi}}$$

- *α/β ratio = 1.6 Gy for dose conversions*

RION: NTCP Model



RION

	EQD2 _{1.6}	1-fraction SRS	3-fraction fSRS	5-fraction fSRS
NTCP model including all studies				
1% risk	46.0 Gy	12.1 Gy	20.0 Gy	25.1 Gy
2% risk	59.1 Gy	13.8 Gy	23.0 Gy	28.9 Gy
5% risk	74.8 Gy	15.6 Gy	26.1 Gy	32.9 Gy
NTCP model including only single-fraction SRS studies				
1% risk	33.0 Gy	10.1 Gy	-	-
2% risk	41.0 Gy	11.4 Gy	-	-
5% risk	52.1 Gy	12.9 Gy	-	-

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Limitations

- Limited data in high-dose range
($P_{\max} > 13 \text{ Gy}/1\text{Fx}$)
- Uncertainties in a/b ratio
- Uncertainties in EQD2/BED calculations
- Error bars in NTCP curves
- NTCP calculations do not account for magnitude of toxicity (i.e. grade)
- Optic apparatus not uniformly defined/delineated

Future studies should ...

- **Detail prior therapy (surgery/RT)**
- **Clear define how OAR was defined**
 - **Image modalities/MRI sequences**
 - **Slice thickness**
- **Clearly describe planning algorithm and treatment system used**

Future studies should ...

- Define point 'volume' (i.e. 0.03 ml) for maximal dose
- Define small volume exposure (i.e. $D_{0.2\text{ml}}$)
- Describe mean dose

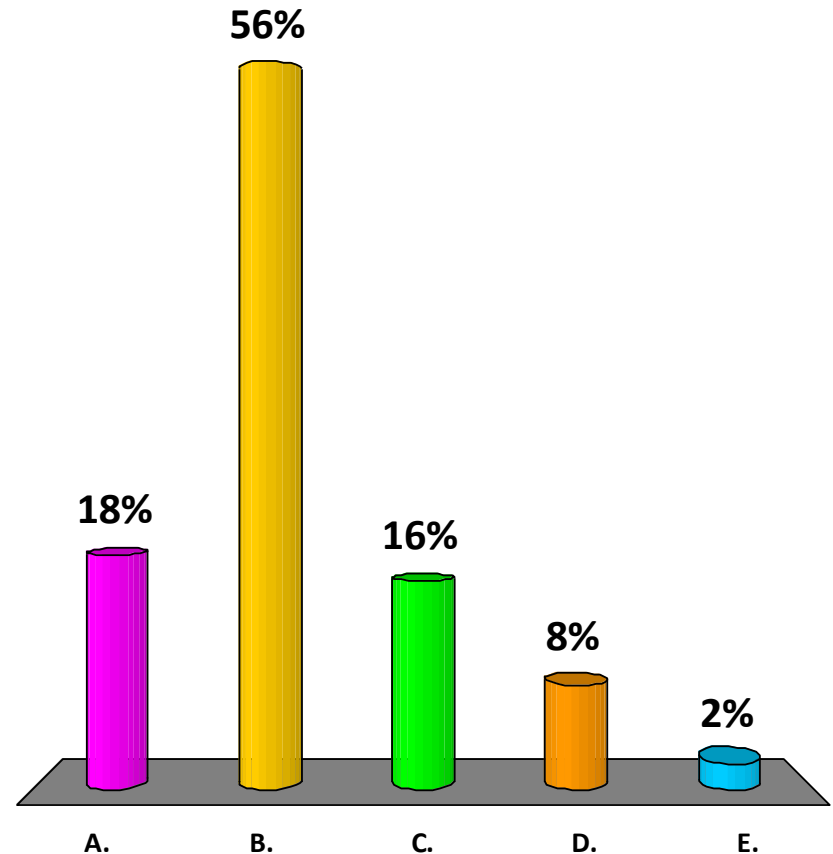
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- **Describe patient follow-up**
- **Describe post-SRS visual assessment**
- **Standardize RION grade reporting**

QUESTION 1

The incidence of grade 3+ radiation induced optic neuropathy (RION) for patients receiving modern cranial SRS is

- A. Less than 0.1%
- B. Less than 3%
- C. More than 3%
- D. More than 10%
- E. More than 25%



ANSWER

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EXPLANATION: Reported RION risks are on the order of <1-2% in modern series.

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Milano MT et al. Stereotactic radiosurgery and hypofractionated stereotactic radiotherapy: normal tissue dose constraints of the central nervous system. *Cancer Treat Rev.* 2011 Nov;37(7):567-78.

QUESTION 2

The safest (with respect to vision preservation) dose-volume delivery to the optic nerve in a single fraction radiosurgery plan would be:

2%

A. Median dose of 7.8 Gy to optic nerve

56%

B. Maximal dose of 7.8 Gy to optic nerve

36%

C. Maximal dose of 13 Gy to optic nerve with 95% receiving 10 Gy or less

1%

D. Minimal dose of 7.8 Gy to optic nerve

5%

E. Average dose of 7.8 Gy to the optic nerve

ANSWERS

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EXPLANATION: While maximal doses in excess of 10 Gy to the optic nerve are presumably safe, the plan delivering the lowest dose to the optic nerve is the safest.

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Shrieve DC et al. Dose fractionation in stereotactic radiotherapy for parasellar meningiomas: radiobiological considerations of efficacy and optic nerve tolerance. J Neurosurg. 2004 Nov;101 Suppl 3:390-5.

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