

# Patient selection, costing and business development in hadrontherapy

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# **Outline**

Talk sharing:

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- $\checkmark~$  Activities at the base of costing
- ✓ Hadrontherapy: situation and business development





# **Patients treated at CNAO: > 4000**

#### 55% carbons – 45% protons



# Pathologies approved by Italian Health System

- 1. Chordoma & chondrosarcoma base/spine
- 2. Meningiomas
- 3. Brain tumors (trunk)
- 4. ACC Salivary Glands
- 5. Orbit tumors including eye melanoma
- 6. Sinonasal carcinoma
- 7. Soft Tissue & bone Sarcoma (every sites)
- 8. Recurrent tumors (retreatment)
- 9. Patients with immulogical desorders
- 10. Pediatric solid tumors
- 11. Tumors for which hadrontherapy guarantees a better dose distribution wrt the best alternative providing a 10% better result in terms of NTCP or TCP (under discussion)

In Italy (60 million inhabitants) estimated cases 1-10:

**Protons**: about 5.000 patients/year

Carbons: about 1.000 patients/year

# **Complicated patients**

In year 2021, 62 patients (11%) stopped treatments procedure after first visit for clinical reasons





Gating in abdomen



Re-treatments

# Patients recruitment in last 5 years (2017-2021)

# In Italy hadrontherapy still needs individual approval for HS reimbursement



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# **Patient at the centre**



# **CNAO personnel in 2021**

Year 2021	Number
DG and Services	16
DS e Clinical Trial Centre	4
Clinical Department	62
Administration Department	13
Technical Department	38
R&D Department	5
Total	138

#### **Professions:**

Radiotherapist	Accelerator physicist	Economist
Medical Physicist	Engineer	Lawyer
Bioengineer	Technician	Administrative employee
Radiobiologist	Operator	Communication officer
Radiation technician	Radioprotection	Regulatory affairs
Nurses	Safety	

# **Pre-treatment imaging**





**ANZAI** and OTS

Moving organs: 4-D treatment Gating e rescanning



Image fusion

# Individual dose optimization algorithm



Need to include management of moving organs and integration of in-room imaging Goal: robust and adaptive planning on a daily basis

# **Outpatient treatments**

Carbon ions: up to 16 sessions, 4 days x 4 weeks

Protons: up to 35 sessions, 5 days x 7 weeks

Session duration: about 30 min (positioning and verification), 2-3 min beam-on



# Costing is an issue ...

# Fee definition a different matter .....



DELIBERAZIONE N° X / 1185 Seduta del 20/12/2013

#### Attività di Adroterapia

Limitatamente alle attività di Adroterapia erogate dal CNAO di Pavia per protocolli approvati dal ISS, si definiscono le seguenti tariffe in vigore per i trattamenti prenotati a partire dal 1° gennaio 2014:

codice	Descrizione	Tariffa (€)
92.29.N	Stereotassi (1-3 frazioni)	18.000,00
92.29.0	Boost (sino a 6 frazioni)	12.000,00
92.29.P	Ciclo intero	24.000,00

Le precedenti prestazioni sono da considerarsi come dei pacchetti comprensivi di tutte le attività legate al trattamento (visite, tac, rmn, centrature con simulatore, definizioni di volume di trattamento, studi dosimetrici, ecc.). La possibilità di erogare le predette prestazioni a carico del Servizio Sanitario Regionale è subordinata alla messa a contratto della struttura da parte della ASL territorialmente competente che avverrà entro il mese di gennaio 2014.

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## Status of Radiation Therapy Equipment

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Light Ion Therapy

Country

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Countries **RT** Centres

Click on Equipment type, Income groups or Regions to create your own view. Ctrl+click to select multiple items



98

Regions

High income (H)	
Upper middle income (UM)	10
Lower middle income (LM)	1

#### Equipment per regions

WHO regions





#### [Data from www.ptcog.ch]

16



Multi-rooms Large footprint HT costs (~100 M\$)





# 96 centres with protontherapy (+30 in construction) 330.000 patients treated (+40.000/year) [www.ptcog.ch]

MEVION S250 Superconducting

#### Hitachi (synchrotron)

Solution adopted to expand CNAO facility

Ready in 2024

IBA - Proteus One Superconducting SC

Varian - Probeam Superconducting SC

# **13** centres carbon ions, 6 multi-particle (+5 in construction) 45.000 patients treated (+5.000/year) [www.ptcog.ch]







2020 has been no ordinary year. We all had to slow down and even hadrontherapy centres have seen the number of treatments decrease because of the travel restrictions and challenges imposed on the hospital staff by the pandemic. The Coronavirus has impacted all of us, in one way or another. But it didn't stop our studies and even the development of new technologies, such as FLASH. It didn't stop our visionary projects for the diffusion of radiation therapy in developing countries. The online modality was a huge limitation for our social activi-



HIGHLIGHTS December 2020 We had dreams, we had hopes, we had a vision. Twenty years later, we can proudly say that we have achieved a lot. We are now ready for the next two decades and for adulthood. The challenges ahead of us are neither fewer nor less ambitious than those we faced twenty years ago but we are ready to take them on. Our network is strong and still unique, it has (and, it shares!) the expertise for supporting new projects, for training new experts and for developing new studies. Over the years, we have come closer to patients: our workshops, meetings and conferences have helped our members reduce that gap – "from the lab to bed" – that prevents people from benefiting from the latest, cutting-edge technologies to combat cancer.

2020 has been a challenging year for all people but, in particular, for the cancer patients. Their life was tough enough without the virus. In some cases, diagnoses have been postponed, treatments had to be delayed. Science and medicine, our pillars, have been under the spotlight over the last months and this will continue for many months ahead. However, we know that budget sustainability will be an issue for all of us.

The post-Corona era has started and ENLIGHT will be there to support our members and their dreams, hopes and visions. I send my warmest season's greetings to you and your loved ones! Have a great 2021!

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Heavy Ion Therapy Research Integration



## Cost controlling in an hadrontherapy facility The case of CNAO

Maria Vittoria Livraga



#### STRUCTURE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Area	Tasks	Output	Controls
Accounting	First recording of all documents related to economic transactions	Balance Sheet, P&L, Financial Statement, all fiscal declarations and fulfilments according to law and local rules	Board of auditors, Financial auditors, external National authorities
Clinical Administration	Manage all patients demographic information, agenda, billing, international patients, acceptance desk, external procedure reservations, first reporting of clinical activity	Monthly reporting required by the National Health Authority, all reports related to running activities, specific reports functional to scheduling	External Local Health Authorities, Notified Body for ISO9001, JCI
Controlling	Strategic long term plan, budget, monitor results and produce delta analysis, verification of compliance of each proposal of expenditure with the budget approved, budget and reporting of specific projects funded with external resources (e.g.: HITRI <i>plus)</i>	Business plan, budget, all different types of reports	Board of auditors, Financial auditors, Funding entities (EU, Ministry of Health, Region Lombardy, Others)
Procurement Office	Manage orders of goods and services in accordance with local rules	Orders, documents related to call for tenders, specific reports required by local authorities	Board of auditors, Notified Body for ISO 9001, JCI





#### WHY PLANNING, PROGRAMMING, CONTROLLING AND REPORTING?

- to take strategic decisions about the development of new activities, new protocols, collaborations with other entities, research programmes, acquisition of new medical devices...
- to monitor the performances compared with goals
- to check if public health reimbursement fees are adequate to cover all the costs of the activity or, in case of a private entity, to state a correct price for the treatment
- to check if the resources already available internally in term of personnel, equipments, spaces etc. are adequate to achieve the goals
- to present the projects to public and private funding entities in order to find external resources
- .....





#### PLANNING PROGRAMMING CONTROLLING AND REPORTING

Activity	Time horizon	Description and examples
Planning	Long term (5 or more years)	Phase of realisation and clinical trials years 2001-2013 From the start of the clinical activity to a full running phase 2014-2022 Expansion phase 2019-2024
Programming	Short term (1 year)	Define a budget in a short term referring period in terms of activities, revenues, resources required, costs and cash absorption
Controlling	On a daily basis	Ensure that activity is performed accordingly to budget
Reporting	Different periodic reports according to the object	To compare the result of the activity with the past year results and with goals stated in the strategic plan or in the budget





#### **ECONOMIC INFORMATION FLOW**



#### **INFORMATION ABOUT CLINICAL ACTIVITY**

#### Sources and data management support

- Software for demographics, agenda, billing and reporting to external authorities (ADT = Admission Discharging Transfer)
- Software for managing clinical activities (Mosaiq)
- Excel, Power Query and power pivot for the reporting

#### Track of events

#### Patients Treatments Broken treatments First consultations Follow up consultations Follow up imaging

#### Type of treatment

Boost (<10 fractions) Entire Cycle (16 to 30 fract) Eye Melanoma

#### Other informations

District of the tumor Tumor volume Use of Gating Retreatment Need of Anaesthesia

Type of imaging CT MR Pet-CT

## Billing

National Health Insurance Private patient Other

#### Patient provenance

Referring Institute, Specialists, Self referral patients Geographic provenance

#### Beam time for treatment

Beam time/particle with or without organ motion Beam time for treatment area Beam time for tumor volume





#### **INFORMATION ABOUT COSTS AND USE OF THE RESSOURCES**

#### Sources and data management support

ERP able to manage in integrate modality active and passive economic cycle of the resources

- request of goods, services, personnel from departments
- authorisation process related to the supply
- orders of goods and services to suppliers and logistic related
- Invoice, cash receipts and payments
- assets
- multilevel analytic accounting able to cross an analytic chart of account with cost and subcost centers, contracts, budget items expenditure
- easy to manage and personalize reporting
- + Different permissions and personalized internal level of authorisation of orders to suppliers

Excel and Power Query are actually the base of implementing the ACTIVITY BASED COSTING to determine the standard direct cost of the clinical procedures





#### EXAMPLE: COST CENTER STRUCTURE

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		₿08.10	Nozzle Assembly
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#### **EXAMPLE OF ANALYTIC CHART OF ACCOUNT**

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# STRUCTURE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT SIZED ON THE ACTUAL NUMBERS OF CNAO

- transactions related to clinical activity of 600 patients per year
- ongoing expansion phase with investment in building and technology
- 2 important projects funded by external entities (CNAO role of coordinator of Hitriplus)

Area	Tasks	FTE
Accounting	First recording all documents related to economic transactions	2
Clinical Administration	Manage all patients demographic information, agenda, billing, international patients, acceptance desk, external procedure reservations	5,5 WORKING ON TWO SHIFTS
Controlling	Strategic long term plan Budget Monitor results and produce delta analysis Verification of compliance of each proposal of expenditure with the budget approved Budget and reporting of specific projects, funded with external resources (e.g.: HITRI <i>plus</i> )	3
Procurement Office	Manage orders of goods and services in accordance with local rules	3,5

**14 FTE** 







# Activity-Based Costing (ABC) of hadrontherapy: A review of the literature

Mimoza Strikchani



## **ABC: theoretical background**







## **Cost allocation**







## **ABC:** activities, resources, times

- 1. Identify the activities (clinical/non-clinical) involved in the delivery of the treatment.
- 2. Identify the type (personnel, equipment, building)/number of resources employed in each activity.
- 3. Estimate the time needed to perform every activity.

Activity 1
$$\longrightarrow$$
Activity 2 $\longrightarrow$ Activity 3 $\longrightarrow$ Activity 4 $\dots$ Activity ...

The model is refined by taking into consideration the following:

- the number of times each activity is performed as well as its probability of occurrence;
- the probability for **mistakes** to be made or **unexpected events** to occur during the process;
- the probability of employing the resources included in the model;
- patients' characteristics that can influence the time needed to perform the activities.

**Sources of information**: interviews, direct observations, general planning, historical data, guidelines.





## **ABC:** annual cost/annual capacity

4. Estimate the annual cost (€) and the annual capacity (min) of the employed resources (personnel, equipment, building), so as to determine their capacity cost rate (€/min), and, as a consequence, the cost of each activity.

ANNUAL COST





## **ABC: treatment cost**

- 5. The treatment cost can be computed as the sum of:
  - the **cost of the activities** involved in the delivery of the treatment (*please note* all the abovementioned elements refining the model);
  - the cost of the direct materials employed;
  - the percentage of the indirect costs allocated to the treatment.

Cost allocation logics:

- Direct cost: activity-related costs + direct costs
- Full cost: activity-related costs + direct costs + indirect costs
- Company cost: activity-related costs + direct costs + indirect costs + company-level costs (management, etc.).







## Activity Based Costing approach Implementation at CNAO

Paola Mella



## 1<sup>st</sup> STEP

Observation of Patient path in CNAO

in order to define activities and macro activities

that compose the treatment





#### **STANDARD PATIENT PATH**



#### DIFFERENT PATIENT PATHS → DIFFERENT RESOURCES ABSORPTION

The observation of different types of treatment brought us to identify different models because the absorption of resources and sub-resources was different.

 $\rightarrow$  Conclusion: different unitary costs per treatment type



For example, in Proton paediatric, hospitalization and anaesthesia occur in high % of cases, while Carbon ion standard is typically an outpatient treatment without anaesthesia interventions.





## 2<sup>nd</sup> STEP

Listing all resources contained in the activities

(grouped in macro activities)

that compose each patient path in CNAO





#### HOW TO BUILD A UNITARY COST OF ACTIVITY

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ΑCTIVITY	RESOURCE CATEGORY	Ţ	ITEM (personnel category/type of consum./equipment/)	input h -> P› n> C	<pre>c/Equip./Spaces onsum/Serv.</pre>	ITEM Unit co €/h -> Px/Equip €/unit -> Space	<b>st</b> p. es/Cons.	Correction factor	Cost of ITEM per ACTIVITY
First Consultation	PX COSTS		Clinical administration		0,25	€	28,35	1,00	7,09€
First Consultation	PX COSTS		Nurse	4	0,25	€	24,13	1,00	6,03€
First Consultation	PX COSTS		Psycologist		0,25	€	50,00	1,00	12,50€
First Consultation	PX COSTS		Radiation Oncologist		1,00	€	50,80	1,00	50,80€
First Consultation	SPACES		Spaces involved in patient path		200,00	€	2,00	1,00	400,00€
Session (adult patinet)	EQUIPM. COSTS		САРН		0,28	€	95,53	1,00	26,75€
Session (adult patinet)	EQUIPM. COSTS		SINCROTRON		0,28	€	173,49	1,00	48,58€
Session (adult patinet)	EQUIPM. COSTS		SINCROTRON		0,28	€	250,00	1,00	70,00€
Session (adult patinet)	EQUIPM. COSTS		SINCROTRON		0,28	€	248,09	1,00	69,47€
Session (adult patinet)	PX COSTS		Radiation technicians		0,28	€	27,20	1,00	7,62€
Session (adult patinet)	PX COSTS		Radiation Oncologist		0,28	€	50,80	1,00	14,22€
Session (adult patinet)	PX COSTS		Medical Physicist		0,28	€	50,01	1,00	14,00€
Session (adult patinet)	PX COSTS		Bioengineer		0,28	€	29,72	1,00	8,32€
Session (adult patinet)	SPACES		Spaces involved in patient path		400,00	€	2,00	1,00	800,00€
Session (adult patinet)	CONSUM&SERVIO	ES	Drug		1,00	€	5,00	0,10	0,50€

Each row is an item that composes the bill of the activity

## 3<sup>rd</sup> STEP

Sum up of the cost of items by activity

→ Unitary Direct cost per Activity





#### HOW TO BUILD A UNITARY COST OF TREATMENT TYPE



### 4<sup>th</sup> STEP

Sum up of the cost of activities by treatment type

→ Unitary Direct cost per Treatment type





#### **EXAMPLES OF UNITARY COSTS OF TREATMENT TYPE**

TREATMENT TYPE	Carbon ion standard	Т.		
			Cos	t of ACTIVITY
MACRO ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY		pe	r Treatment
	•	-		type
Assessment	Case evaluation from "Servizio Medico"		€	10
	Case evaluation from "International patient"		€	1
	Case evaluation from "Refferring MD"		€	30
	Internal Case discussion		€	50
	Multidisciplinary Case discussion		€	10
	First consultation		€	90
	Managemente of admin dossier for foreign patient		€	2
	Managemente of admin dossier for pt to be authorise	d	€	60
Assessment Total			€	253
Treatment	СТ		€	50
	CT with contrast agent		€	80
	Anestesia		€	5
	MRI		€	1
	MRI with contrast agent		€	160
	CT PET in Cnao		€	-
	CT PET in external facility		€	2
	Other procedures in external facility		€	500
	Preparation plan		€	1.150
	Consultation for consent signature		€	50
	Session (adult patient)		€	4.420
	Anestesia in session (adult patient)		€	50
	Intra-treatment consultation		€	130
	Check CT		€	70
	Check CT with preparation of a new mask		€	40
	Replanning - 1		€	80
	Replanning - 2		€	10
	Replanning - 3		€	-
	Data entry Quality of life		€	1
	Data entry Trattamento REDCAP		€	2
	Data collection for clinical trial		€	6
Treatment Total			€	6.807
Follow-up	СТ		€	700
	CT with contrast agent		€	1.030
	MRI		€	10
	MRI with contrast agent		€	2.120
	CT PET in Cnao		€	-
	CT PET in external facility		€	20
	Consultation		€	520
	Second opinion of extarnal imaging		€	130
	Data entry Follow up REDCAP		€	80
	Data collection for clinical trial		€	5
	Reaserch activity		€	7.870
Follow-up Total			€	12.485
Total			€	19.545

TREATMENT TYPE	Proton standard	Ţ,	
MACRO ACTIVITY	ΑCTIVITY		Cost of ACTIVITY per Treatment
<u> </u>		-	type
Assessment	Case evaluation from "Servizio Medico"	ŧ	e 10
	Case evaluation from "International patient"	ŧ	
		ŧ	5 30
	Internal Case discussion	ŧ	50
	Multidisciplinary Case discussion	ŧ	e 10
	First consultation	ŧ	e 90
	Managemente of admin dossier for foreign patient	₹ 	
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Assessment lotale	CT.	ŧ	E 253
Treatment		ŧ	50
	CT with contrast agent	ŧ	E 80
	Anestesia	ŧ	5
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	MRI with contrast agent	ŧ	£ 160
	CT PET in Cnao	ŧ	
	CT PET in external facility	ŧ	2
	Other procedures in external facility	ŧ	500
	Preparation plan	€	1.150
	Consultation for consent signature	€	50
	Session (adult patient)	€	5 7.740
	Anestesia in session (adult patient)	€	E 90
	Intra-treatment consultation	€	E 190
	Check CT	€	E 70
	Check CT with preparation of a new mask	€	E 40
	Replanning - 1	€	E 80
	Replanning - 2	€	E 10
	Replanning - 3	€	E -
	Data entry Quality of life	€	E 2
	Data entry Trattamento REDCAP	€	E 10
	Data collection for clinical trial	€	E 1
Treatment Totale		•	£ 10.231
Follow-up	СТ	€	E 700
	CT with contrast agent	€	E 1.030
	MRI	€	E 10
	MRI with contrast agent	€	2.120
	CT PET in Cnao	€	E -
	CT PET in external facility	€	E 20
	Consultation	€	520
	Second opinion of extarnal imaging	€	E 130
	Data entry Follow up REDCAP	€	80
	Data collection for clinical trial	€	E 5
	Reaserch activity	€	E 790
Follow-up Totale		ŧ	£ 5.405
Totale complessivo		€	£ 15.889

#### <sup>5th</sup> STEP

Definition of yearly treatments by type

and **multiplication for the unitary direct cost** of treatment type





#### TOTAL VALUE OF DIRECT COSTS

definition of a "unitary direct cost" for each type of treatment based on ABC approach as above



Total value of direct costs absorbed by delivered treatments





#### <sup>6th</sup> STEP

From Unitary Direct cost per Treatment type

to Unitary Company cost per Treatment type





#### **COMPANY UNITARY TREATMENT COST**

To the previously calculated Unitary Direct cost per treatment type we can add also the following Indirect Structure costs ("Overhead"):

- □ Top management e collegial bodies
- Financial interest
- Not clinical Advisory
- □ Legal expenses
- Other General services and overhead
- $\rightarrow$  All these costs could be allocated on the treatment cost
- → Literature may help in defining the best way of allocation of these residual costs on the single treatment.





#### **COMPANY UNITARY TREATMENT COST**

Results of our previous study (2015) presented to the National Health Ministry: Unitary company costs per treatment vs current NHS tariffs at which Cnao is reimbursed

	Treatment	Unitary		Сι	urrent NHS
	mix	Со	mpany cost		tariffs
Carbon Ion Entire cycle (V < 1000 cc)	187	€	32.000,00	€	24.000,00
Carbon Ion Entire cycle (1000< V < 2000 cc)	56	€	41.600,00	€	24.000,00
Carbon Ion Entire cycle (T > 2000 cc)	113	€	41.600,00	€	24.000,00
Carbon Ion Boost	27	€	16.000,00	€	12.000,00
Carbon Ion Stereotactic	100	€	24.000,00	€	18.000,00
Proton Entire cylce	60	€	18.000,00	€	24.000,00
Proton Entire cylce - Eye melanoma	150	€	12.000,00	€	12.000,00
Proton Boost	57	€	12.000,00	€	12.000,00
Total n. of treatments	750				

> Optional addendum of treatment linked to complex pathology					
Gating	75	€	10.000,00	€	0,00
Replanning	75	€	5.000,00	€	0,00
Ritrattamento	128	€	5.000,00	€	0,00

Despite the significant part of company costs per treatment that remain without coverage, Ministry of Health's final decision was for a low fixed reimbursement fee, with no distinction between protons and carbon ions.

The difference to a full coverage of complexity of carbon ions has been balanced with a lump yearly contribution







## Cost Benefit Analysis of Hadrontherapy

#### Maria Vittoria Livraga



#### **Cost Benefit Analysis**

«Cost-Benefit Analysis is an analytical evaluation technique adopted by international institutions and governments in public decision-making on the economic viability of projects, programmes, policies or regulatory initiatives by, first, identifying all the costs and benefits and, second, by measuring them through a monetary value of the welfare change attributable to them (Boardman et al. 1996, Florio 2014). The purpose of CBA is to support a more efficient allocation of resources demonstrating the convenience for society of a particular decision against possible alternatives (including the 'do nothing' or 'business as usual' alternatives)»

Under CBA, the costs and benefits associated with an investment project over a given long-run timeframe are expressed in monetary units, and the sign of the net benefit is used as the decision criterion

#### Why is hadrontherapy an object of CBA?

The high costs associated with hadrontherapy are mainly due to the fact that it needs significant capital investments for equipment such as accelerators, beamlines and gantries as well as buildings hosting the facilities, but hadron therapy faces the challenge of delivering a cost-effective, high-precision cancer treatment.





Year	Title	Commissioned by	Performed by	Status
2015	Cost–benefit analysis of applied research infrastructure. Evidence from health care	EIB - European Investment Bank	University of Milan, Economics and Management DPT	Concluded

In the framework of a study assessing the impact on welfare of big and high expensive technology research infrastructure. University of Milan choose CNAO as case study, for the particle accelerator specifically designed to provide medical treatment and research.

The expected net present value of research infrastructures  $(ENPV_{RI})$  over the time horizon  $\mathcal{T}$  is defined as the sum of all measurable benefits associated to any actual or possible use of the research infrastructure, plus a non-use (existence) value of scientific discover  $B_n$ , net of socio-economic costs valued at shadow prices and discounted at the social discount rate r.

Cost–benefit analysis of applied research infrastructure. Evidence from health care Giuseppe Battistoni, Mario Genco, Marta Marsilio, Chiara Pancotti, Sandro Rossi, Silvia Vignetti





#### **CBA model applied to CNAO**

#### Working Hypotheses

- **Unit of analysis**: all the structure hosting the particle accelerators and the other areas functional to the proper functioning of the clinical facility
- Time Horizon: 2001-2031
- **Prices**: Euro at 2013 constant prices
- Social Discount rate: constant at 3%

#### **Benefits**

- Applied research benefits on patients
- Technological spillover
- Knowledge Creation
- Revenues on beam use and sell of components
- Human Capital benefit
- Cultural outreach



#### Applied research benefits from clinical activity

#### Type of health benefits

- Full recovery: i.e. the patients treated gain the same life expectancy of the average healthy population
- Increase in life expectancy: Treated patients gain some additional year of life. This benefit can also be combined with an effect on the quality of life
  - Better quality of life: Lower level of pain and suffering and no effect on life expectancy

Each Protocol has been matched to a type of benefit, and for each protocol has been identified the counterfactual, the range of patients, the number of years gained, and the quality factor of life





Year	Title	Commissioned by	Performed by	Status
2021	Progetto Analisi Costi Benefici Adroterapia	CNAO	Università Bocconi- Cergas	In progress

Aim

Study focused on clinical aspects, that takes into consideration cost and benefits related to hadrontherapy implementation and management- The aim is to highlight with an economic measure the better quality of life assured by hadrontherapy and the costs of alternative therapy (if existing) for the patients, their caregiver and for the National Health System.

The study is particularly focused on Carbon Ion Therapy





Year	Title	Commissioned by	Performed by	Status
2021	Working group on Protontherapy	Ministry of Health	Agenas (Agenzia Nazionale per i Servizi Sanitari)	In progress

- Projects for developing the number of dedicated hadrontherapy centers are now rapidly increasing in Italy, in reason that a proton therapy market has developed and these accelerators can be purchased on the market. That's why proton therapy compared to carbon ion therapy is much more developed and much more conventional.
- Need to review the reimbursement fees stated for hadrontherapy
- Need to define the rules of patient access to protontherapy





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