

# PROSPER Study: A Comparative Effectiveness Trial of Surgery, Carbon Ion Radiotherapy, and Proton Therapy for Pelvic Sarcomas involving the Bone

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# Particle Therapy Co-Operative Group

An organisation for those interested in proton, light ion and heavy charged particle radiotherapy

### Particle Therapy Centers

<u>Facilities in Operation</u> Facilities under Construction Facilities in Planning Stage Facilities World Map

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## **Integrated Oncology Building**







### Future **CIRT** Gantries?





# Why a Clinical Trial on CIRT prior to 2027?

Collaboration with international carbon ion centers

Obtain experience with carbon ion therapy

Develop evidence to help with FDA approval & reimbursement

Develop infrastructure to conduct additional trans-continental CIRT trials

## **Clinical Trial 1.0- Pre-COVID**

### • Phase I trial (5-10 patients)

- Evaluate ability of sending patients abroad (Europe/Asia) to successfully receive CIRT for radioresistant cancers
  - Locally recurrent rectal cancer
  - Non-squamous cell Head & Neck
  - Pelvic bone sarcomas
- Phase II trial (45 patients)
  - If Phase I is successful and funding secured, convert into 3 single arm Phase II studies (15 patients each)

# **Clinical Trial 2.0- COVID era**



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## **Clinical trial 2.0- What disease site?**

Address a cancer site, where there is little doubt that CIRT is critical

## **CIRT** in pelvic bone sarcomas

- Systematic review found 18 publications- 60-70 GyE in 16 fxns
  - 5 Prospective studies (191 patients)
  - •13 Retrospective studies (almost 500 patients)

Author, Year, and Center	Histology	Study Design	No. of Pts.	Median Total Dose and/or Dose Range, GyE	Total Fxs	Median Follow-up, months (range)	Local Control Rate	Overall Survival Rate	Grade 3+ Toxicity or Other QOL Outcome		
Matsunobu A 2012 NIRS <sup>21</sup>	mixed	prospective phase 1/2	78	52.8 - 73.6	16	24 (2 - 166)	2 and 5 yrs, 73% and 62%	2 and 5 yrs, 58% and 33%	Acute: gr 3 skin reactions, 3 pts (4%) Late: gr 3 skin/soft tissue reaction, 4 pts (5%); gr 4 skin/soft tissue reaction, 3 pts (4%) Other: 4 pts with radiation-induced neurologic		
Kamada T 2002 NIRS <sup>18</sup>	mixed	prospective phase 1/2	57	52.8 - 73.6	16	21 (2 - 60)	1 and 3 yrs, 88% and 73%	1 and 3 yrs, 82% and 46%	Acute: gr 3 skin/soft tissue, 8 pts (14%) Late: gr 3 skin/soft tissue, 6 pts (11%)		
Imai R 2011 NIRS <sup>20</sup>	chordoma	prospective phase 1/2	95	52.8 - 73.6	16	42 (13 - 112)	5 yrs, 88%	5 yrs, 86%	Acute: gr 3 acute skin reactions, 3 pts; Late: gr 3 late skin reactions, 2 pts; gr 4 late skin and soft tissue complications requiring skin grafts, 2 pts.		
Imai R 2010 NIRS <sup>19</sup>	chordoma	prospective phase 1/2	38	70.4 (52.8 - 73.6)	16	80	3 and 5 yrs, 95% and 89%	3 and 5 yrs, 95% and 86%	Acute: gr 3 acute skin reactions, 3 pts Late: gr 3 skin reactions, 2 pts; gr 4 reactions that required skin grafts, 2 pts; temporary or		
Evangelisti G 2019 CNAO <sup>22</sup>	chordoma	prospective phase 1/2	18	70.4	16	23.3 (6 - 47)	PR, 10 pts (56.3%); SD, 5 (28.3%); LR, 2 (11%); DP, 1	2 yrs, 100%	Late: neuropathy, 8/18 pts (44%)		

# **CIRT in Bone Sarcomas**



#### PRINCIPLES OF RADIATION THERAPY

#### **General Principles**

- Patients should be strongly encouraged to have RT at the same specialized center that is providing surgical and systemic interventions.
- Specialized techniques such as intensity-modulated RT (IMRT); particle beam RT with protons, carbon ions, or other heavy ions; or stereotactic radiosurgery (SRS) should be considered as indicated in order to allow high-dose therapy while maximizing normal tissue sparing.

# What Clinical Trial Design?

- Trial design that allows Mayo to contribute pts
  - Comparative effectiveness study
    - CIRT vs XRT/PT
    - CIRT vs surgery

# CIRT > surgery in pelvic chondrosarcoma



Table 3 MSTS functional evaluation scores in patients with periacetabular tumors

Treatment	No. of patients	Pain	Function	Emotional acceptance	Supports	Walking ability	Gait	Total score	Total score (%)
Surgery	10	3.9 (1.4)	2.2 (1.2)	2.9 (1.4)	1.8 (2.0)	2.9 (1.4)	2.6 (1.4)	14.9 (7.0)	49.6 (23.3)
CIRT	7	3.7 (0.8)	3.7 (1.0)	3.7 (0.5)	3.3 (1.7)	3.9 (0.7)	3.4 (0.5)	21.7 (3.5)	72.6 (11.6)

#### Outani et al IJCO 2016

# **CIRT > Surgery or XRT in Sacral Chordoma**



Time (in Months)

## **Carbon Trial in Bone Sarcoma**

Primary Endpoints

Quality of life & toxicity of CIRT compared with Surgery

Local Control of CIRT compared with proton/photon RT

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### How to ensure patients and centers will enroll?

- Pragmatic trial
  - Prospective cohort design, non-randomized (eg COMPPARE)
  - Few ineligibility criteria
  - Allow institutional variations in RT guidelines
- Minimal Risk study- everything is standard of care

# **Background- Carbon Trial**

Proposed concept to possible partners

- •QST Hospital
- MedAustron
- •CNAO
- •SPHIC
- University of Heidelberg

Additional development with the partners



### **Inclusion criteria**

- Males and females  $\geq$  15 years of age
- Newly diagnosed, histologic confirmation of pelvic chordoma, chondrosarcoma, osteosarcoma, Ewing sarcoma with bone involvement, rhabdomyosarcoma (RMS) with bone involvement or non-RMS soft tissue sarcoma with bone involvement
- No evidence of distant sarcoma metastases
- Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group (ECOG) Performance Status (PS) ≤ 2
- Patients capable of childbearing must agree to use adequate contraception.
- Ability to complete questionnaire(s) by themselves or with assistance.
- Ability to provide written informed consent.
- Chemotherapy per institutional guidelines is allowed

### **Exclusion criteria**

- Patients receiving palliative treatment
- Recurrent disease
- Males and females < 15 years of age</li>
- Prior RT to the site of sarcoma
- Patients with distant sarcoma metastases

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• Benign pelvic bone histologies

## **Statistics**

 Primary End Point: Compare the difference in change of functional QOL from pre-treatment (baseline) to 1-year post-treatment between CIRT (Arm 1) and Surgery (Arm 2) (one-sided test for a two-sample t-test for independent means).

- PROMIS 29 physical functioning domain (4 questions)
  - Are you able to do chores such as vacuuming or yard work (1-5)
  - Are you able to go up and down stairs at a normal pace (1-5)
  - Are you able to go for a walk of at least 15 minutes? (1-5)
  - Are you able to run errands and shop? (1-5)

No difficulty Little difficulty Some difficulty Much difficulty Unable to do

- Expect an average decline of functional QOL from CIRT of 2 points while surgery will decline 4.6 points (higher than defined minimal clinically important difference [MCID]) with equal standard deviation of 4 points.
- 80% power ( $\alpha$  = 0.05) to detect significantly improved functional QOL from CIRT over surgery with 30 patients per treatment arm.

## **Statistics**

 Secondary End Point: Evaluating local control between carbon ion therapy and proton therapy at 3 years.

- Analyses of local control will be:
  - stratified by histology
  - subset analyses (sacral chordomas vs. non-sacral chordoma histologies)

 The proportion of patients experiencing local control at 3 years will be calculated along with 95% confidence intervals with a one-sided test for noninferiority to be conducted between the PT and CIRT arms.

### • Exploratory End Point:

- Local control- CIRT vs surgery
- CTCAE Toxicities
- PROMIS QOL
- EORTC- CRC Q29

## **Radiation Treatment -- Pragmatic**

### • Target Volumes

Per treating institution standards

- Dose-fractionation
  - Per treating institution standards
- RBE model for CIRT (LEM, MKM, other?)
  - Per treating institution standards
- Plan to collect DICOM files of the RT plans centrally after completion of treatment and will review retrospectively

### **Trial Infrastructure**

- Funding from MCF & MCE Cancer Center
- MC research is overseeing patients treated at MCF, MCA, MCR
- Contracted with a Clinical Research Organization (CRO)- ICON
  - Provide administrative support for opening the trials at centers in Europe & Asia
- Paying case-based rate to the institutions for enrolling patients
- Redcap database

### **Prosper Timeline**

- January 20, 2022- MCF opened trial
- February 14, 2022- MCA opened trial
- June 1, 2022- MCR opened trial
- May 2023- First patient enrolled (MCF- surgery)
- September 2023- Open at European and Japan sites
- Finish accrual 2026 to all 3 arms

## Challenges

- Rare tumor trials can be difficult to accrue
- International trials are challenging administratively
- Value of a CRO for research assistance?
- CIRT RBE model (LEM vs MKM)
- Surgical patients likely have smaller, less invasive tumors







Study Protocol

### Pragmatic, Prospective Comparative Effectiveness Trial of Carbon Ion Therapy, Surgery, and Proton Therapy for the Management of Pelvic Sarcomas (Soft Tissue/Bone) Involving the Bone: The PROSPER Study Rationale and Design

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