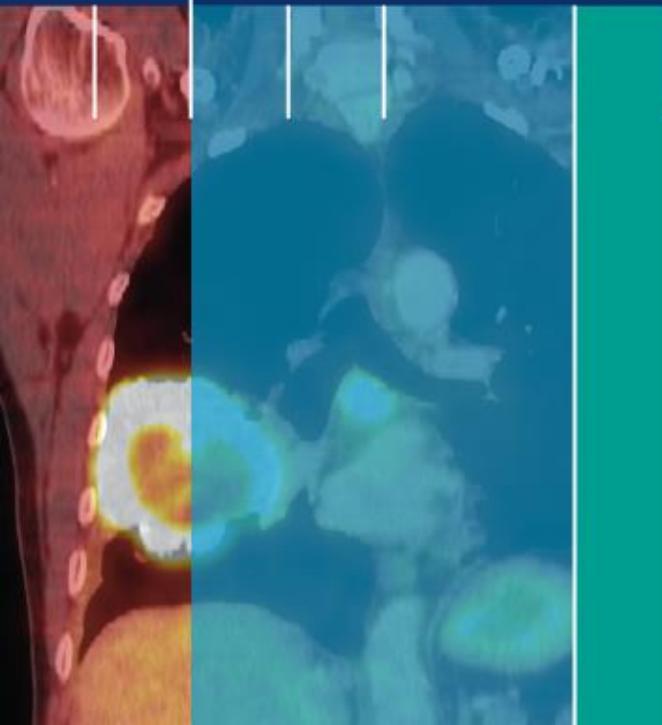




# A novel method to predict *a priori* the toxicity reduction of a prostate rectum spacer: **Virtual Rectum Spacer**

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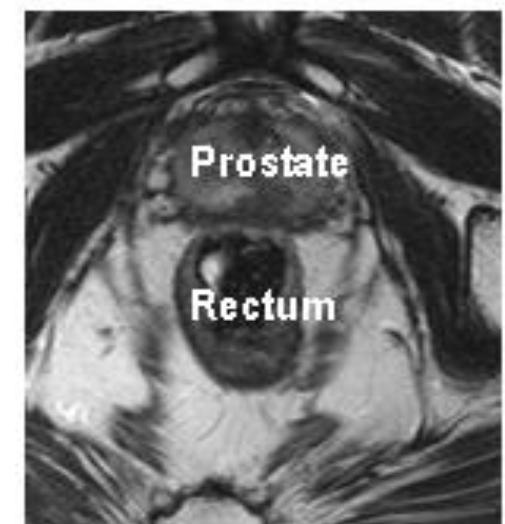
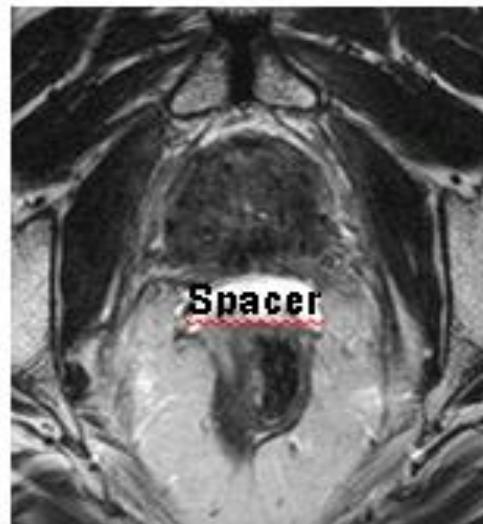


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# Introduction

- Chronic Radiation Proctitis: late side effect (5-20%)
- Aim RECTUM SPACER (RS)  
= ↑ distance prostate – rectum



# Introduction

Implantation of a RS =  
Expensive  
Invasive

## AIM:

- Decision Support System  
to identify *a priori* the benefit
- Predictions gain of dose + toxicity ↓

# Materials & Methods

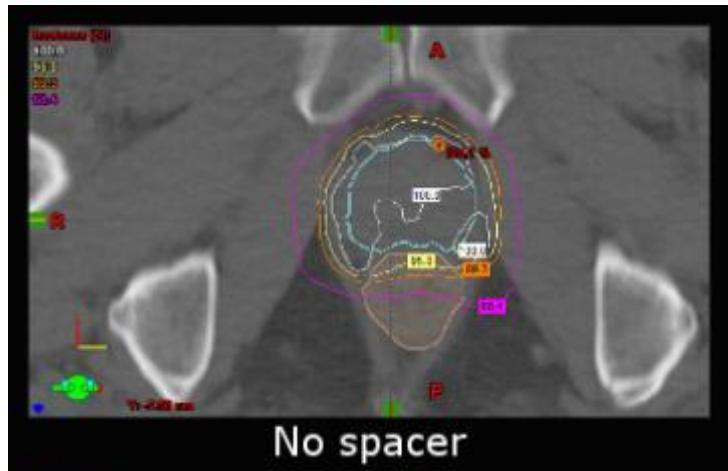
- N= 16 pts
- CT prior + after a RS implantation (SpaceOAR™)
- Median volume = 10.5 cc
- Training set
  - Spatial deformation model: Virtual RS
- Validation set
  - Compare Virtual RS – Actual RS

## Materials & Methods

- **Proof of concept:**

1 pt: 70 Gy, 28x : No RS – VRS – ARS  
→ predicting acute + late rectal toxicities  
nomograms Valdagni et al.  
clinical +  
dosimetric input

# Results



Distances prostate-rectum:

NoRS  $15,8 \pm 3,2$  mm

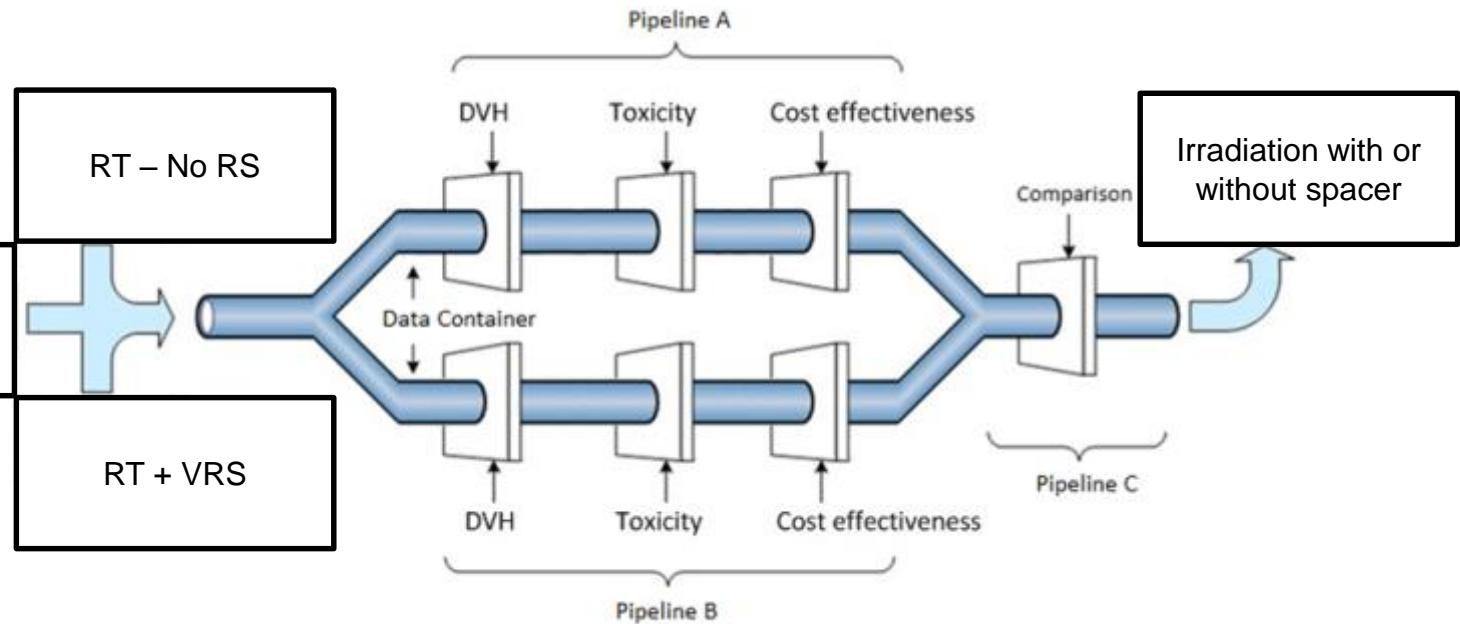
VRS  $19,5 \pm 3,3$  mm

ARS  $22,0 \pm 4,3$  mm

# Results

- Proof of concept: 1 patient:  
a planned dose on all 3 CT's
  - The VS revealed a large decrease in V65 Gy,
  - Using nomograms
  - No significant difference of predicted late toxicity
  - No candidate RS.

# Decision for rectum spacer: the future: 3 steps



# Conclusion

- Novel method: simulate a RS = Virtual RS
  - Predict dose + Outcome benefit
- Virtual Spacer–based decision support system to quantify *a priori* the potential benefit

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