



# The Status Report of CNAO

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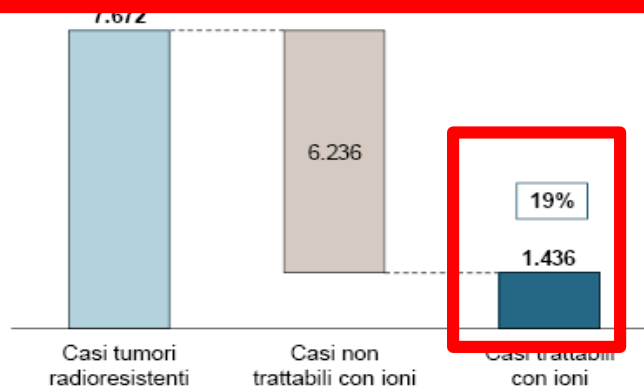
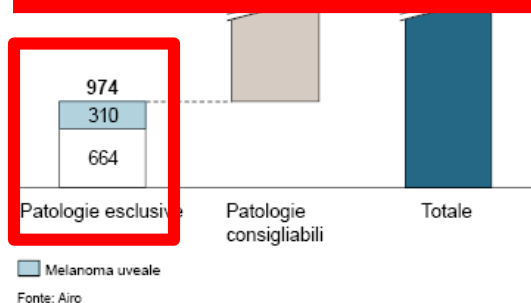


Italy



# Working Group 1998, 2003, 2008, 2009

## 2500 estimated new patients/year to be treated by hadrons



essere adottate in quasi 20% dei casi di alcune categorie di tumori radioresistenti

- Le principali patologie neoplastiche trattabili con ioni sono: i tumori delle ghiandole salivari, i melanomi mucosi delle VADS, i adenocarcinomi dei seni paranasali, i sarcomi ossei e dei tessuti molli e i epatocarcinomi/tumori pancreatici e delle vie biliari
- Ad oggi l'applicazione della terapia a ioni Carbonio è piuttosto limitata, tuttavia in futuro si prevede una crescente estensione del campo di applicazione

Fonte: Airo

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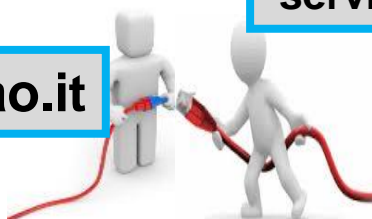


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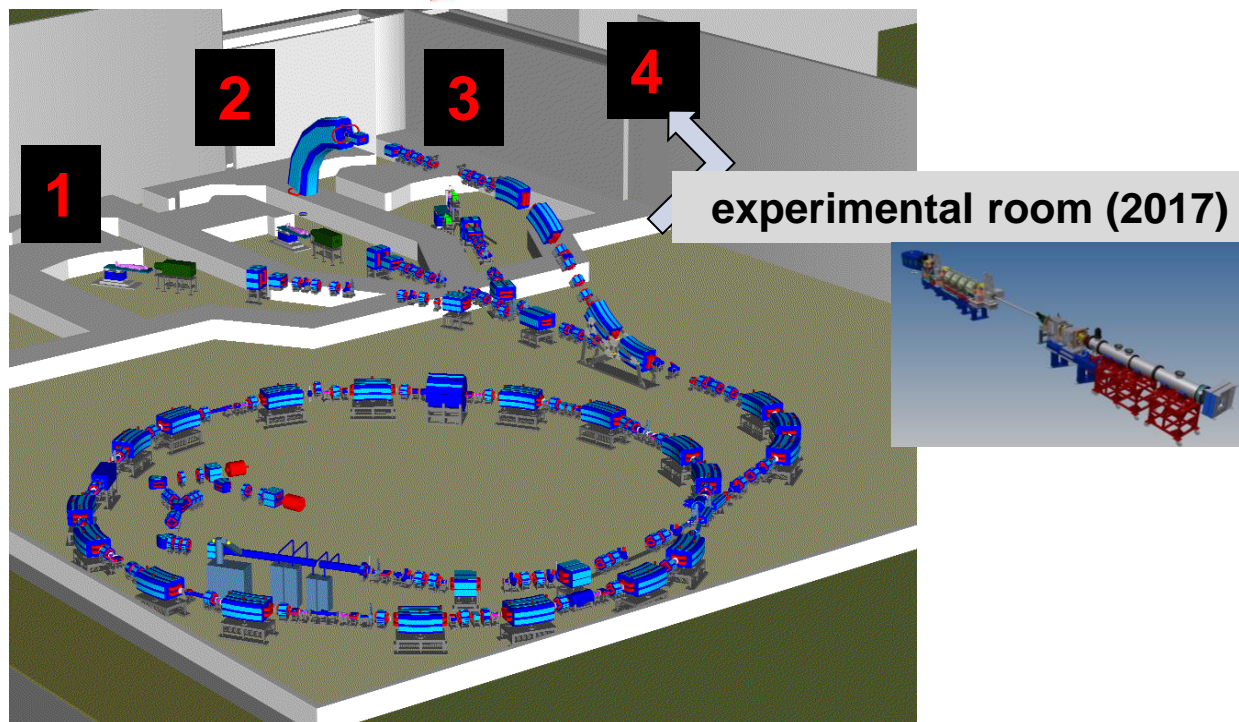
# CNAO in Pavia

dual center  
active scanning  
Protons /Carbon Ions

<http://folder.cnao.it>



in room 3D imaging



experimental room (2017)



Synchrotron P-C 400 meV/u



Experimental Phase  
179 patients up to  
December 2013

Clinical Phase  
(National Health System)  
Started since January 2014

## **PROGETTO DI SPERIMENTAZIONE CLINICA**

**A CURA DI:**

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**Presented to:**

- Italian Ministry of Health
- Lombardy Region

**Protons  
Carbon**

### Main Tasks:

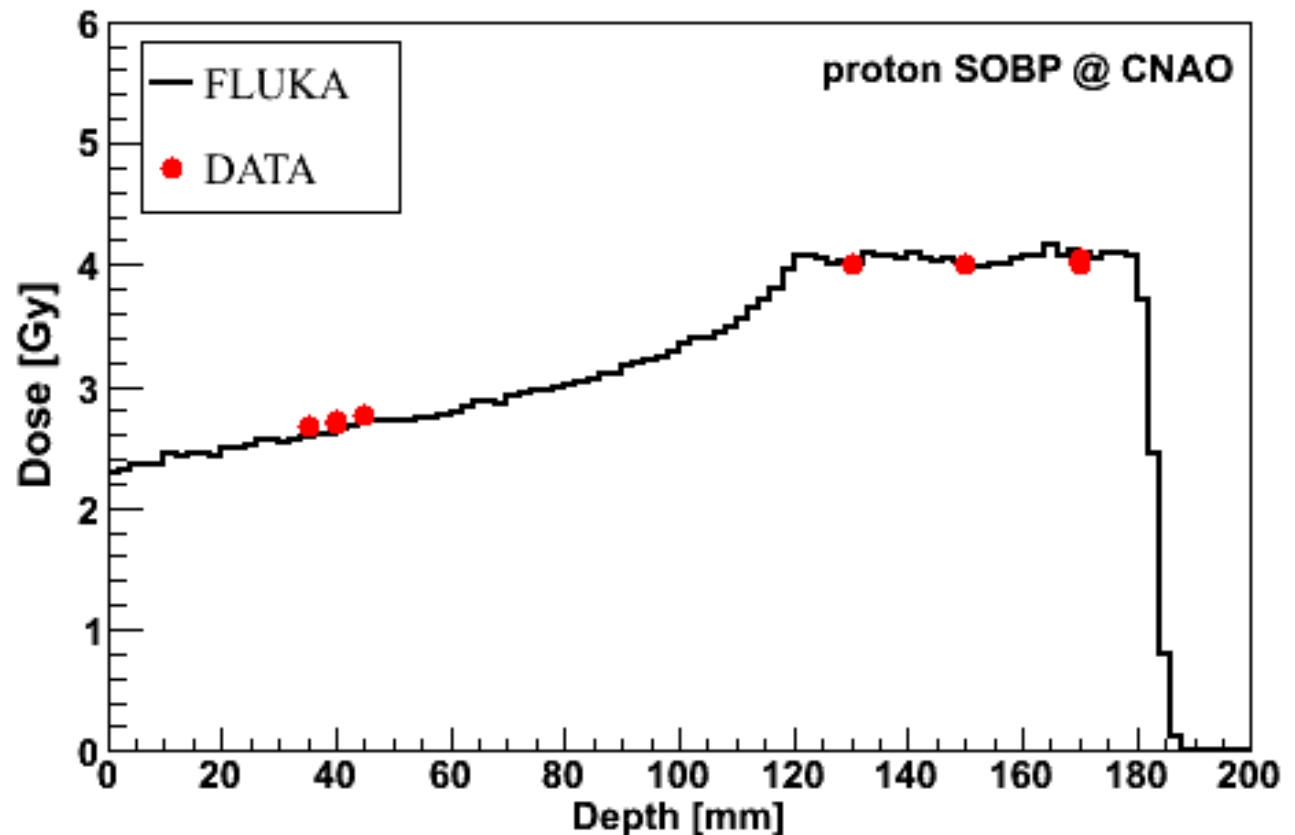
- Dosimetry characterisation
- Radiobiology characterisation
- Patient treatment

# Proton Radiobiology

3 cell lines: **HSG** (human salivary gland tumour), **T98G** (human glioblastoma), **V79** (Chinese hamster lung fibroblast)

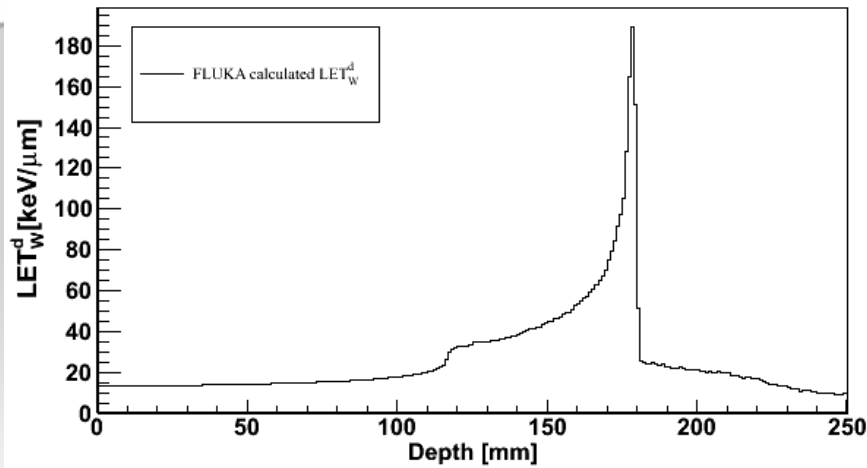


Field 10x10 cm<sup>2</sup>,  
33x33 spots,  
scanning step 3 mm

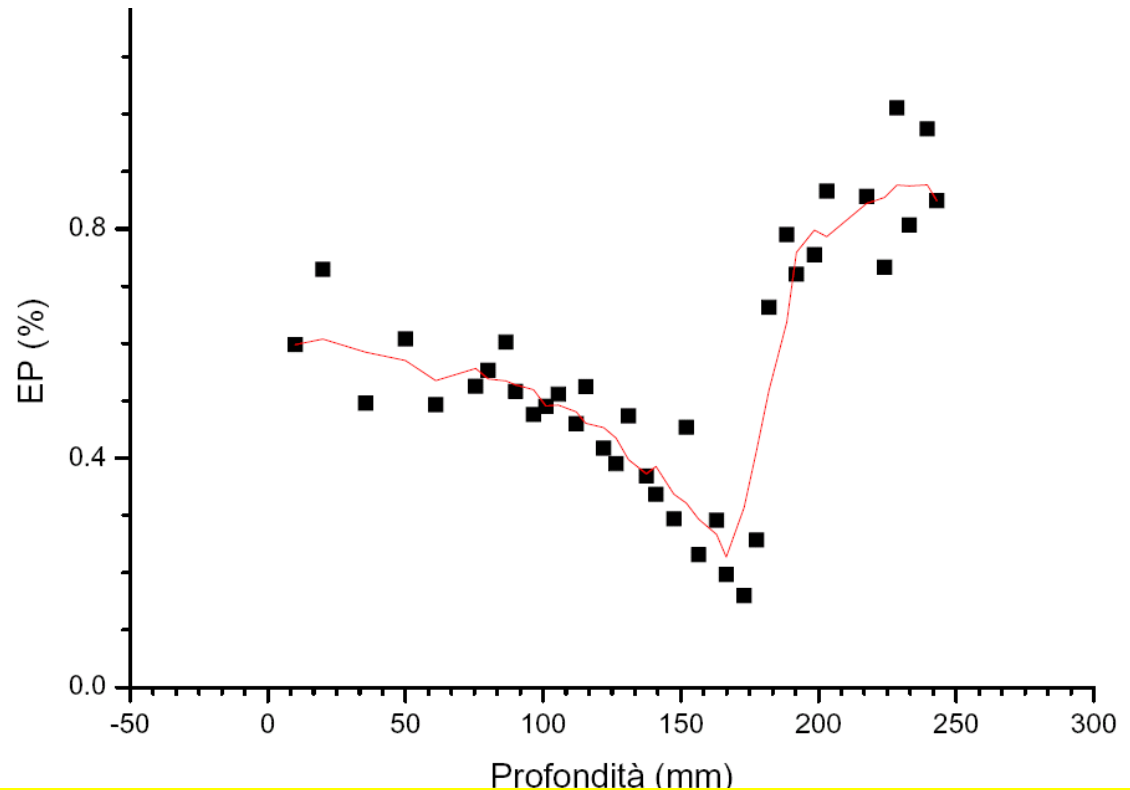


# Cell Survival vs Depth

## Dose uniformity



■ EP (%) - V79 cell - Cell-Stack  
— Smoothed Y1



# Carbon Ions Radiobiology

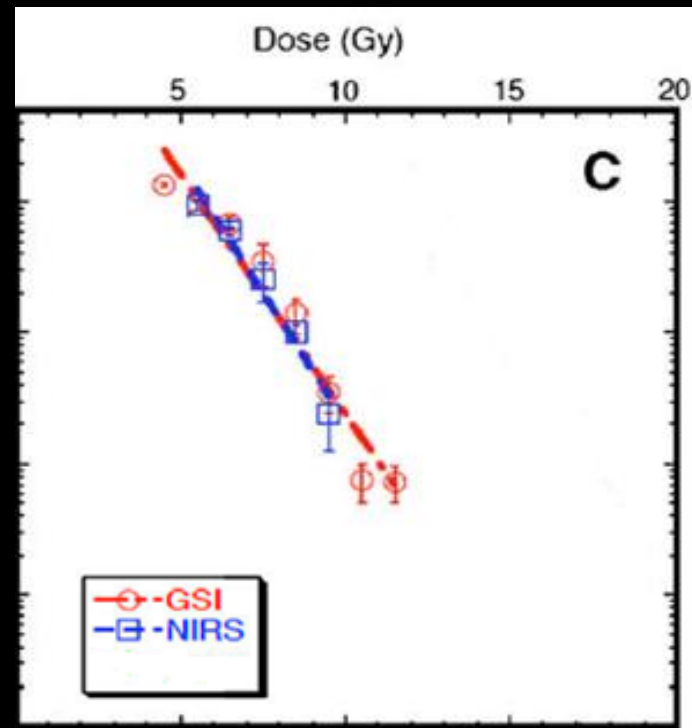
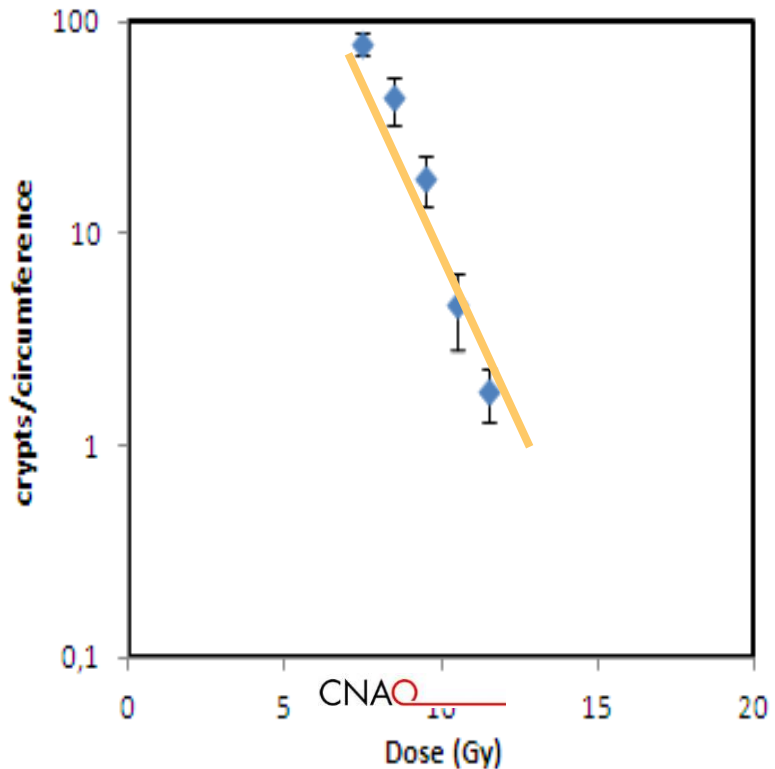


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# Carbon ions Animals



# Comparison of RBE results (CNAO vs GSI \ NIRS)



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## BIOLOGY CONTRIBUTION

### COMPARISON OF BIOLOGICAL EFFECTIVENESS OF CARBON-ION BEAMS IN JAPAN AND GERMANY

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# 2014 - 2015 Activity

Patients: **553** (732, including the experimental phase \*)

Proton

Conventional fractionation

Patients: **107** (84, \*)

Carbon ion

NIRS fractionation

Patients: **446** (95, \*)

Synchrotron Operation: H24, 7/7

Maintenance: 4/year - 5 days each  
(Thursday to Tuesday)

Treatments: Mon to Fri – 8:00 to 21:00

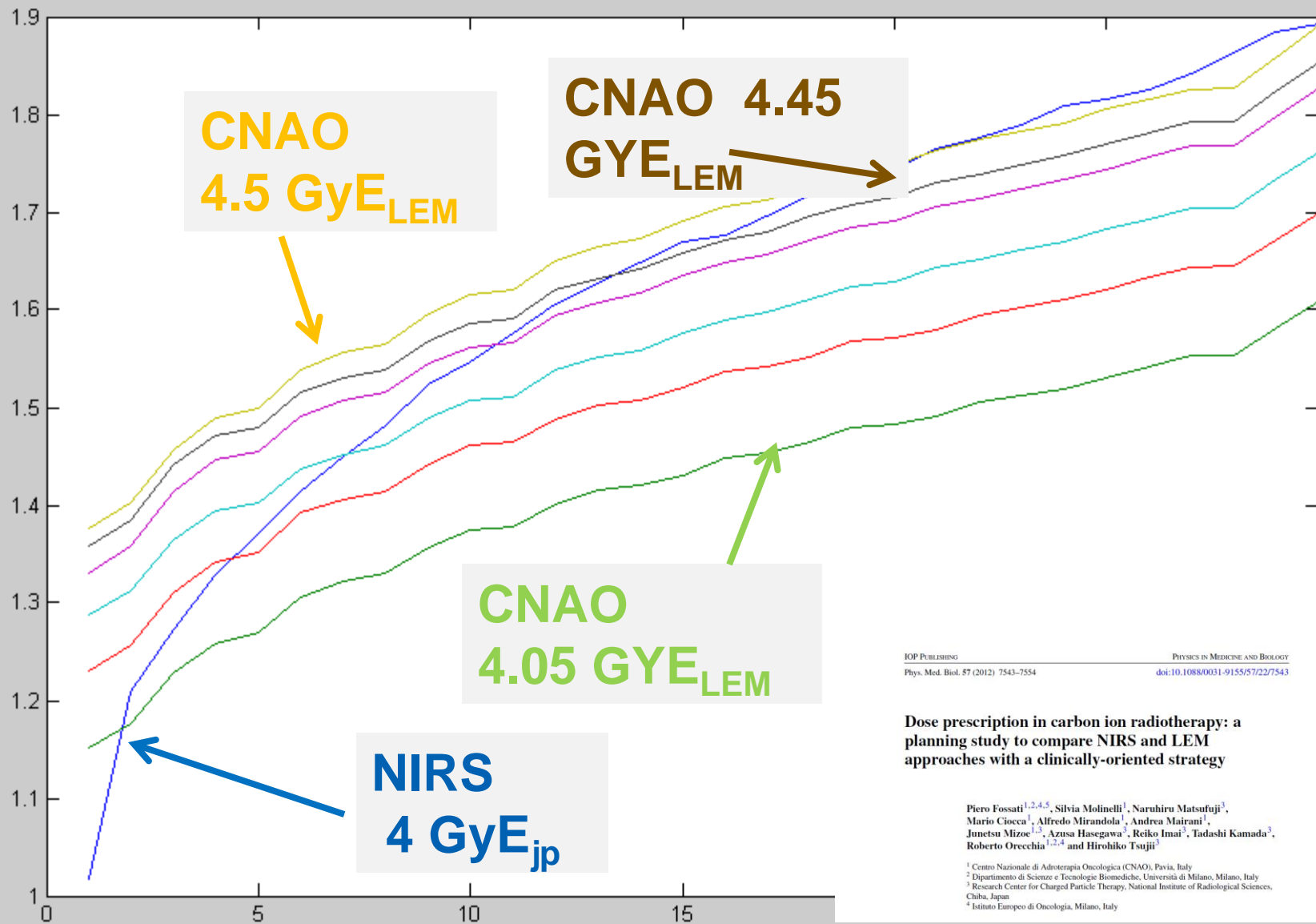
QA: Mon to Fri – 0:00 to 6:00

Beam time for research over week-ends

- **All clinical results from Japan (NIRS, Hyogo and Gunma) are based on Kanai Model**

- **All clinical results from Europe (GSI, HIT and CNAO) are based on LEM I Model with an idealized chordoma cell line as reference**

# Physical dose in SOBP



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**Dose prescription in carbon ion radiotherapy: a planning study to compare NIRS and LEM approaches with a clinically-oriented strategy**

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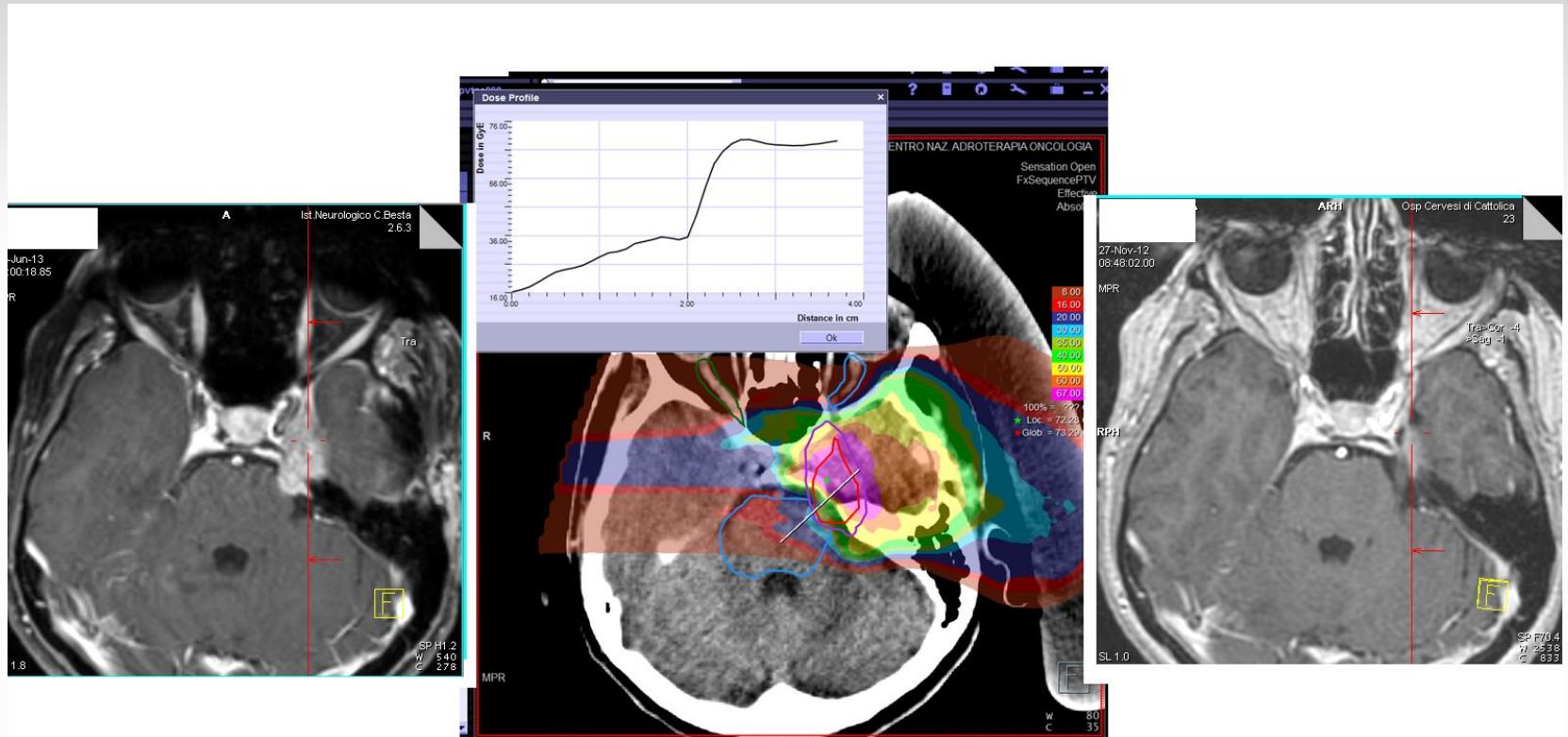
# Final results

Prescription doses (GyE)

(16 fractions, 4 fractions per week)

Indication	NIRS dose	CNAO dose						
		Opposed ports		Orthogonal ports		Single port		
		quadratic errors		quadratic errors		quadratic errors		MC
		Cubes	Spheres	Cubes	Spheres	Cubes	Spheres	Spheres
Head and neck non mesenchymal cancer	3.60	4.20	4.15	4.20	4.15	4.20	4.15	4.19
Skull base chordoma and hondrosarcoma	3.80	4.35	4.30	4.35	4.30	4.35	4.30	4.33
Head and neck non mesenchymal cancer	4.00	4.50	4.40	4.50	4.45	4.50	4.45	4.47
Spinal chordoma and chondrosarcoma	4.20	4.65	4.60	4.70	4.60	4.70	4.60	4.64
Head and neck sarcoma	4.40	4.80	4.70	4.80	4.70	4.80	4.70	4.75
Bone and soft tissue sarcoma	4.40	4.80	4.75	4.80	4.75	4.80	4.75	4.78

# Local Control. ACC CNAO



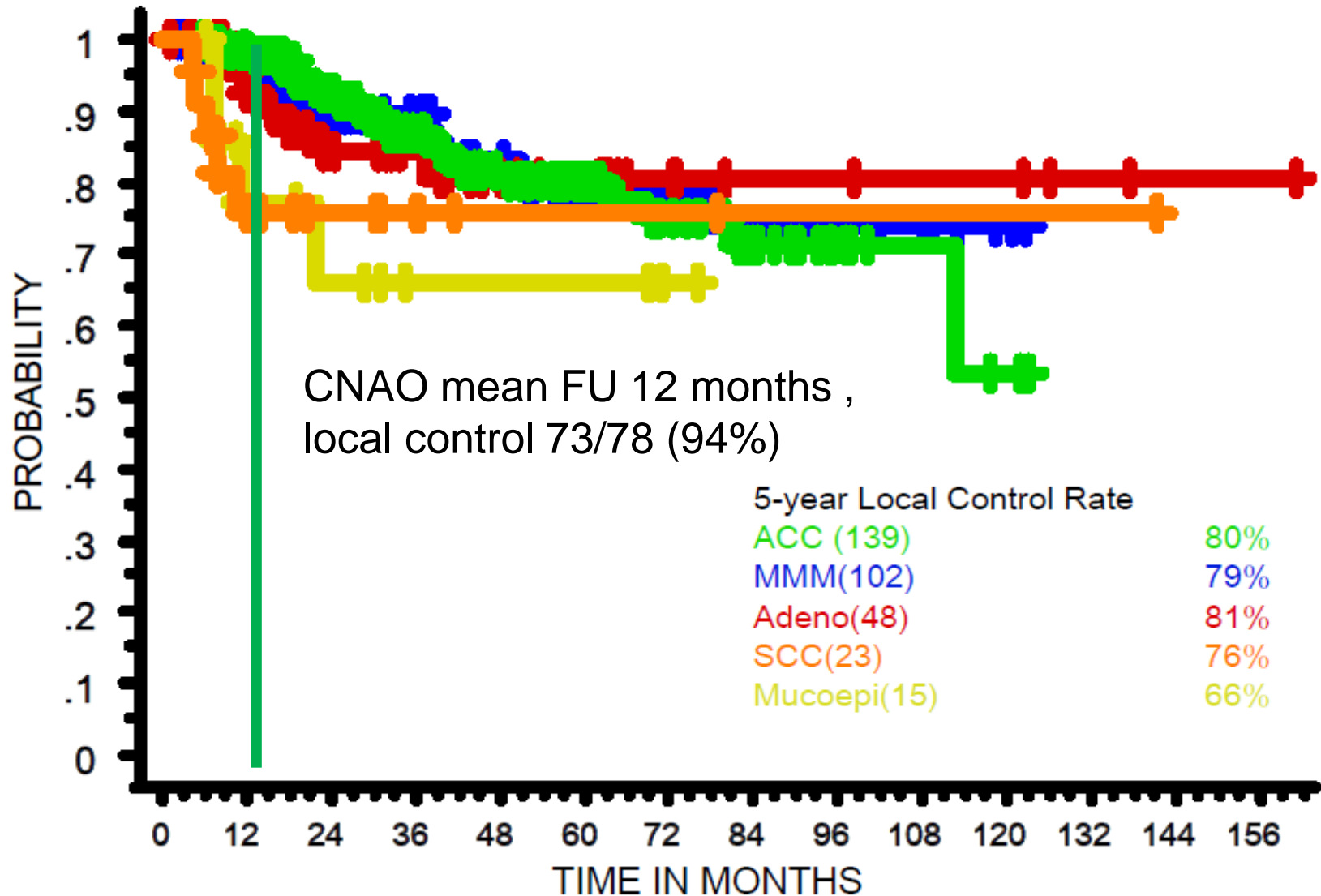
**Before  
treatment**

**4.3 GyE x 16 fr  
= 68.8 GyE**

**After 9  
months**

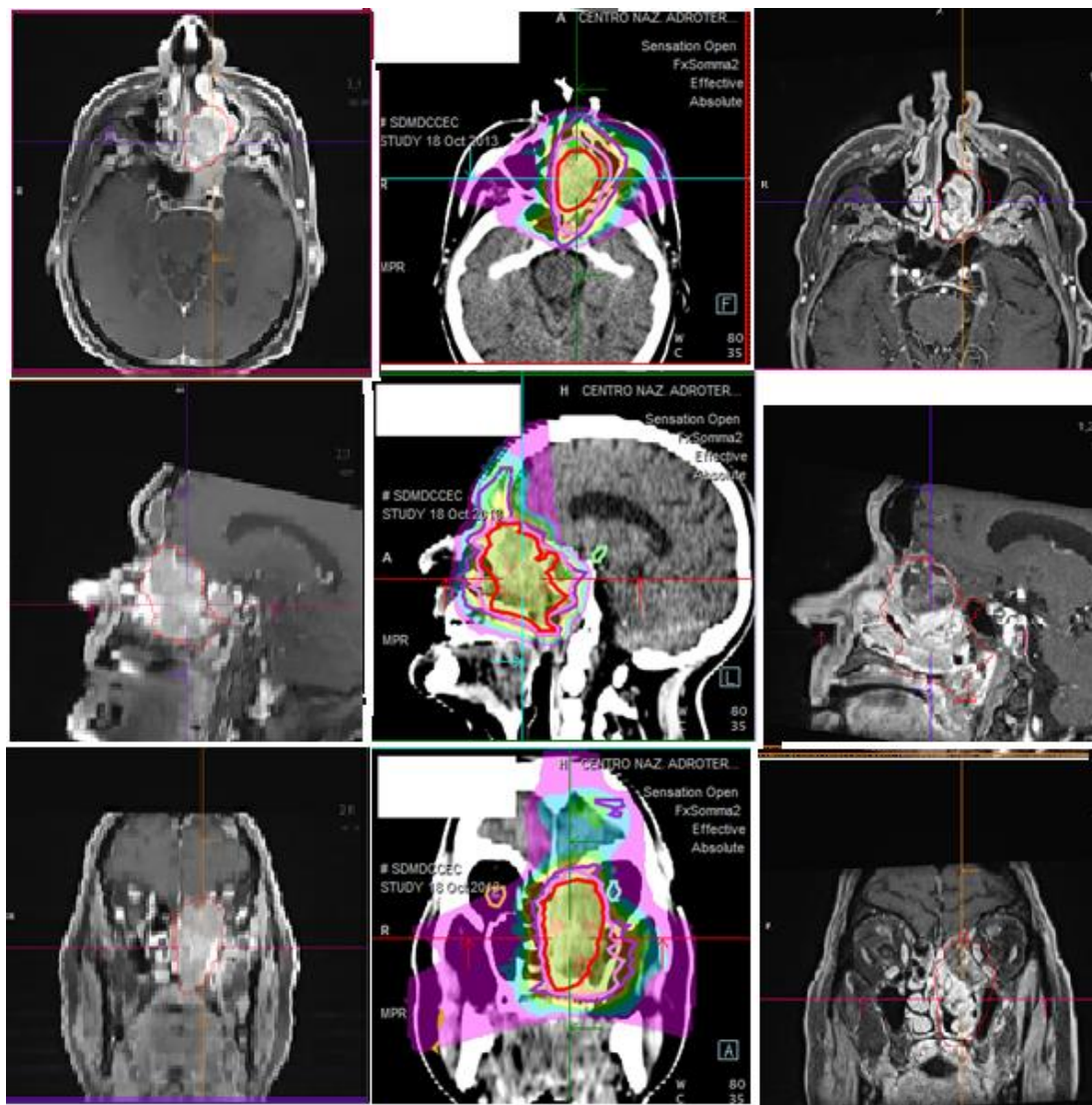
# Phase II (9602) for Malignant Head-and-Neck Tumors

Local Control according to Histological Type (Apr 97~Aug 10)





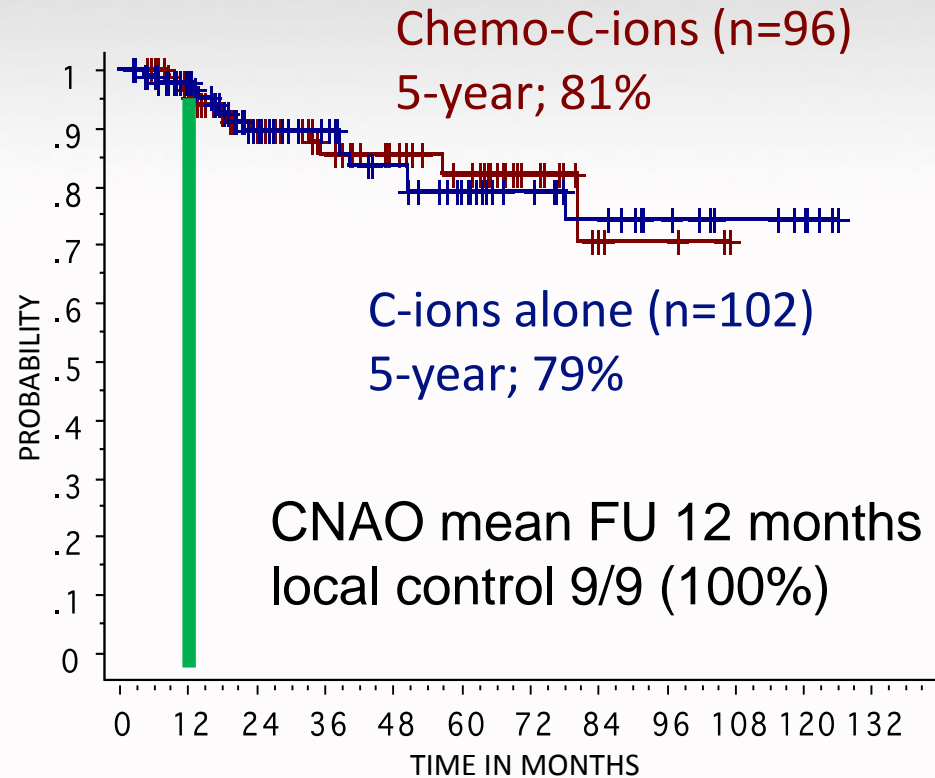
# Local Control. MMM CNAO



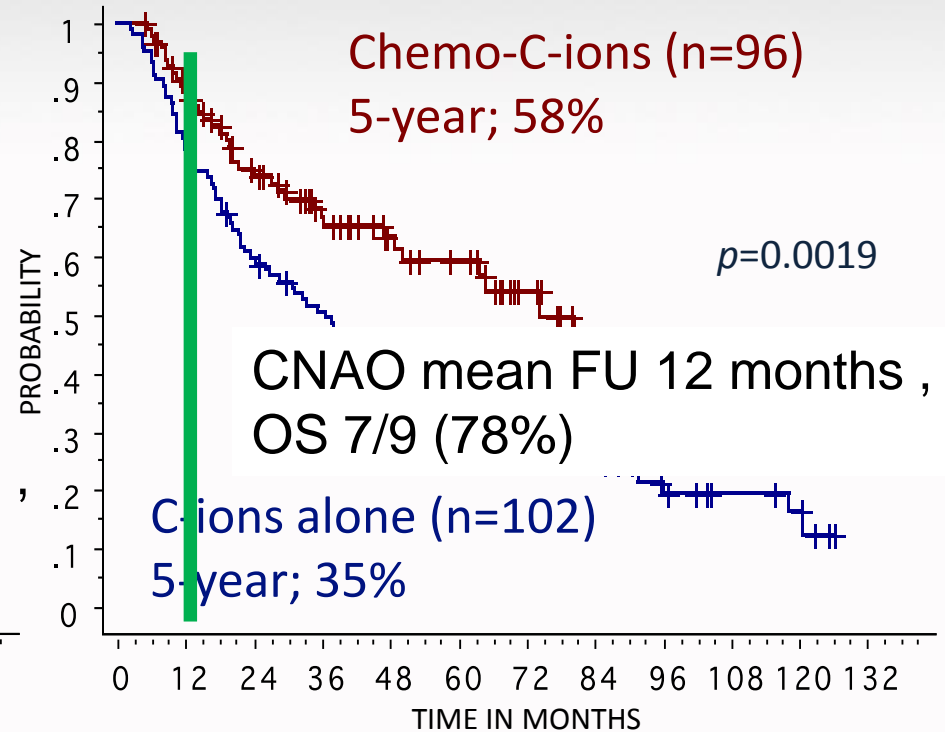
# Carbon Ion Radiotherapy for Mucosal Malignant Melanomas

(Apr 97~Feb 11)

## Local Control



## Overall Survival



# 2014 - 2015 Protons

Patients: **107** (+ 84 \*, total 191)

Chordoma & Chondrosarcoma: **27** (+ 44 \*)

Meningiomas: **25**

Brain: **12**

Recurrent H&N: **19**

H&N Boost (mixed IMRT): **22**

Other: **4**

**\***  
Treated in the  
experimental phase

# 2014 - 2015 Carbon Ions

Patients: **446** (+ 95 \*, total 541)

Bone & Soft Tissue Sarcoma \*\*: **191** (+ 30\*)

Salivary Glands: **113** (+ 19 \*)

Mucosal Melanoma: **12**

Recurrent H&N: **80**

Primary H&N: **16**

Pancreas / Liver: **11 / 4**

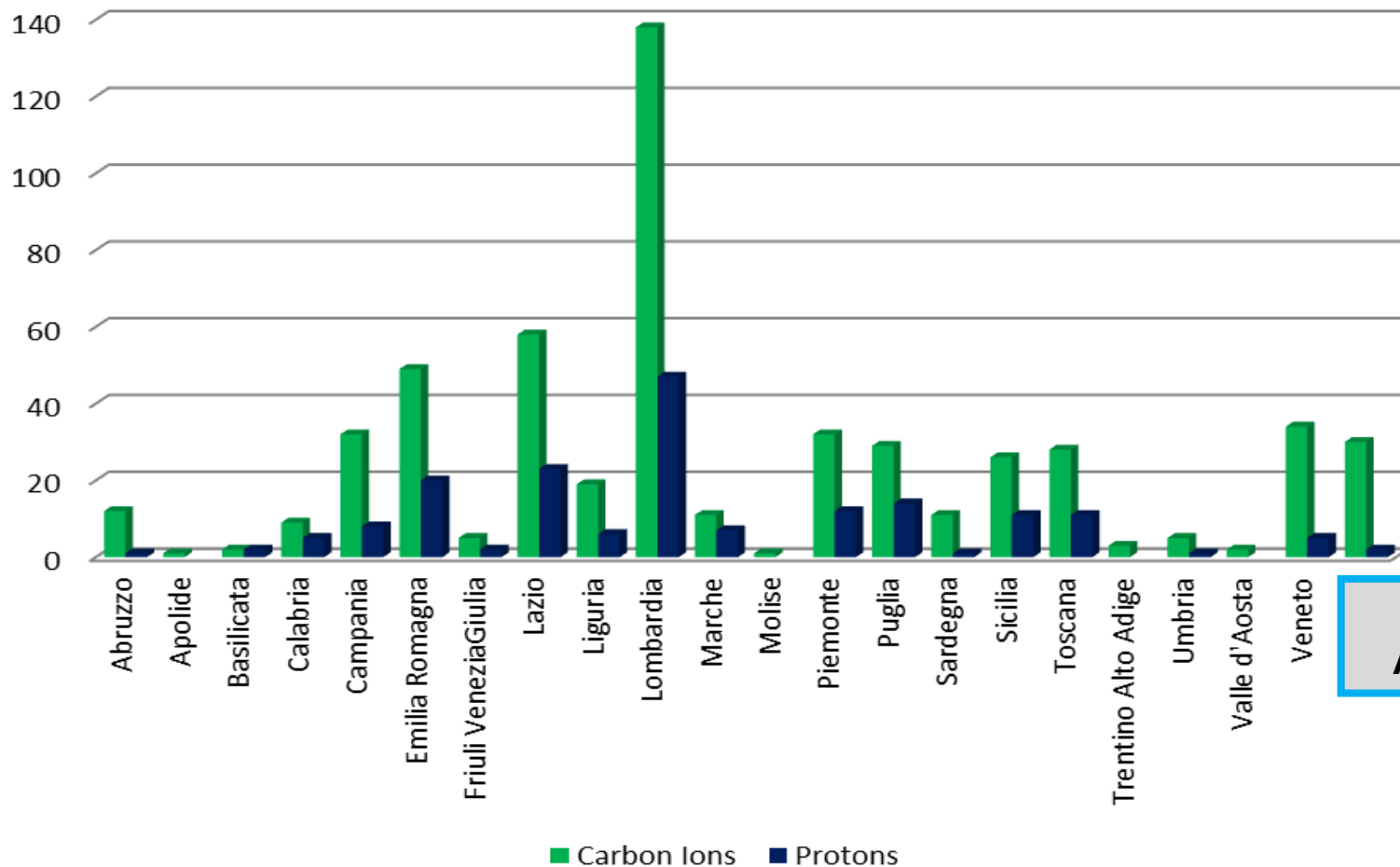
Recurrent Rectum: **8**

Other: **4**

\* Experimental phase

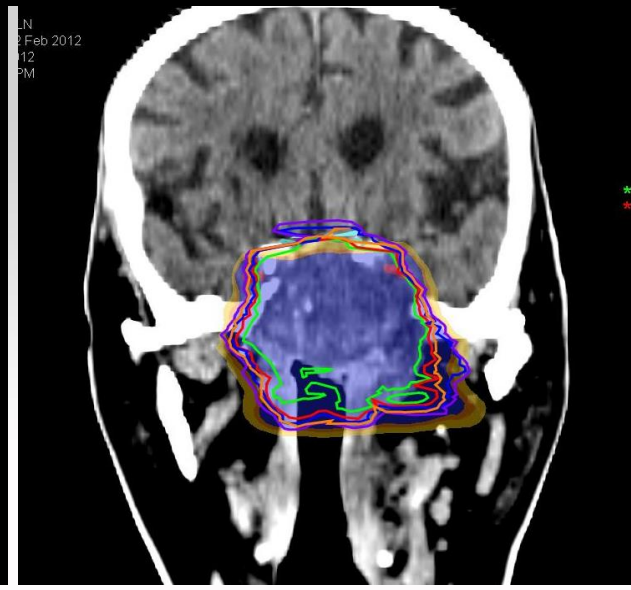
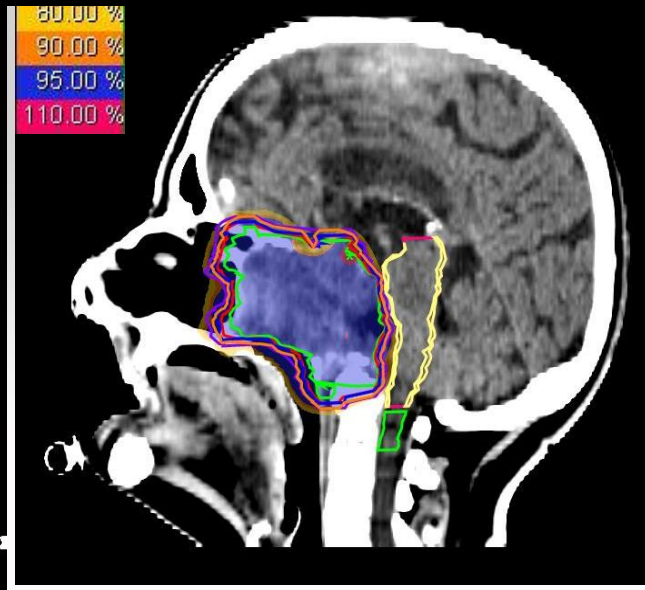
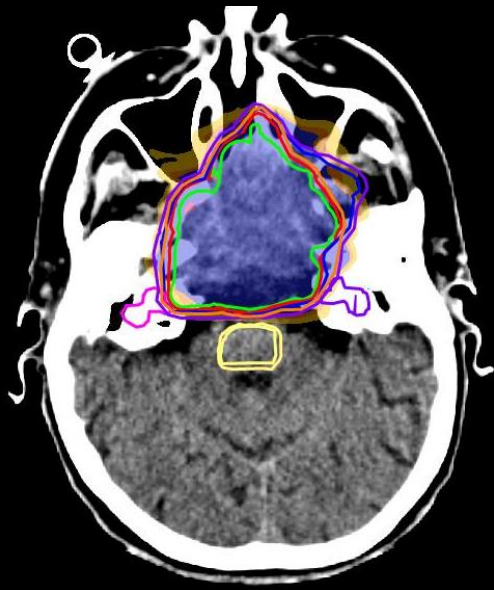
\*\* Including chordoma &  
chondrosarcoma

# Referred new patients to CNAO by Italian Regions

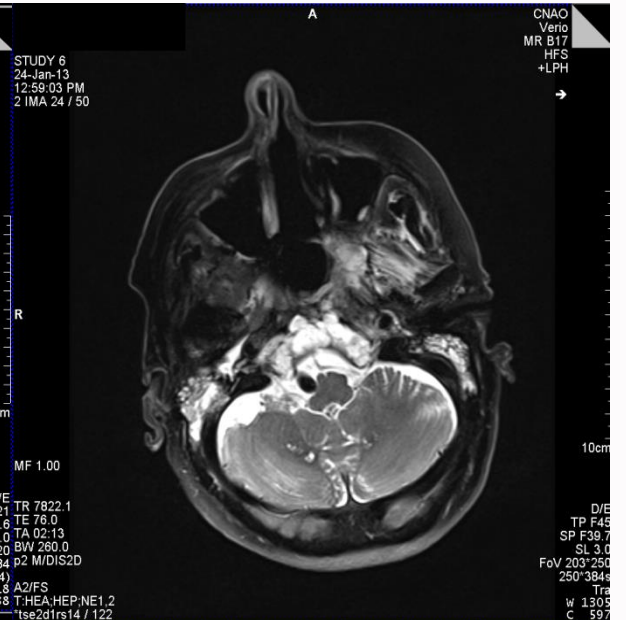
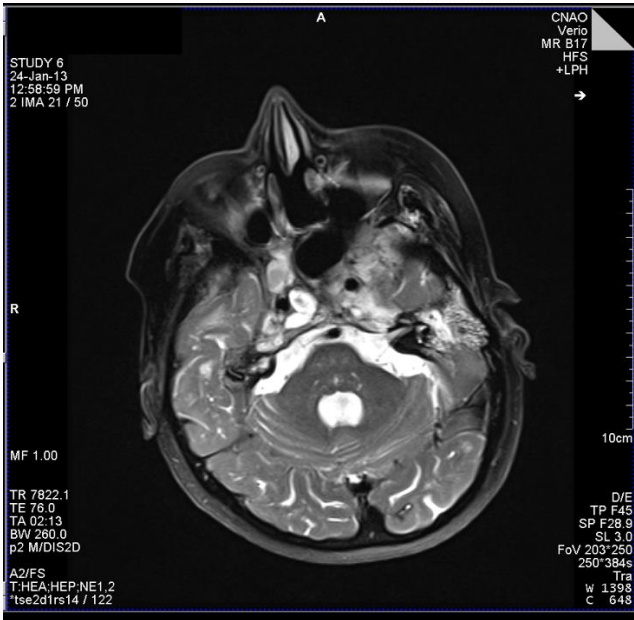


From  
Abroad

# Proton Therapy for Skull Base Chordoma

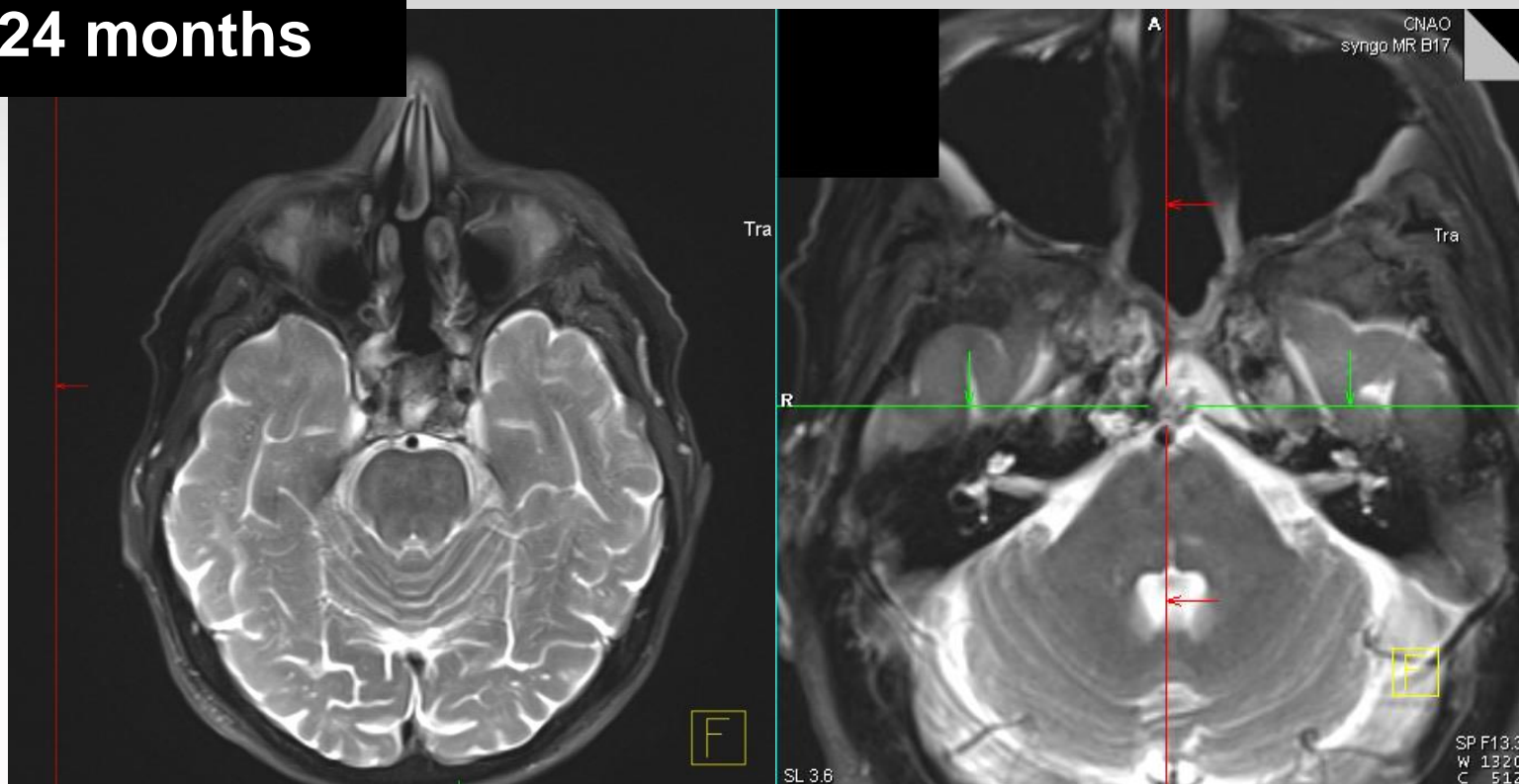


## At 10 months



# Proton Therapy for Skull Base Chordoma

At 24 months



**Good condition, no symptoms.**  
**Acute Toxicity scale CTCAE v4.0: G0**  
**Late Toxicity scale CTCAE v4.0: G0**

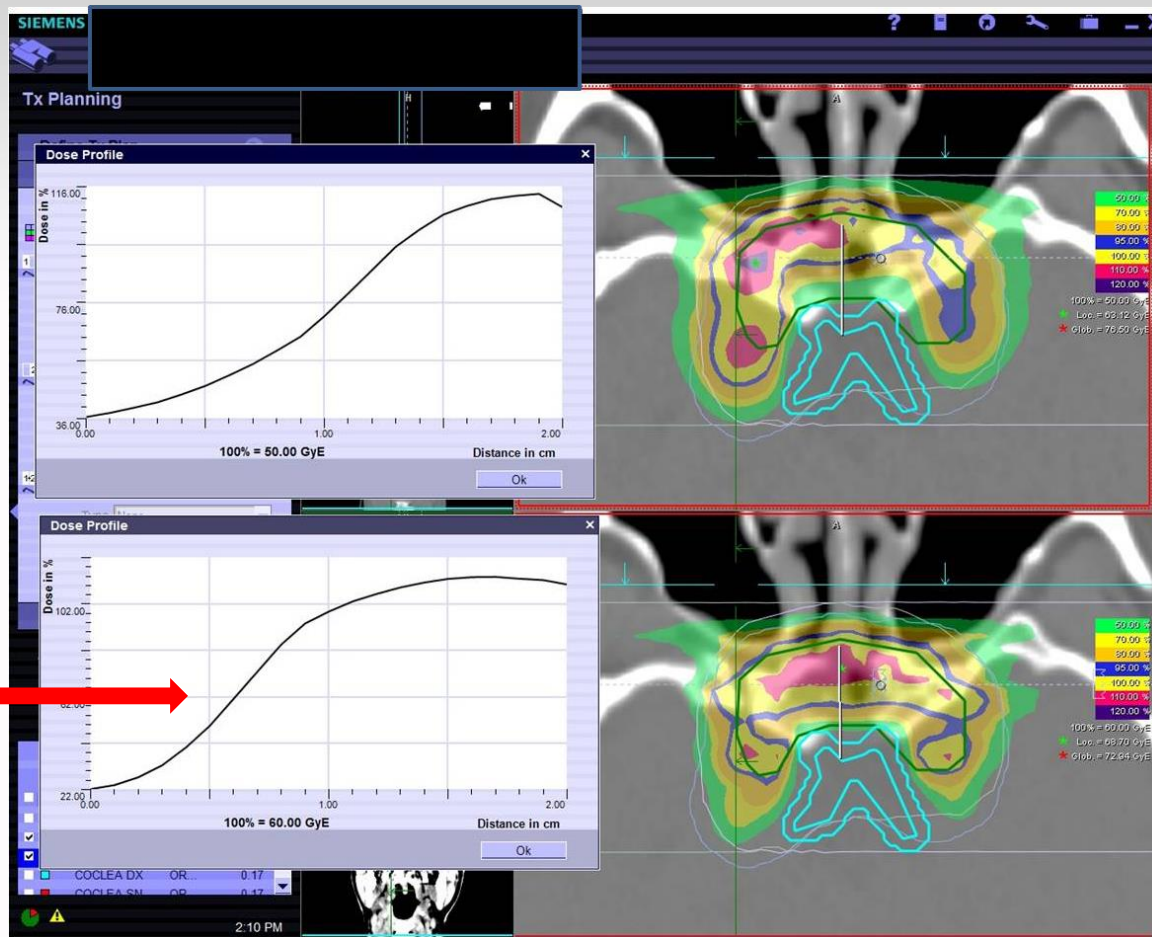
# Proton - Carbon ions plans: Steep dose gradient

## Proton plan

At 1 cm the dose falls down from 76% to 36%

## Carbon ions plan

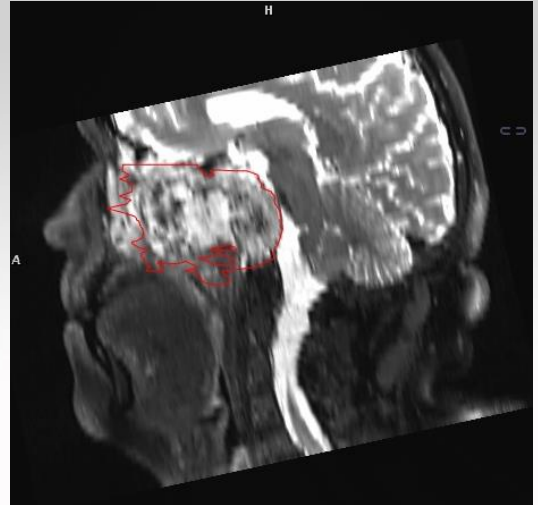
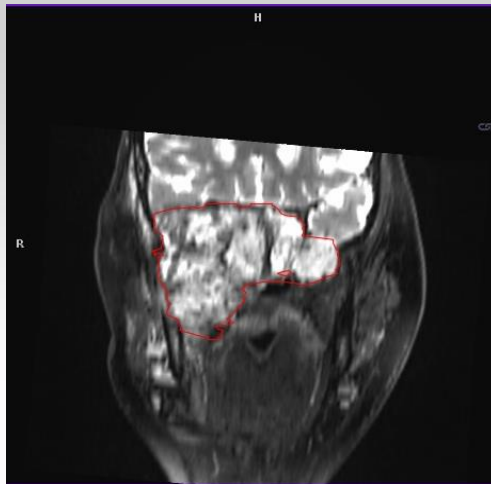
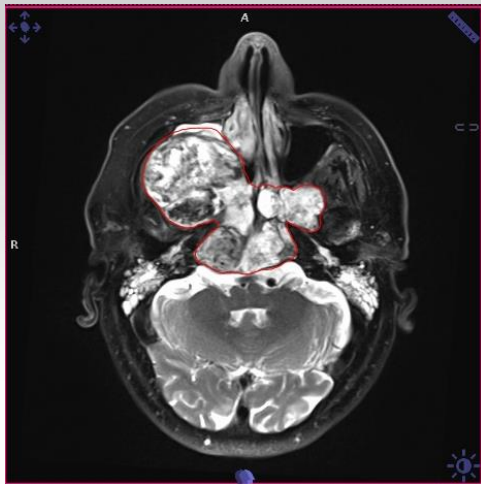
At 1 cm the dose falls down from 102% to 22%



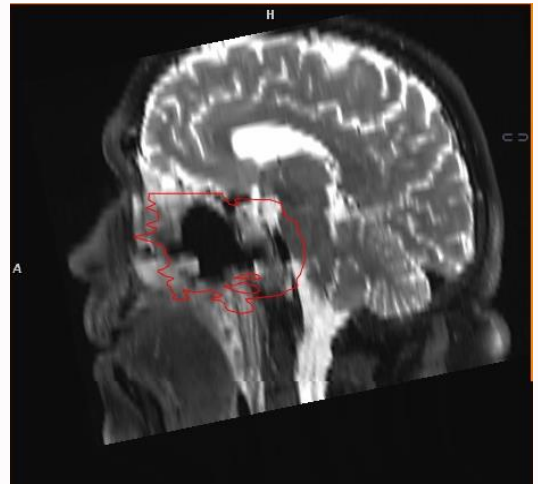
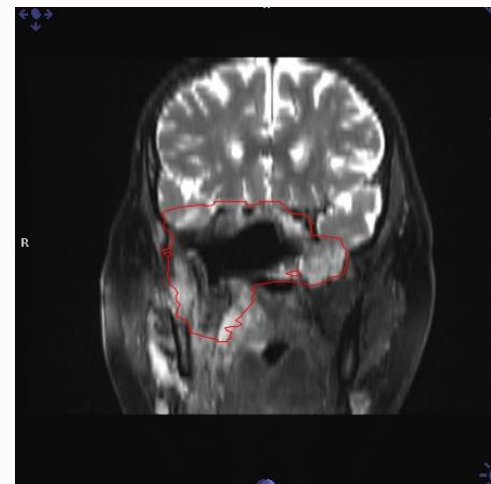
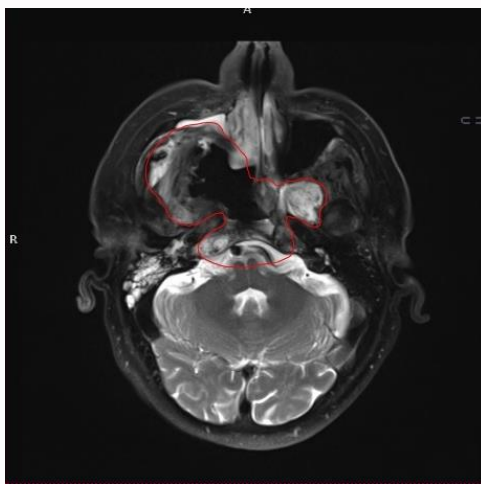


# CIRT for Skull Base Chondrosarcoma

May 2014



January 2015



# Particle Radiation Therapy for Tumors of the Skull Base at CNAO 2011-2015

	Tot	PT	CIRT	Mean FU (months)	Local Failure	Local Control %
Chordoma	88	43	45	20	7	92
Chondrosarcoma	23	10	13	22	1	95.6

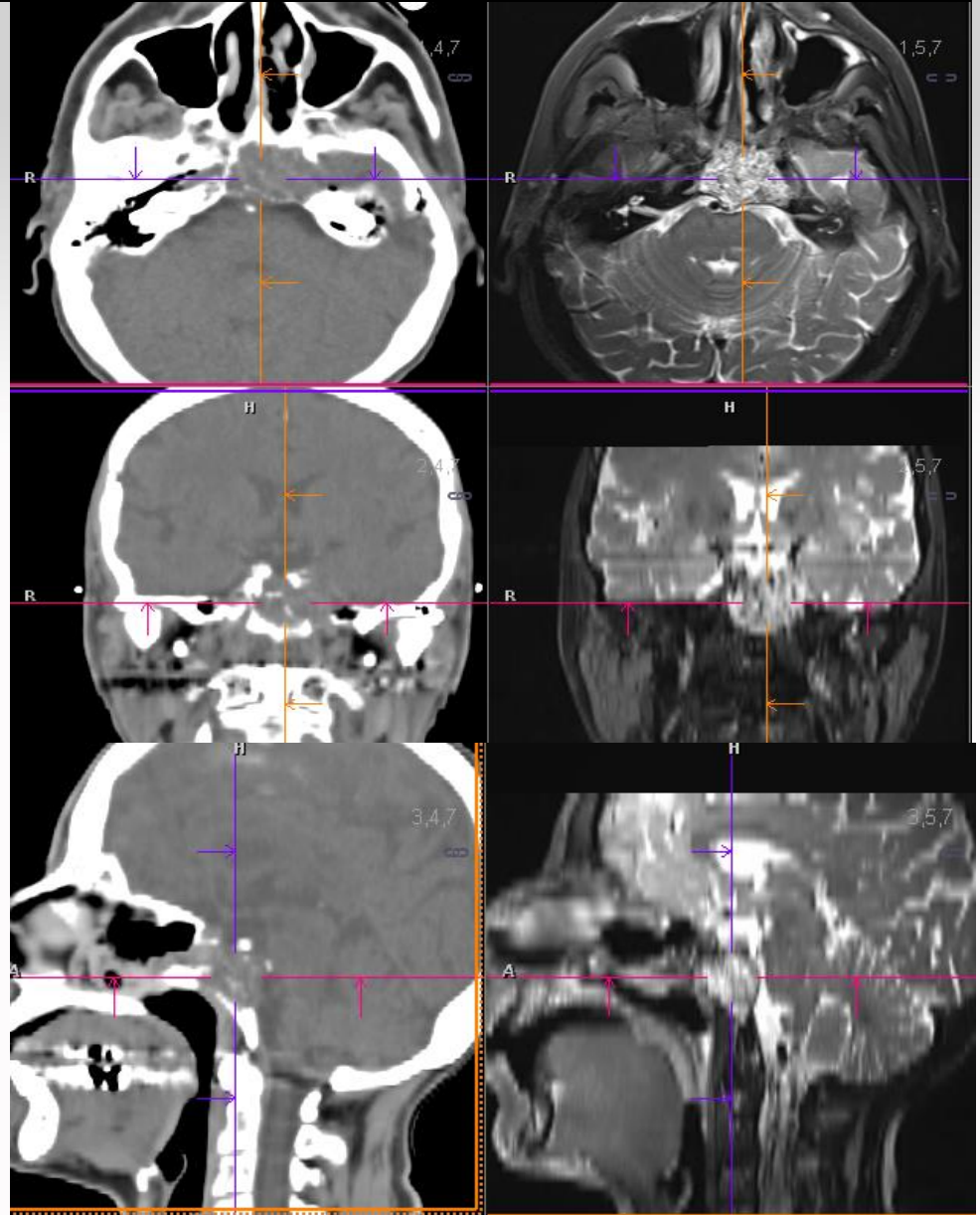
All local failures > brain stem compression / proximity

# CIRT for Skull Base Chordoma

Female, 72 years old

24-05-2012 TC :  
lesion of skull base  
region

14-06-2012 MRI :  
solid lesion 39 x 37.4 x  
36.4 mm with B S  
compression and  
invasion the sphenoid  
sinuses, the chiasm  
abutting the cavernous  
sinus

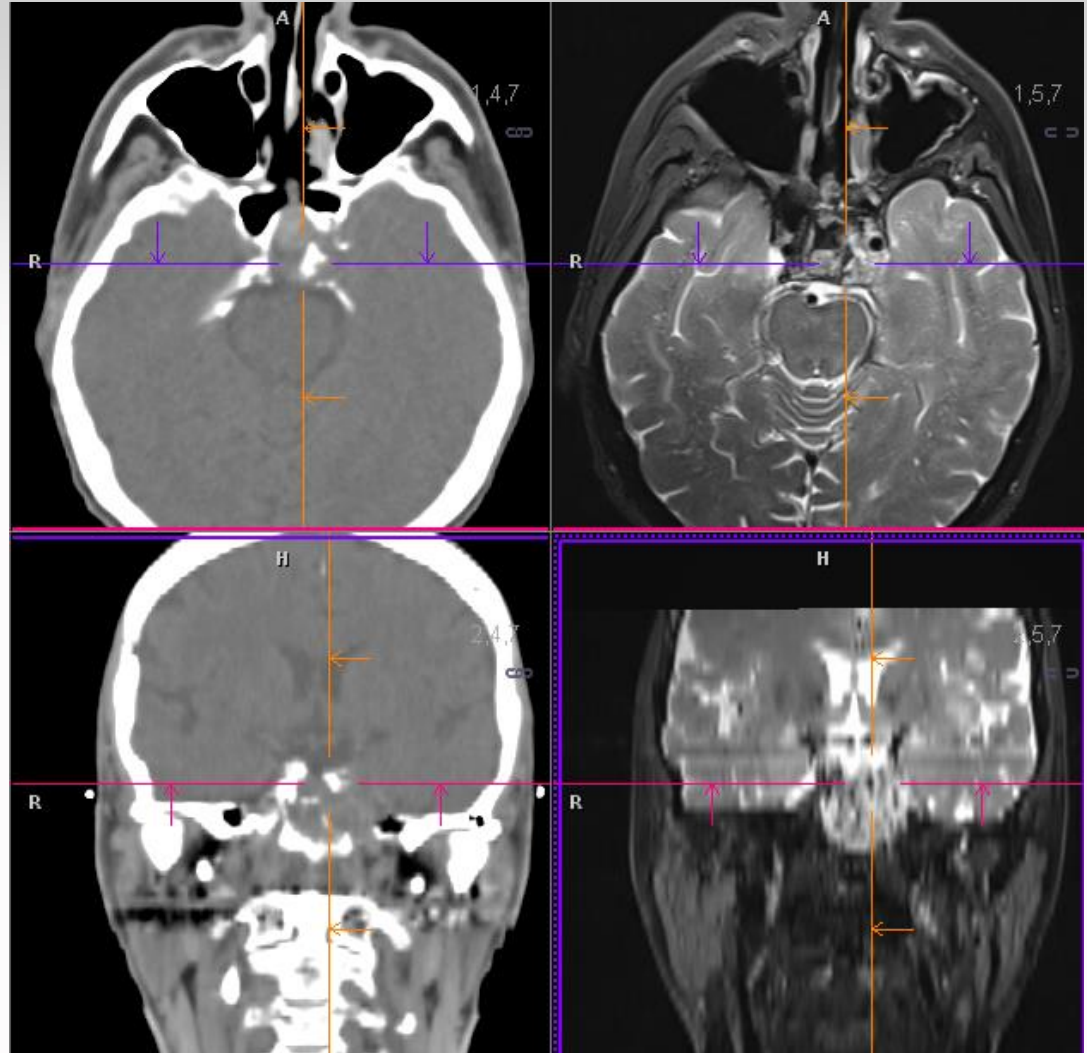


# CIRT for Skull Base Chordoma

We ask for a new  
debulking surgery and  
decompression of the  
brain stem

26-07-2012:  
trans-nasosphenoidal  
surgery

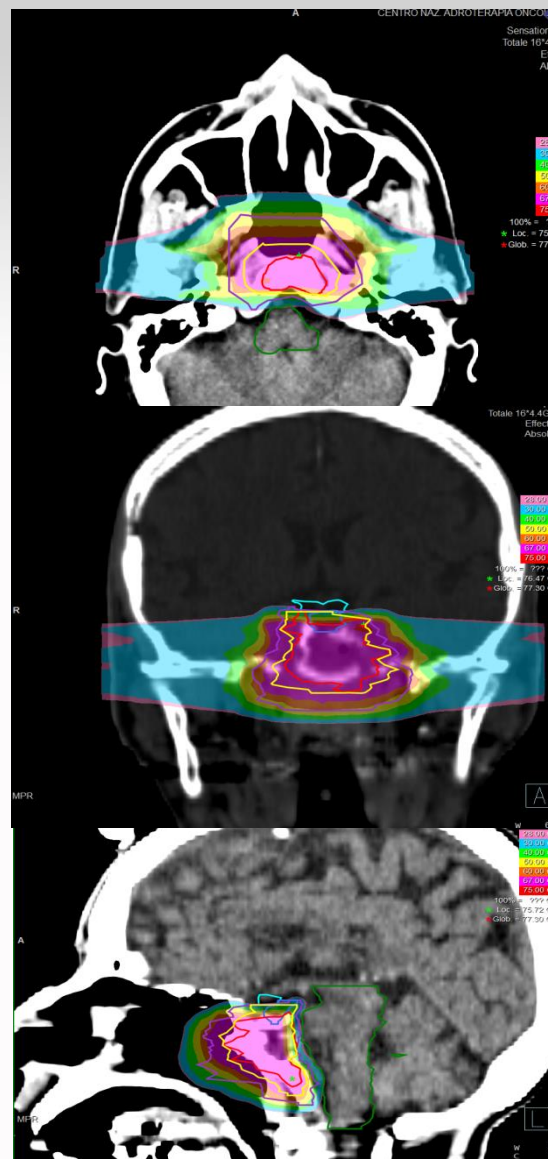
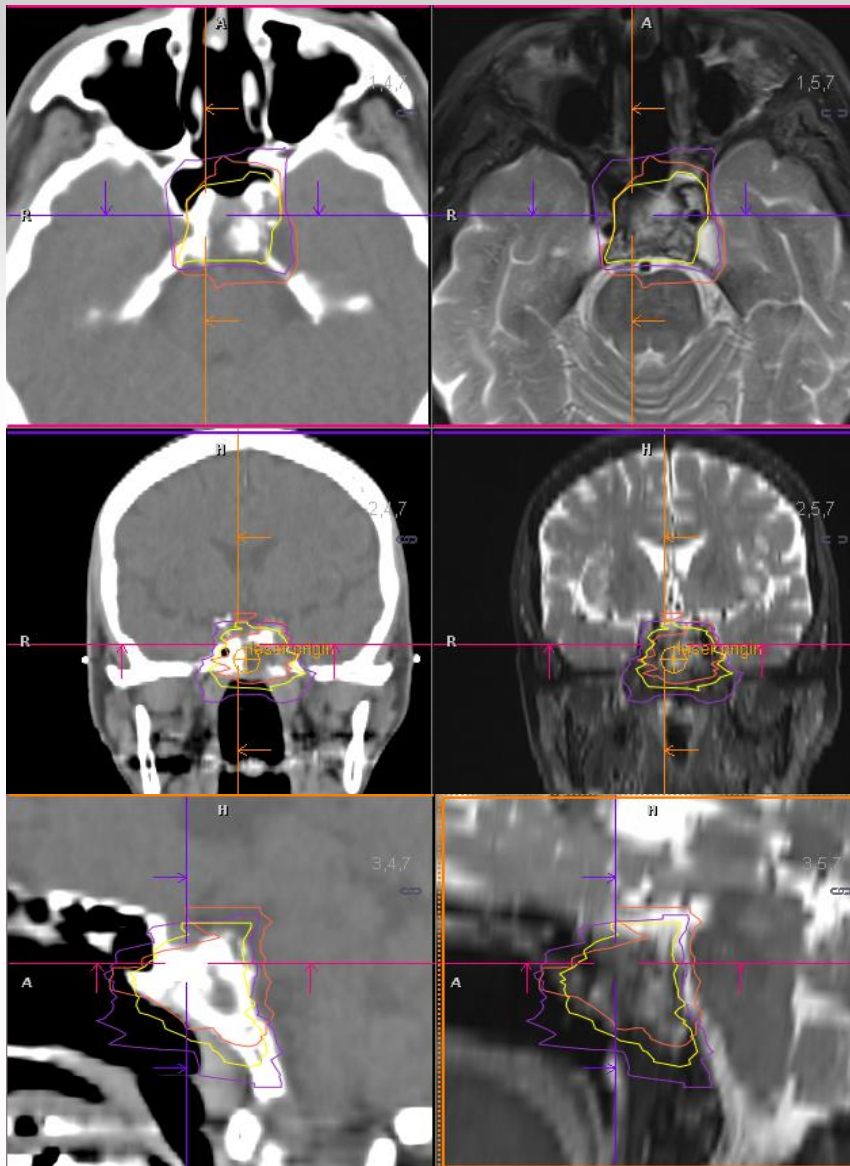
El: Chordoma



# CIRT for Skull Base Chordoma

30/11/2012 Second surgery

18/02/2013- 14/03/2013



- Carbon Ions (CIRT) IMPT

total dose 70.4 Gy

4.4 Gy/fraction

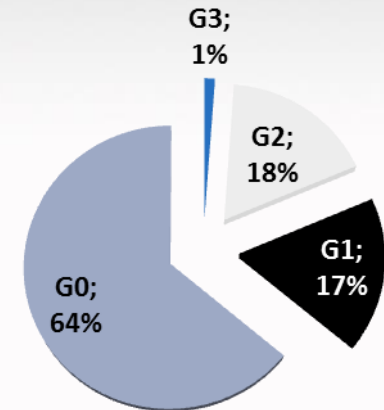
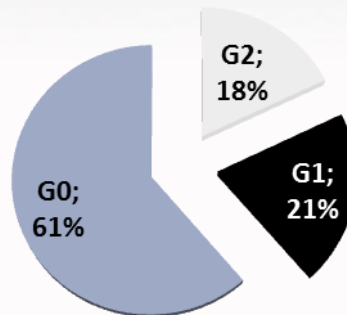
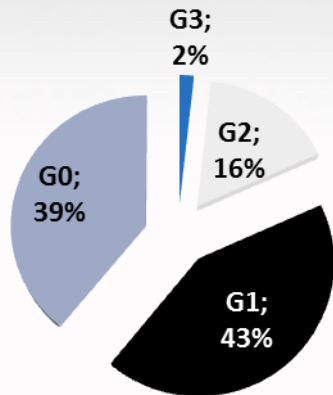
16 fractions,  
4 fr/week

# Particle Radiation Therapy for Tumors of the Skull Base at CNAO 2011-2015

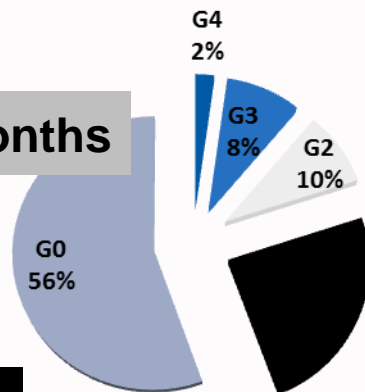
End of IMPT

At 3 months

At 6 months



At 18 months



Late toxicity

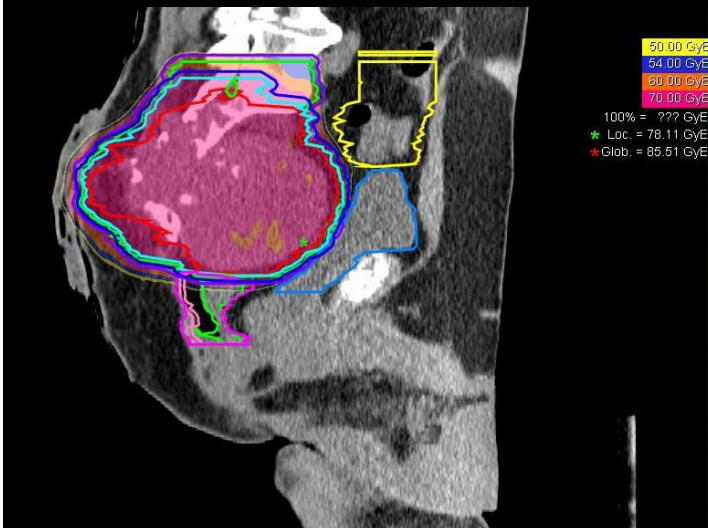
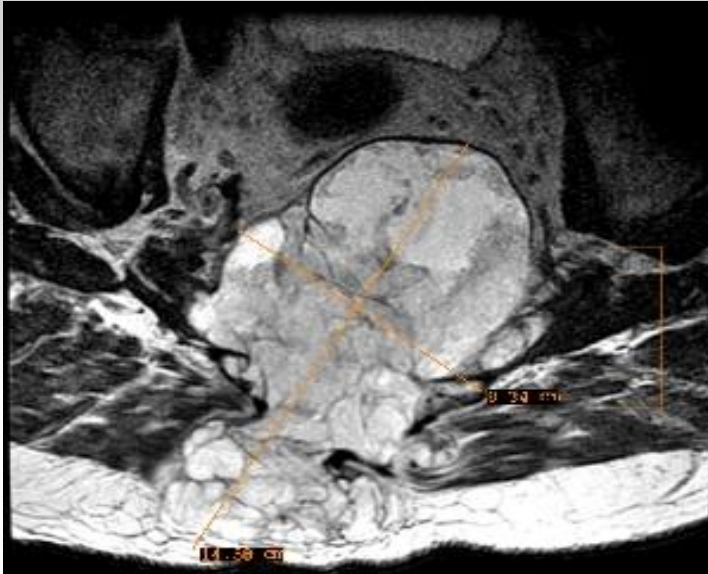
## G4

- 1 pt complete visual loss one side
- 1 pt Complete hearing loss

## G3

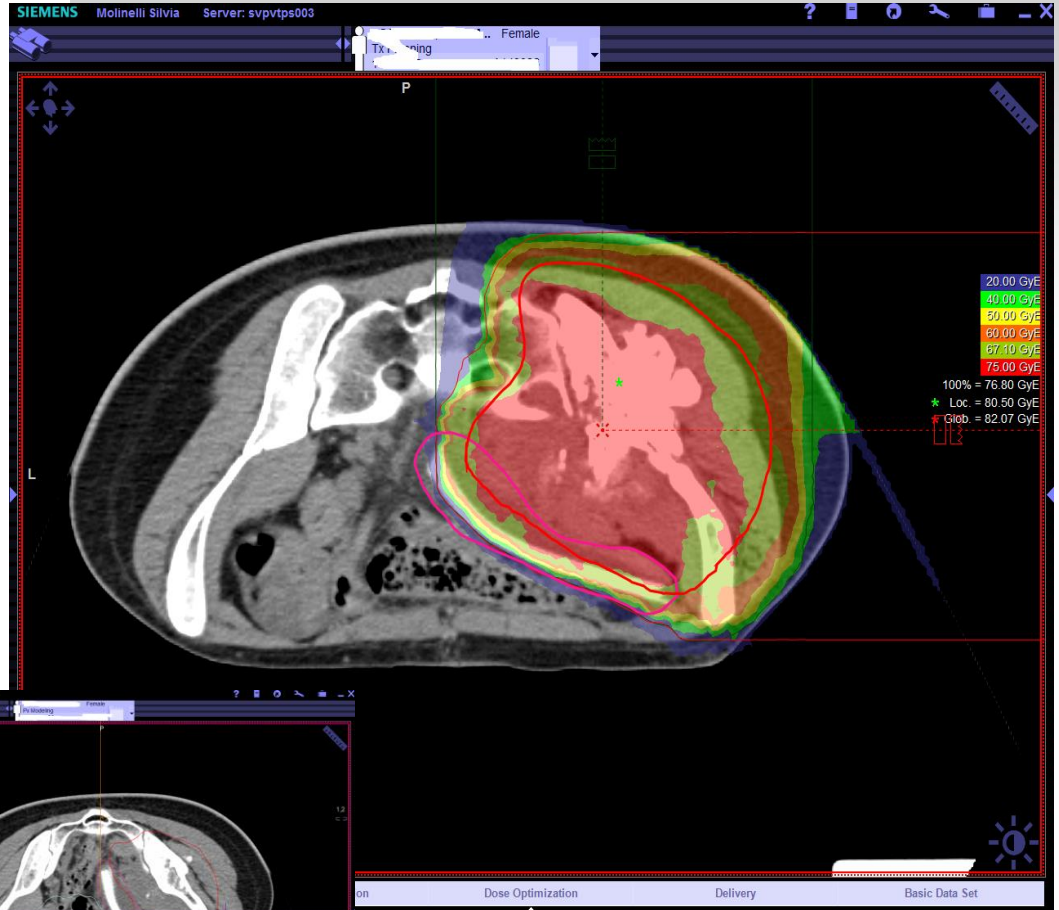
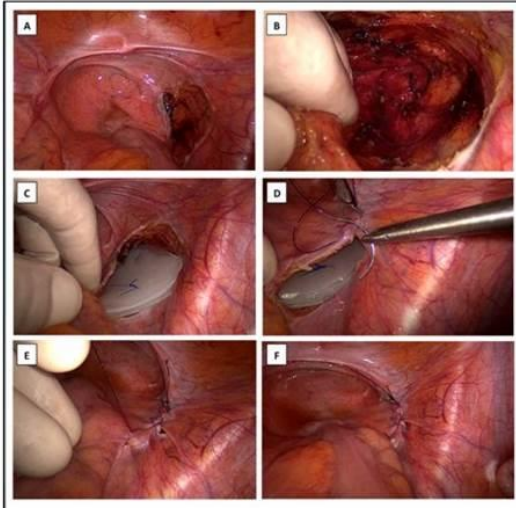
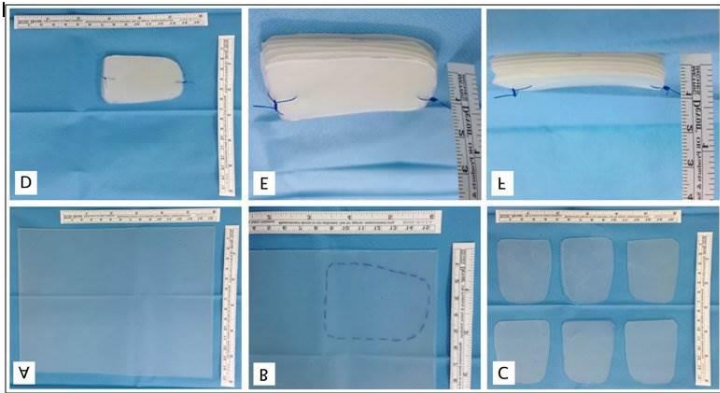
- 1 Symptomatic Brain necrosis
- 3 Hypopituitarism
- 2 Chronic middle ear infectious
- 2 visual field deficit

# CIRT for Sacral Chordoma



**G2 skin toxicity**

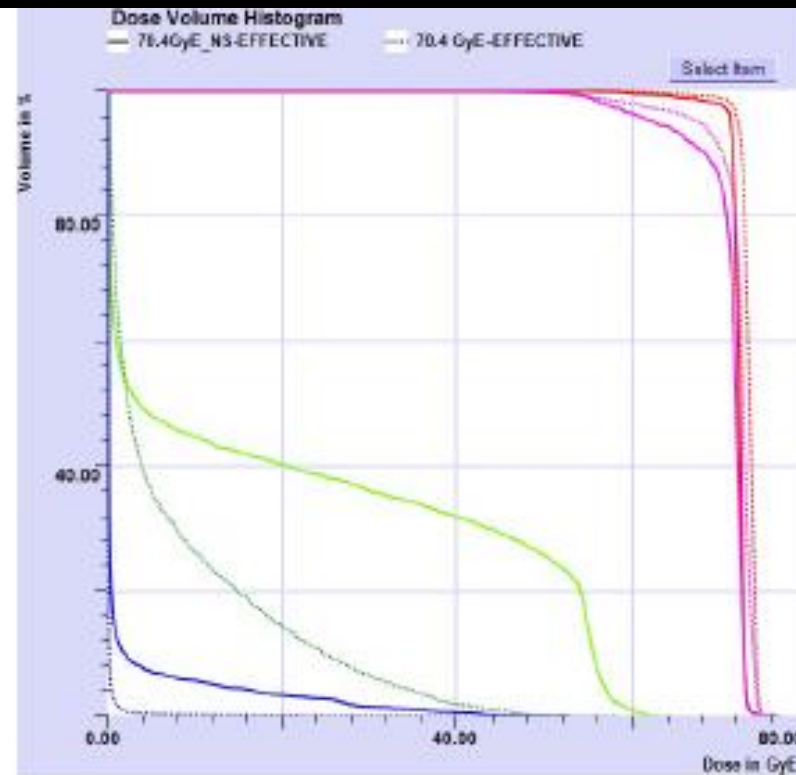
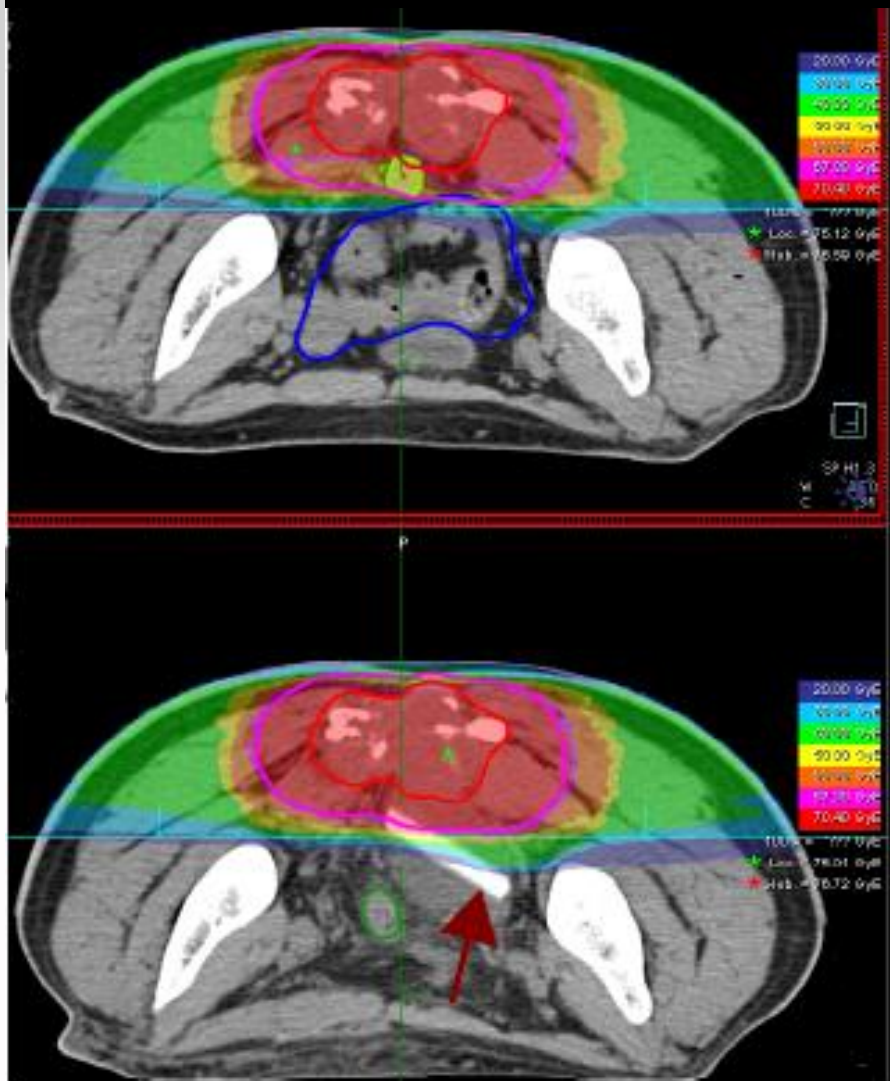
# Surgical spacer placement



**Silicon spacers**  
**Width 5-6 mm**



# Surgical spacer placement



With spacer: dotted lines  
W/out spacer: continuous lines  
Green lines: digestive tract

Plan comparison study on different CT from the same patient selected for spacer positioning

# Artifacts

Uncertainties in the definition of volumes and greater uncertainty in the dose distribution



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Tx Planning  
13 Aug 1964 A120055

### Tx Planning

**Define Tx Plan**

Type: [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

Positioning:  Relative  STA

Beam Setup: [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

**Optimization**

**Review Compare**

**Fx Sequence**

Archive results from current: [ ] [ ]

RT Navigator		
Structures		P.OI
Name	Type	Vol. [ccm]
L5	OR..	54.93
metal	OR..	30.13
nerv roots R	OR..	1.57
PTV54 4mm	PTV	2262.69
retto	OR..	36.90

5:35 PM

Prescription Beam Setup Pos. Verification Patch Plane

**Carbon  
fiber**

**Titanium**

**New  
implants  
in titanium/  
carbon fiber**

**Evaluation of imaging  
artefacts and impact on  
contouring uncertainties**

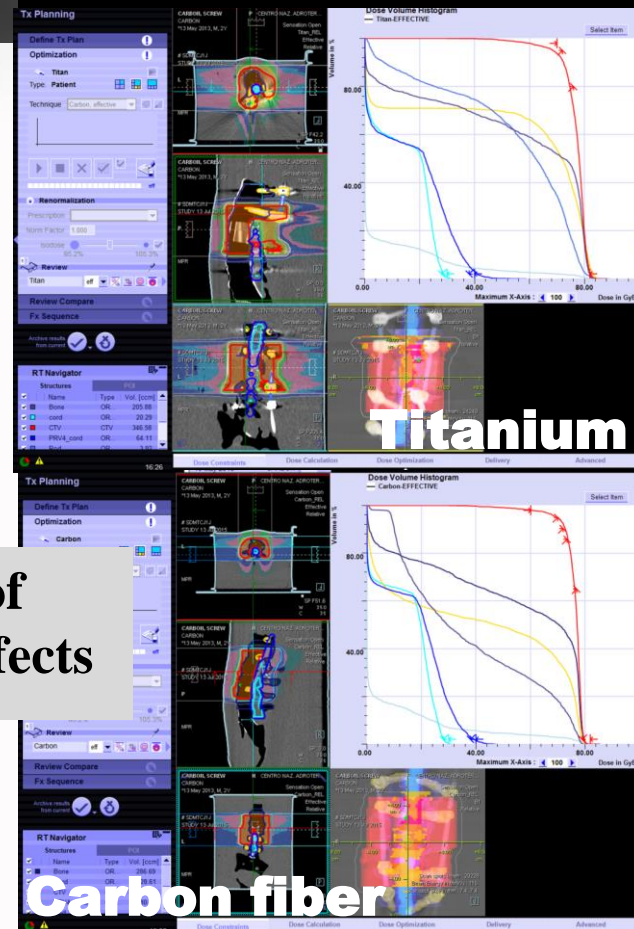
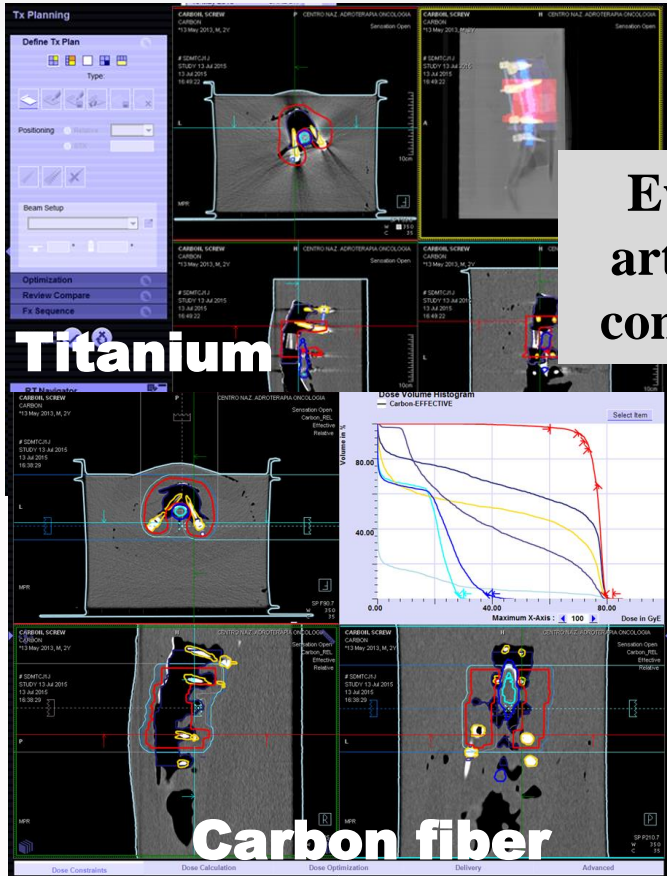
**Titanium**

**Carbon fiber**

**Evaluation of  
interference effects**

**Titanium**

**Carbon fiber**



# Reirradiation: 80 patients

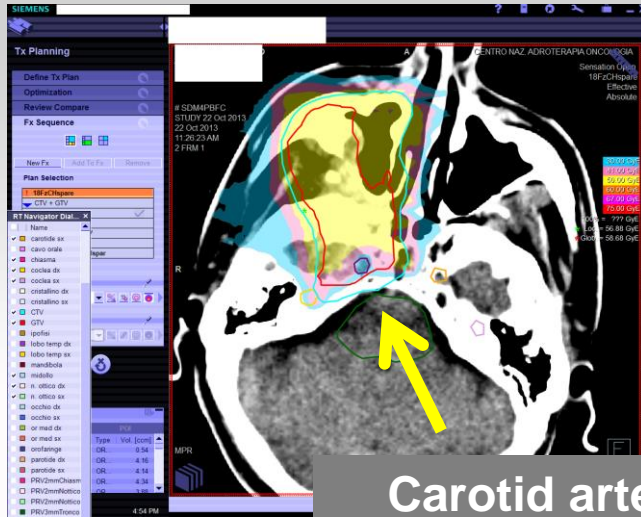
- 70 pts Conventional Fractionation: mean dose 61 Gy (45 – 76 Gy)
- 6 pts Hypo Fractionation (3 Gy x 10 fr or 12 Gy x 4 fr)
- 4 pts received two previous courses of radiotherapy (CF + HF)

Mean time to reirradiation: 56 months (range 7 – 216 months)

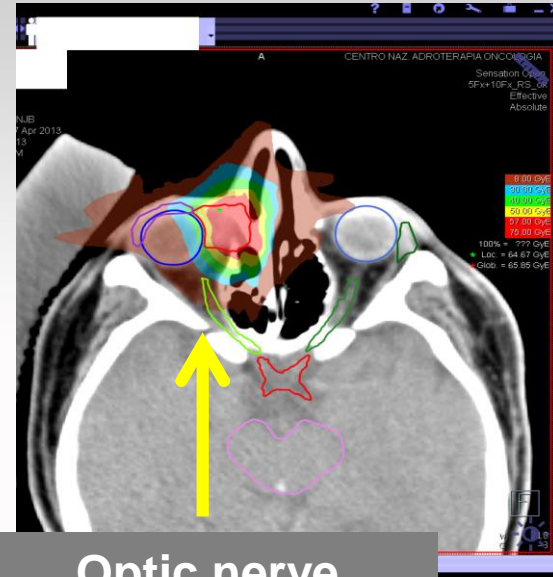
## Particle radiotherapy

	Carbon Ions ( 72 pts)	Protons ( 8 pts)
Total Dose	Mean 53 Gy RBE (range 12–74 Gyeq)	Mean 58 Gy RBE (range 50–70 Gyeq )
Dose per Fraction	2.5 – 4.8 Gy RBE	2 Gy RBE

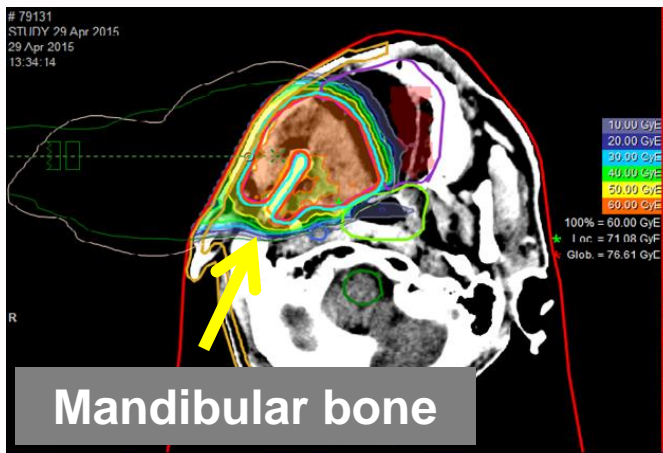
# Main Goal: OARs Sparing



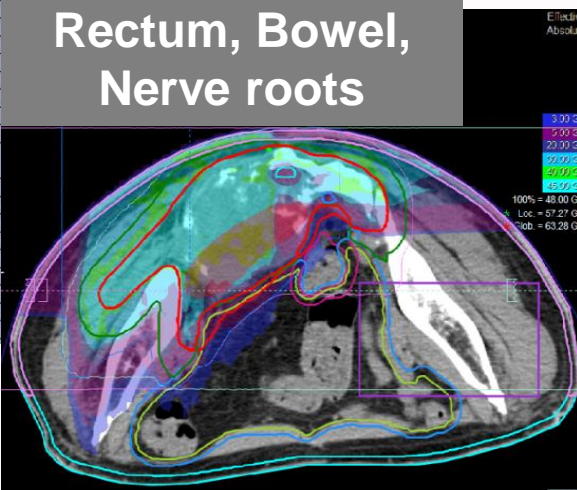
Carotid artery



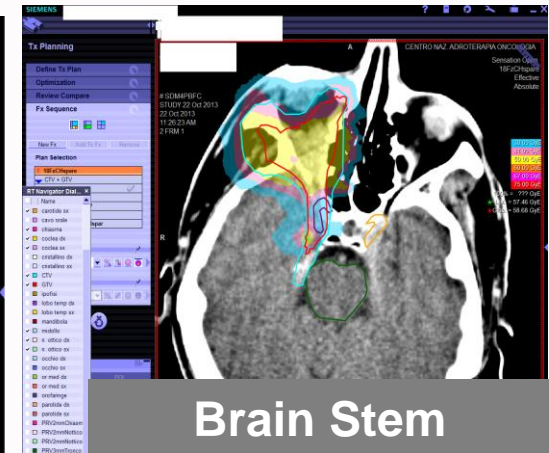
Optic nerve



Mandibular bone



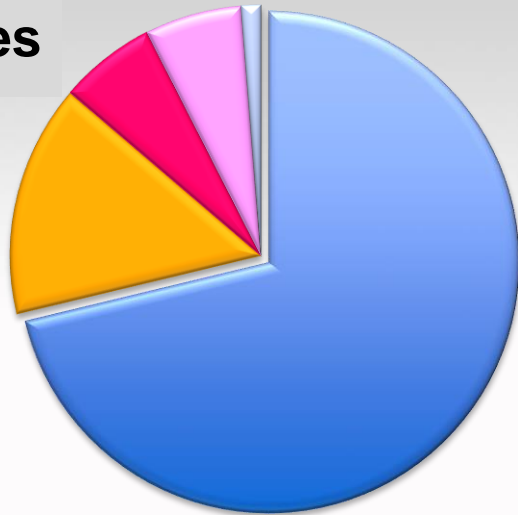
Rectum, Bowel, Nerve roots



Brain Stem

# Reirradiation. Results

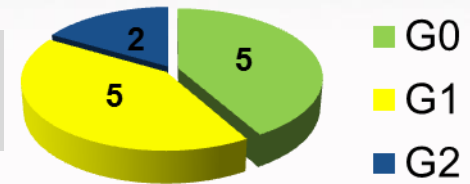
Cases



- H&N
- Pelvis
- Skullbase
- CNS
- Others

Acute toxicity

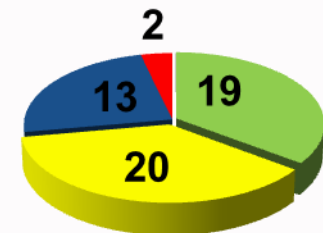
Pelvis



Late toxicity (overall)



- G0
- G1
- G2
- G3



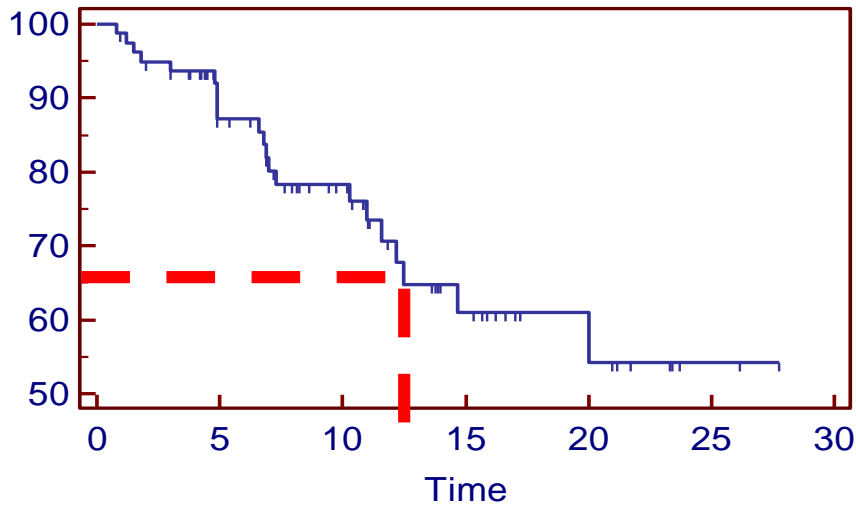
H & N

# Reirradiation. Results

**1y OS 65%**

**1y LC 50%**

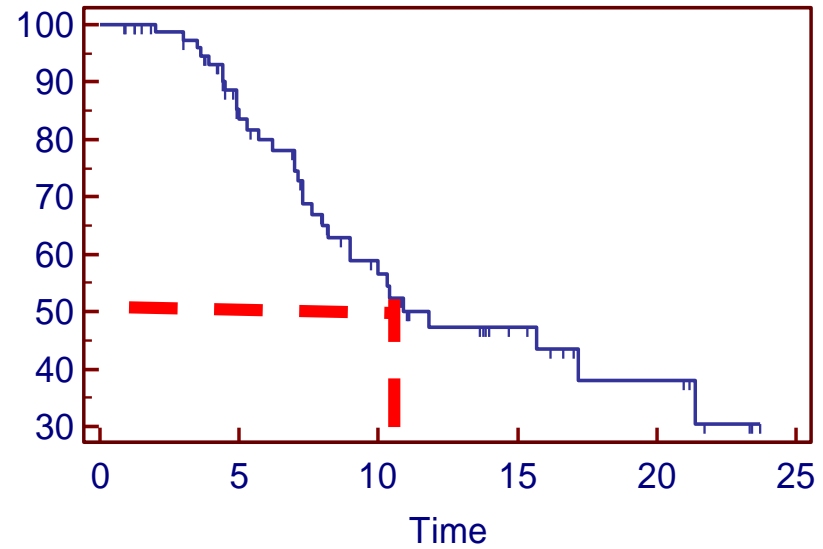
OS



Number at risk

80 52 35 16 8 2 0

LC



Number at risk

80 48 26 13 7 0

# And in the next future .....

- Further improvement in NIRS/CNAO conversion RBE dose model
- Radiobiology
- Eye melanoma treatment
- Moving target treatment





# Monte Carlo (MC) calculation

Case description			Absorbed Dose					RBE-weighted Dose			
			D <sub>abs</sub> (%)	CTV D <sub>abs 50%</sub> ratio (%)			D <sub>RBE</sub> (%)	CTV D <sub>RBE 50%</sub> ratio (%)			
				MC&LEM I	CNAO A B			MC&LEM I	CNAO A B		
Energy (MeV/u)	SOBP (mm)										
SOBP	290	60	0.2±0.2								
SOBP	400	70	1.7±0.1								
Prostate AdC (3.6 Gy) (RBE) <sub>NIRS</sub>	400	70	1.1±1.1	-1.3	-21.7	-3.2	14.8±2.6	14.5	0.3	15.6	
	400	70	1.1±1.2	-0.6	-19.1	-2.5	15.6±2.4	14.8	0.3	15.6	
Head (ACC) 4 Gy (RBE) <sub>NIRS</sub>	290	80	2.4±5.5	-1.8	-13.2	0.0	11.7±2.7	12.0	2.0	12.2	
Head (Sq CC) 4 Gy (RBE) <sub>NIRS</sub>	290	70	2.4±2.8	-1.8	-14.7	-0.6	9.1±3.7	10.0	-0.5	9.5	
Pancreas AdC (4.6 Gy) (RBE) <sub>NIRS</sub>	400	70	1.6±1.5	-2.0	-12.9	-5	5.9±2.5	5.2	0.0	4.3	
	400	90	1.5±1.6	-2.4	-13.2	-3.9	7.8±1.0	5.9	0.0	4.3	
	400	80	1.3±1.1	-2.5	-10.4	-4	6.5±2.8	4.8	0.7	5.0	

**NIRS beamline was simulated with a MC code. CT scan, structure set, plan and dose files of treatments at NIRS were exported in DICOM format, for 3.6, 4, and 4.6 Gy (RBE) per fraction nominal prescription dose. MC code was interfaced with LEM I to calculate, according to different RBE models, the NIRS physical dose**

# Radiobiology activities

The main topics for the radiobiological research in CNAO comprise tissue, cell and molecular experimental activities aiming to investigate the mechanisms of response after particle irradiation.

- ✓ Mechanisms of radioresistance
- ✓ Healthy tissues and microenvironment response
- ✓ Effects of existing and/or new radiosensitising agents with high LET radiations
- ✓ Low doses effects
- ✓ ...

Collaboration with INFN radiobiology groups

\_(MI, NA, ISS, PV, Roma3, LNL) (continue...)



# INFN-founded Research project 2015-2017

## ETHICS

*Pre-clinical **e**xperimental and **t**heoretical studies to **i**mprove treatment and protection by **c**harged particles*

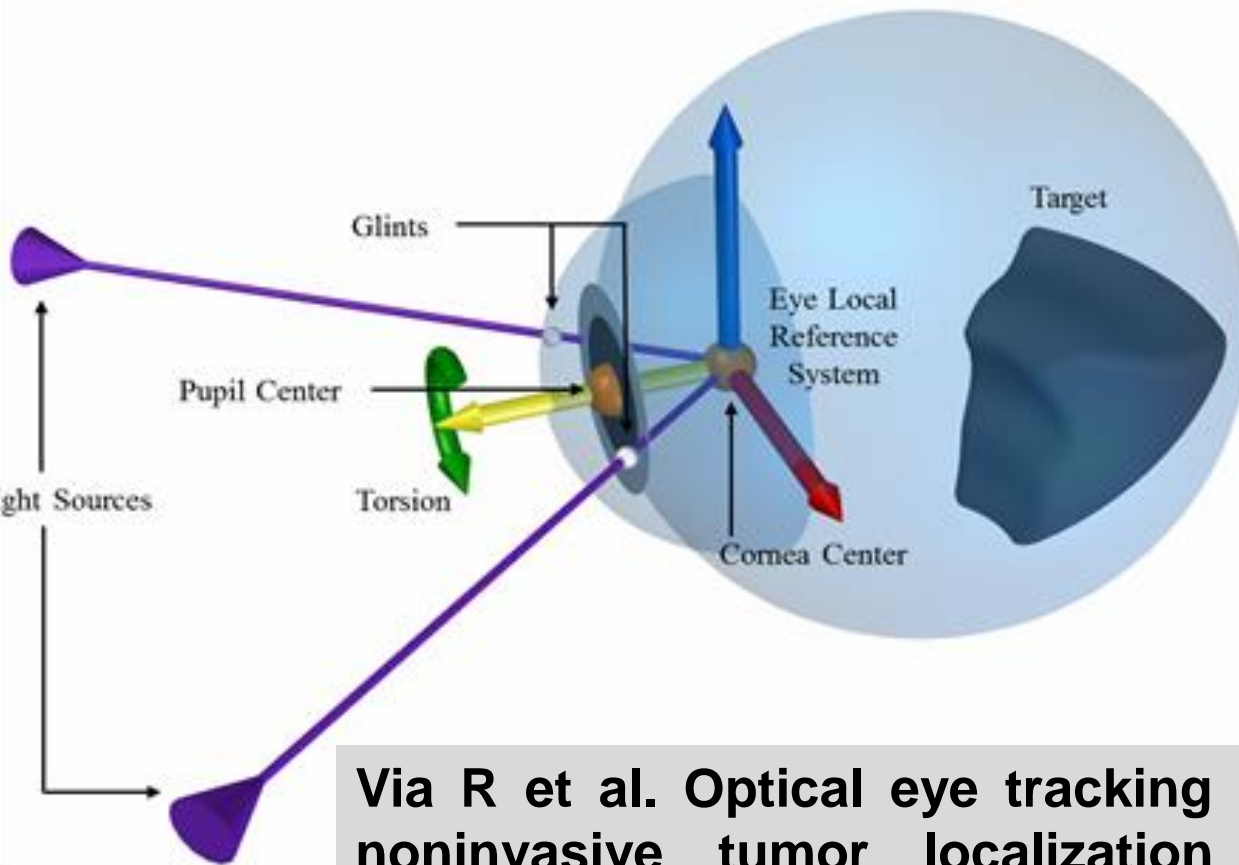
*Understanding the underlying action mechanisms on normal cells by charged particles used in medicine to reduce the risks for human health*

→ The experimental activity of the CNAO Unit within the WP-1 will be dedicated to the evaluation of the effects of sublethal doses of different radiation qualities on the stroma mechanisms regulating cell adhesion and migration (risk of metastasis).

→ **Effects of paracrine diffusible factors secreted by fibroblasts irradiated with varying radiation quality on the adhesion, proliferation, migration and invasion of pancreatic cancer cells**

# C Mosci et al. Proton beam radiotherapy of uveal melanoma: Italian patients treated in Nice, France.

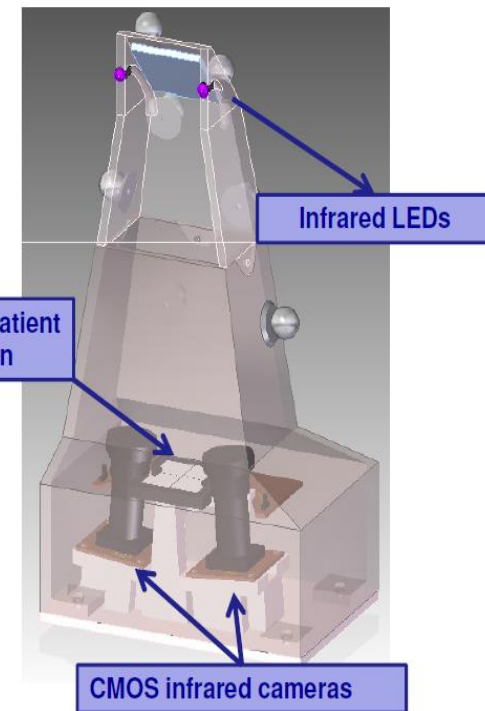
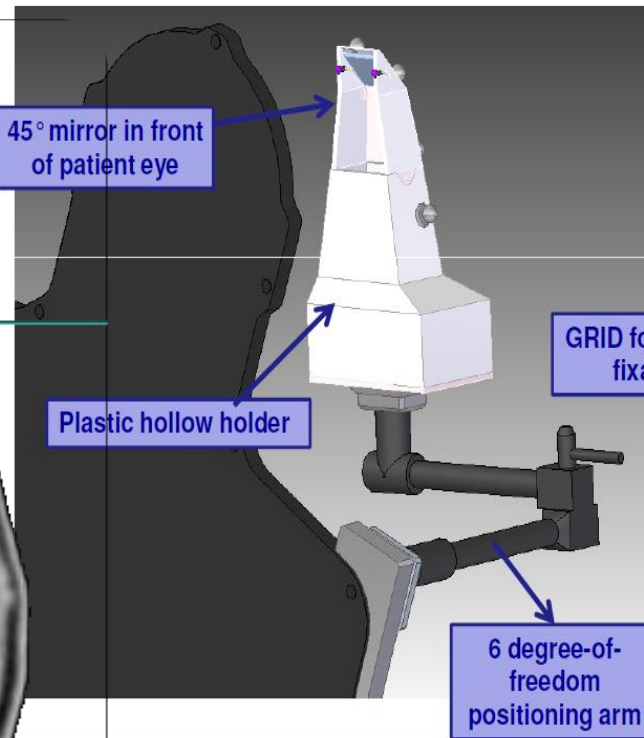
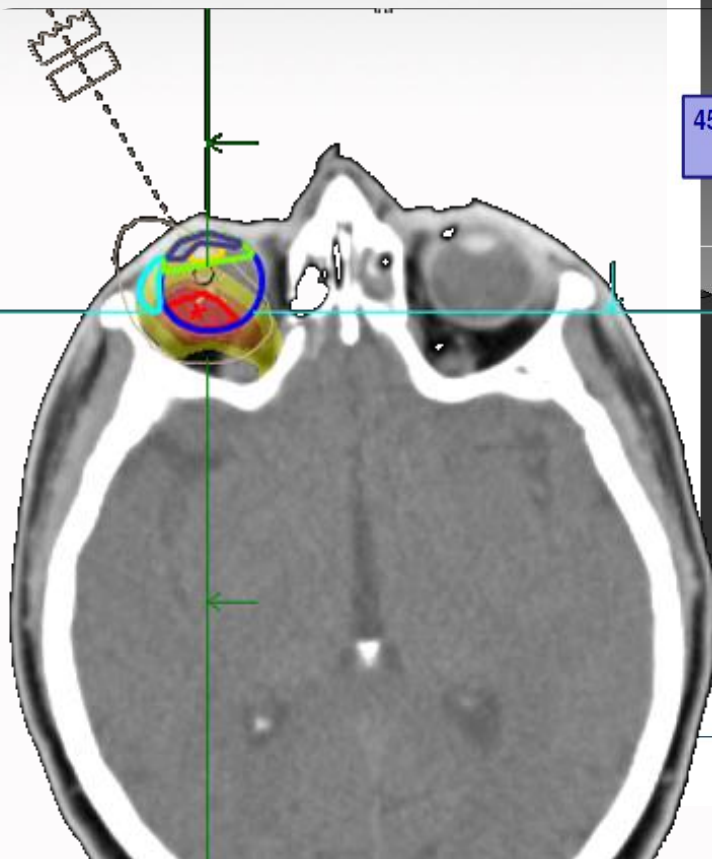
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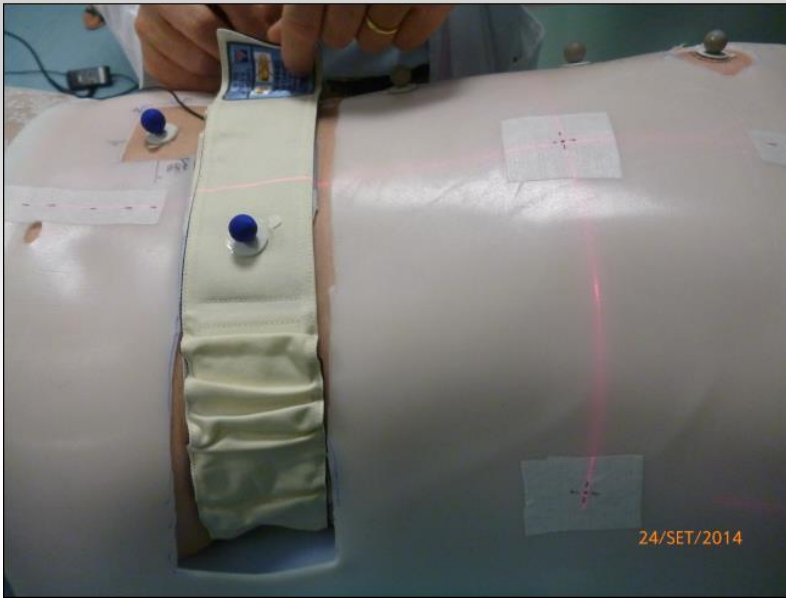
Schematic representation of the eye tracking method. The glints and the pupil center are recognized on the calibrated camera images and their 3D position is calculated through triangulation. The 3D cornea center is localized at the intersection of the virtual lines connecting each IR light sources and its respective glints. An eye local reference system is created starting from the optic axis that connects pupil and cornea centers. The assessed eye torsion is then taken into account by rotating the local axes around the optic axis. The coordinates of the target with respect to the eye local reference system are estimated during treatment planning.

Via R et al. Optical eye tracking system for real-time noninvasive tumor localization in external beam radiotherapy. Med Phys 2015 May;42(5): 2194-202.

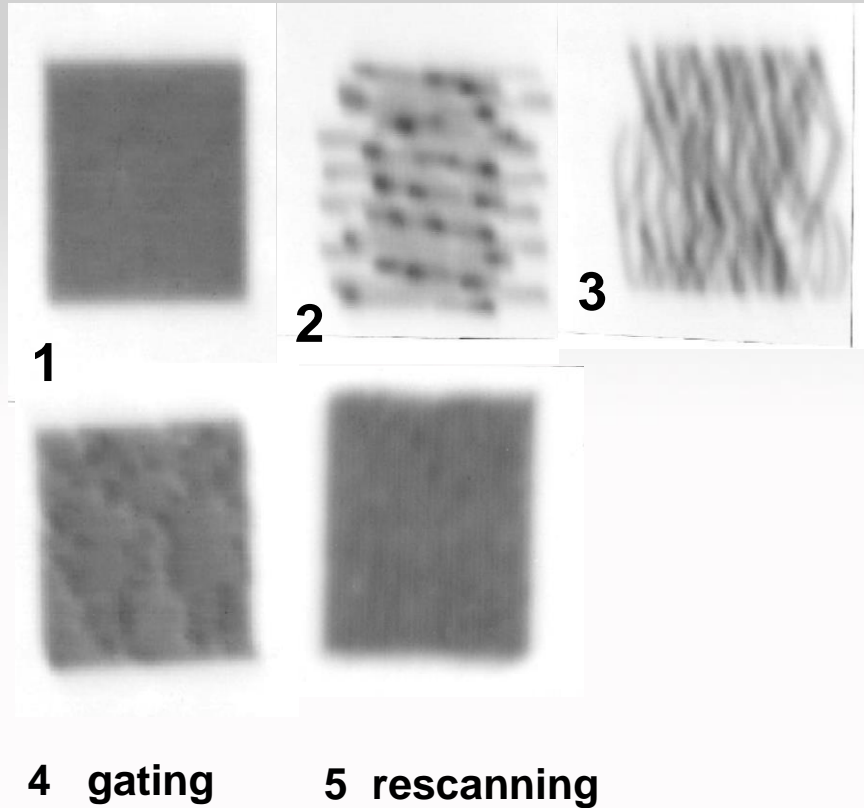
# Non invasive eye tracking system for intraocular tumor localization in proton therapy treatment



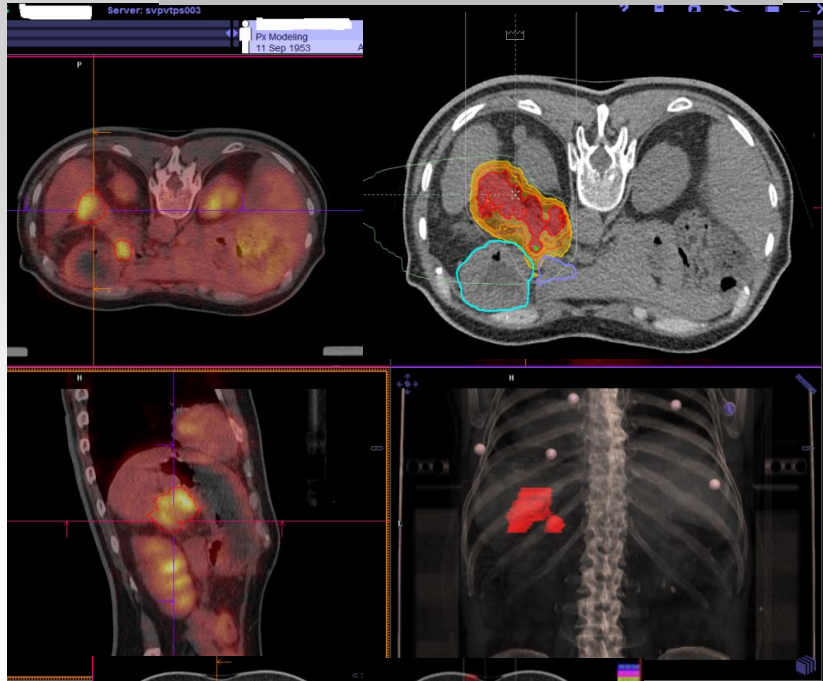
# 4D Moving organs treatment



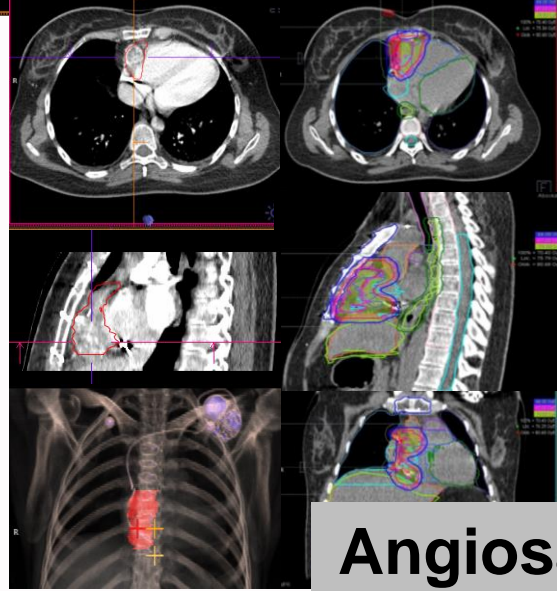
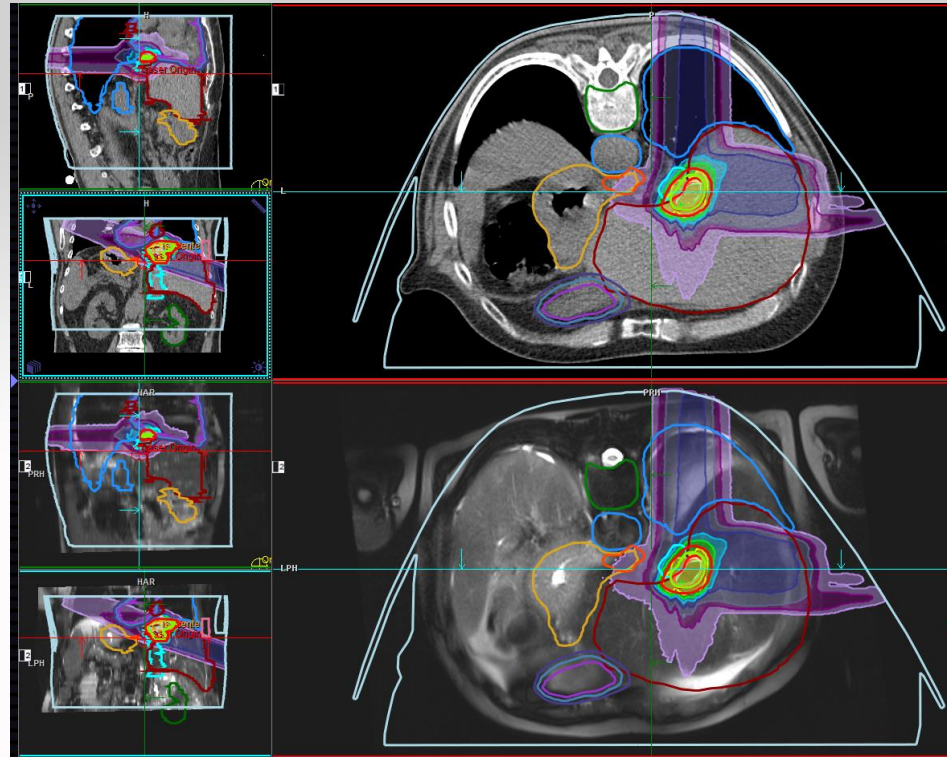
- Reducing respiratory motion (less than 5 mm) using thermo-plastic mask or compression band
- Multiple fields (2-3) and fractionated treatment
- Gating (reference phase: max expiratory. Anzai system and OTS) + rescanning (N = 5)



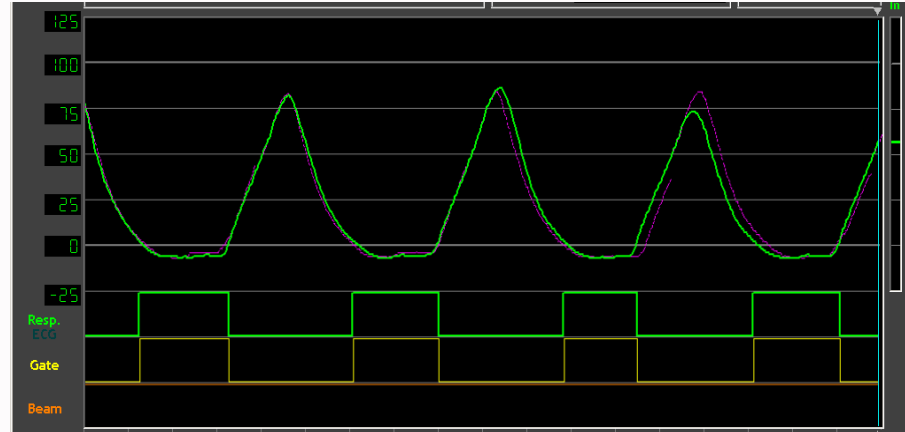
# Pancreatic cancer

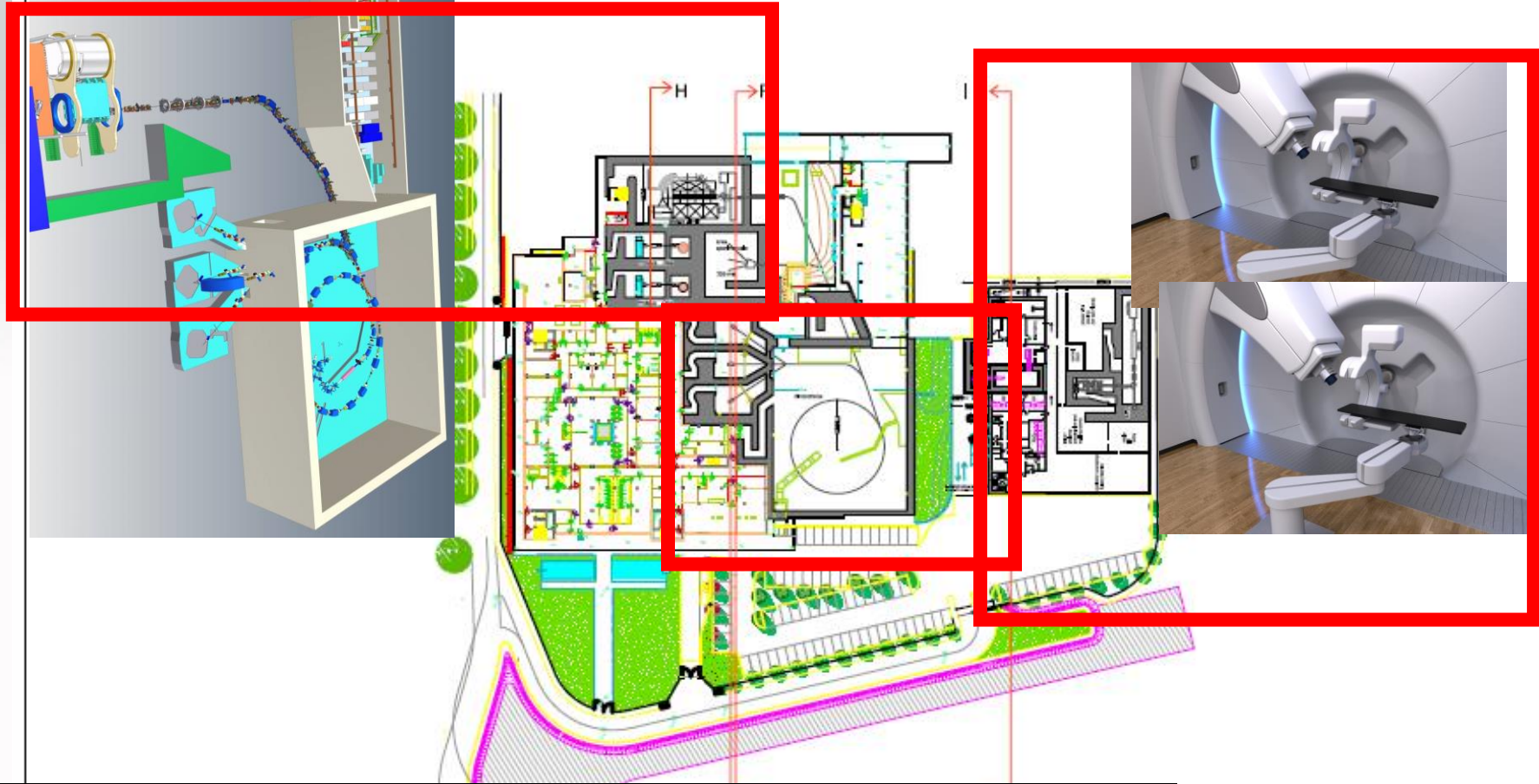


# Liver cancer



# Angiosarcoma





**A dream.....,  
but we are now working  
to realize**



**Thank you very much !!!!!**



**And a happy New Year to all of you  
from the CNAO team**