Session 2: Challenges Experienced by Radiation Therapists in the Treatment of Patients with Cancer in Challenging Environments

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SIMULATION



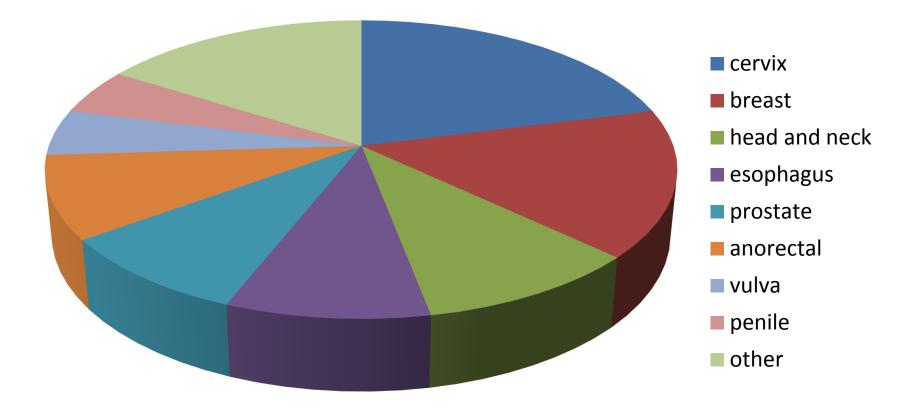
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Types of cancers





Challenges





Simulation

- Shared diagnostic CT Scanner
- ➢ 70cm Bore vs 85-90cm
- Immobilisation accessory limitations
- Improvised flat board
- ➢ FOV limitations

- No connectivity with Mosaiq setup notes
- Use of CDs for image transfer (lost/mixed/not working media)



Treatment Planning

- CT images not send directly from CT scanner
- Quality of CT images (contouring)
- Iso-centre shift not independent of field shift
- Undo button only for MLC contouring
- Setup scan reference manual transfer introduces errors (auto transfer)
- Limited planning technique for wide patients



Patient Treatment

- Can not extend imaging panels from outside
- No portals for couch through 90 degrees
- Reproducibility of setups (carry-overs from simulation)
- Height of couch
- Heavy patient (transfer to linacc)
- Automated angle sequencing



THANK YOU



