

# STATE OF THE ART MEDICAL TREATMENT MODALITIES, CHALLENGES AND FUTURE TRENDS.

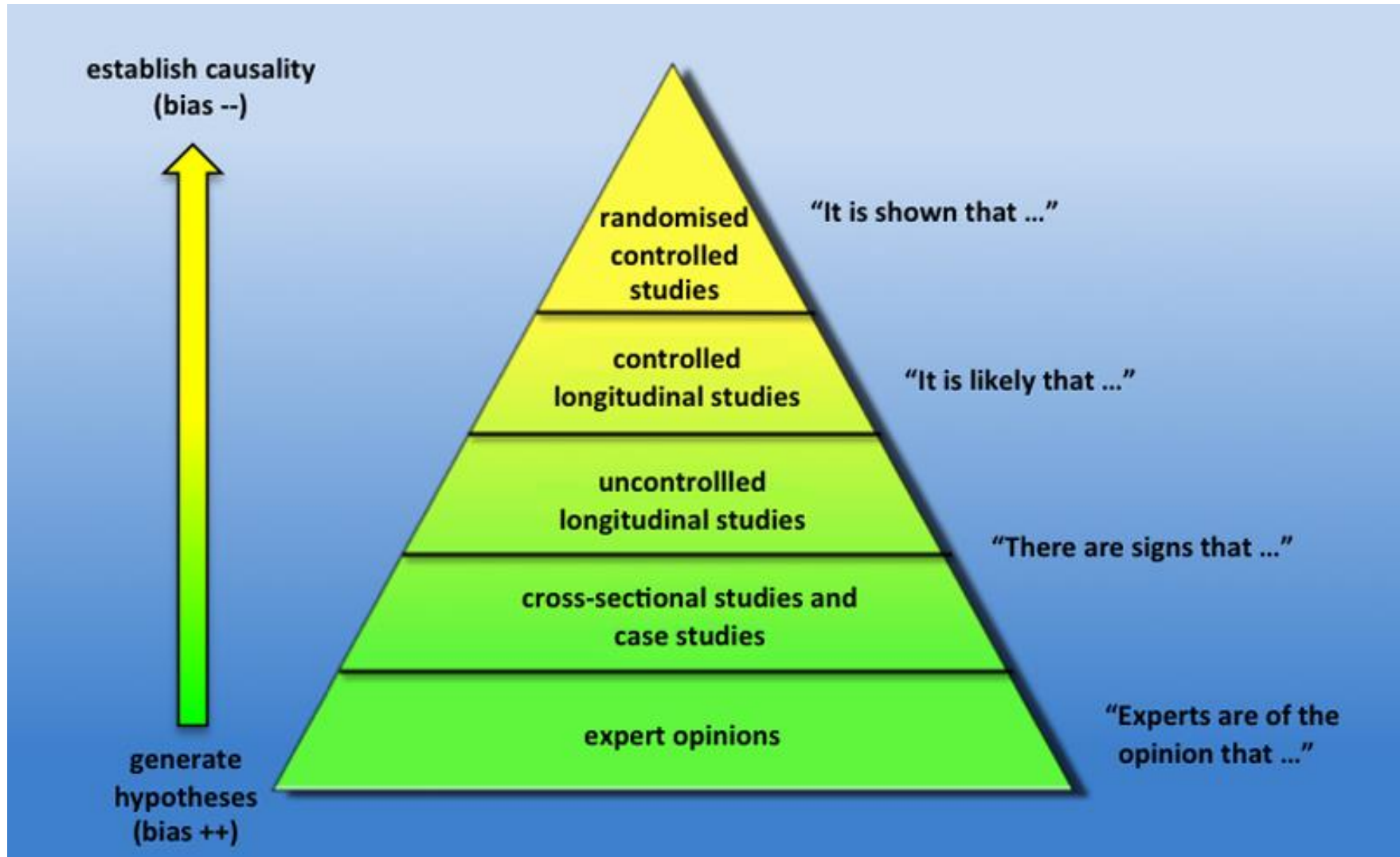
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# WHAT IS „STATE OF THE ART“

Refers to the **highest level**  
of general development,  
as of device, technique, or **scientific field**



# HIGHEST LEVEL OF EVIDENCE



# STATE OF THE ART

## Radiation Oncology

### SERVICES

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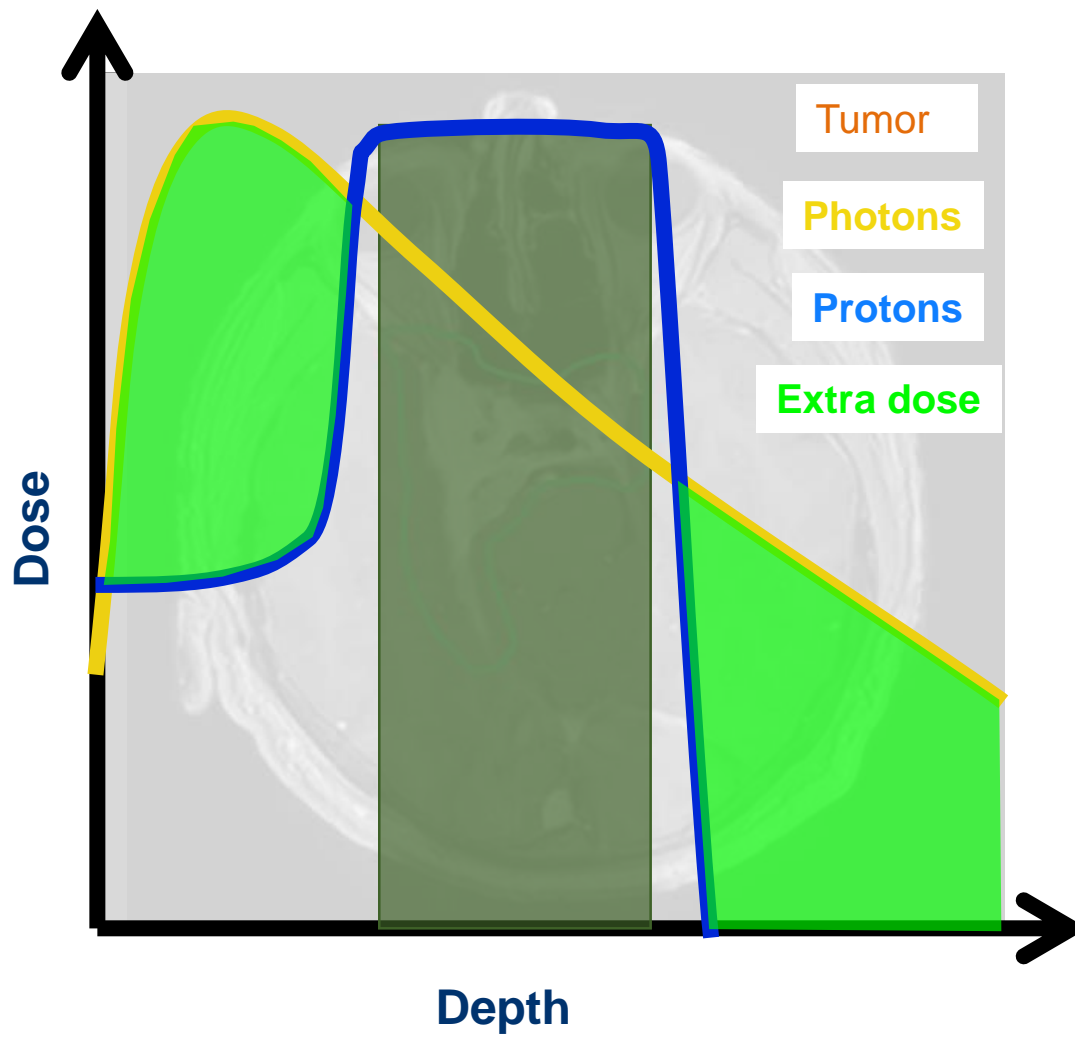
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- Image Guided Radiation Therapy (IGRT)
- Short Course Stereotactic Radiation Therapy (SBRT)
- Single Session Stereotactic Radiosurgery (SRS)
- Brachytherapy, Low Dose Rate (LDR) and High Dose Rate (HDR)
- Prostate Seed implants
- Hypofractionated (short course) Treatment Options for Breast, Lung, Palliative Bone Metastasis, Heterotopic, and Keloid Patients



PATIENT PORTAL

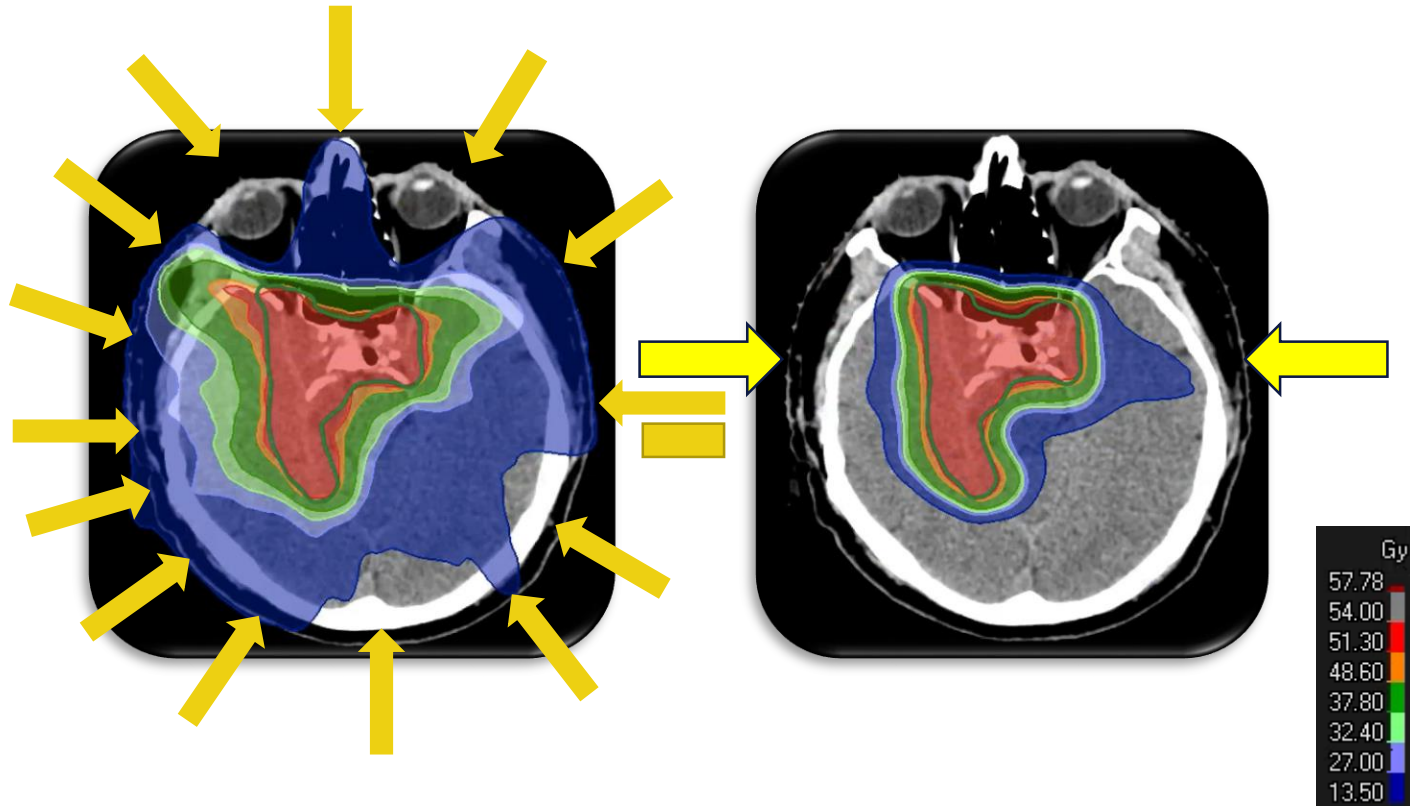
# WHAT DO WE EXPECT FROM PARTICLE TREATMENT?



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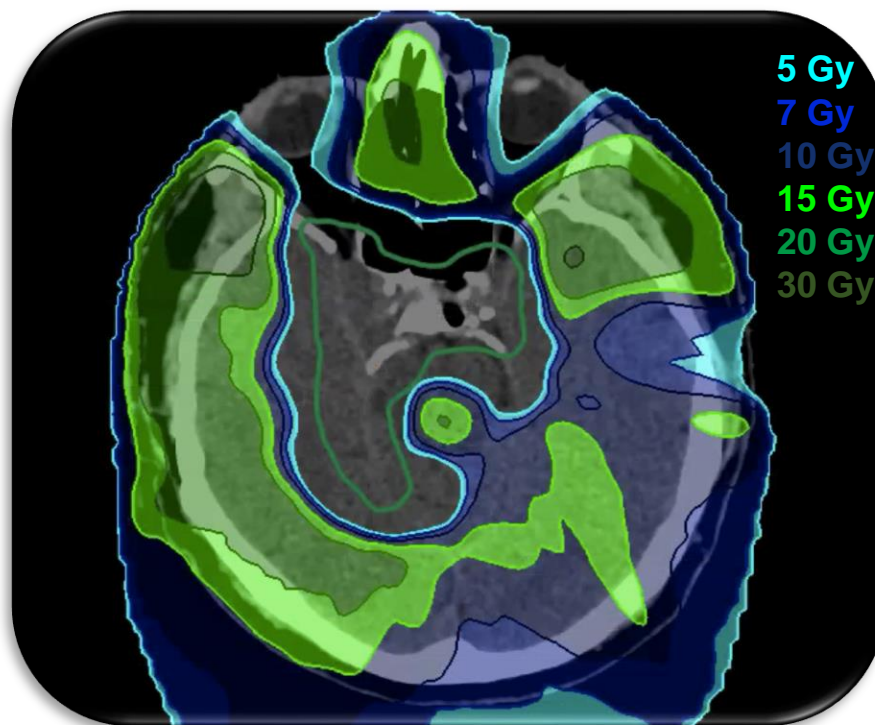
# VS

# PROTONS





# DOSE DIFFERENCE = UNNECESSARY DOSE DEPOSITION



**Photons minus Protons**



# CONSEQUENCES OF BRAIN TISSUE SPARING

- Dosimetric difference suggests better clinical outcome

**BUT**

- How to measure the clinical outcome?
- How to measure brain function?
- Example: neurocognitive testing
  - Memory
  - Executive functions
  - Processing speed
  - Attention
  - .....

# NEUROPROTECTIVE POTENTIAL OF PROTON

- Many papers describe the ***potential*** neuroprotective benefits of proton beam RT
  - Based on the physics of protons
  - Models with hypothetical data suggest benefit for medulloblastoma and craniopharyngioma
- Few studies with ***actual*** neurocognitive outcomes for patients treated with PRT vs. other published so far

*Merchant et al. PBC, 2008*  
*Miralbell et al. IJROBP, 1997*

# NEUROCOGNITIVE EFFECTS

## ● **Cognition**

- 20 long term survivor treated <3 y.o. with RT
  - 85% impaired cognition
  - 55% special education
  - Worse with cranial dose 30-35 Gy

## ● **Must obtain baseline function**

- POG I Baseline testing
  - 45% 15 pt lower than norm
  - 29% 30 pt lower than norm

*Duffner et al Pediatr Neurol, 7 237-242*

# CRANIAL RADIATION THERAPY (RT)- SUMMARY

- **Risk of neurocognitive late effects**
  - Declines of 2-4 IQ points per year
  - Risks associated with:
    - Younger age
    - Higher RT doses
    - **Larger irradiated brain volumes**

*Ris et al. JCO 2001*

*Palmer et al. JCO 2001*

*Silber et al. JCO 1992*

*Roman et al. IJROBP1995*

*Merchant et al. JCO 2009*

*Mulhern et al. Lancet Onc 2004*

# WHAT MATTERS?

## ● **Dose relationship**

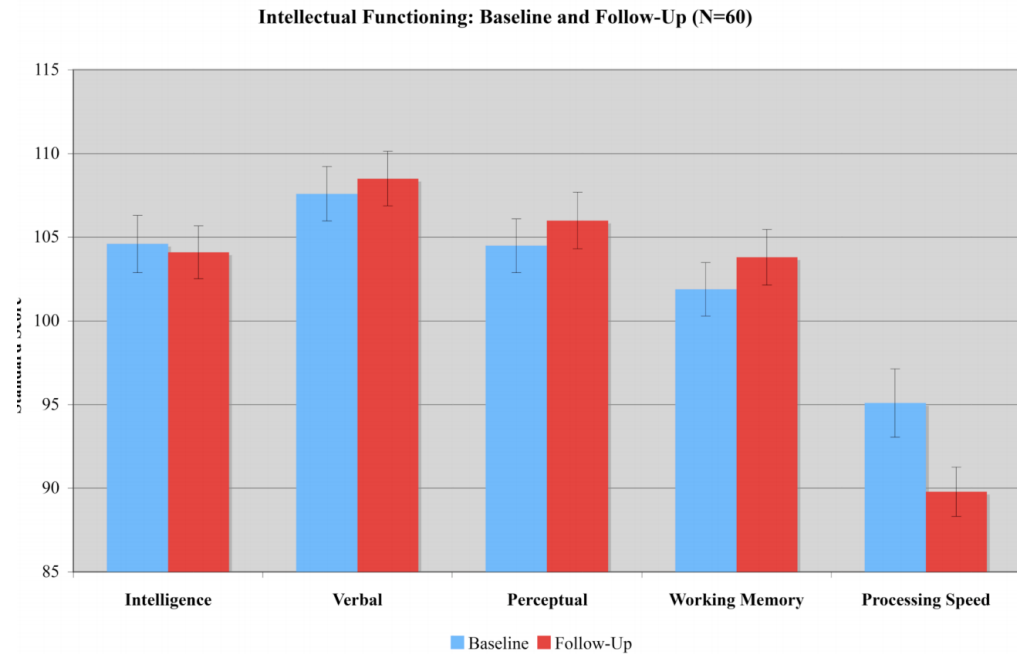
- With increasing the dose the cognitive function ist worsening

## ● **Volume relationship**

- With increasing the volume of healthy brain tissue irradiated the cognitive function ist worsening

# EARLY COGNITIVE OUTCOMES AFTER PROTON RT FOR CHILDREN WITH CNS TUMORS

- 60 pt  $\geq$  6y for MB, LGG, ependymoma, CP, other
  - Baseline FSIQ, verbal, perceptual and WMI compared to f/u testing
  - Mean f/u 2.5y
- Processing speed declined significantly (mean 5.2)
- FSIQ, verbal, perceptual, WMI all stable
- Cognitive outcomes not related to gender, RT vol, dose, tumor location, histology, SES, chemo or surgery



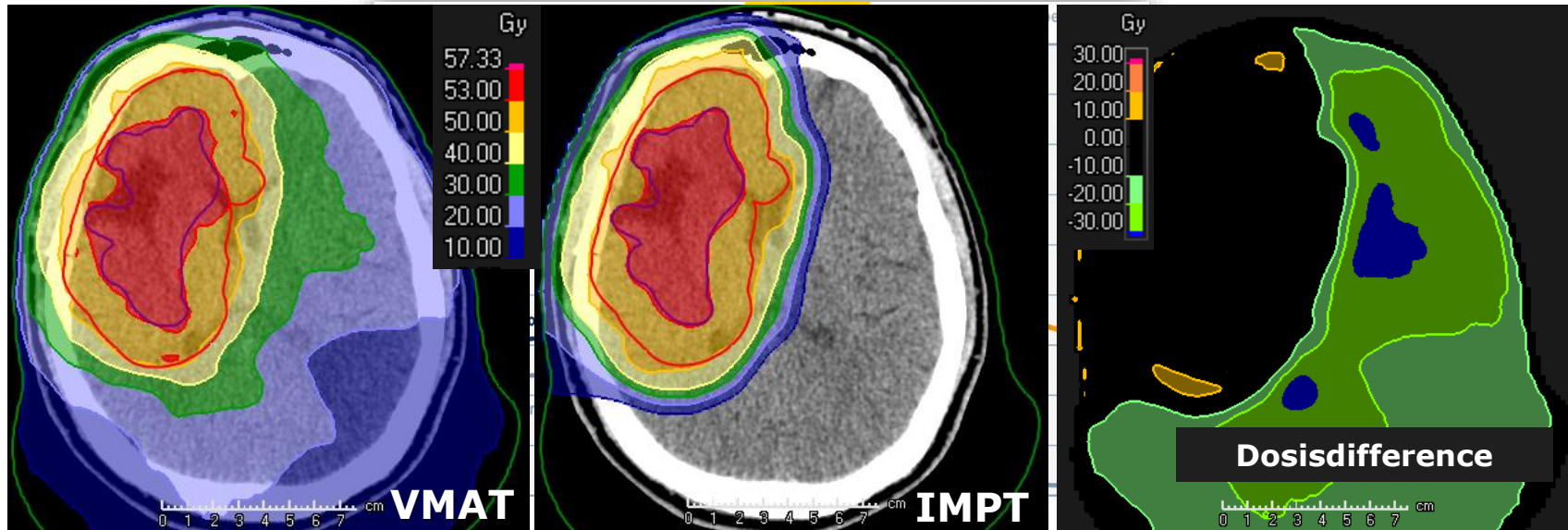
*Pulsifer et al, IJROBP 93(2) 400-7, 2015*

# AIM

- **Brain tissue sparing**
- **Who does benefit?**
  - Children
  - Young adults
  - Long surviving patients



# ADULT PATIENTS WITH LOW GRADE GLIOMAS



Planning comparison  
Photons (VMAT) vs. Protons (IMPT)

# MOTIVATION

## BRAIN TISSUE SPARING

- **Neurocognition**
- **Secondary malignancies**
- **Anatomical Changes**
  - Cortical Thinning

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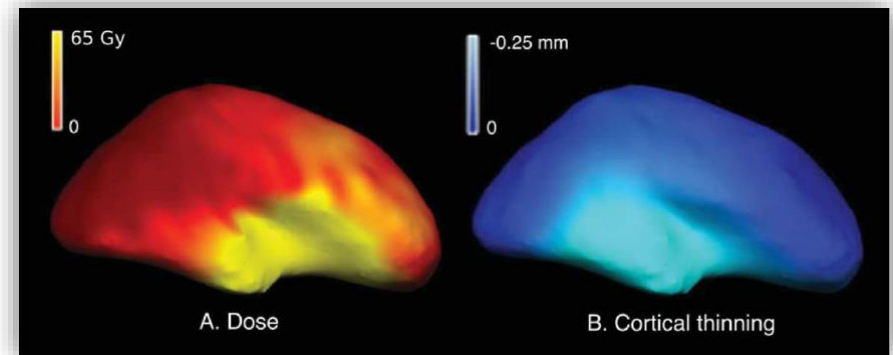
### Dose-dependent Cortical Thinning After Partial Brain Radiation in High-grade Glioma

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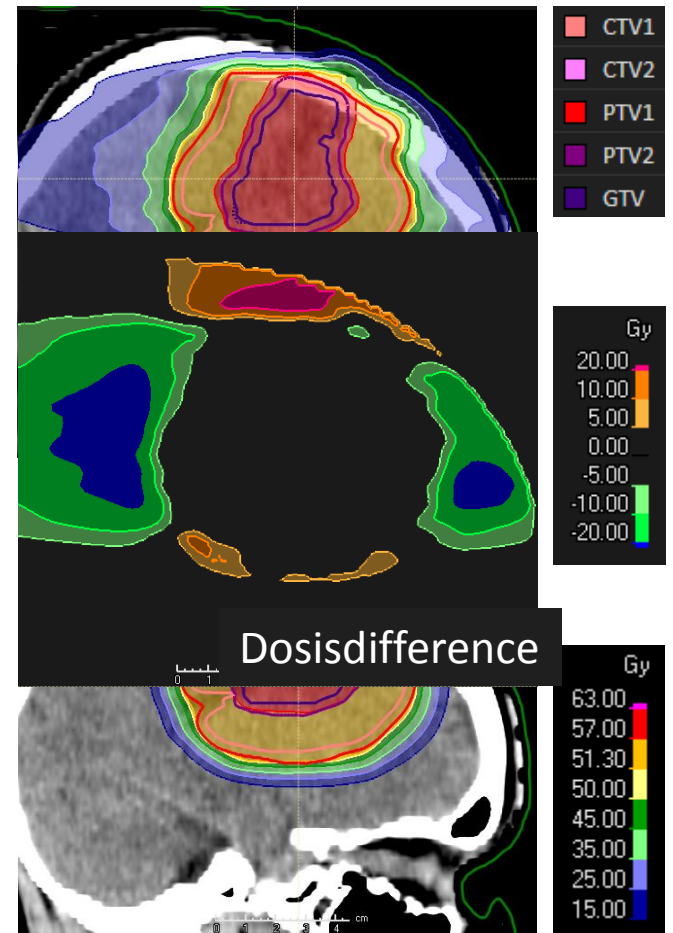
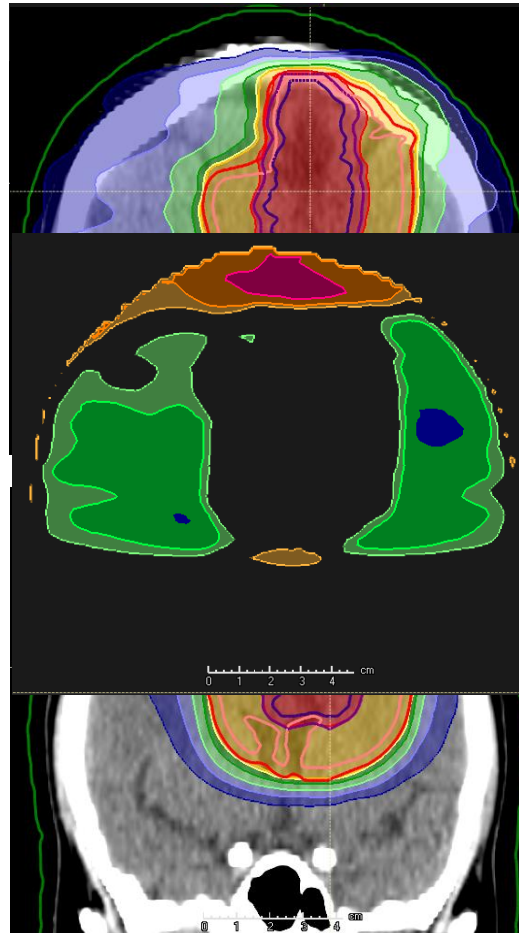
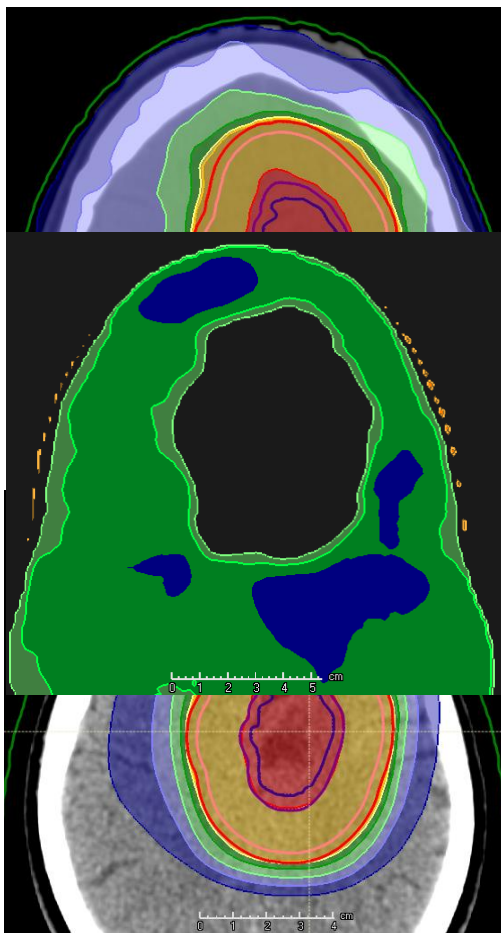


*“Dose-dependent thinning of cerebral cortex was observed after fractionated partial brain radiotherapy in high-grade glioma patients. Magnitude of the thinning parallels one-year atrophy rates seen in neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimer’s, and may contribute in part to cognitive decline following brain RT.”*

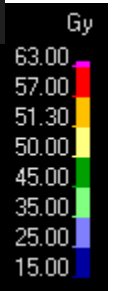
# RESULTS

VMAT

IMPT



Dosisdifference



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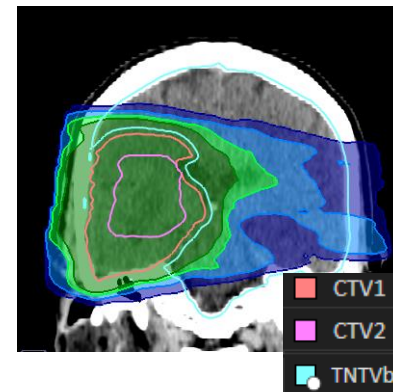
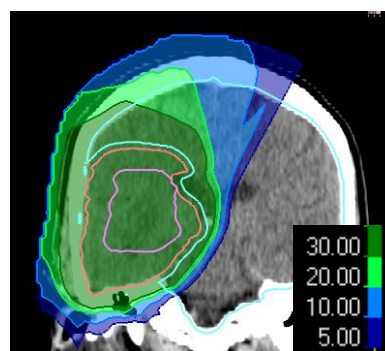
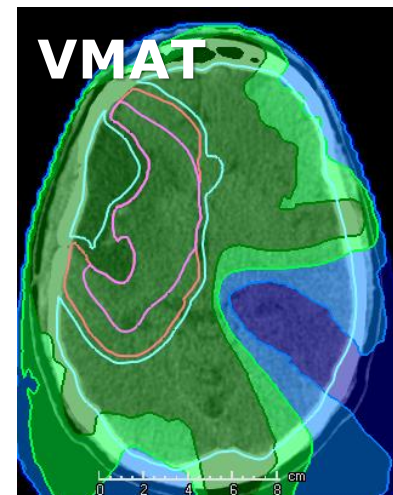
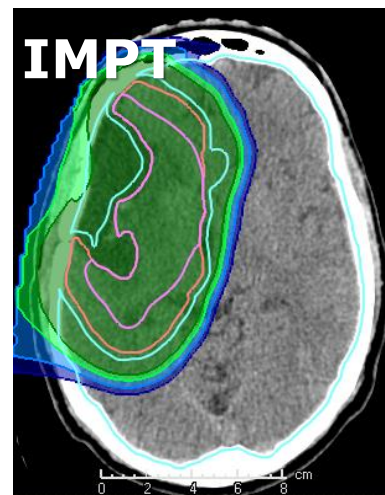
## TOTAL NORMAL TISSUE VOLUME BRAIN (TNTV<sub>B</sub>)

N = 7 pts

		VMAT	IMPT	Av. Diff%
$V_{\text{TNTb},5\text{Gy}}$ [%]	Median (Range)	83% (62-94)	41% (27-57)	<b>-43%</b>
$V_{\text{TNTb},10\text{Gy}}$ [%]	Median (Range)	76% (57-89)	33% (23-49)	<b>-42%</b>
$V_{\text{TNTb},20\text{Gy}}$ [%]	Median (Range)	50% (42-65)	24% (17-34)	<b>-25%</b>
$V_{\text{TNTb},30\text{Gy}}$ [%]	Median (Range)	27% (18-40)	17% (12-29)	<b>-10%</b>

Median  $V_{\text{TNTb}} = 1126 \text{ ccm}$  (887 - 1369 ccm)

$D_{\text{TNTb},50\%}$ [Gy]	Median (Range)	19,7 Gy (16,7-26,0)	1,5 Gy (0,1-9,5)	<b>-18,2 Gy</b>
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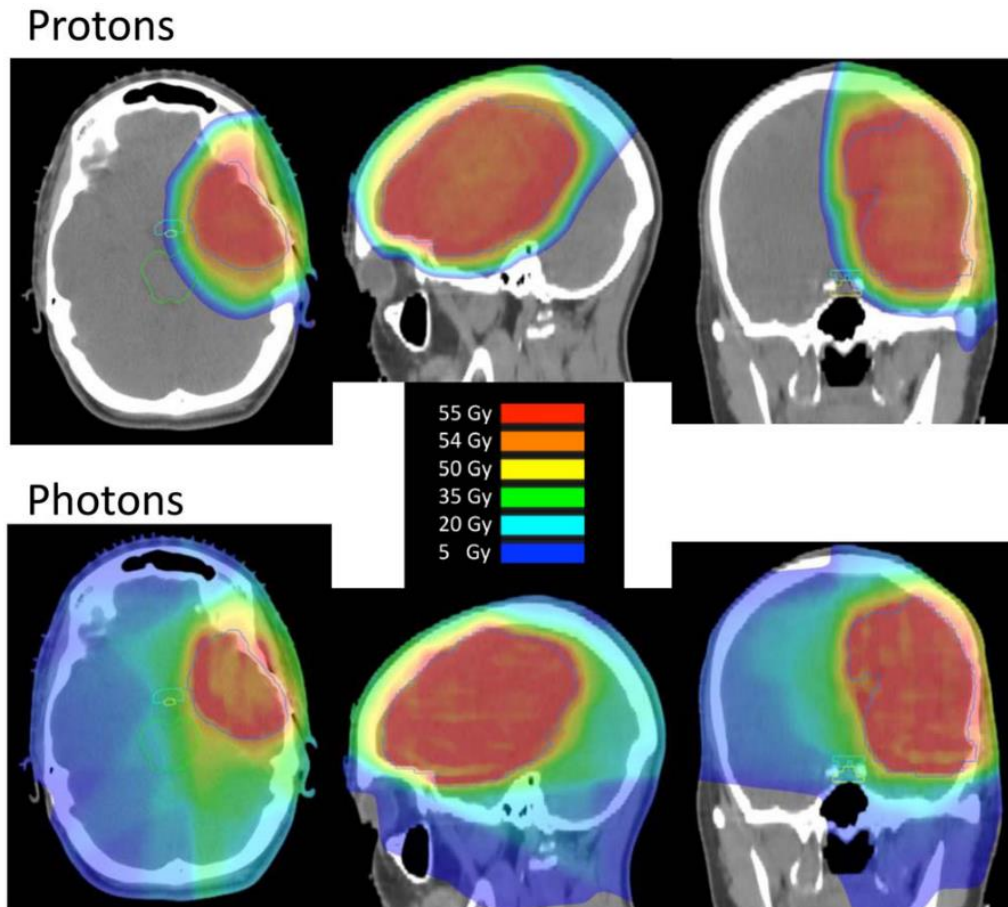




# EVIDENCE FOR ADULTS

Proton Therapy for Low-Grade Gliomas/Shih et al

N=20 pts



**Figure 1.** Dosimetric plans of proton therapy versus photon therapy for a low-grade glioma of the left temporal lobe are shown. Equivalent tumor target dose coverage is achieved but markedly less radiation is delivered to nontarget tissues with proton therapy.

*Shih HA et al. Cancer 2015; 121:171-9*

**TABLE 2.** Neurocognitive and Quality-of-Life Outcomes

Domain	Tests	Baseline Score: Mean $\pm$ SD (Range)	Average Score Change per Year: Average $\pm$ SE	P
Intellectual	WAIS-III Full Scale IQ	0.47 $\pm$ 0.56 (−0.47, −1.40)	0.07 $\pm$ 0.04	.1400
Visuospatial	WAIS-III Perceptual Organization Index	0.54 $\pm$ 0.69 (−0.60, −2.33)	0.13 $\pm$ 0.05	.0187
Language	WAIS-III Verbal Comprehension Index, Boston Naming Test, Auditory Naming Test	−0.50 $\pm$ 2.19 (−5.72, −1.00)	0.07 $\pm$ 0.09	.4462
Attention and working memory	WAIS-III Working Memory Index and Spatial Span; Continuous Performance Test: Inattention Score and Vigilance Score	0.24 $\pm$ 0.49 (−0.37, −1.58)	0.04 $\pm$ 0.04	.3292
Processing speed	WAIS-III Processing Speed Index; Trail Making Test A	0.06 $\pm$ 0.83 (−1.86, −1.33)	0.10 $\pm$ 0.07	.1679
Executive function	Trail Making Test B; Controlled Oral Word Association Test F-A-S; Wisconsin Card Sorting Test; Continuous Performance Test Impulsivity Score	−0.18 $\pm$ 0.62 (−1.18, −0.77)	0.12 $\pm$ 0.06	.0501
Verbal memory	HVLT-R: Total Recall, Delayed Recall, and Retention	−0.72 $\pm$ 1.19 (−2.67, −0.93)	0.04 $\pm$ 0.07	.5316
Visual memory	BVMT-R: Total Recall and Delayed Recall	−0.81 $\pm$ 1.41 (−3.00, −1.05)	−0.003 $\pm$ 0.06	.9644
Clinical trials battery	HVLT-R Total Recall; WMS-III Trails A and Trails B; Controlled Oral Word Association Test F-A-S	−0.35 $\pm$ 0.78 (−1.57, −1.13)	0.11 $\pm$ 0.06	.0742
Emotional <sup>a</sup>	Beck Anxiety Inventory	8.9 $\pm$ 8.0 (0–25)	−0.50 $\pm$ 0.36	.1870
	Beck Depression Inventory	12.71 $\pm$ 9.85 (0–31)	−0.05 $\pm$ 0.54	.9212
Quality of life	FACT-G Total Score	77.0 $\pm$ 18.4 (39–102)	0.41 $\pm$ 0.58	.4919
	FACT-Fatigue Score	32.7 $\pm$ 14.8 (8–52)	1.05 $\pm$ 0.44	.0265
	FACT-Br Total Score	131.0 $\pm$ 28.5 (84–174)	1.47 $\pm$ 0.89	.1154

Abbreviations: BVMT-R, Brief Visual Memory Test-R; FACT, Functional Assessment of Cancer Therapy; FACT-Br, Functional Assessment of Cancer Therapy-Brain; FACT-G, Functional Assessment of Cancer Therapy-General; HVLT-R, Hopkins Verbal Learning Test-R; SD, standard deviation; SE, standard error; WAIS-III, Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale, third edition; WMS, Wechsler Memory Scale.

<sup>a</sup>Three patients were not assessed by Beck Inventories at baseline.

*Shih HA et al. Cancer 2015; 121:171-9*

# CONCLUSION PART 1

- **Who does benefit from proton treatment?**
  - Children, young patients, adults, long survivors with brain tumors
- **Why?**
  - Because we are able to spare normal tissue



# WHAT ELSE CAN WE REACH?

# HEAD AND NECK

- Hoppe et al., IJROBP, 2008
  - Inoperable sinonasal cancers
  - 5-y local control 21%, overall survival 15%
  - The only factor improving survival was the dose  $\geq 65$  Gy.

# METAANALYSIS

Patel et al., Lancet Oncol, 2014

- **Primary and recurrent sinonasal cancers**
- 43 cohorts and 41 non-comparing studies
- Median follow up
  - Photons 40 months
  - Particles 38 months

# PROTONS VS IMRT(PHOTONS)

	Cohorts (n)	Patients (n)	Event rate (95% CI)	I <sup>2</sup>	Relative risk (95% CI)	p
<b>Overall survival*</b>						
PBT	8	191	0.63 (0.53-0.76)	59.3%	1.02 (0.77-1.35)	0.89
IMRT	8	348	0.62 (0.50-0.77)	86.9%	..	..
<b>5-year overall survival</b>						
PBT	5	124	0.66 (0.52-0.85)	69.7%	1.39 (0.99-1.94)	0.057
IMRT	4	212	0.48 (0.38-0.60)	45.1%	..	..
<b>Disease-free survival*</b>						
PBT	2	56	0.49 (0.21-1.16)	83.6%	0.98 (0.40-2.42)	0.97
IMRT	3	187	0.50 (0.38-0.67)	69.3%	..	..
<b>5-year disease-free survival</b>						
PBT	1	36	0.72 (0.59-0.89)	..	1.44 (1.01-2.05)	0.045
IMRT	3	187	0.50 (0.38-0.67)	69.3%	..	..
<b>Locoregional control*</b>						
PBT	7	147	0.81 (0.71-0.92)	55.2%	1.26 (1.05-1.51)	0.011
IMRT	4	258	0.64 (0.57-0.72)	33.7%	..	..
<b>5-year locoregional control</b>						
PBT	2	36	0.43 (0.09-2.10)	89.5%	0.73 (0.15-3.58)	0.70
IMRT	2	166	0.59 (0.52-0.67)	0.0%	..	..

I<sup>2</sup> ≥50% suggests high heterogeneity across studies. IMRT=intensity-modulated radiation therapy. PBT=proton beam therapy. \*At longest duration of complete follow-up.

Table 4: Comparison of primary outcomes for proton beam therapy cohorts and intensity-modulated radiation therapy cohorts

# PARTICLE VS PHOTONS

	Cohorts (n)	Patients (n)	Event rate (95% CI)	I <sup>2</sup>	Relative risk (95% CI)	p	NNT* (95% CI)
<b>Overall survival†</b>							
CPT	10	242	0.66 (0.56–0.79)	77.5%	1.27 (1.01–1.59)	0.037	7.09 (3.57–480.55)
Photon therapy	26	1120	0.52 (0.46–0.60)	86.0%	--	--	--
<b>5-year overall survival</b>							
CPT	6	146	0.72 (0.58–0.90)	80.1%	1.51 (1.14–1.99)	0.0038	4.12 (2.37–15.60)
Photon therapy	15	779	0.48 (0.40–0.57)	84.1%	--	--	--
<b>Disease-free survival†</b>							
CPT	3	78	0.67 (0.48–0.95)	79.4%	1.51 (1.00–2.30)	0.052	--
Photon therapy	8	411	0.44 (0.35–0.56)	76.5%	--	--	--
<b>5-year disease-free survival</b>							
CPT	2	58	0.80 (0.67–0.95)	41.6%	1.93 (1.36–2.75)	0.0003	2.60 (1.74–5.15)
Photon therapy	6	341	0.41 (0.30–0.56)	80.9%	--	--	--
<b>Locoregional control†</b>							
CPT	10	208	0.76 (0.68–0.86)	54.0%	1.18 (1.01–1.37)	0.031	8.55 (4.40–143.44)
Photon therapy	14	736	0.65 (0.59–0.71)	60.3%	--	--	--
<b>5-year locoregional control</b>							
CPT	3	58	0.66 (0.43–1.02)	81.2%	1.06 (0.68–1.67)	0.79	--
Photon therapy	8	546	0.62 (0.55–0.71)	73.0%	--	--	--

I<sup>2</sup> ≥ 50% suggests high heterogeneity across studies. CPT=charged particle therapy. NNT=number needed to treat. \*Calculated when the difference between CPT and photon therapy was significant. †At longest duration of complete follow-up.

**Table 3: Comparison of primary outcomes for charged particle therapy cohorts and photon therapy cohorts**

# METAANALYSIS

Comparing clinical outcomes recorded in charged particle therapy studies with those reported in photon therapy studies suggests that charged particle therapy might be associated with better outcomes for malignant diseases of the nasal cavity and paranasal sinuses. The growing number of institutions providing charged particle therapy are encouraged to collaborate and report their outcomes.

*Pattel et al. Lancet Oncology 2014*

## Long-Term Outcomes After Proton Beam Therapy for Sinonasal Squamous Cell Carcinoma

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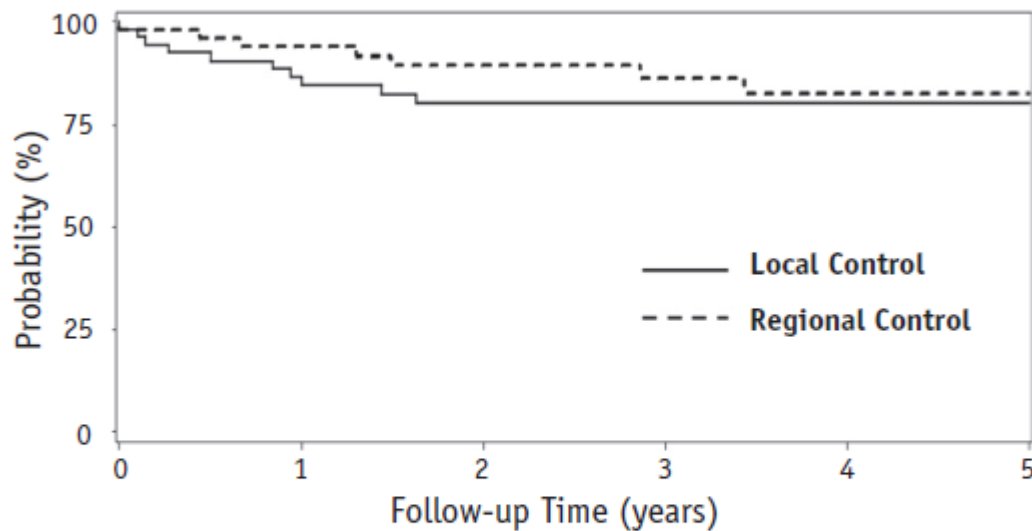
- 54 pts
- Stage III und IV
- Median Doses **72.8** Gy RBE
- 69% had previous resection
- 74% had also neck irradiation

All patients were treated with curative intent. The total median dose delivered to the gross tumor volume (GTV) was 72.8 Gy (relative biological effectiveness, RBE). An RBE value of 1.1 was used. For patients who underwent a GTR or partial resection, the median dose was 70.0 Gy(RBE) (range, 59.4-79.4). For biopsy-only patients, the median total dose was 76 Gy(RBE) (range, 70.0-78.1). Patients were treated

Russo et al. IJROBP 2016



# RESULTS



**Fig. 1.** Kaplan-Meier curve showing local and regional control with 5-year estimates of 80% and 83%, respectively.

*Russo et al. IJROBP 2016*

## Outcomes of Sinonasal Cancer Treated With Proton Therapy

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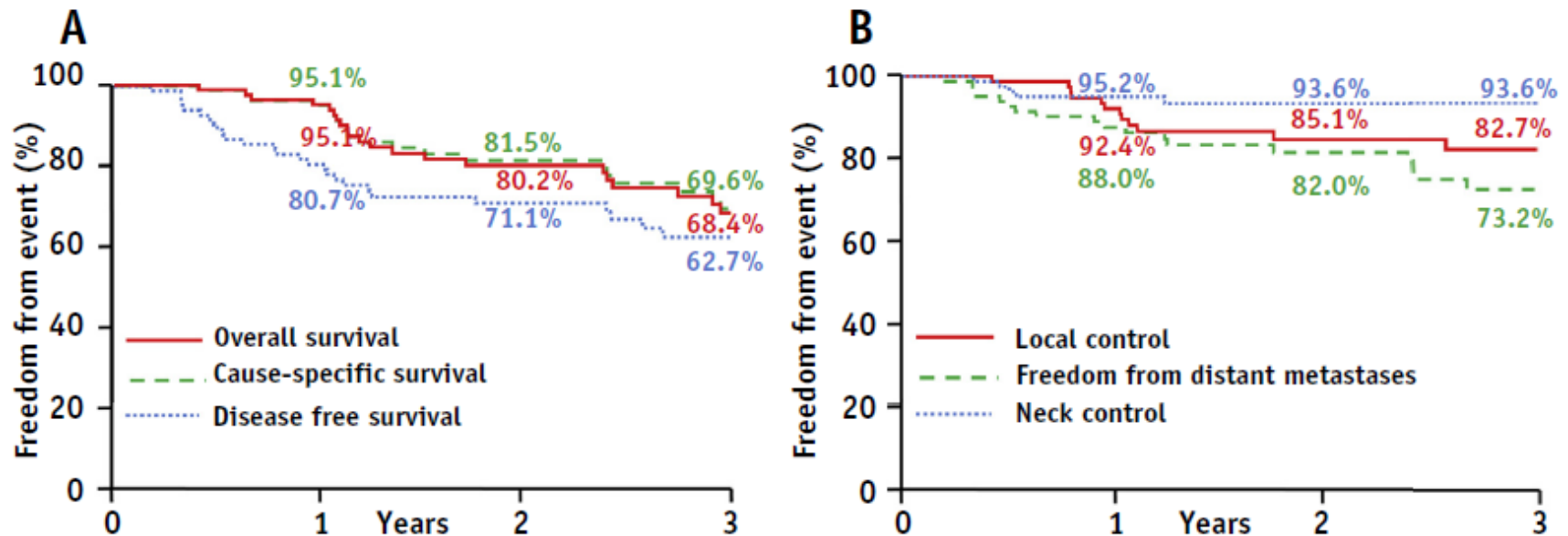
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- 84 pts
- Median Dose **73.8 Gy** RBE
- Histologies: SCC,ACC,olfact. Neuroblastomas

Fractionation	
1.2 Gy (RBE) twice daily	83 (99%)
2 Gy (RBE) once daily	1 (1%)
Total dose, Gy (RBE)	73.8 (62.4-74.4); 85% received $\geq 70$
Total fractions	61 (33-62)
Neck RT	
Elective	66 (78%)
RT for positive neck	4 (5%)
Adjuvant (after positive neck dissection)	4 (5%)
No	10 (12%)

*Dagan et al. IJROBP 2016*

# RESULTS



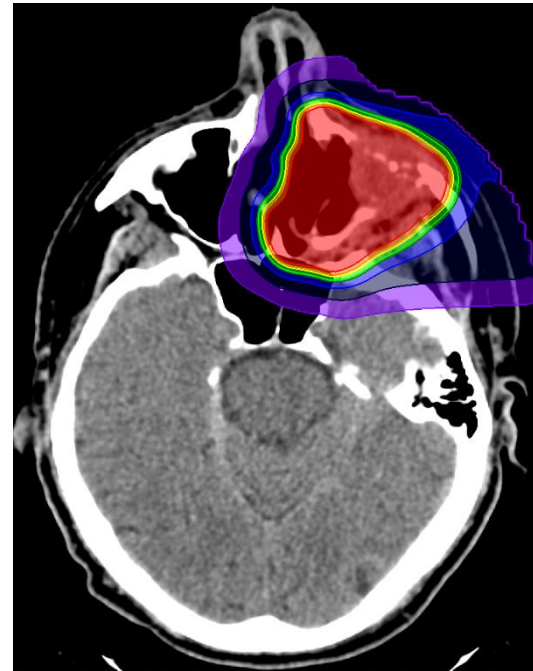
**Fig. 1.** (A) Survival and (B) disease control outcomes.

*Dagan et al. IJROBP 2016*

# CONCLUSION PART II

**Why are outcome data so encouraging?**

- **Dose escalation**
- **Better target coverage**



# CARBON IONS

## Sacral chordoma

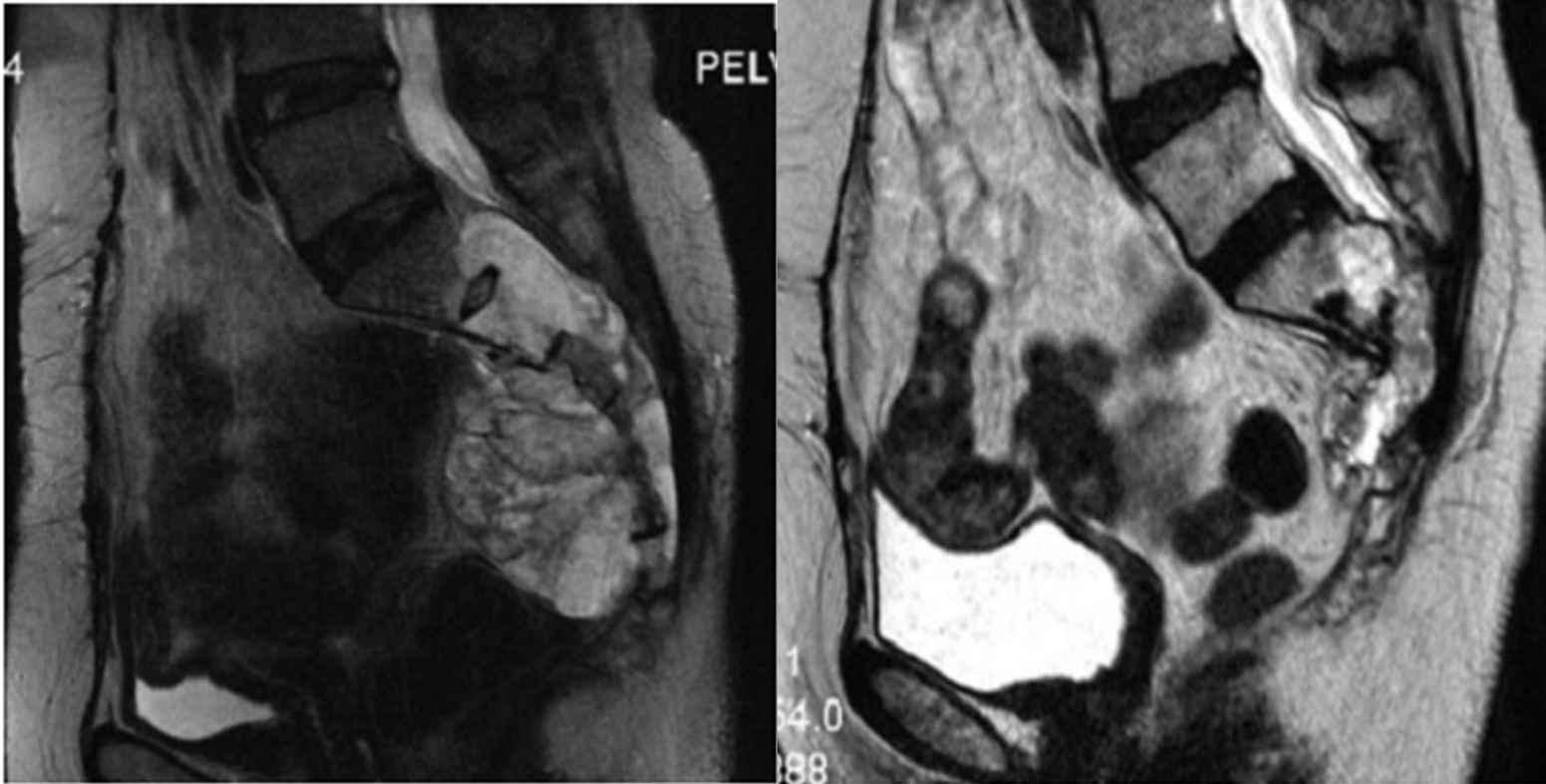


- Rare malignant tumor
- 20-30 pts/ year in Japan.
- Chemotherapy and x-ray RT are not effective.
- Resection sacrifices sacral nerves.



Courtesy:  
H. Tsujii

# EVIDENCE-SACRAL CHORDOMA



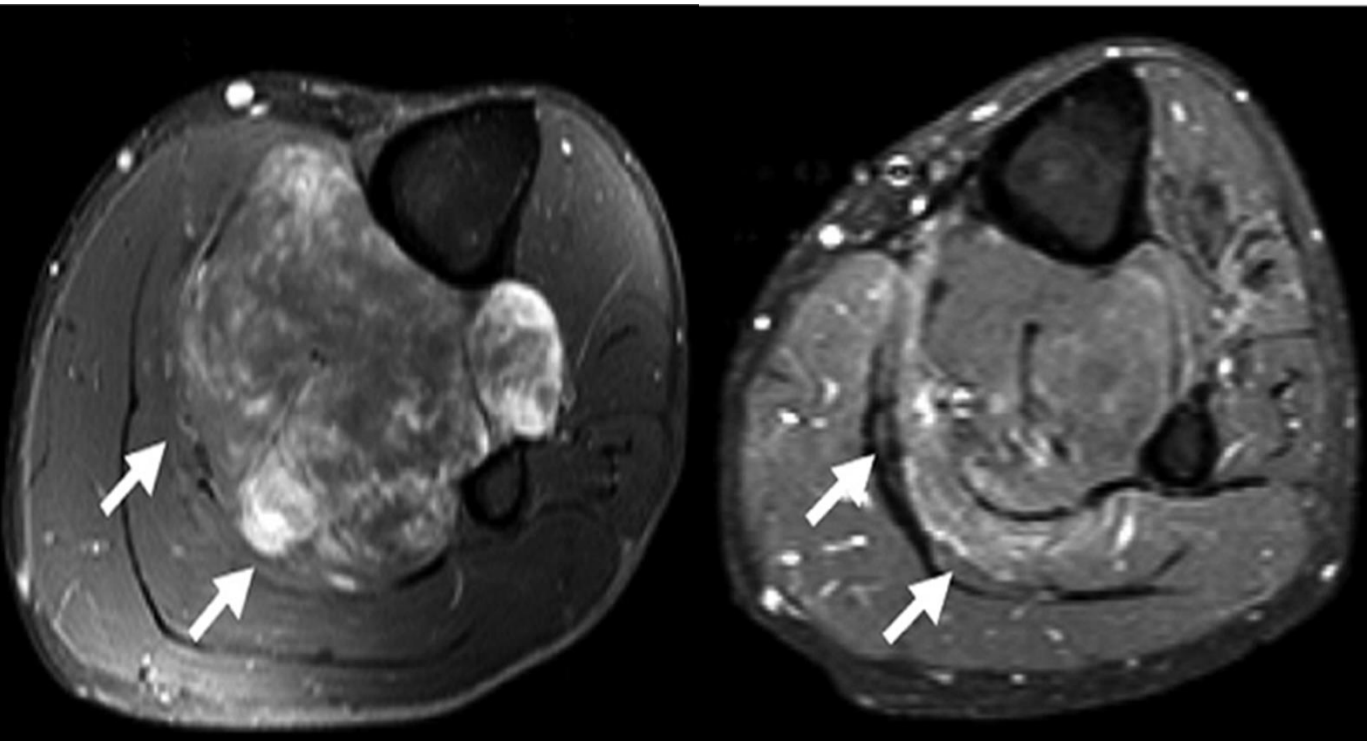
Before CIRT

4years after CIRT

*Imai et al. IJROBP 2010, Imai et al. BJR 2011*



# EXTREMITY SOFT TISSUE SARCOMA



Before RT

66 months after RT



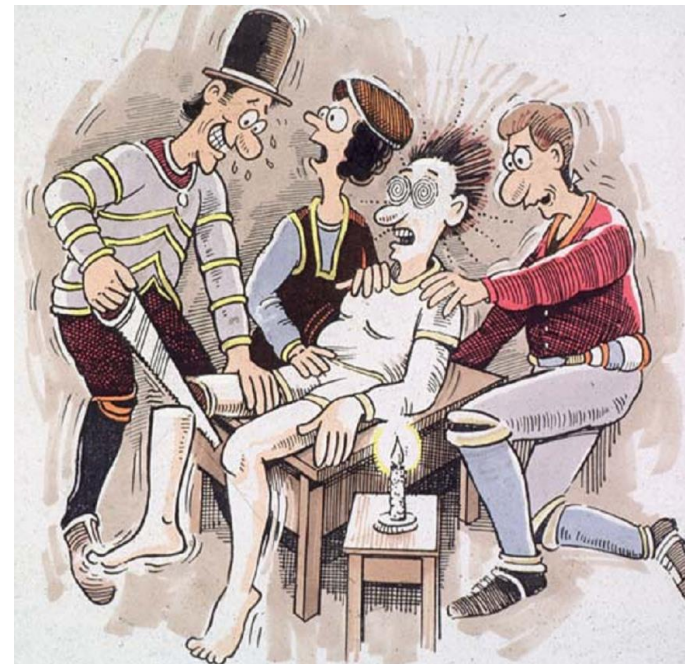
*Sugahara et al. R&O 2012*



# CONCLUSION PART III

**What else can we achieve?**

- **We can avoid mutilating surgeries**



# **OTHER MEDICAL INDICATIONS**

## **LITERATURE OVERVIEW**

# PANCREAS CARCINOMA-PREOPERATIVE

Author	Patients (n)	Therapy	Overall Survival (%) @ 5Y	Late Toxicity ≥ G3 (%)
Ishikawa 1994	17	Photons + OP	28	
Stessin 2008	190	Photons + OP	21	
Satoi 2012	27	Photons + OP	30	
Hong 2014	48	Protons-CHT + OP	42 (2y)	4.1
Shinoto 2013	21	Carbon Ions+ OP	52	5

Ishikawa et al. Arch Surg 1994; 129(10):1075-80  
 Stessin et al. IJROBP 2008; 72(4):1128-33  
 Satoi et al. Pancreas 2012; 41:333-5

Hong et al. IJROBP 2014; 89(4):830-38  
 Shinoto et al. Cancer 2013; 119:45-51

# PANCREAS CANCER-INOPERABLE

Author	Patients (n)	Treatment	Overall survival (%) @ 2Y	Toxicity ≥ G3 (%)
Chauffert 2008	49	CHT+ <b>Photon</b> Adj. CHT	16	32-36
Loehrer 2011	34	CHT+ <b>Photon</b>	12	80
Sudo 2011	34	CHT+ <b>Photon</b>	25	42
Mukherjee 2013	74	CHT+ <b>Photon</b>	7	
Wang 2015	27	CHT+ <b>Photon (IMRT)</b>	41	15
Terashima 2012	50	CHT+ <b>Proton</b>	51	10
Kamada 2015	47	CHT+ <b>Carbon Ion</b>	54	2

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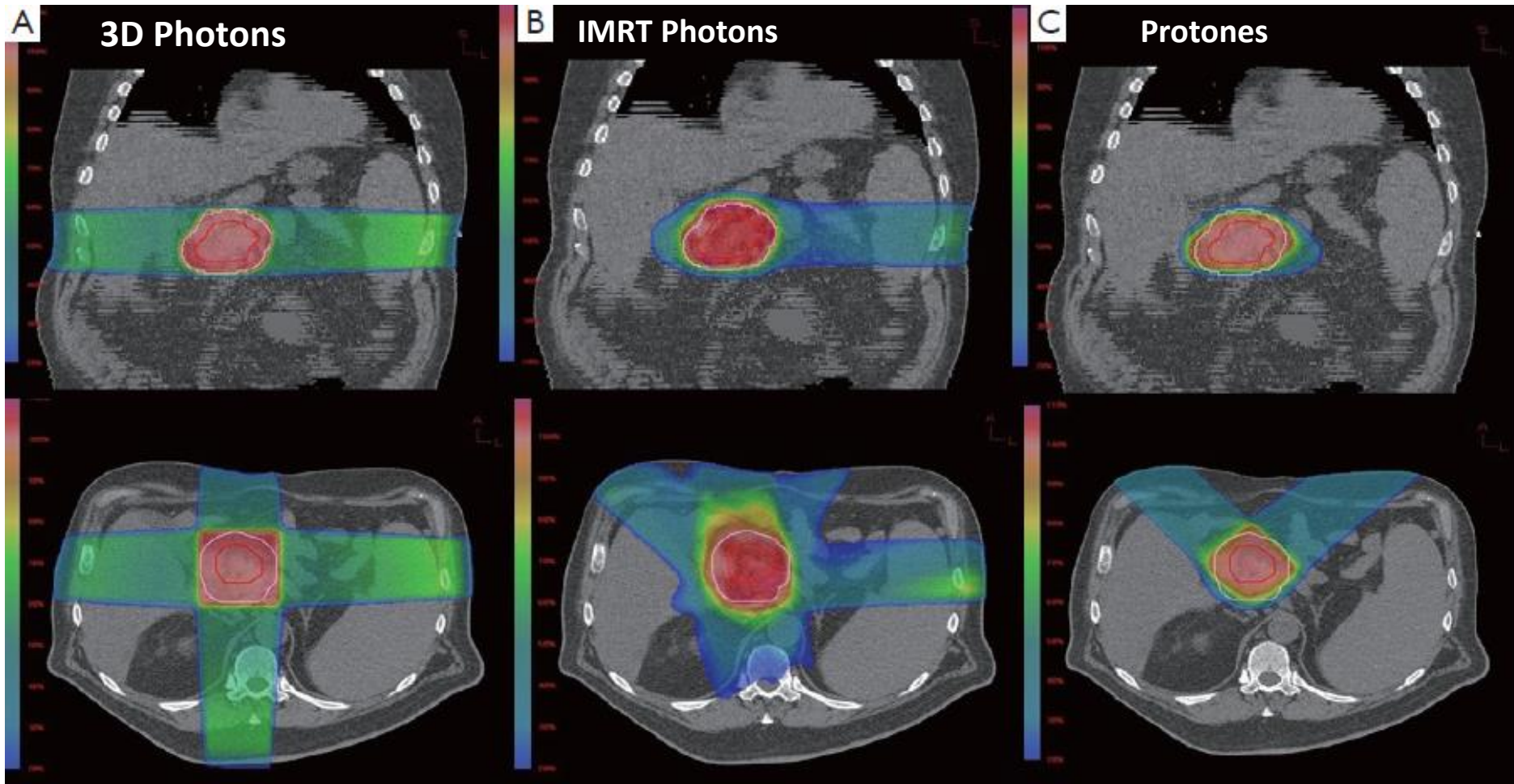
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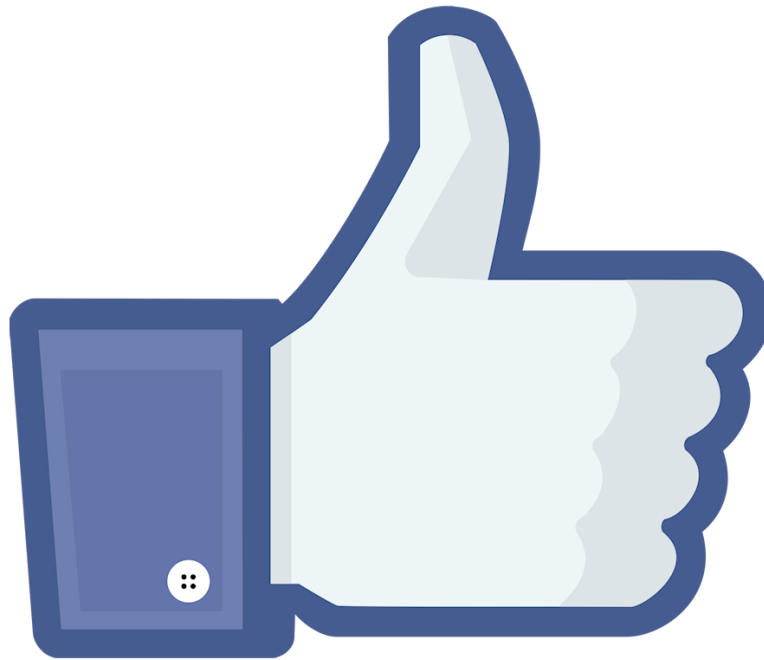
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# CONCLUSION PART IV

- **We can improve the survival data**

# EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE PERFECT

- **Treatment with particles**



# Bayesian Adaptive Randomization Trial of Passive Scattering Proton Therapy and Intensity-Modulated Photon Radiotherapy for Locally Advanced Non–Small-Cell Lung Cancer

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# Hypothesis

... **proton therapy** exposes significantly **less lung tissue to radiation** than photon therapy, which thus **reduces toxicity** **without compromising tumor control.**

# Study Design

Bayesian adaptive randomization  
**PSPT superior to IMXT**  
Concomitant Radiotherapy / Chemotherapy

Stage II to IIIB, IV, recurrent NSCLC  
informed consent

4D CT simulation;  
delineation and peer review of targets  
and organs at risk

74 Gy(RBE) proton and photon  
plans both acceptable?

No

66 Gy(RBE) proton and photon  
plans both acceptable?

- NSCLC
- $\geq 18$  years of age
- KPS  $\geq 70\%$
- Stage II to IIIB
- Stage IV with single brain metastasis
- Recurrence after surgery
- FEV1  $\geq 1L$

No

Randomly assigned at achieved  
dose level

Insurance approval

Denied

Approved

Photons

Protons

IMRT

PSPT

Photons with highest  
dose achievable

Modality that allows higher  
dose with acceptable plan

During treatment  
Weekly CT images  
Replanning if indicated  
MDASI-Lung (optional)  
Blood samples (optional)

Follow-up  
Monthly toxicity assessment  
tests at each follow-up visit

IMXT (n=92)

PSPT (n=57)

## Lung Dose

MLD

 $V_{5-10}$  $V_{20-80}$ 16.6 ≈  
higher  
lower≈ 16.1  
lower  
higher

## Lung Toxicity

(15 %)



(5 %)

≥ G3 Radiation  
Pneumonitis  
@ 12 m

6.5%

10.5%

## Local Failure

(25 %)

PTV + ≤ 1 cm  
@ 12 m

10.9%

10.5%

## Combined LF + RP

17.4%



21.1%

## Discussion

⇒ Initial  
estimations on  
historical data?⇒ Safety  
margins?⇒ Beam  
directions?⇒ Passive  
scattering?

## Conclusions

Primary goal  
missed

⇒ Heart sparing

⇒ Improvement  
over time

# CONCLUSION PART V

- **There is enough evidence to handle particle therapy as „state of the art“ treatment for some indications**

## **BUT**

- **It is still important to perform clinical studies**
- **Study protocols need to be well designed**

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

