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Harmonisation of concepts
and terms for volume and
dose-volume parameters in
photon, proton and
carbon-ion therapy

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Dosimetry protocol for auditing hadron facilities participating in clinical trials

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Who, Where	Country	Particle	Max. clin. energy (MeV)	No. of treatment Rooms	Start of treatment or planned to start	Type of Beam delivery
Clatterbridge	England	p	62	1	1989	passive
Nice	France	p	65	1	1991	passive
HZB (HMI), Berlin	Germany	p	72	1	1998	passive
PSI, Villigen	Switzerland	p	72	1	1984	passive
INFN-LNS, Catania	Italy	p	60	1	2002	passive
Orsay	France	p	70, 200	2	1991	passive
Krakow	Poland	p	70	1	2010	passive
Bratislava	Slovak Rep.	p	72	1	2010	passive
St. Petersburg	Russia	p	1000	1	1975	passive
ITEP, Moscow	Russia	p	250	1.	1969	passive
Dubna	Russia	p	200	1	1999	passive
PSI, Villigen	Switzerland	p	250	1 gantry	1986	scanning
RPTC, Munich	Germany	p	250	5	2009	scanning
PSI, Villigen*	Switzerland	p	250 SCCL	3	2010	scanning
PTC Czech	Czech Rep.	p	230 CL	4	2013	passive, scanning
Trento	Italy	p	230 CL	2	2011?	scanning
CMHPTC, Ruzomberok	Slovak Rep.	p	250 SH	1	2013	passive scanning
Skandion Clinic, Uppsala	Sweden	p	250 CL	2	2013	scanning
RPTC, Koeln	Germany	p	250 SCCL	5	?	scanning
WPE, Essen*	Germany	p	230 CL	4	2010	scanning
CPO, Orsay*	France	p	230 CL	3	2010	scanning
CNAO, Pavia*	Italy	p, C-ion	430/u SH	3-4	2010?	scanning
HIT, Heidelberg	Germany	p, C-ion	430/u SH	3	2010	scanning
Med-AUSTRON, Wiener Neustadt	Austria	p, C-ion	400/u SH	3	2014	scanning
PTC, Marburg*	Germany	p, C-ion	430/u SH	4	2010	scanning
NRoCK, Kiel *	Germany	p, C-ion	430/u SH	3	2012	scanning
ARCHADE, Caen	France	p, C-ion	400/u SCCL	1	2014	scanning
ETOILE, Lyon	France	p, C-ion	400/u SH	3	2015	scanning

**Consistent and
harmonized
dosimetry guidelines**

**Accurate
beam calibration**

Ensure exact delivery
of prescribed dose

Perform planning
of high-precision
conformal therapy

Provide interchange
of clinical experience
and treatment protocols
between facilities

Provide standardization
of dosimetry in radiobiology
experiments

**HOWEVER !!!
there is a lack of national
and international dosimetry
standards in hadron dosimetry**

- **Due to the lack of the standards** dosimetry comparisons between the facilities were used as an independent auditing procedure to verify dose delivery
- Dosimetry intercomparison based on absorbed dose determination in reference conditions (similar to conventional RT) is valid as an independent auditing procedure **only** for passive beam delivery
- **Scanning beam facilities are using multi-step dose per MU calibration and therefore require special dosimetry auditing procedure**

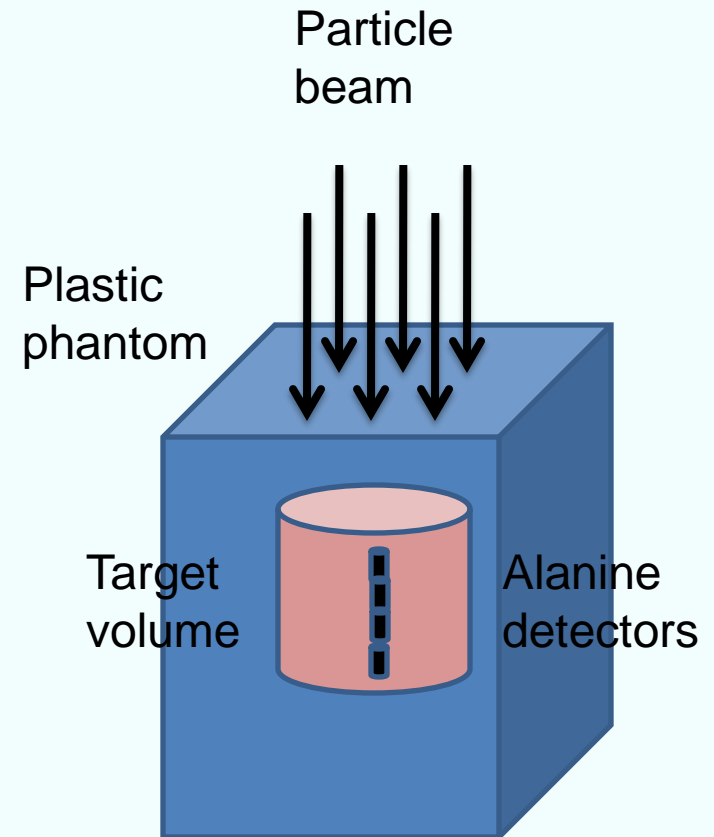
End to end test



- Dosimetry protocol based on end-to-end test can be used for auditing for scanned beam dose delivery
- The purpose of end-to-end test is to confirm that the **entire logistic chain** of radiation treatment starting from CT scanning, treatment planning, monitor calibration and beam delivery is operable and leads to the desired results with sufficient accuracy.

End to end test

- Plastic phantom with alanine detectors
- CT-based treatment planning to deliver prescribed dose (physical dose) to the target volume within the phantom
- Positioning of the phantom and irradiation in a clinical beam



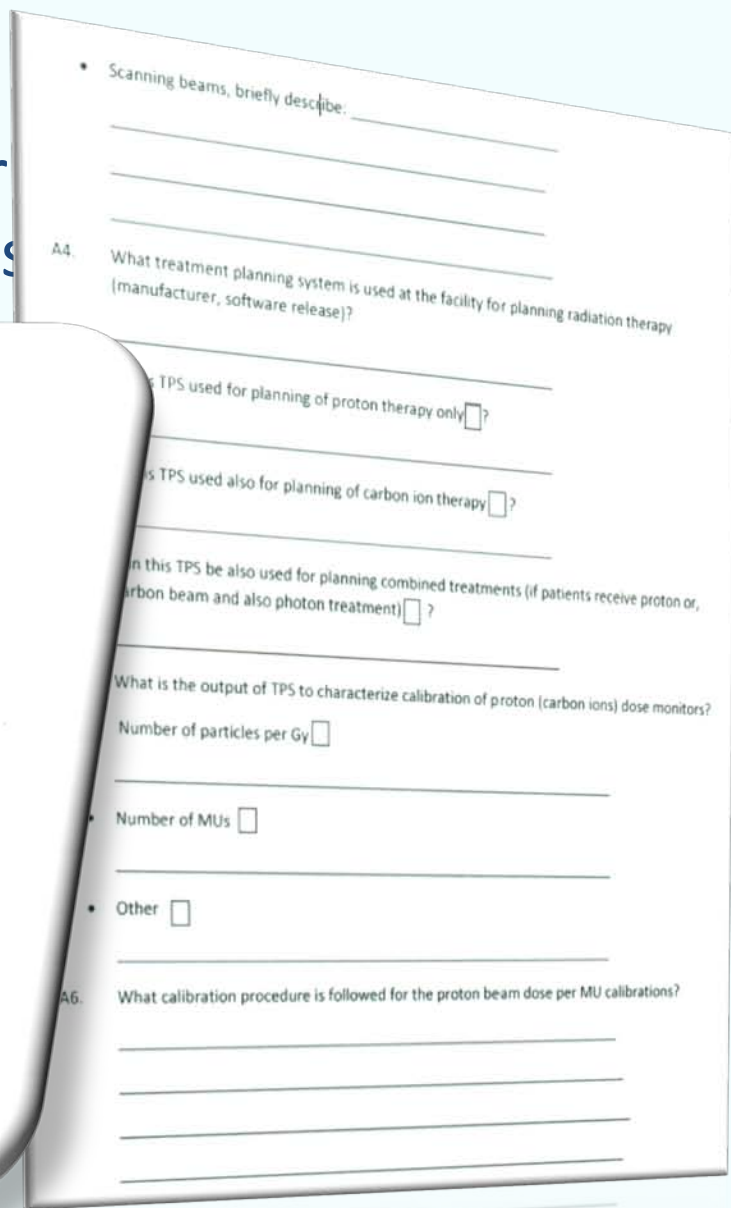
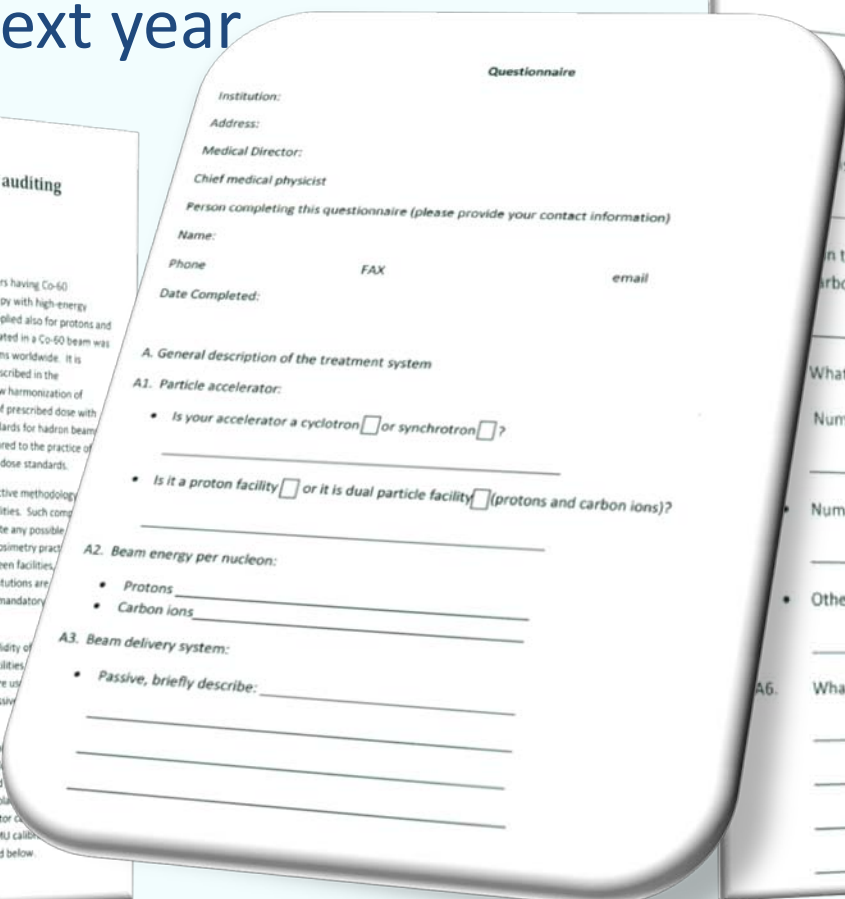
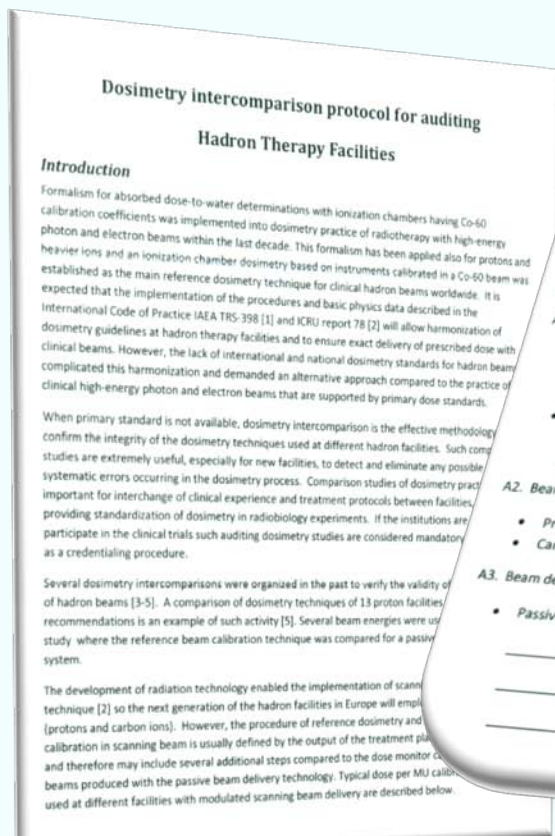
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Proposed steps to establish end-to-end test dosimetry auditing procedure for scanned beam facilities (2)

- To finalize methodology of end-to-end test procedure for dosimetry auditing of scanned beam delivery (cooperation with National Physics Laboratory, UK)
- To organize a pilot study to test the methodology for dosimetry audit in scanned beam delivery (any new starting facility – possible CNAO)

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Development of Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for clinical trial design in hadron therapy

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Structure analysis of existing clinical protocols in photon therapy



Selection criteria

- Open access to study protocols
- Multicentric studies
- Investigators: RTOG, EORTC, Deutsche Krebsgesellschaft
- Radiotherapy as a main treatment option

Study analysis I



Multicenter pilot study

- Therapie von Medulloblastomen des Erwachsenenalters (NOA-07), Neuroonkologische Arbeitsgemeinschaft (NOA) in der Deutschen Krebsgesellschaft (DKG)

Phase II trial

- A Phase II Trial of stereotactic body radiation therapy (SBRT) in the treatment of patients with operable stage I/II Non-small cell lung cancer (RTOG 0618)
- A randomized phase II study comparing 2 stereotactic body radiation therapy (SBRT) schedules for medically inoperable patients with Stage I peripheral Non-small cell lung cancer (RTOG 0915 (NCCTG N0927))
- A phase II trial of image guided preoperative radiotherapy for primary soft tissue sarcomas of the extremity (RTOG 0630)

Study analysis II



Phase III trial

- Radiotherapie versus Radiotherapie plus Hormontherapie bei isoliertem PSA-Anstieg nach radikaler Prostatektomie wegen Prostatakarzinom
- Prospektive randomisierte Vergleichsstudie zur präoperativen Kurzzeit-Radiotherapie versus Langzeit-Radiochemotherapie beim uT2-3 Rektumkarzinom

Randomized Phase II / III study

- Gemcitabime followed by gemcitabine plus concomitant radiation (50.4Gy) versus control after curative pancreaticoduodenectomy for pancreatic head cancer (EORTC protocol 40013-22012)

Principal structure of study protocols



- Background and introduction
- Objective of the trial
- Patient selection criteria
- Trial design/therapeutic regimen
- Radiotherapy procedure/volume definition, dose prescription
- Clinical evaluation and follow-up / endpoints
- Forms and procedures of data collection / statistical considerations
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Different approaches



- External audits of documented data (questionnaires only)
or
- Random sample (10% of the original data including treatment plans etc. are checked)
or
- Simulation- and verification images should be submitted
or
- Treatment plan / target volume contours / isodose distribution etc. have to be submitted on a regular basis



Study protocol guidelines



- **ECCO-AACR-ASCO** Methods in Clinical Cancer Research Phase I / II / III studies
- **EORTC** guidelines for writing protocols for clinical trials of radiotherapy (1995)
- **EORTC** Investigator's Handbook (2002)
- International **Conference on Harmonization (ICH)**,
GCP (Good clinical practice) Guidelines for Clinical Trial Protocol development
ICH Topics E3/E6/E9; European medicines Agency www.emea.eu.int
(Harmonised ICH-criteria for EU, Japan and the United States)
- **Southwest oncology group** (USA): Protocol guidelines
- **Masterprotokoll** (Deutschen Krebsgesellschaft e.V. and Deutsche Krebshilfe)
- Others.....

General analysis of different study protocol guidelines



Short description of a study concept

- ECCO-AACR-ASCO
- EORTC
- GCP (Good clinical practice) Guidelines
- Southwest oncology group
- Masterprotokoll

More detailed description

- ECCO-AACR-ASCO
- Masterprotokoll

Detailed description of Phase I / II / III studies

- ECCO-AACR-ASCO

Planned SOP design



„Solved questions“

- General structure/main topics of protocols
- Study in accordance to the Declaration of Helsinki
- Study in accordance to Good Clinical Practise (Harmonised ICH-criteria)

„Open questions“

- Target volume definition
- Dose prescription
- Data review management etc.

Conclusion I



- Analysis only refers to personally available protocols/protocol guidelines
- Comparison of current analysis with actual Hadrontherapy protocols has to be performed
- Main structure of ion beam SOP should correspond to current photon based instructions

Conclusion II



- Several general aspects have to be discussed:
 - **Main protocol organisation**
 - Review committee
 - Data monitoring/quality assurance programm
 - **Radiotherapy treatment planning and performance**
 - Delineation of target volumes
 - Dose prescription
 - Dose limits to organs at risk

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Review of the existing protocol structure in large clinical research organisations (national and international) as collected by WP 10

- Up to now different photon based protocols have been analysed
- Existing protocols of ion beam therapy will be provided by WP 10 in the near future and then analysed within the next weeks...

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Design and implementation of a clinical research infrastructure in ULICE

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Description of tasks with a proposal for potential structures for clinical research in ULICE