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## Novità in Radioterapia in Età Pediatrica



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**CRO Aviano - Cancer Center**

### Activities of RT-Department

- ❖ 2,100 new patients / year
- ❖ 42,000 treatments / year
- ❖ 160 patients / day

### Human resources RT:

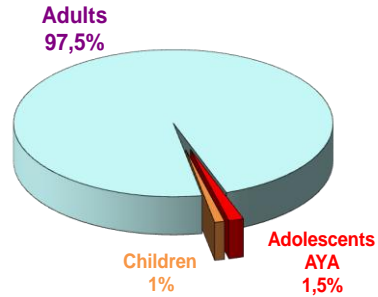
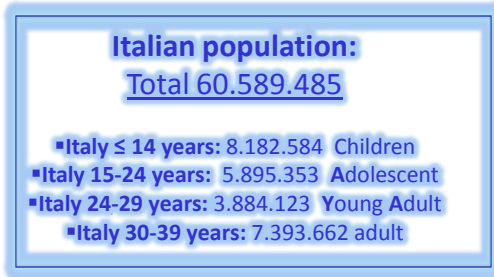
- ✓ Physician 14
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- ✓ Informatics 2
- ✓ Radiotherapist 19



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## Children, Adolescents and Young Adults



### Cancer Incidence

- Age 0-14 years: 175 cases/million/years (≈ 1380 new cases)
- Age 15-19 years: 270 cases/million/years (≈ 804 new cases)
- Age 20-24 years: 352 cases/million/years (≈ 1096 new cases)
- Age 25-29 years: 547 cases/million/years (≈ 1944 new cases)

*I tumori in FVG 1995-2005, Agenzia Reg Sanità - ISTAT 2012*

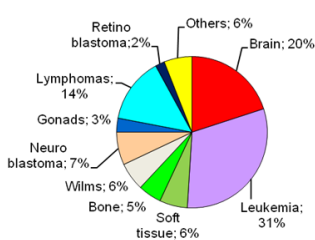
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*Bleyer A et al SEER 1975-200*

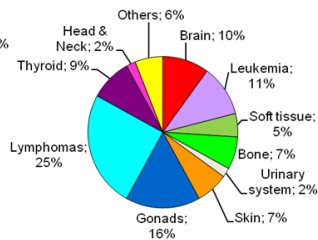
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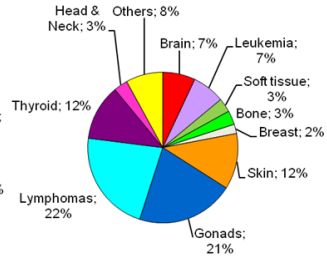
### Age related cancer subtypes



Age 0-14 years



Age 15-19 years



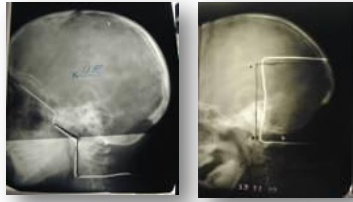
Age 20-24 years

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## CRO History of Radiotherapy in children



1975  
Cobalto

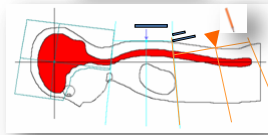


1985  
Acc. Lineare

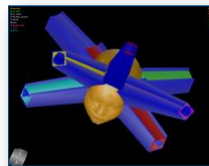
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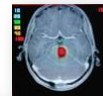
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1995  
PC planning



2000  
3D conformal

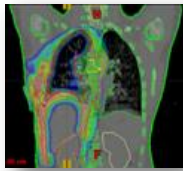


2001  
Stereotassi

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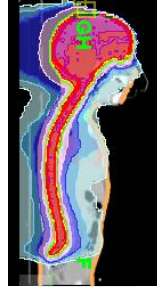
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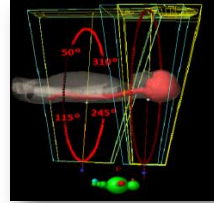
2005  
IMRT  
IGRT



2005  
IORT



2006  
TOMO



2012  
ArcTherapy



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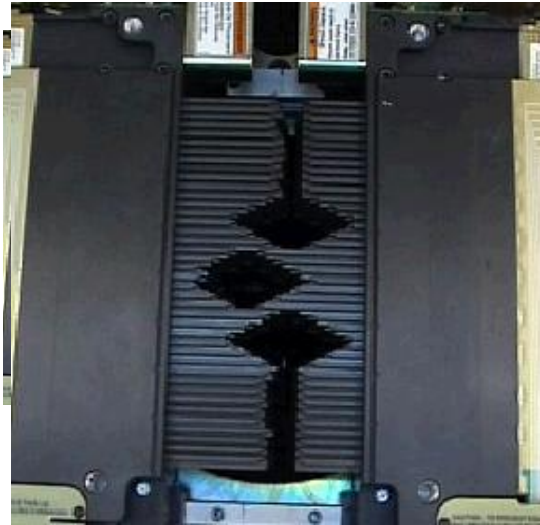
## Linear Accelerator 6MV



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## Multi Leaf Collimator



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## TomoTherapy

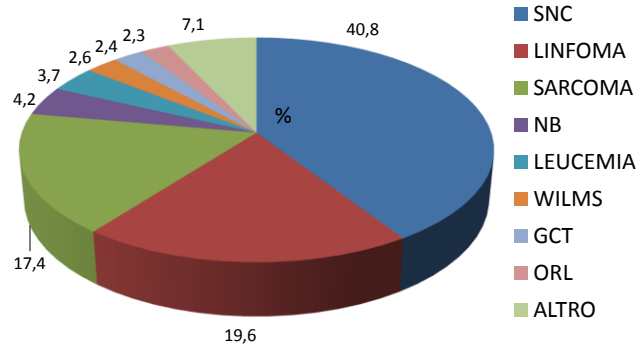


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## CRO Aviano – RT in Pediatric-AYA Patients

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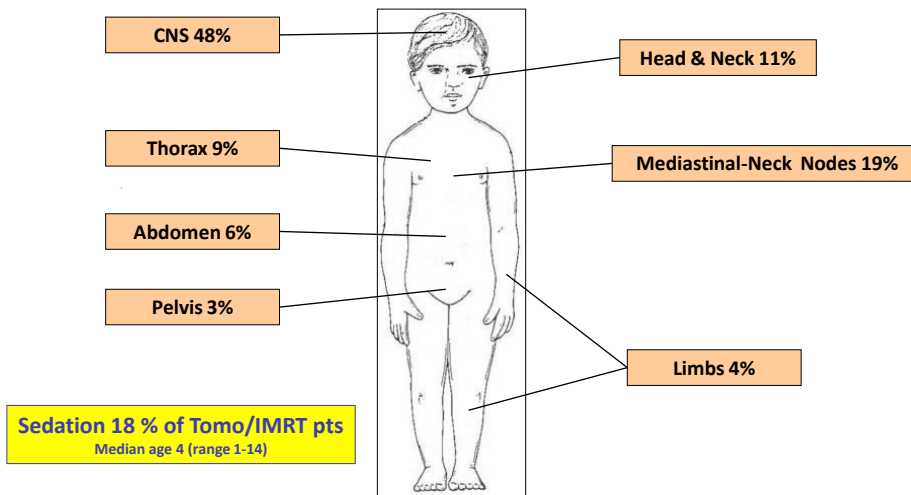


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## CRO Aviano – Tomo/IMRT in Pediatric-AYA Patients

(pts recruited from June 2005 to May 2018: 299 Tomo/IMRT)



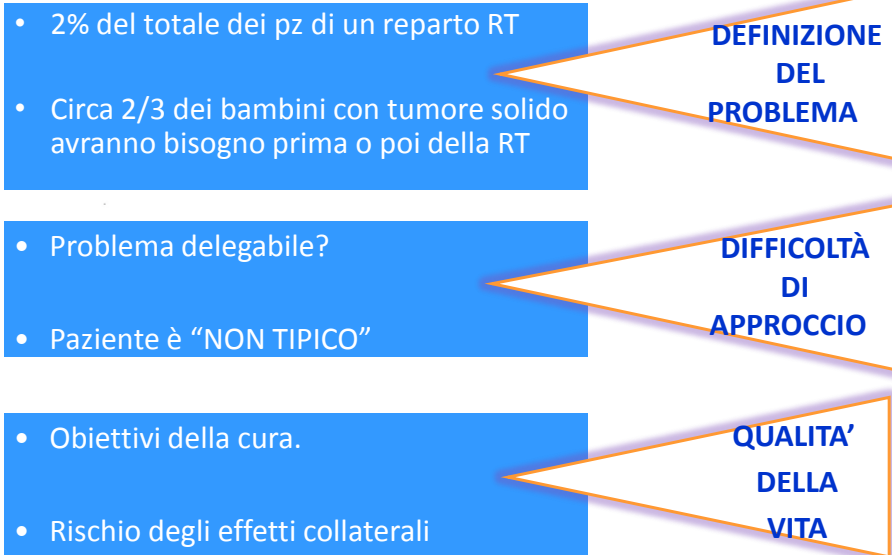
**Sedation 18 % of Tomo/IMRT pts**  
Median age 4 (range 1-14)

**222 TOMO pts (+77 IMRT). Median age 14 years**

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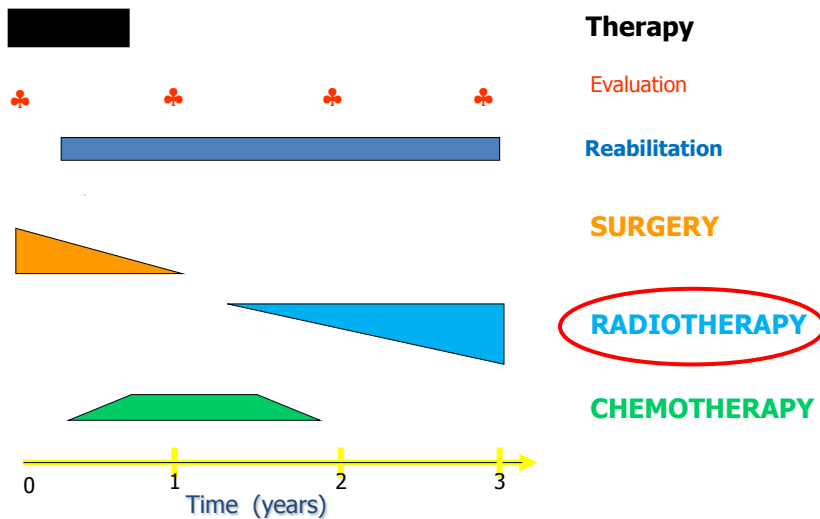
# Radiotherapy in Pediatric Tumors



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# Pediatric Tumors and Outcome

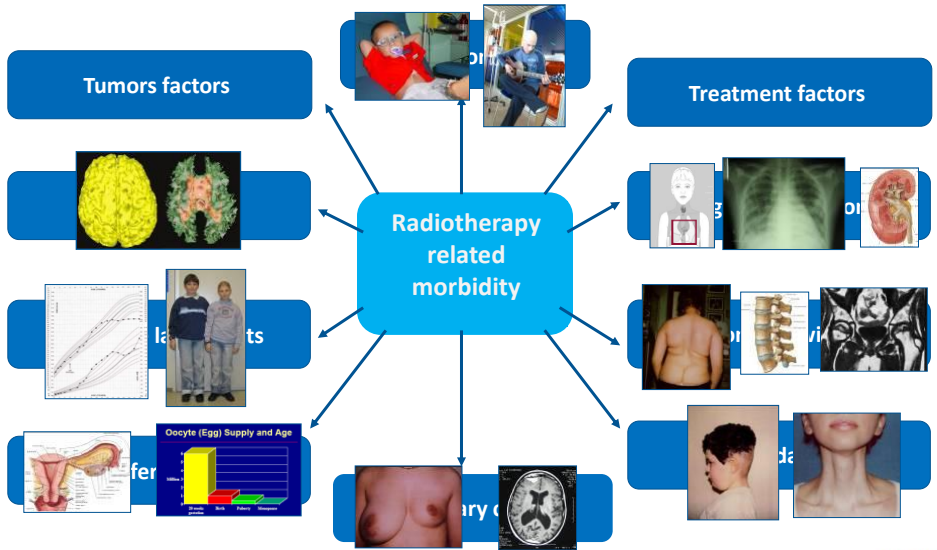


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Clinical assesment



## → Risk-adapted radiotherapy ←



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## → Risk-adapted therapy ←

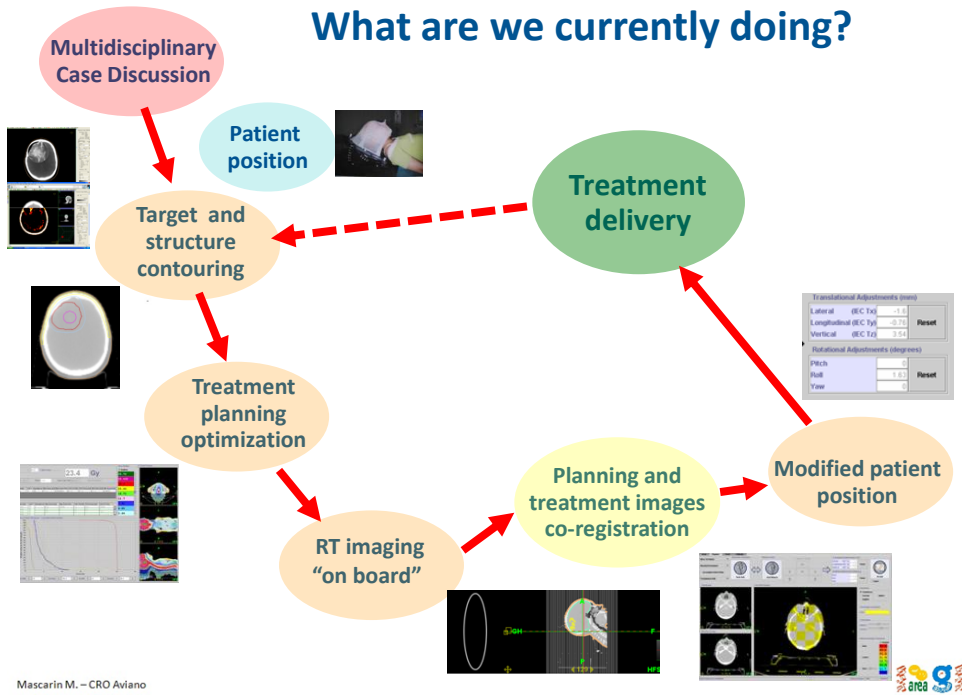


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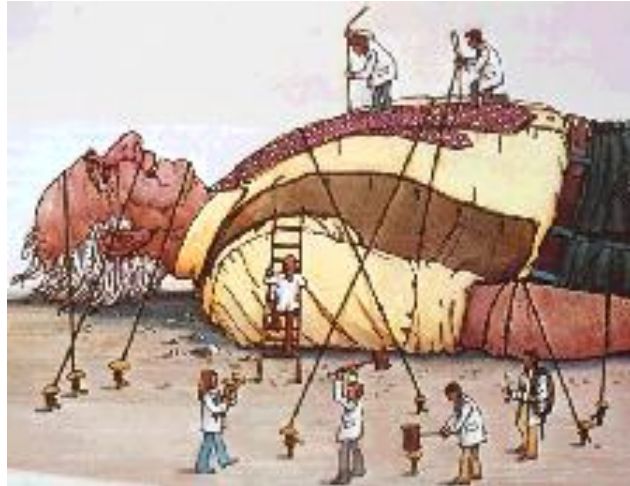


## What are we currently doing?



# Immobilization

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# Immobilization



1959

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# Immobilization



Halperin 1950

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# Immobilization



1980

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# Immobilization

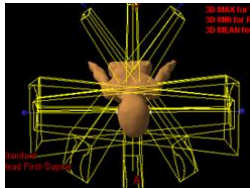


2000

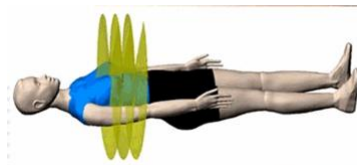
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## “old” prone position, “new” supine position



**Prone**



**Supine**

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# Immobilization



Mask + shoulder



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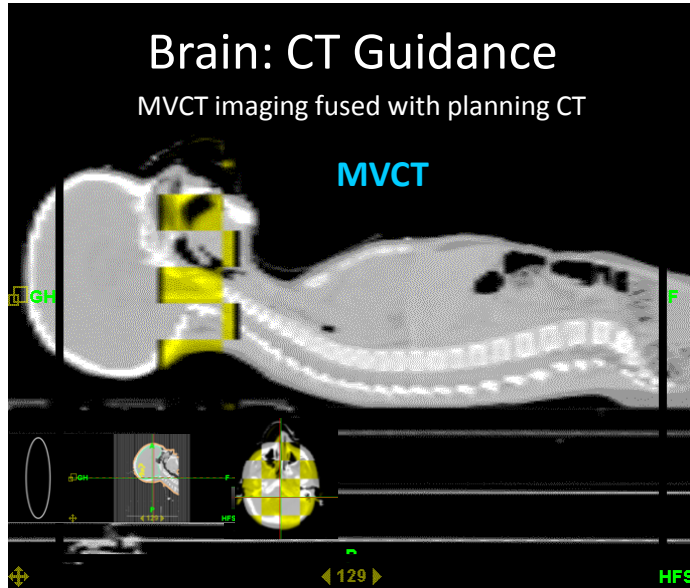
# IGRT Image Guided Radiotherapy



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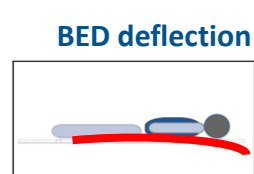
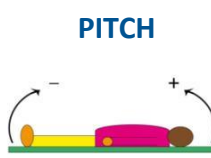
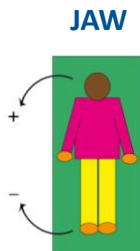
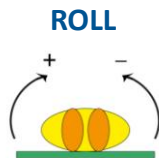
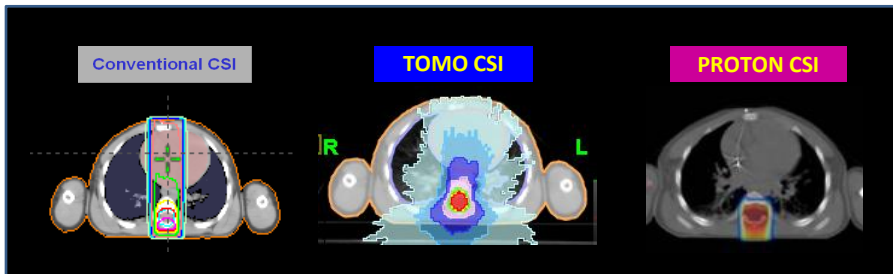
## IGRT and Tomo



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## IGRT and technology selection



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## Sedation - Pt positioning - Immobilization



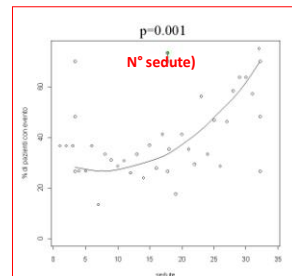
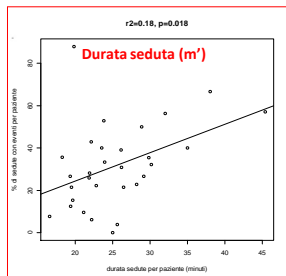
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## Sedation with propofol in Pediatric Radiotherapy

In 783 sedazioni con Propofol per RT ped:

- nessuna complicazione maggiore,
- **2 desaturazioni (0,25%),**
- 92 variazioni della frequenza cardiaca (11,7%),
- 173 complicitanze minori vie aeree (22%).



**Vi è un aumento degli eventi collaterali durante la sedazione all'aumentare della durata della stessa (28 vs 24 m') e all'aumentare del numero progressivo delle sedazioni (>15).**

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LA SEDAZIONE CON PROPOFOLIN RADIOTERAPIA PEDIATRICA Mascarin M, Giergli M, Fantin D, Bortolussi R, Fabiani F, Bertuzzi C, Gigante M, Capone D, Fedrigo F, Pase P, Ros L, Bassi I, Pacenzia R, D'Eccllesia G, Bullian P, De Cicco M, Proceeding Congresso Nazionale AIEOP 2010

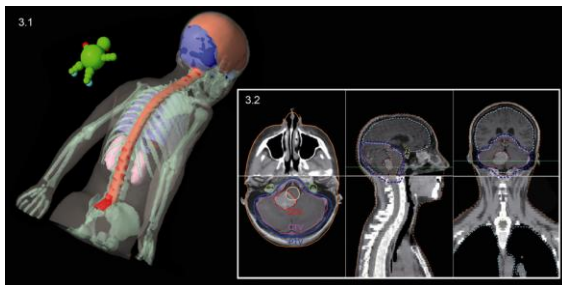


# Target Definition

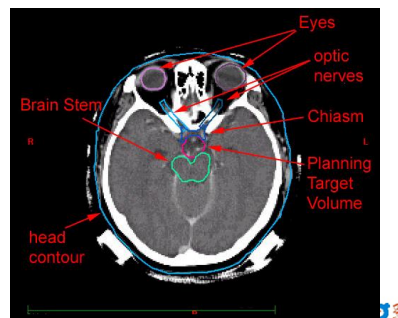
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## Definition of tumor treatment volume and OAR



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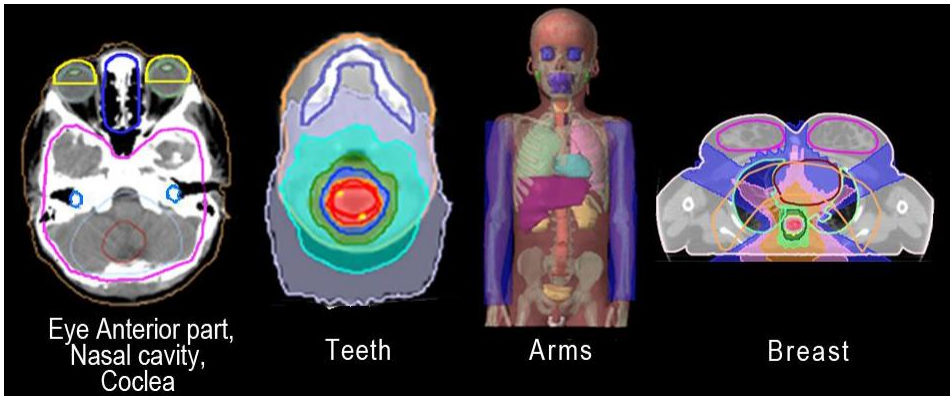


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## OAR Organ at Risk



Some extra structures were generated (“tune structures”) to obtain a better optimization around the target

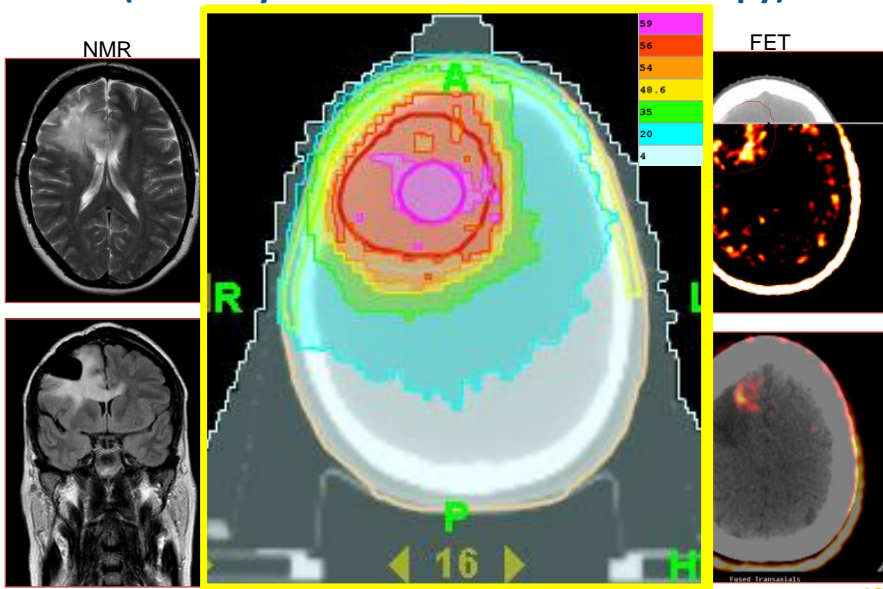
**If OARs are not contoured, the process “doesn’t matter”**

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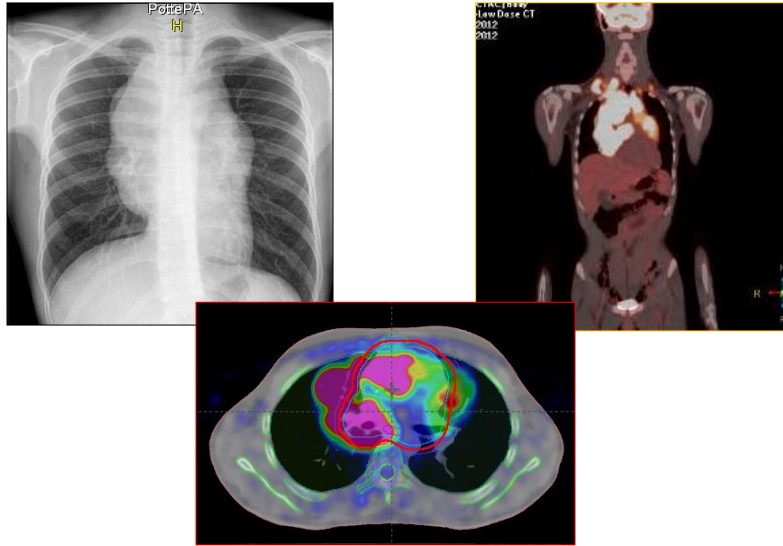
## From multimodality co-registration to IMRT (Intensity Modulation Radiation Therapy)



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# Tumor shrinking

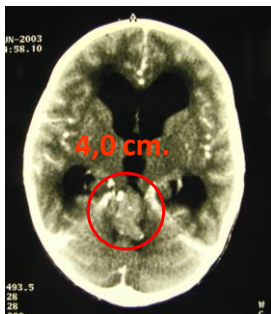


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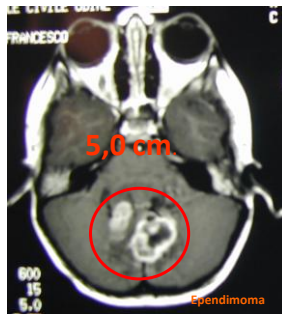
Comparison between diagnostic PET and CT/RT-simulation after chemotherapy



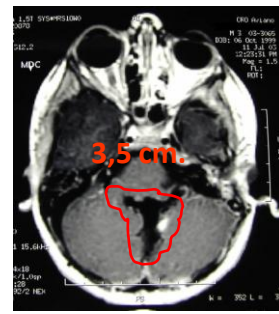
# “Tumor shrinking”



TC pre-operatoria



RNM pre-operatoria



RNM post-operatoria

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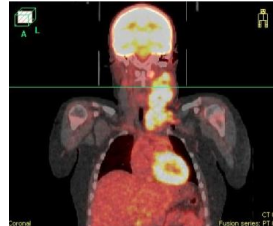
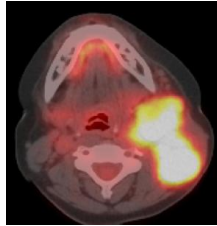


# Could Radiotherapy Volumes safely reduced?

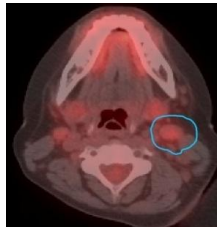
EURONET PHL C2  
Radiotherapy volumes "DECOPDAC21"

**RT volumes planned on disease burden at the chemotherapy course (ISRT - INRT modified).**

Initial PET/CT



LRA-qPET  
At the end of CT



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Confidential: Prof. Dr. Dieter Köhrholz, Prof Karin Dieckmann

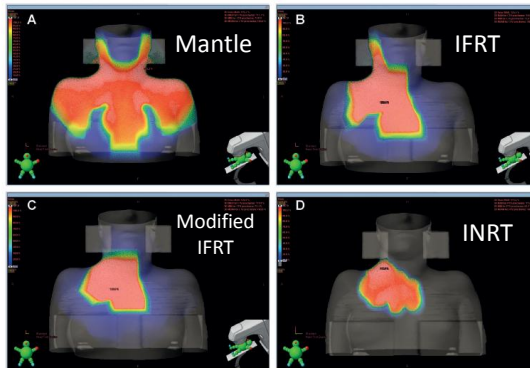
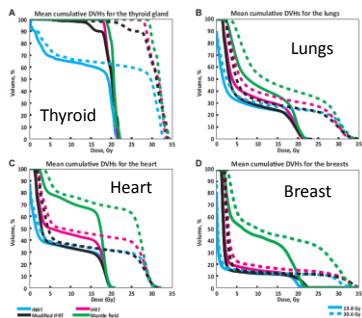


# Could Radiotherapy Volumes safely reduced?

Pediatr Blood Cancer 2014;61:717-722

The Impact of Involved Node, Involved Field and Mantle Field Radiotherapy on Estimated Radiation Doses and Risk of Late Effects for Pediatric Patients with Hodgkin Lymphoma

M.V. Marafioti, M. Jørgensen, N.F. Brodin, M.C. Aznar, E.R. Vogels, P.M. Petersen, A.R. Berthelsen, C.B. Christensen, L.L. Hjalgrim, and L. Specht



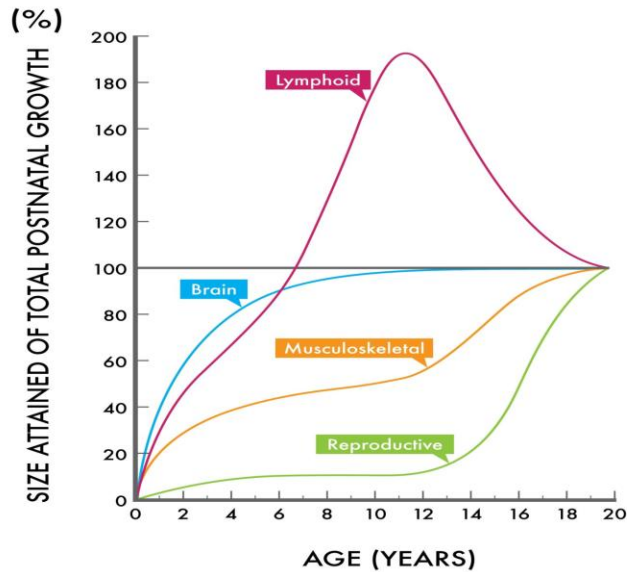
Mantle fields  
IFRT  
Modified IFRT  
ISRT

Involved Node Radiotherapy should be considered for pediatric patients with Hodgkin lymphoma since it is estimated to substantially lower the risk of severe long-term complications.

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## Postnatal tissue growth

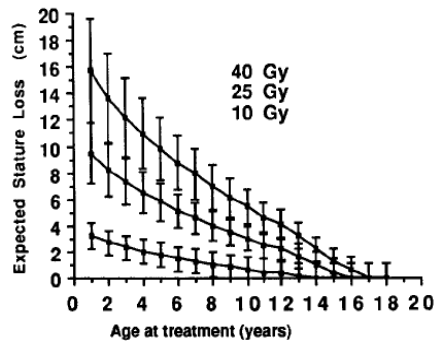
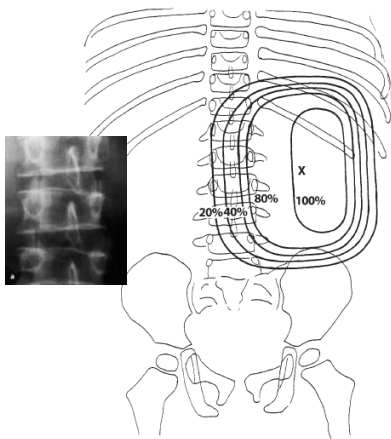


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## Pathophysiology of Bone Growth Damage

Younger age, higher radiation dosage, and asymmetric bone radiation volume influences the detrimental effects of RT.



**Skeletal Loss for a radiotherapy field from T10-11 to L4-5**

using a hypothetical male patient with IAS equal to 176.8 cm. Each point corresponds to an age when irradiated, a dose in Gray, and SL ± 1 SD.

Silber et al, JCO 1990

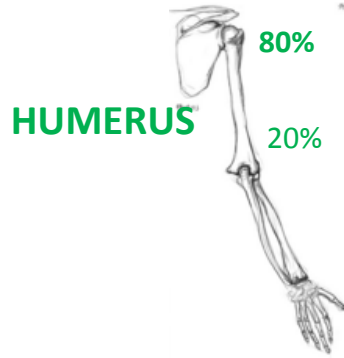
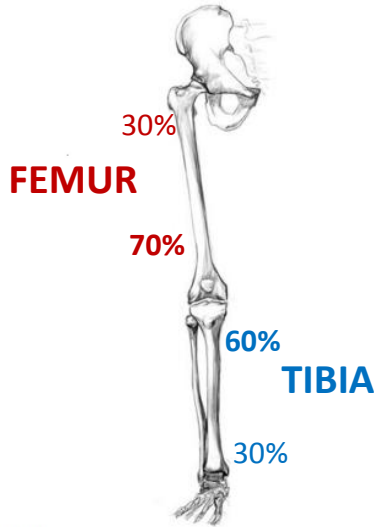
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# Legs

## Bone Development & Growth in Children

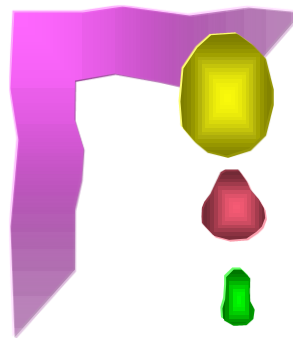
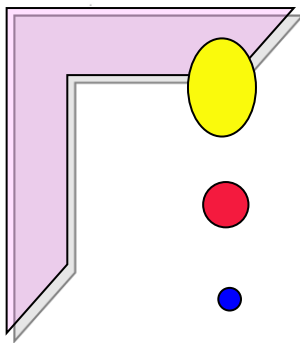


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## “4D Radiotherapy”

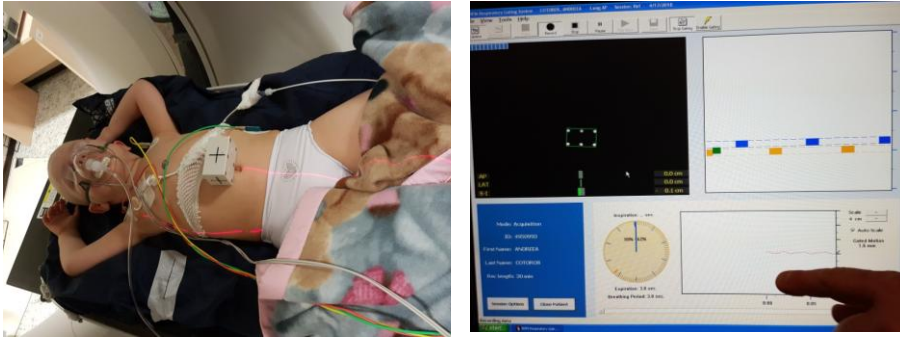
take account of **Spatial-Temporal Evaluation of the Target** during the imaging, planning and delivery of the radiotherapy.



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# “4D Radiotherapy” ?



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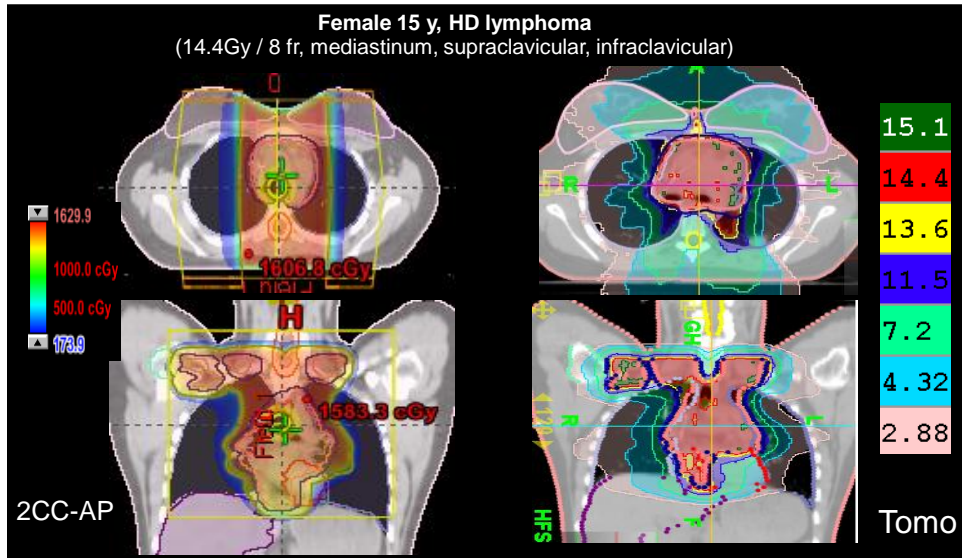


## Dose Distribution

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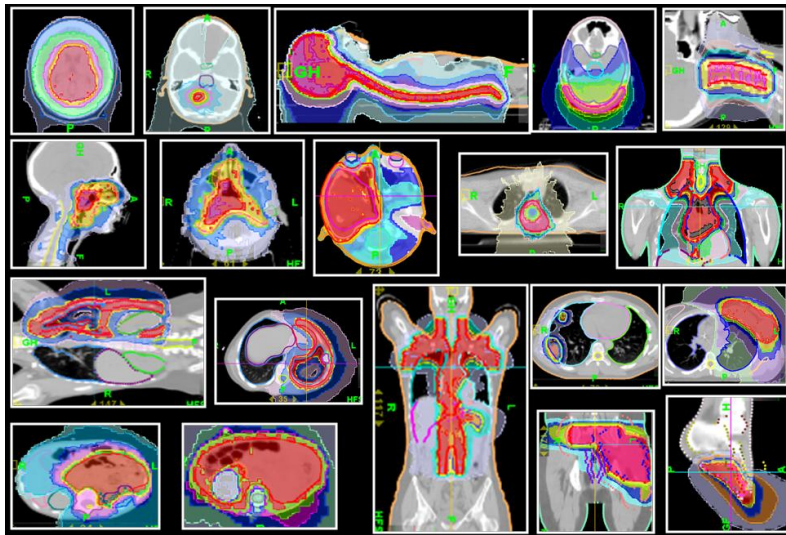
## Dose distribution Traditional vs High conformal RT



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## Indications for HT



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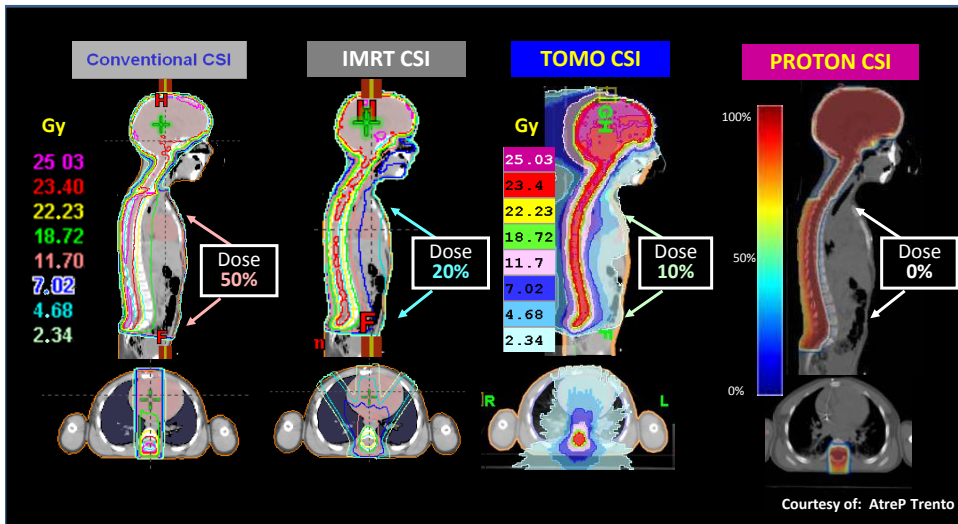


# Craniospinal Irradiation

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## Craniospinal irradiation



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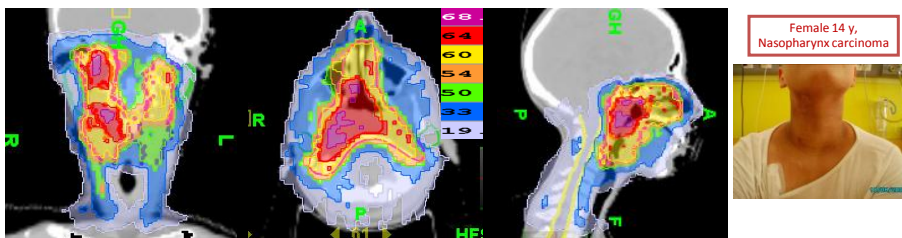


# Head and Neck

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## TOMO in Nasopharynx Carcinoma



- NO multiple fields, different energies, junctions
- Easy delivering different doses at different volumes:
  - sequential boost, SIB
  - SIB lower doses surrounding high dose PTV than sequential boost
  - HT-SIB better homogeneity and sparing of OAR
- Reduced incidence of high grade toxicity, delayed onset moderate toxicity → prevention of treatment breaks → reduction in the total RT time

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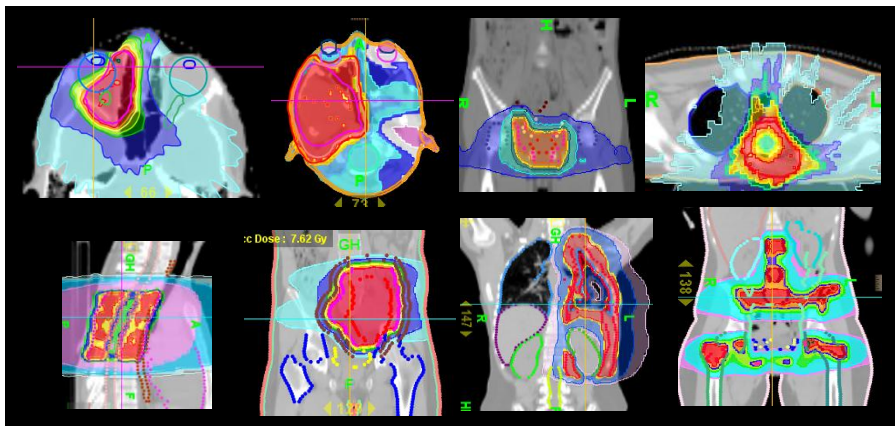


# Sarcoma (soft tissue / bone)

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## Sarcoma (soft tissue/bones)



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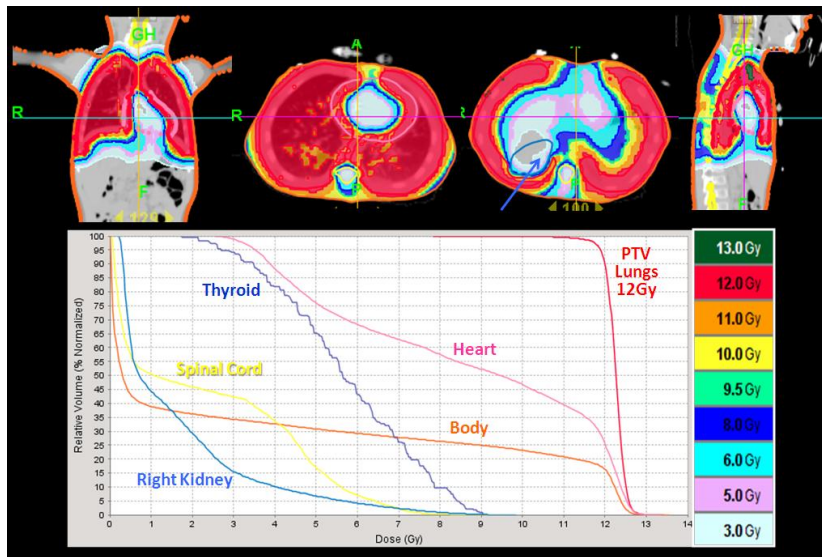


# Lung irradiation

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## Whole lung irradiation

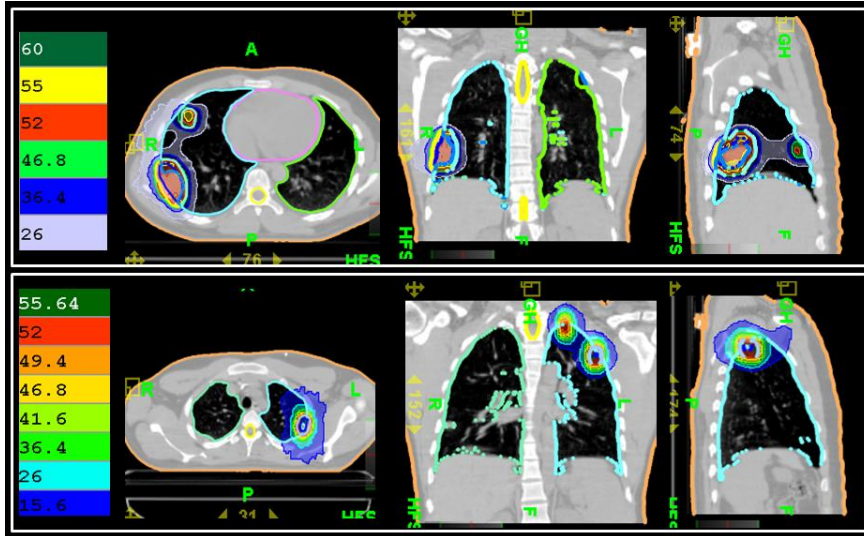


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## Lung stereotactic irradiation



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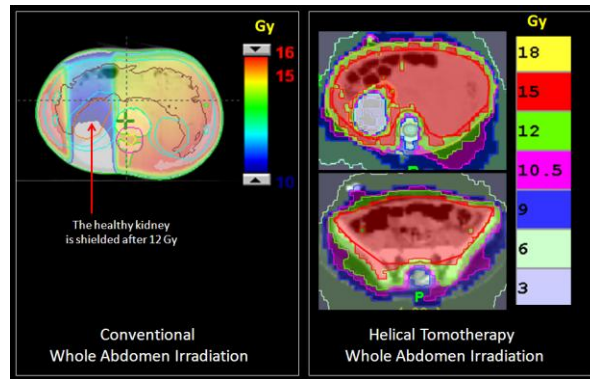
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## Whole abdominal irradiation

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## Whole abdominal irradiation



- Adequate coverage
- Limited dose to residual kidney, spinal cord, bone marrow
- Reduced dose to small bowel
- Homogeneous dose along vertebral bodies

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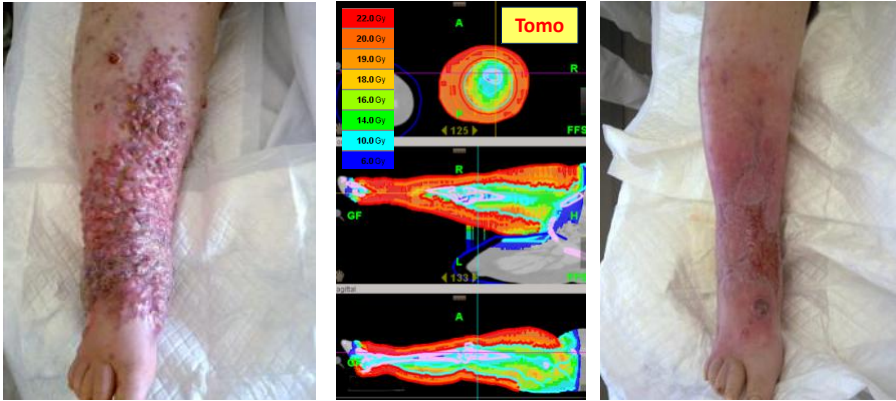


## Palliations

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## Palliative Intent



Female, 22y, alveolar rhabdomyosarcoma, Site: Leg, PRO during CT, RT20Gy/5fr.

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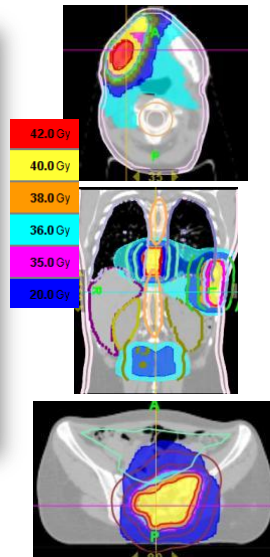


## Improve the Quality of Life



High School exit examination

Female, 18 y, stage IV° Ewing/PNET



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What are we currently doing?

# Video TSRM

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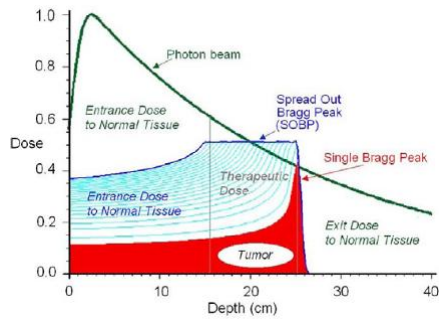


**Proton therapy**

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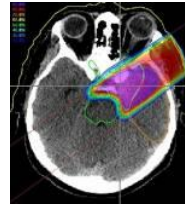


## PROTON Therapy



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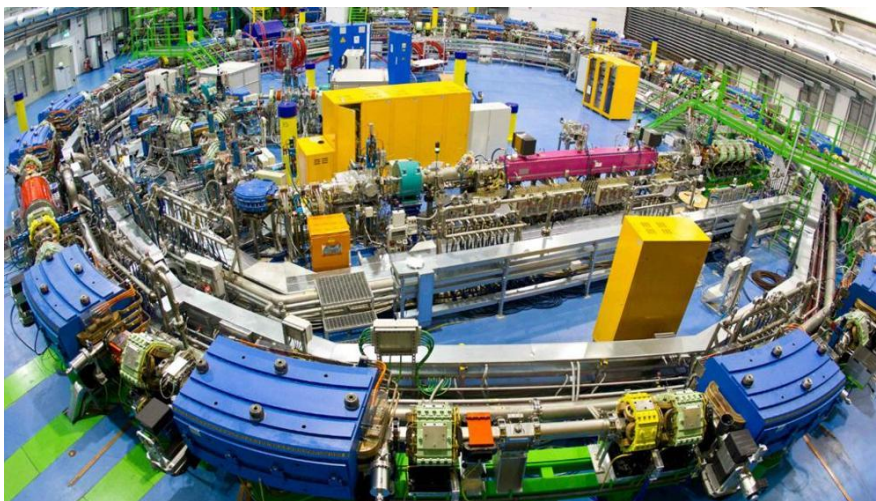
- **Protons Stop!!**
- **Photons don't stop.**
- **Proton dose at depth (target) is greater than dose at surface.**
- **Photon dose at depth (target) is less than dose at  $d_{max}$ .**



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## PROTON Therapy (CNAO Pavia)

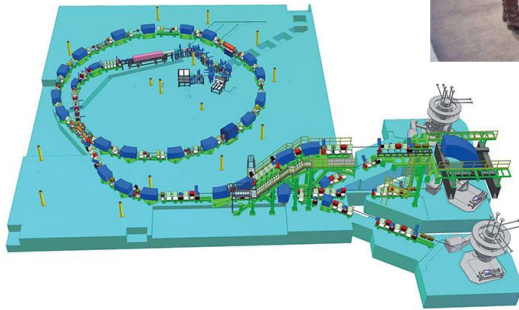


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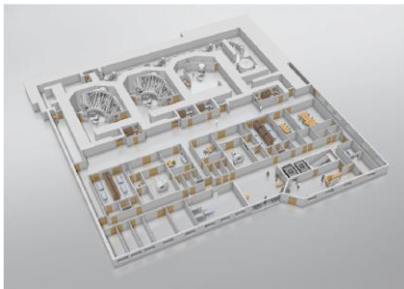
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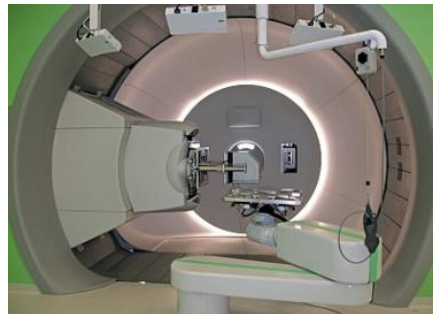
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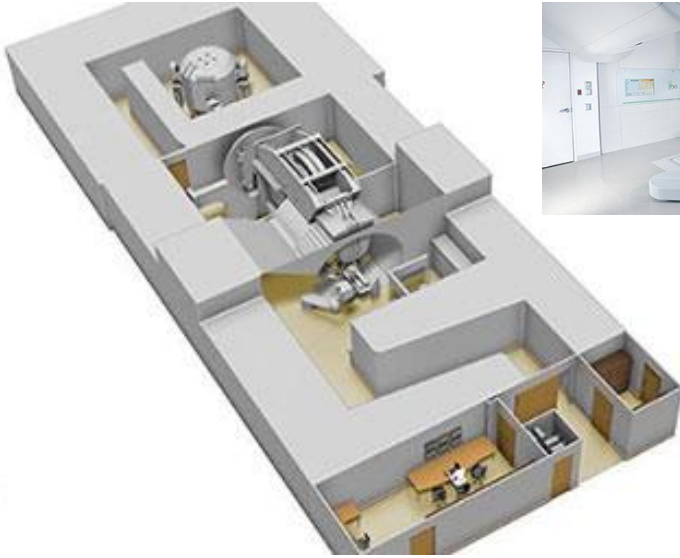
## PROTON Therapy (IBA Trento)



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## PROTON Therapy (IBA)



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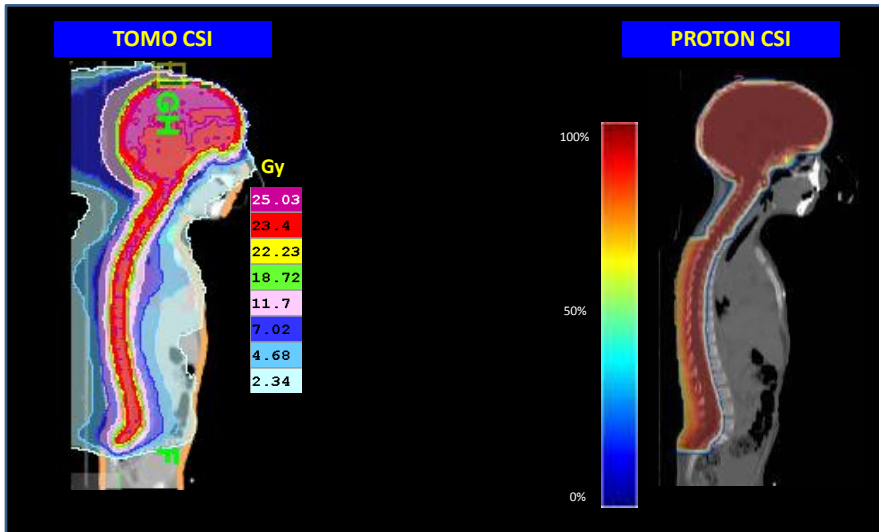
## PROTON Therapy (MEVION)



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## TomoTherapy vs Proton Therapy in CSI

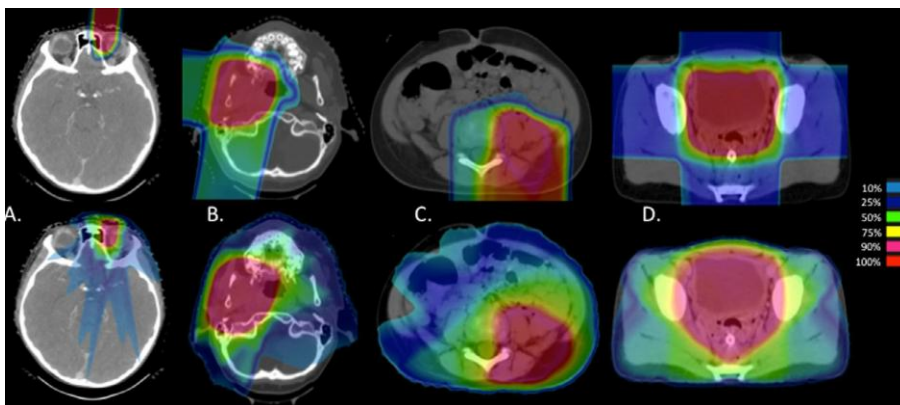


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## Dosimetric comparison of proton and IMRT in pediatric RMS on a prospective phase II study



Ladra et al, Radiother Oncol 113:77-83, 2014

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## PROTON Therapy

Both Proton and Tomo/IMRT provided satisfactory conformation and OARs sparing in complex pediatric cases.

Proton demonstrated superior target coverage, homogeneity, conformity, and OARs sparing.

In some situations (small volumes, shallow depths) Tomo provided comparable results.

Learning curve, not only for technology but also in pediatric oncology subset.

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## The “value” of radiotherapy process



**HIGH TECH:** “new technologies”  
**HIGH TOUCH:** “special patient”

§ persone/giorno di trattamento RT

RT*	Ricavi €	Simulation	Contouring	Planning	Treatment §	Anesthesia
Mammella	4420	20'	30'	60'	10'	no
Prostata	5170	30'	30'	60'	12'	no
Cerebrale	6870	40'	120' 180' (fusion)	120' 180'	20'	30'
Craniospinale	7770	60'	180' 240' (fusion)	480' 600'	30'	45'

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