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Choosing Between Surgery and Stereotactic Body Radiation for Patients with Early-Stage Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

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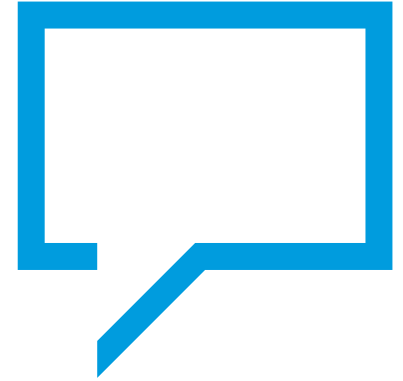
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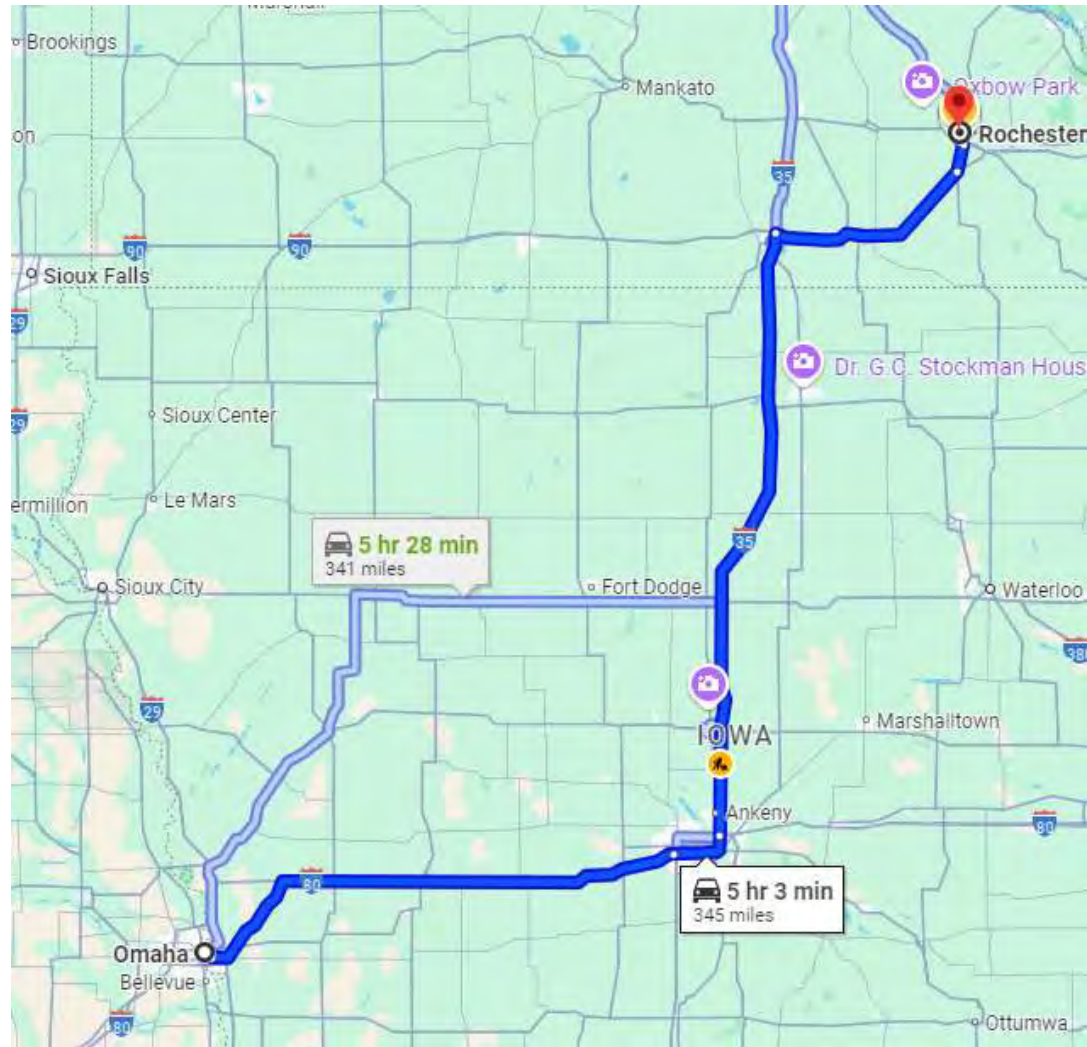
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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- **Roles of Surgery and Radiation Therapy in Early-stage NSCLC and metastases**
- **Rationale and Clinical Applications for SBRT**
- **Technical and Dosimetric Considerations**
- **Future Directions**
- **Open Discussion; Questions and Answers**

Mayo Clinic Rochester (Minnesota) – 2011-2015

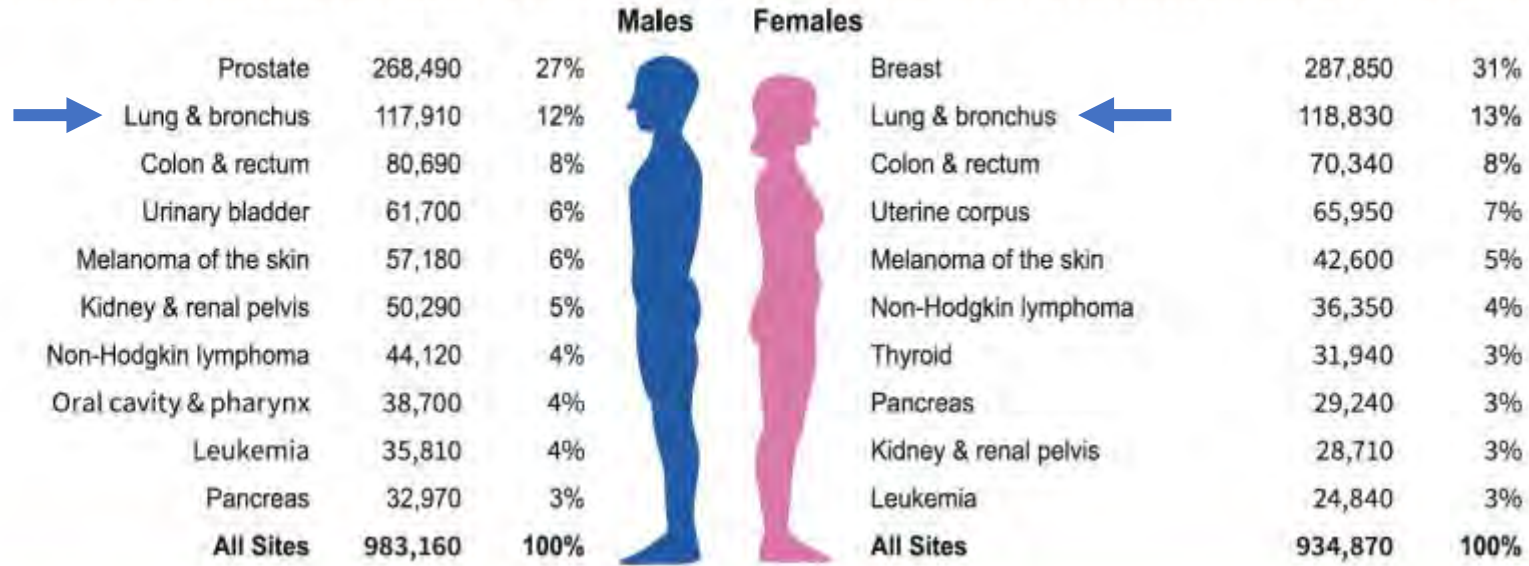




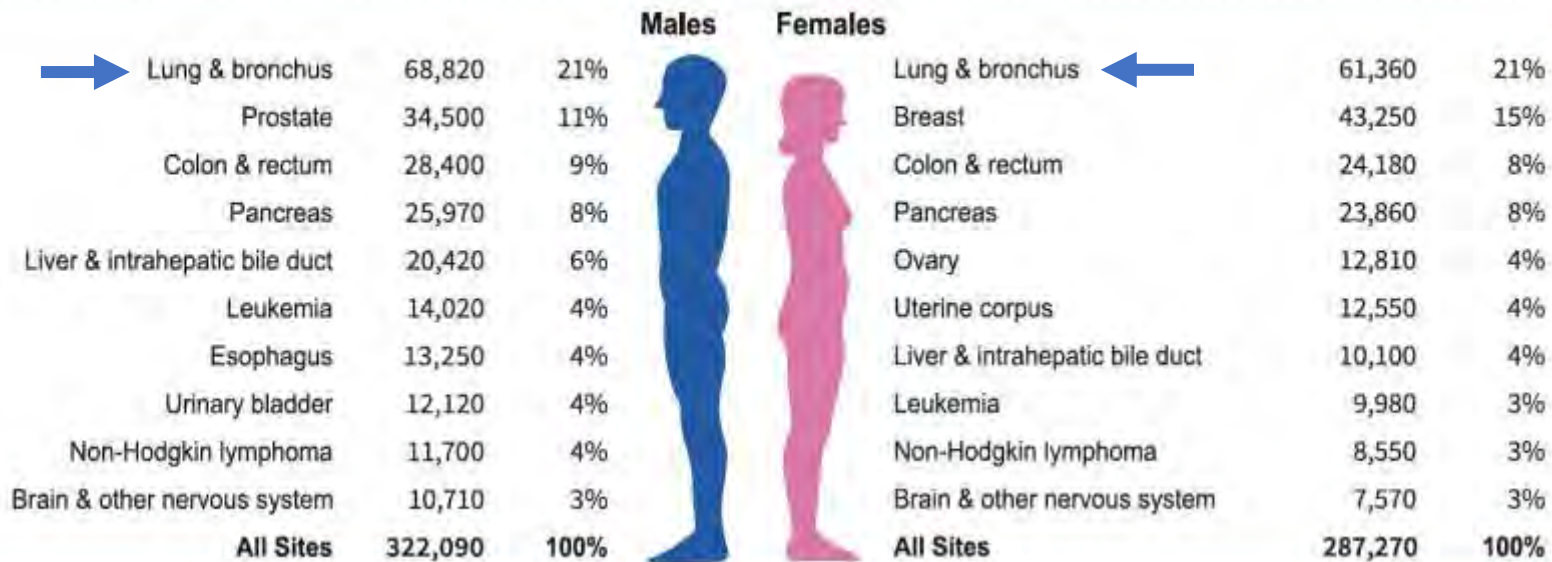
Mayo Clinic Cancer Center (Arizona) – Since 2016



Estimated New Cases




Estimated Deaths



Growing Population of Survivors

Figure 1. Estimated Number of US Cancer Survivors by Site as of January 1, 2022

	Male			Female	
Prostate	3,523,230		Breast	4,055,770	
Melanoma of the skin	760,640		Uterine corpus	891,560	
Colon & rectum	726,450		Thyroid	823,800	
Urinary bladder	597,880		Melanoma of the skin	713,790	
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	451,370		Colon & rectum	710,670	
Kidney & renal pelvis	376,280		Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	394,180	
Oral cavity & pharynx	311,200		Lung & bronchus	367,570	←
Testis	303,040		Uterine cervix	300,240	
Leukemia	300,250		Ovary	246,940	
← Lung & bronchus	287,050		Kidney & renal pelvis	230,960	
All sites	8,321,200		All sites	9,738,900	

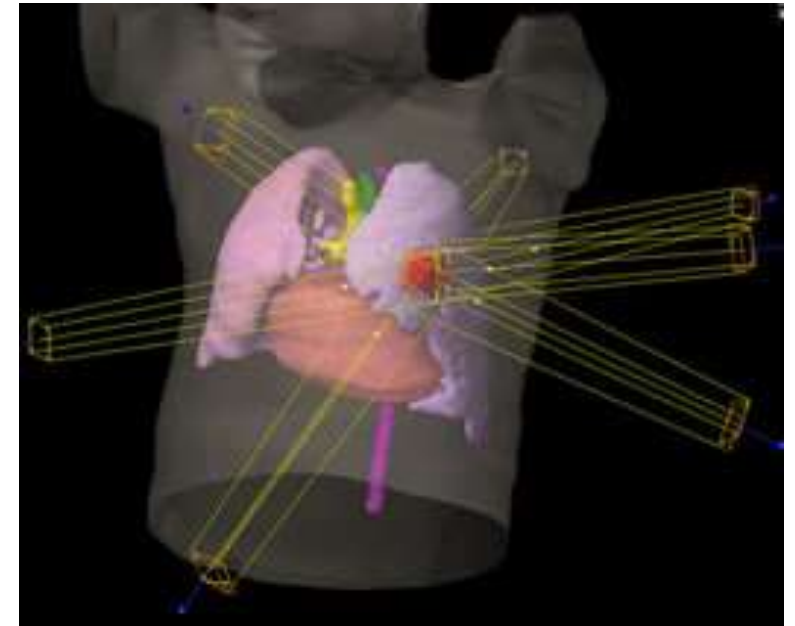
Estimates do not include in situ carcinoma of any site except urinary bladder and do not include basal cell or squamous cell skin cancers. Estimates should not be compared to previous years because they are model-based projections. (See Sources of Statistics, page 36).

Source: Surveillance Research Program, Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences, National Cancer Institute.

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Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy (SBRT) for Lung Tumors

- 20-year history in development
- SBRT offers durable local control and prevent morbidities
- Steep dose gradient; multi-beam angles
- The technical requirements are high
- Highly rewarding for the modern RT center
- Treatment course is shorter



SBRT vs. SABR?

- Stereotactic Ablative Radiotherapy (SABR)



Roger Federer Hit 3 New Shot "SABR"

"Sudden/Sneaky" Attack by Roger



Traditional External Beam RT (X-ray)



Linear Accelerator (Linac)

- Delivers high energy X-rays (photons) or electrons
- Non-invasive
- Rapid treatment delivery, in minutes



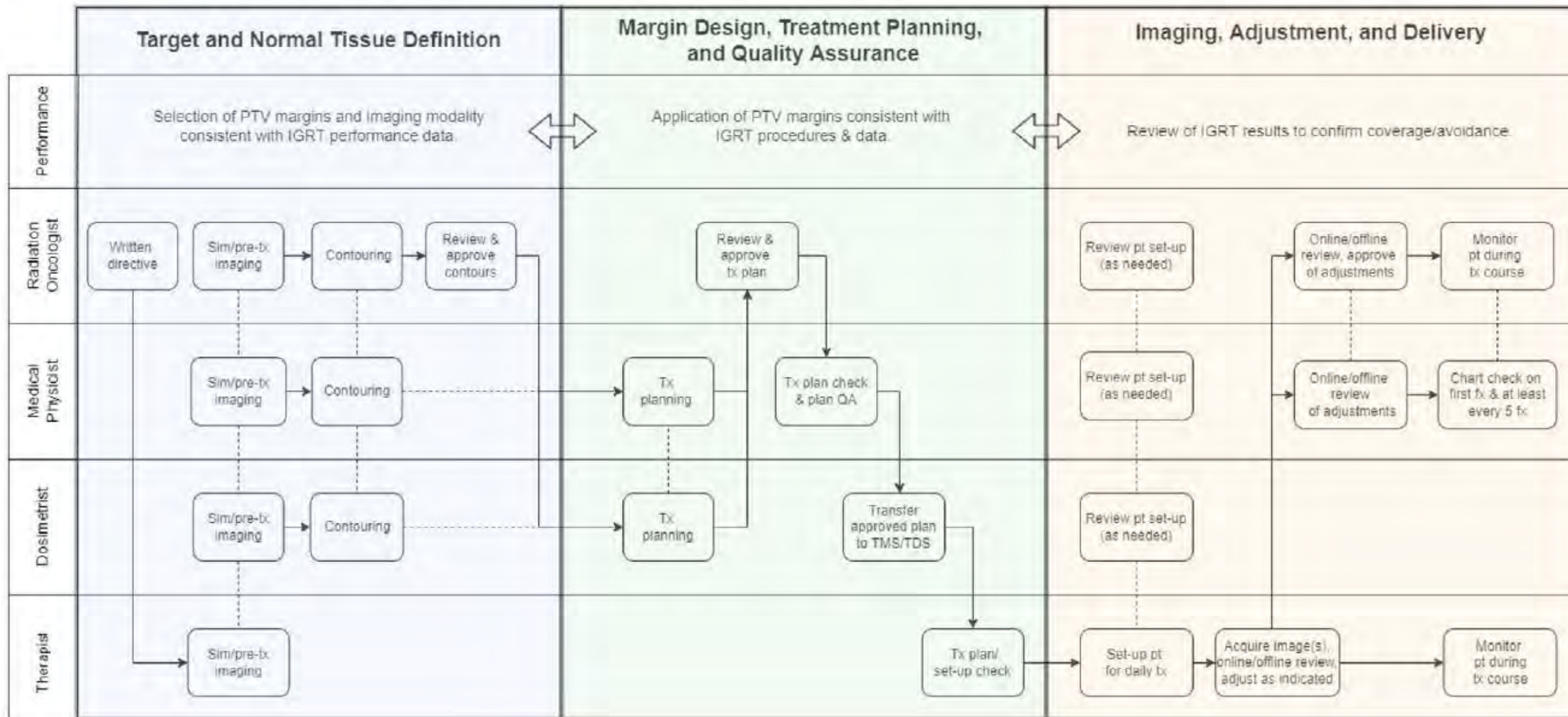


Figure 1 Sample IGRT process pathway. *Abbreviations:* fx = fraction; IGRT = image guided radiation therapy; pt = patient; PTV = planning target volume; QA = quality assurance; sim = simulation; TDS = treatment delivery system; TMS = treatment management system; tx = treatment.

Thoracic SBRT - Workup

- Is considered for early-stage lung cancer and pulmonary metastases
- Work-up
 - CT chest with IV contrast
 - PET/CT scan
 - Brain MRI (symptoms/stage II NSCLC)
- Tissue biopsy (usually)
- Pulmonary function testing
- Mediastinal sampling? Institution dependent

Operability influences SBRT decision

- ACOSOG Criteria
 - ≥ 1 Major
 - ≥ 2 Minors
- By FEV1
 - ≥ 2 L: Pneumonectomy
 - ≥ 1.2 L: Lobectomy
 - ≥ 0.7 L: Wedge
- Discuss with surgeon

Major criteria

FEV₁ \leq 50% predicted

DL_{CO} \leq 50% predicted

Minor criteria

Age \geq 75 years

FEV₁ 51% to 60% predicted

DL_{CO} 51% to 60% predicted

Pulmonary hypertension (defined as a pulmonary artery systolic pressure $>$ 40 mmHg) as estimated by echocardiography or right heart catheterization

Poor left ventricular function (defined as an ejection fraction of \leq 40%)

Resting or exercise arterial Po₂ \leq 55 mmHg or Spo₂ \leq 88%

Pco₂ $>$ 45 mmHg

Modified Medical Research Council
Dyspnea Scale \geq 3

High-risk COPD patients: outcome limited regardless of modality

First author	Age (Med or Mean)	30-day mortality	Complications	Follow-up (y) (med)	Median OS (y)	1-yr OS	3-yr OS	5-yr OS
Surgery ←								
Magdeleinat	62	8% [‡]	>90% ICU stay	3.4 [‡]	4.2	84% [‡]	63% [‡]	44%
			>45% with complications	4.7 [‡]				
Lau	69	25% (open lobectomy) [*] , 7% (segmentectomy or VATS) [*]	Median hospital stay: 8–12 days; <10% admitted to ICU	Segmentectomy or VATS:	5.5 [‡]	86% [‡]	66% [‡]	50% [‡]
				Open lobectomy:	0.8 [‡]	45% [‡]	31% [‡]	8% [‡]
SBRT ←								
Henderson	70.5	0% [‡]	~8% Grade 3	2.2 [‡]	1.6	91% [‡]	43% [‡]	
Stephans	74	0% [‡]	0 Grade 3+ pneumonitis	1.5 [‡]	Not reached [‡]	95% [‡]	70% [‡]	
Palma	70	0%	3% Grade 3	1.7	2.7	79%	47%	28%

Adapted from Palma D et al. Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys. 2012 Mar 1;82(3):1149-56 and 2017 ASTRO Refresher Course

SBRT vs. Surgery



SBRT vs. Surgery – Retrospective Data

- More than 20 studies reported
 - 12 found no difference; 8 favored surgery
- Usually stacked against radiotherapy
 - NCDB analysis (Median age: surgery 67.9; SBRT 74.7) - Puri V et al. J Thorac Oncol. 2015 Dec
- SEER Database - Shirvani et al. JAMA Surg.2014 Dec
 - No difference after propensity score matching
- The controversy will likely persist as patients may not be willing to get randomized

SBRT vs. Surgery – Operable Patients

- Patient outcomes are generally better due to a lesser degree of commodities
- RTOG: 2-year tumor control = 93%
- Surgery is still **gold standard**

Table 1 Single and multi-institutional series of operable patients treated with SBRT

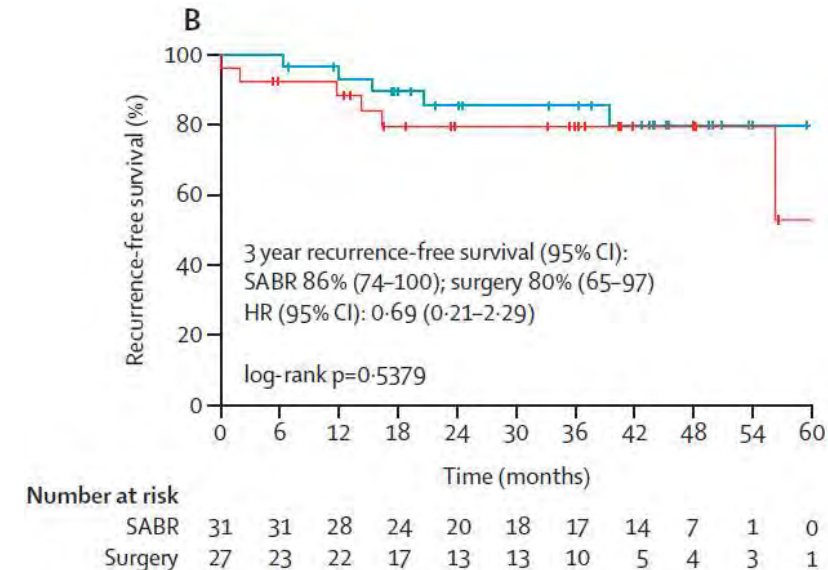
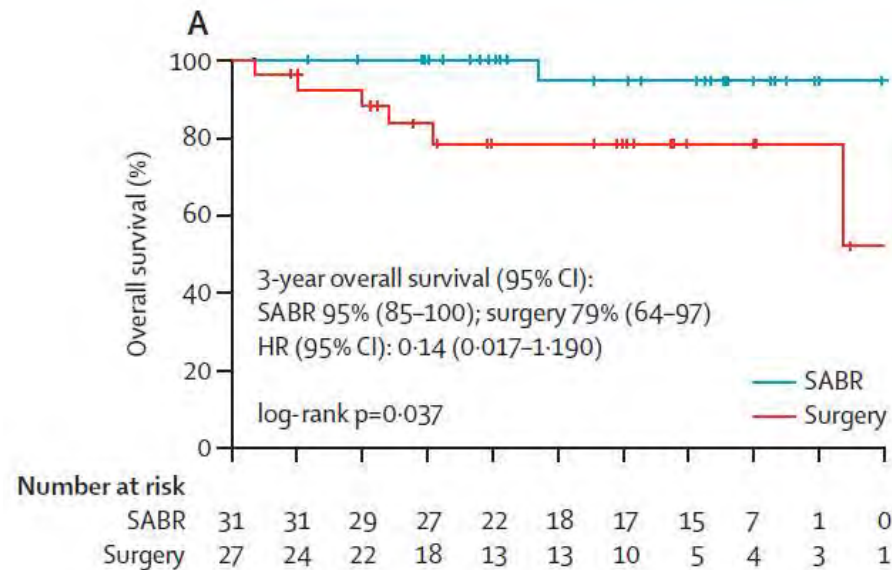
Author	Medically operable patients treated with SBRT				
	Design	Patients	2y OS (%)	3y OS (%)	5y OS (%)
STARS and ROSEL (4)	Randomized	58		95	
National Defense Medical College, Tokozawa, Japan, Single Institution [2001] (42)	Retrospective	29		86	
VU University, Single Institution [2012] (43)	Retrospective	177		85	
JCOG 0403 [2015] (44,45)	Prospective phase II	64		76	
RTOG 0618 [2013] (46)	Prospective phase II	26	84	77	
Japanese Multi-Institutional [2011] (47)	Retrospective	87		80	72
Japanese Multi-Institutional [2015] (6)	Retrospective	661		80 (IA); 77 (IB)	

SBRT, stereotactic body radiotherapy; OS, overall survival; RTOG, Radiation Therapy Oncology Group.

Moghanaki D and Chang JY. Transl Lung Cancer Res. 2016 Apr;5(2):183-9

SBRT vs. Surgery in Operable Patients

- Pooled analysis of 2 randomized trials (58 pts)
 - STARS/ROSEL
- 3-yr OS 95 vs. 79% (P=0.04); 3-yr RFS 86 vs. 80% (P=0.54)
- LC: Equally excellent (90-95%)
- QoL was better for SBRT patients (Radiotherapy oncology 2015)

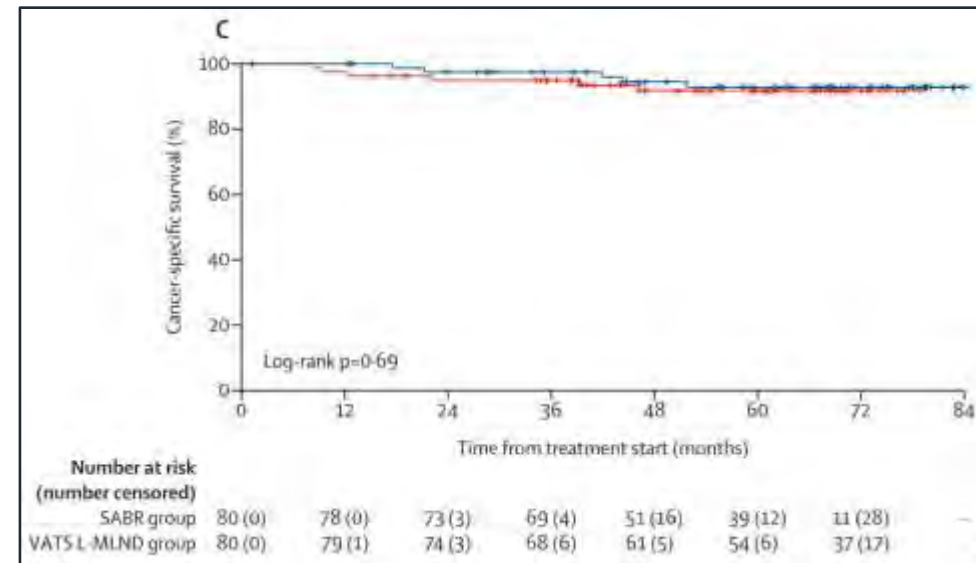
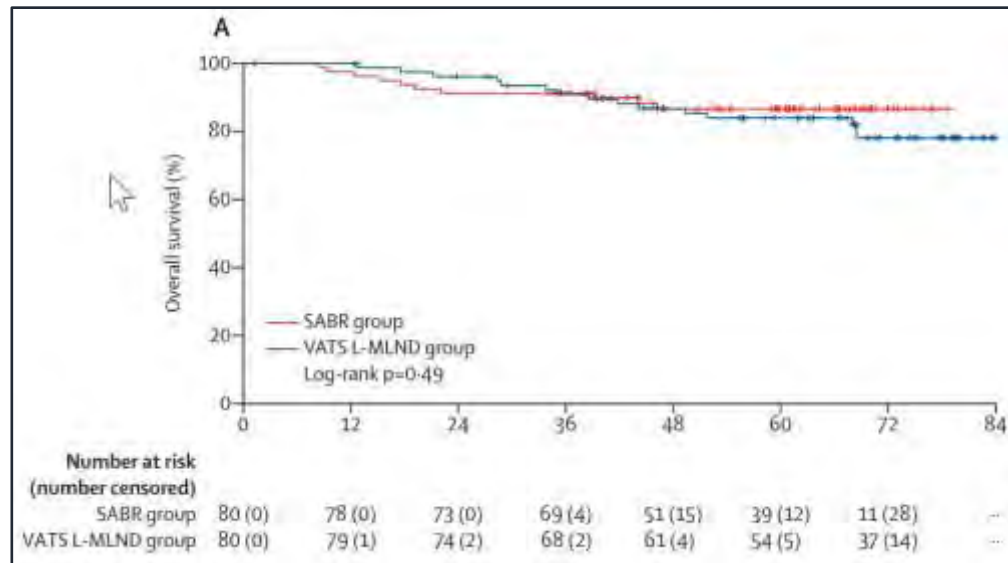


Updated Results from Revised STARS Trial

Stereotactic ablative radiotherapy for operable stage I non-small-cell lung cancer (revised STARS): long-term results of a single-arm, prospective trial with prespecified comparison to surgery

Joe Y Chang, Reza J Mehran, Lei Feng, Vivek Verma, Zhongxing Liao, James W Welsh, Steven H Lin, Michael S O'Reilly, Melenda D Jeter, Peter A Balter, Stephen E McRae, Donald Berry, John V Heymach, Jack A Roth, on behalf of The STARS Lung Cancer Trials Group*

Lancet Oncol 2021; 22: 1448-57



Common SBRT Fractionation - Lung

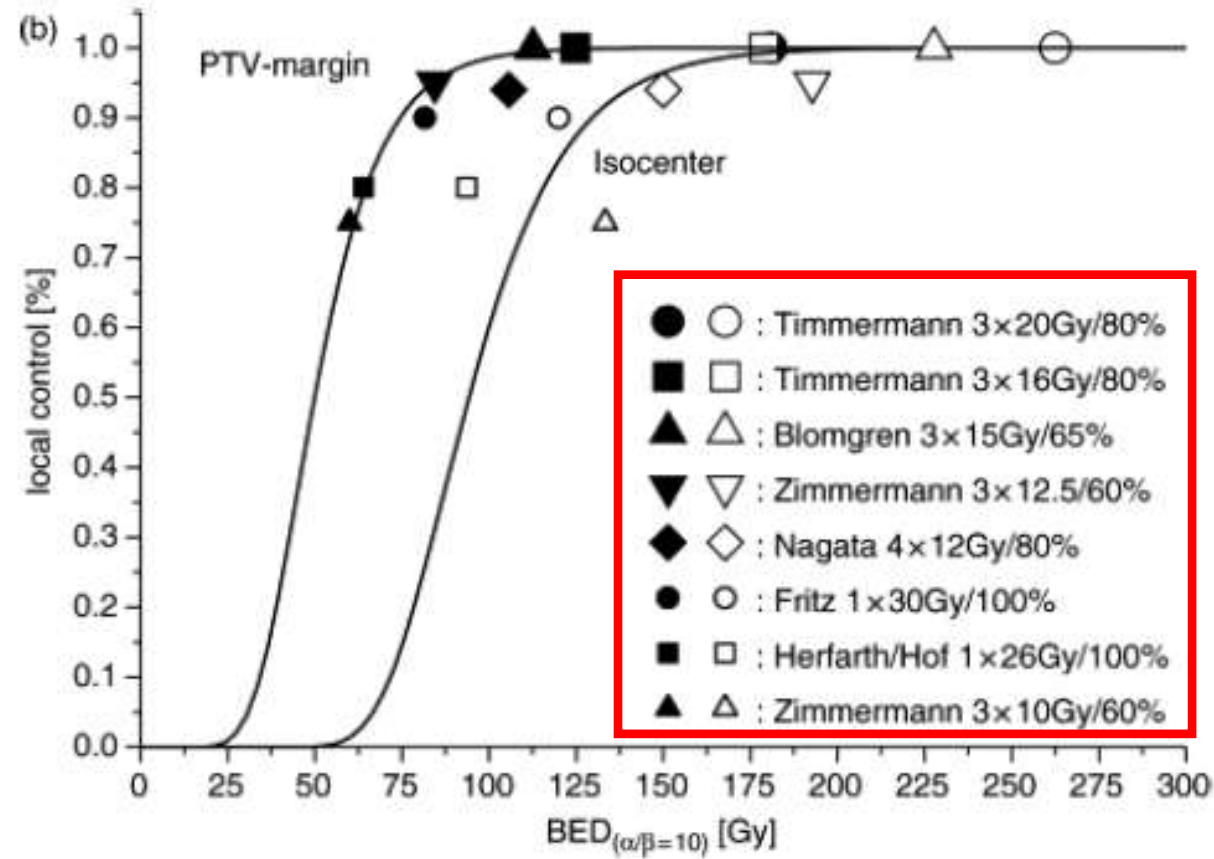
Table 1. Selected Prospective Trials Investigating the Use of Stereotactic Ablative Radiosurgery in Early-Stage Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

Reference	Dose/Fraction #	Local Control	Overall Survival
Nagata et al, Kyoto University, Japan ⁵⁰	48 Gy/4	94% (3 year)	72-83% (3 year)
Hara et al, Tokyo, Japan ⁵¹	30-34 Gy/1	78% (2 year)	41% (2 year)
Xia et al, Beijing, China ⁵²	50 Gy/10	95% (3 year)	91% (3 year)
Fakiris et al, Indiana University, USA ⁴⁷	60-66 Gy/3	88.1% (3 year)	42.7% (3 year)
Lagerwaard et al, VU University Medical Center, Netherlands ⁴⁸	60 Gy/3-8	97% (2 year)	64% (2 year)
Baumann et al, Karolinska University Hospital, Sweden ⁴⁹	45 Gy/3	92% (3 year)	60% (3 year)
RTOG 0236 Timmerman et al, Multi-Institution, USA ⁵³	54 Gy/3	98% (2 year)	56% (3 year)

- My own practice (TTS) is usually **50/5** and **48/4**; 34/1 (NRG), 54/3 (Indiana), 60/5 (UTSW), 70/10 (MDACC), 60/8 (Dutch), and 60/15 (NCIC) can also be considered

Goal of SBRT Dosing - BED > 100 Gy

- At margin of tumor/PTV- regarded as “tumoricidal”



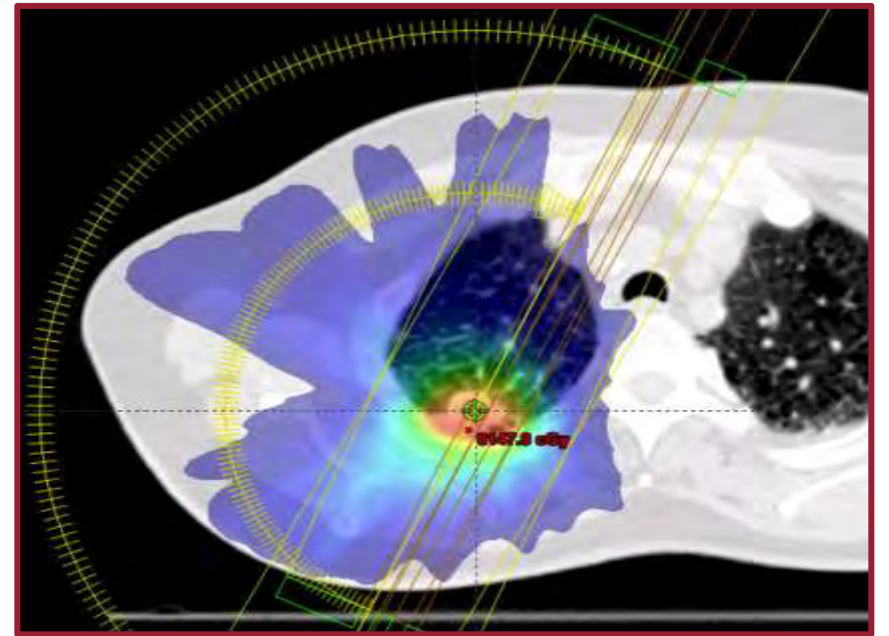
Dose Fall-off Calculation (Mayo)

P3		fx																					
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X
1	Pt Name:											Clinic #											
2																							
3	Oncologist:											Dosimetrist:											
4																							
5	Plan Name:											PTV Comped for Normal Tissue Constraints?	<input type="checkbox"/>										
6																							
7	PTV Volume	cc	Rx Volume	cc	Rx Dose	cGy	in	Fx															
9	PTV Volume or Rx Volume (cc)	Conformity Index Ratio of Rx Isodose Vol to PTV		Low Dose Spillage Ratio of 50% (0 Gy) Isodose Vol to Rx Vol		cGy	% Rx	X	Maximum Dose 2cm from PTV in any Direction D2cm (% of Rx)		Percent of Lung receiving 20Gy total or more, V20 (%)												
10		Deviation		Deviation		Deviation		Deviation															
11		none	minor	none	minor	none	minor	none	minor														
12		< 1.5	=> 1.5	<	=>	<	=>	<= 10	> 10.0														
13	1.8	< 1.5	=> 1.5	< 7.5	=> 7.5	< 57.0	=> 57.0	<= 10	> 10.0														
14		< 1.5	=> 1.5	<	=>	<	=>	<= 10	> 10.0														
15	3.8	< 1.5	=> 1.5	< 6.5	=> 6.5	< 57.0	=> 57.0	<= 10	> 10.0														
16		< 1.5	=> 1.5	<	=>	<	=>	<= 10	> 10.0														
17	7.4	< 1.5	=> 1.5	< 6.0	=> 6.0	< 58.0	=> 58.0	<= 10	> 10.0														
18		< 1.5	=> 1.5	<	=>	<	=>	<= 10	> 10.0														
19	13.2	< 1.5	=> 1.5	< 5.8	=> 5.8	< 58.0	=> 58.0	<= 10	> 10.0														
20		< 1.5	=> 1.5	<	=>	<	=>	<= 10	> 10.0														
21	22.0	< 1.5	=> 1.5	< 5.5	=> 5.5	< 63.0	=> 63.0	<= 10	> 10.0														
22		< 1.5	=> 1.5	<	=>	<	=>	<= 10	> 10.0														
23		< 1.5	=> 1.5	<	=>	<	=>	<= 10	> 10.0														

	< 1.5	=> 1.5	<	=>	<	=>	<= 10	> 10.0		
126.0	< 1.5	=> 1.5	< 4.0	=> 4.0	< 91.0	=> 91.0	<= 10	> 10.0		
	< 1.5	=> 1.5	<	=>	<	=>	<= 10	> 10.0		
163.0	< 1.5	=> 1.5	< 3.7	=> 3.7	< 94.0	=> 94.0	<= 10	> 10.0		
Conformity Index	0.00	cc = Volume of Rx Dose in Body		cc = Volume of PTV (or Rx Volume)		= Ratio a/b				
Low Dose Spillage	0.00	cc = Vol of tissue in Body receiving 50% of Rx at		cc = Volume of PTV (or Rx Volume)		= Ratio of Volume receiving 50% Rx to PTV (or Rx Volume)				
Maximum Dose 2 cm from PTV	0	cGy = Max Dose 2cm from PTV in any direction								
Percent of Lung Dose	0.00	% of Total Lung =		2000		cGy (V20)				
PTV Coverage	0.00	% of PTV Getting				cGy (Rx Dose)				
	0.00	% of PTV Getting				cGy (90% of Rx Dose)				
	0.00	% Isodose Line (when PTVcom = Rx Dose without plan normalization)								
High Dose Spillage: (Body minus PTV)	0.00	cc = Vol of tissue outside Rx vol at		cc = Volume of PTV (or Rx Volume)		= Ratio a/b (Should be < 0.15)				

Characteristics of a Good-quality SBRT Plan for Lung Tumors

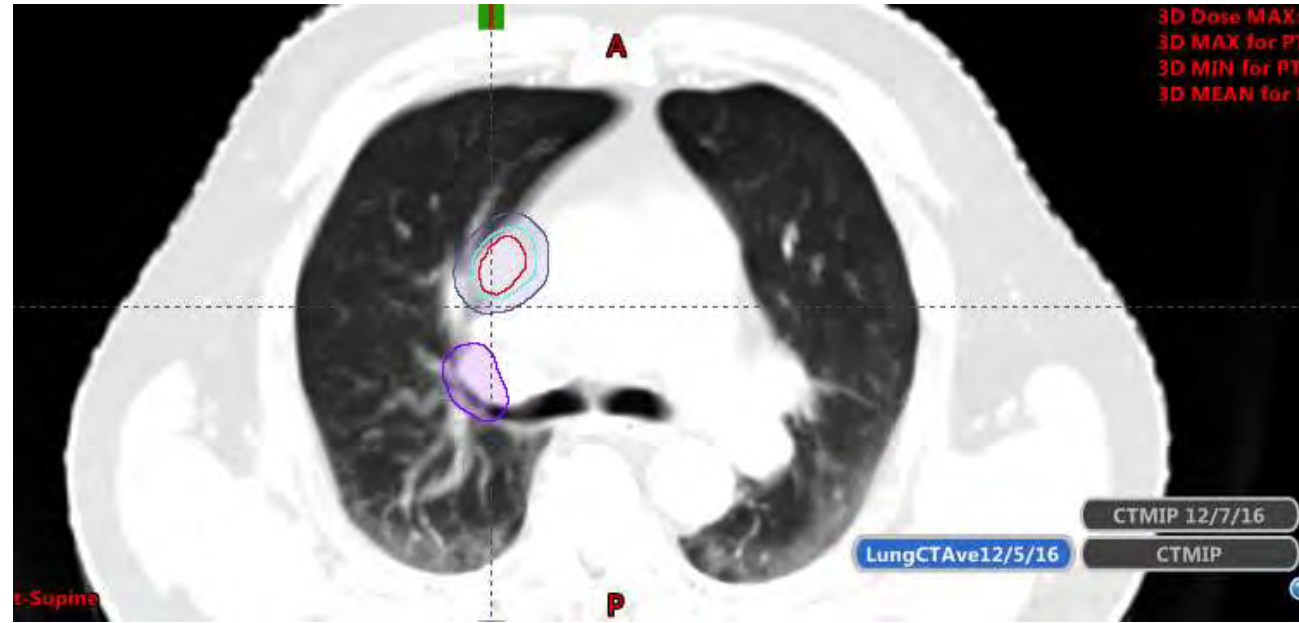
- High dose, small fraction numbers (≤ 5)
- Highly precise; accurate localization is paramount
- Safe toxicity profile; efficacious
- Requires sophisticated image-guided RT (IGRT)
- Our (Mayo) practice is daily for lung tumors
- Co-planar beams (Mayo)
- Evidence-based



Case Presentation – SBRT for Lung Tumors

- Central lung metastases (2), with a rectal cancer primary
 - 75 years old male, little co-morbidities
 - History of APR + adjuvant chemotherapy in 2011
 - No more pelvic RT (Due to prostate RT-2005)
 - He now has isolated, pulmonary nodal recurrences, with rising CEA
 - Both small; one of them biopsy proven
 - Location: Right high mediastinal and hilar areas

Imaging – small masses, two of them, but in the “wrong” spots!



GTV
iGTV=ITV
PTV

“Ultra”-central
locations

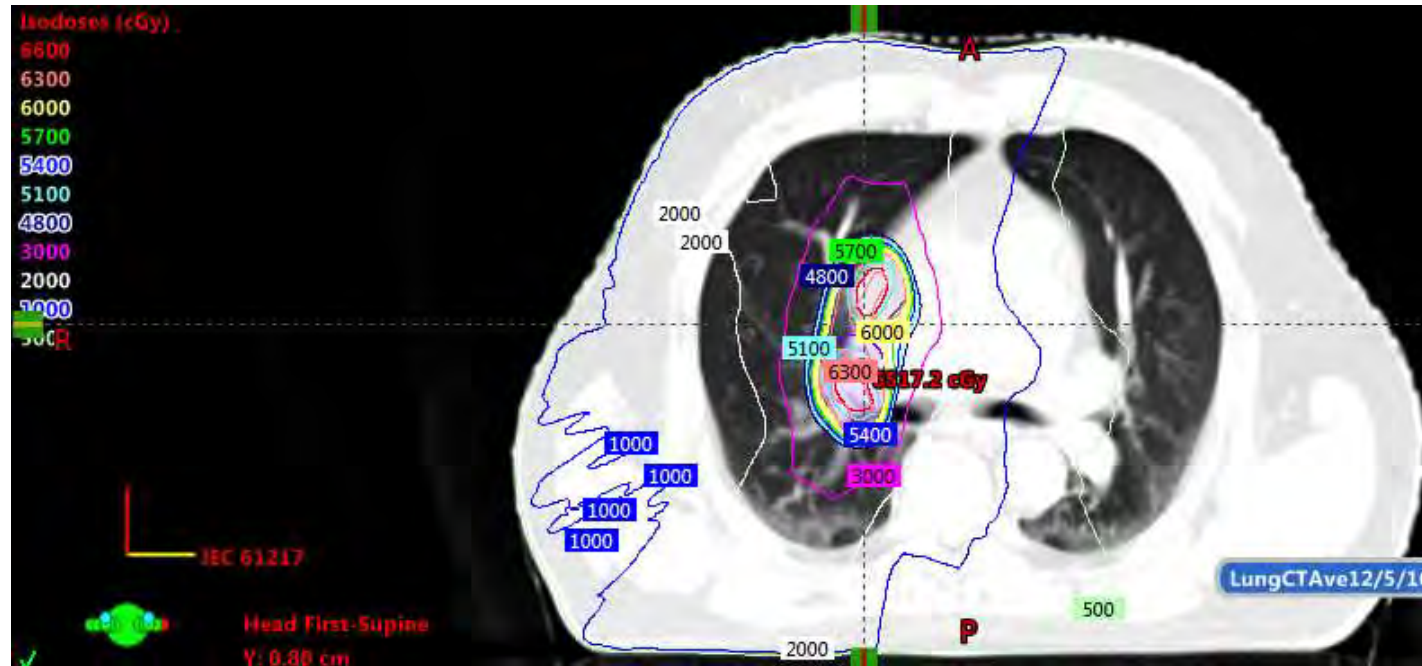
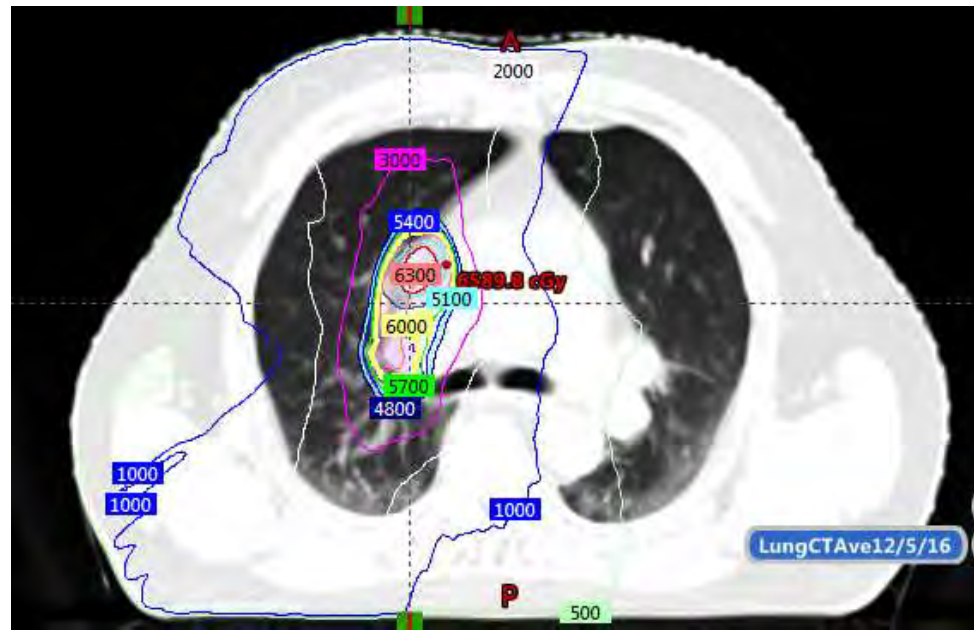
Questions/Considerations

- Should we treat oligometastatic disease (if at all)?
- Systemic treatment upfront?
- Surgery?
- Dose/fractionation choices
- Multi-target SBRT?
- **After multi-disciplinary discussion**
 - Hold off chemo
 - Give 60 Gy in 8 fractions (avoid 50/5 to the full circumference of bronchial tree, also a significant portion of mediastinum)

Target Delineation for lung SBRT

- GTV
 - Gross tumor volume
 - On free-breathing CT; fused with diagnostic imaging
- IGTV
 - Internal gross tumor volume
 - Includes all phases of 4D data
- ITV (CTV) – microscopic disease/expansion
 - Internal tumor/target volume/clinical target volume
 - Usually zero for SBRT; in practice (esp. for liver), a small margin is typically included
- PTV
 - Planned target volume
 - Includes setup margin; with daily CBCT, 3mm suffices

RT Plan



Normal Tissue DVH Objectives (Lung - SBRT 5fx)

			Priority	Achieved
body-ptv	D1cc[%]	< 110 %	2	106.8 %
bronch_tree_nona	Max[Gy]	< 55 Gy	2	39.9 Gy
	Max[%]		Report	66.5 %
	D4cc[%]		Report	37.1 %
	V16.5Gy[cc]	< 6 cc	3	7.72 cc
	V18Gy[cc]		Report	6.33 cc
bronch_tree_prox	Max[Gy]		Report	64.86 Gy
	Max[%]	< 110 %	1	108.1 %
	D4cc[%]		Report	61.1 %
	V16.5Gy[cc]		Report	12.22 cc
	V18Gy[cc]	< 6 cc	3	10.84 cc
chestwall	Max[Gy]		Report	30.36 Gy
	V30Gy[cc]		Report	0.03 cc
cord	Max[Gy]		Report	13.26 Gy
	D0.35cc[Gy]		Report	12.42 Gy
	V23Gy[cc]	< 0.35 cc	2	0 cc
esophagus_nonadj	Max[Gy]	< 42 Gy	2	13.92 Gy
	Max[%]		Report	23.2 %
	D5cc[Gy]		Report	9 Gy
	V19.5Gy[cc]	< 8 cc	3	0 cc
	V27.5Gy[cc]		Report	0 cc
esophagus	Max[Gy]		Report	13.92 Gy
	Max[%]	< 105 %	1	23.2 %
	D5cc[Gy]		Report	9 Gy
	V19.5Gy[cc]		Report	0 cc
	V27.5Gy[cc]	< 8 cc	3	0 cc
heart_nonadj	Max[Gy]	< 44 Gy	2	55.86 Gy
	Max[%]		Report	93.1 %
	D15cc[Gy]		Report	13.26 Gy
	V32Gy[cc]	< 20 cc	3	1.09 cc

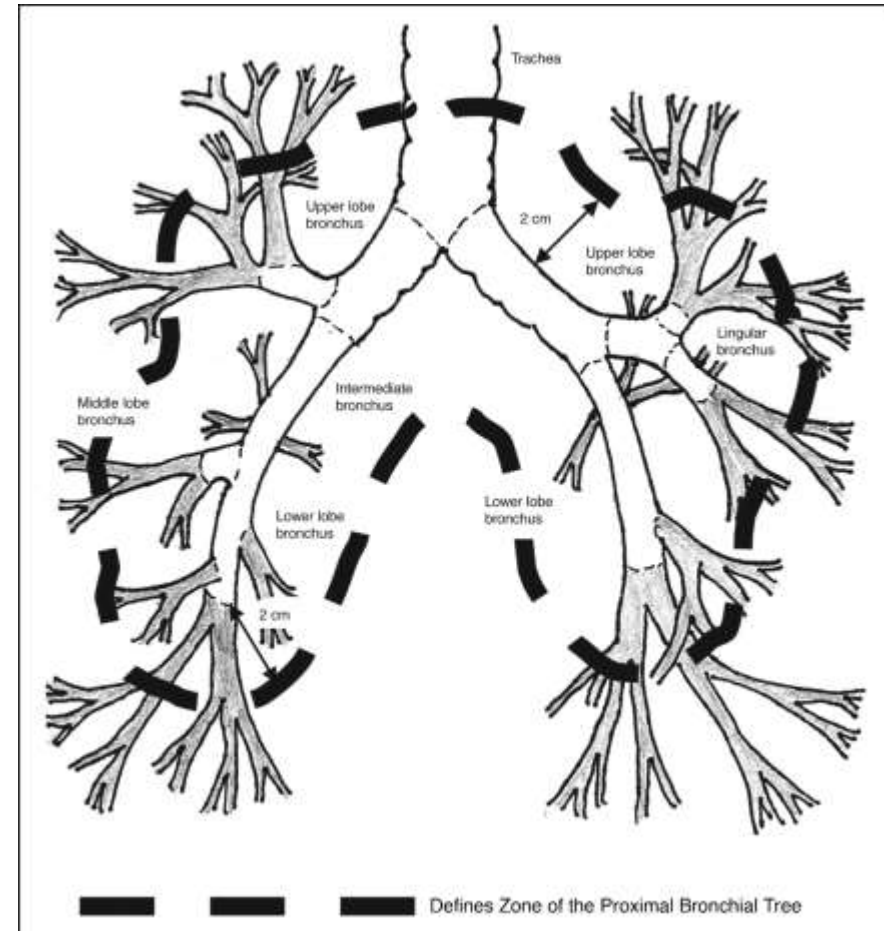
The volume receiving 30 Gy or more. Volume expressed in cc.

heart	Max[Gy]		Report	60.6 Gy
	Max[%]	< 105 %	1	101 %
	D15cc[Gy]		Report	14.16 Gy
	V32Gy[cc]	< 20 cc	2	2.35 cc
	V5Gy[%]		Report	6.3 %
great_vessels_na	Max[Gy]	< 63 Gy	2	62.22 Gy
	Max[%]		Report	103.7 %
	D10cc[Gy]		Report	42.84 Gy
	V47Gy[cc]	< 20 cc	3	6.48 cc
great_vessels	Max[Gy]		Report	66.3 Gy
	Max[%]	< 115 %	1	110.5 %
	D10cc[Gy]		Report	59.7 Gy
	V47Gy[cc]	< 30 cc	3	25.99 cc
lung_total	DC1000cc[Gy]		Report	0.78 Gy
	DC1500cc[Gy]		Report	1.38 Gy
	V20Gy[%]	< 13 %	2	12 %
	CV12.5Gy[cc]	> 1500 cc	2	2852.4 cc
	CV13.5Gy[cc]	> 1000 cc	2	2878.2 cc
lung_r	Volume[cc]		Report	2063.5 cc
lung_l	Volume[cc]		Report	1421 cc
skin	Max[Gy]	< 32 Gy	2	24.18 Gy
	D10cc[Gy]		Report	14.88 Gy
	V30Gy[cc]	< 10 cc	2	0 cc
trachea_nonadj	Max[Gy]	< 48 Gy	2	11.04 Gy
	Max[%]		Report	18.4 %
	D4cc[Gy]		Report	3.06 Gy
	V16.5Gy[cc]	< 6 cc	3	0 cc
	V18Gy[cc]		Report	0 cc
trachea	Max[Gy]		Report	11.04 Gy
	Max[%]	< 105 %	1	18.4 %
	D4cc[Gy]		Report	3.06 Gy
	V16.5Gy[cc]		Report	0 cc
	V18Gy[cc]	< 6 cc	3	0 cc

Central vs. Peripheral Lesion

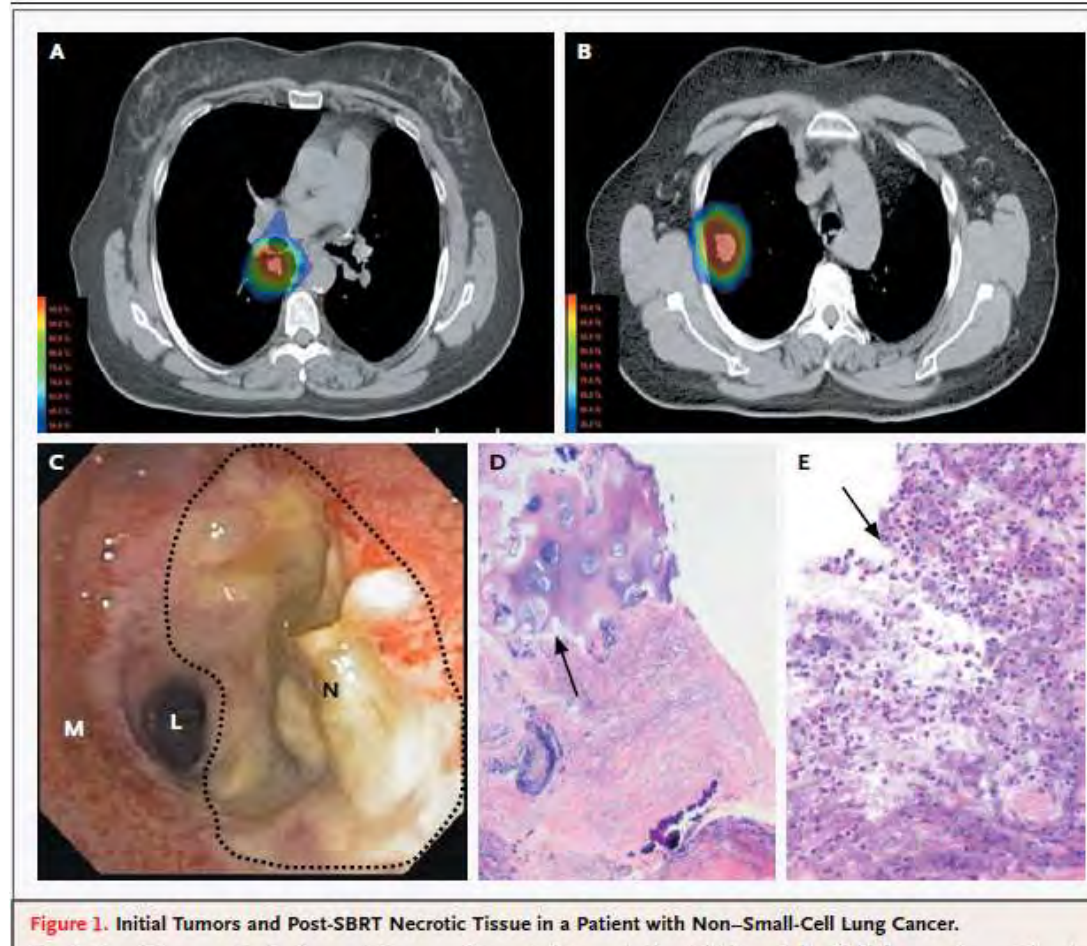
- Also lesion touching mediastinum

“PBT should include the distal 2 cm of the trachea, the carina, the right and left mainstem bronchi, the right and left upper lobe bronchi, the intermedius bronchus, the right middle lobe bronchus, the lingular bronchus, and the right and left lower lobe bronchi”



Toxicities Associated with Central SBRT

Central-Airway Necrosis after Stereotactic Body-Radiation Therapy



60 Gy in 8 fractions is safe and efficacious

- 7.5 Gy x8; VUMC experience (2008-2013)
 - Amsterdam; Dutch data
- N=80 patients; PTV <2 cm from proximal bronchial tree
- Median f/ u47 months
 - 3-yr OS 53%, similar to peripheral tumors
 - 3-yr LC >90% on prior publications
 - 5/78 patients with grade 3 toxicity
 - No grade 4 toxicity
 - Grade 5 toxicity possible in 3 pts and likely in 3 pts

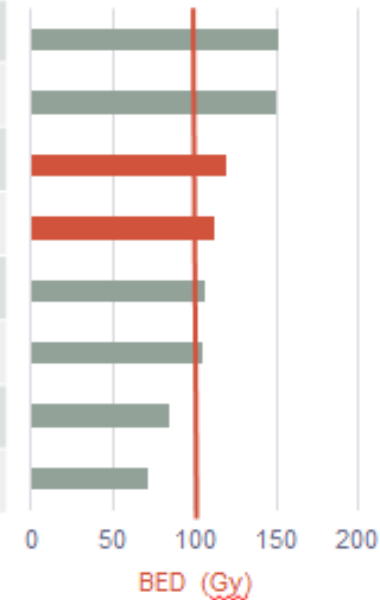
VUMC (Dutch) Toxicities

Cause of death	Pre-treatment comorbidity	Clinical details	Dosimetric details of index treatment
<i>Likely treatment-related</i> RP resulting in respiratory failure	WHO PS 1 Severe ILD	Age 72.3 years, T1bN0M0 Survival 2 months	CL V _{5Gy} : 0% TL V _{5Gy} : 16% TL V _{20Gy} : 9% PBT D0.1 cc: 13.8 Gy
Euthanasia performed due to disease progression and dyspnea	WHO PS 2 COPD GOLD IV	Age 64.8 years, T3N0M0 Patient developed RP grade 3 Survival 13 months	CL V _{5Gy} : 39% TL V _{5Gy} : 45% TL V _{20Gy} : 13% PBT D0.1 cc: 39.7 Gy
Sudden death	WHO PS 2 COPD GOLD II ILD	Age 73.1 years, T2bN0M0 Patient developed RP grade 3 Survival 5 months	Heart D0.5 cc: 56.2 Gy Heart D15 cc: 34.5 Gy CL V _{5Gy} : 51% TL V _{5Gy} : 48% TL V _{20Gy} : 9% PBT D0.1 cc: 71.2 Gy
<i>Possible treatment-related</i> Massive lung hemorrhage	WHO PS 1 COPD GOLD II	Age 48.9 years, T2aN0M0 No in-field radiological progression, but possible intrathoracic progression Survival 18 months	PBT D0.1 cc: 79.5 Gy PBT D0.5 cc: 76.1 Gy PBT D4.0 cc: 63.4 Gy
Massive lung hemorrhage	WHO PS 2 COPD GOLD IV	Age 56.9 years, T2aN0M0 Patient developed grade 1 atelectasis Survival 10 months	PBT D0.1 cc: 69.7 Gy PBT D0.5 cc: 63.6 Gy PBT D4.0 cc: 21.3 Gy
Terminal respiratory failure	WHO PS 3 COPD GOLD IV	Age 84.2 years, T2bN0M0 Patient died at a nursing home Survival 3 months	CL V _{5Gy} : 8% TL V _{5Gy} : 24% TL V _{20Gy} : 9% PBT D0.1 cc: 3.9 Gy

Revisiting the Fractionation Choice

Dose

Dose	Source	BED ($\alpha/\beta=10$)
18 Gy x 3 Fx (54 Gy)	RTOG ¹	151.2 Gy
34 Gy x 1 Fx (34 Gy)	RTOG ²	149.6 Gy
7 Gy x 10 Fx (70 Gy)	MDACC	119.0 Gy
12.5 Gy x 4 Fx (50 Gy)	MDACC	112.5 Gy
7 Gy x 9 Fx (63 Gy)	MDACC	107.1 Gy
12 Gy x 4 Fx (48 Gy)	Japanese	105.6 Gy
4 Gy x 15 Fx (60 Gy)	NCIC ³	84.0 Gy
2 Gy x 30 Fx (60 Gy)	Conventional	72.0 Gy



$$BED = D \cdot \left(1 + \frac{d}{(\alpha / \beta)}\right)$$

Regimens with $BED \geq 100$ Gy are associated with better local control and survival⁴

¹Timmerman et al., JAMA. 2010 Mar 17;303(11):1070-6.

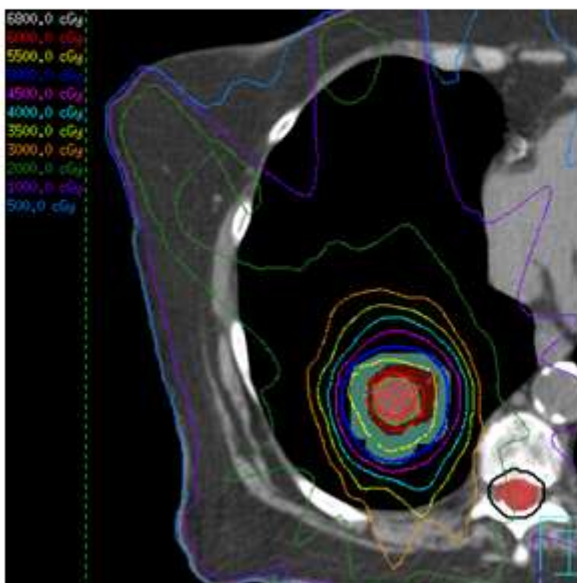
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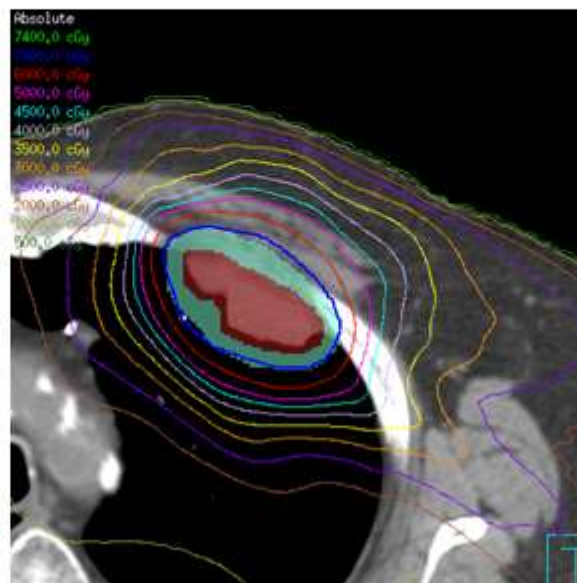
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Examples (MDACC)

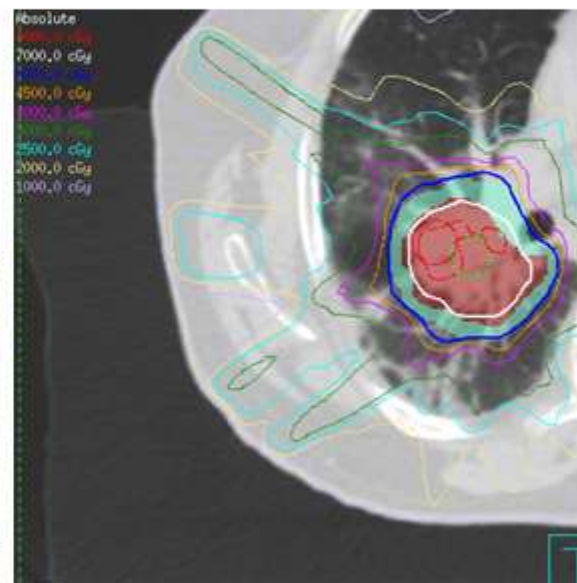
Peripheral Lesion
50 Gy in 4 Fx (to PTV)



Peripheral Lesion
Abutting Chest Wall
70 Gy in 10 Fx (to PTV)



Central Lesion
70 Gy in 10 Fx (to **GTV**)
(50 Gy in 10 Fx to PTV using SIB)



Credits: Residents' learning slides 2015

Bigger tumors with SBRT

- RTOG 0236 ([Timmerman et al. 2010](#)) included inoperable patients with biopsy-proven peripheral T1-T2N0M0 non-small cell tumors (measuring <5 cm in diameter)
- Tumors > 4 cm would benefit from adjuvant chemotherapy in the surgical literature ([Strauss et al. JCO 2008](#)), however, it's not evaluated in SBRT settings.
- The Cleveland Clinic published their report (40 patients) with tumors > 5 cm treated with SBRT with a median dose of 50 Gy in 5 fractions ([Woody et al. IJROBP 2014](#))
 - 18-month local control of 91.2%
 - 7.5% rate of grade 3 or higher toxicity
 - Large tumors can be safely treated in 5 fractions with good local control and toxicity
- Mayo Clinic: Anecdotally, up to 7cm as well

SABR: Guidelines & evidence

SABR is the preferred treatment in patients with a peripheral early-stage NSCLC who are unfit for surgery, or who refuse it.

[ESMO Clinical Practice Guidelines [Vansteenkiste J, Ann Oncol 2013; Guidelines of National Comprehensive Cancer Network [NCCN v3.2014]

Comparative effectiveness research suggests that survival is similar after either surgery or SABR for early-stage NSCLC

[reviewed in Louie AV, Radiotherapy Oncol 2015]

SABR versus lobectomy for operable stage I non-small-cell lung cancer: a pooled analysis of two randomised trials

[Chang JY, Senan S, Lancet Oncol 2015]



TABLE 1. SBRT Studies for Centrally Located Lung Tumors (including non–small-cell and metastatic lesions)

First Author	Institution	Study Type	No. of Patients	Median Age (years)	Dose Per Fraction (Gy/fx)	No of Fractions	Regimen	2-Year Local Control (%)	2-Year Overall Survival (%)	Acute Grade 3+ Toxicities	Late Grade 3+ Toxicities
Bezjak ²	NRG Oncology/ Radiation Therapy Oncology Group	Prospective, phase I/II	71	72	11.5 and 12	5	Every other weekday	88-89	68-73	6%-7% (3 patients, grade 3)	Four patients (6%) with grade 5 toxicities (3 at 11.5 Gy/fx; 1 at 12 Gy/fx)*
Chang ³	MD Anderson Cancer Center	Retrospective	100†	73	12.5	4	Daily	90 (est.)‡	80 (est.)	3% grades 2 to 3 brachial plexopathy; 2% grade 3 radiation pneumonitis	No grade 4 or 5 toxicities
Modh ⁴	Memorial Sloan Kettering	Retrospective	125	76	9§	5	Every other weekday	79	64	8%, including 2% grade 5	Two grade 5 toxicities (hemoptysis; pneumonitis)¶
Tekatl ⁵	VU University Medical Center	Retrospective	80	73	7.5	8	Not mentioned	Not mentioned	62	6% (grade 3 only)	Six patients (7.5%), possible/likely grade 5¶
Arnett ⁶	Mayo Clinic	Retrospective	103	74	10 (median)	5	Daily (75%)	82 (est.)‡	62 (est.)	1% (grade 3 only)	Grade 3, 8%; grade 4, 1%; grade 5, 1% (1 patient)
Roach ⁸	Washington University in St Louis	Prospective, phase II	51	73	11	5	Not mentioned	85	43	6% (grades 3 to 4)	Grade 3, 27%; grade 4, 12%; grade 5, 4% (1 patient)

Radiographic changes after SBRT



Usually with no or minimal decrease in lung function (by PFT's)

Summary

- Treatment of oligometastatic disease is getting more popular
 - NSCLC
 - Extensive SCLC
 - Metastatic Colorectal
 - Metastatic Breast
- Patient remains NED 9 months after treatment

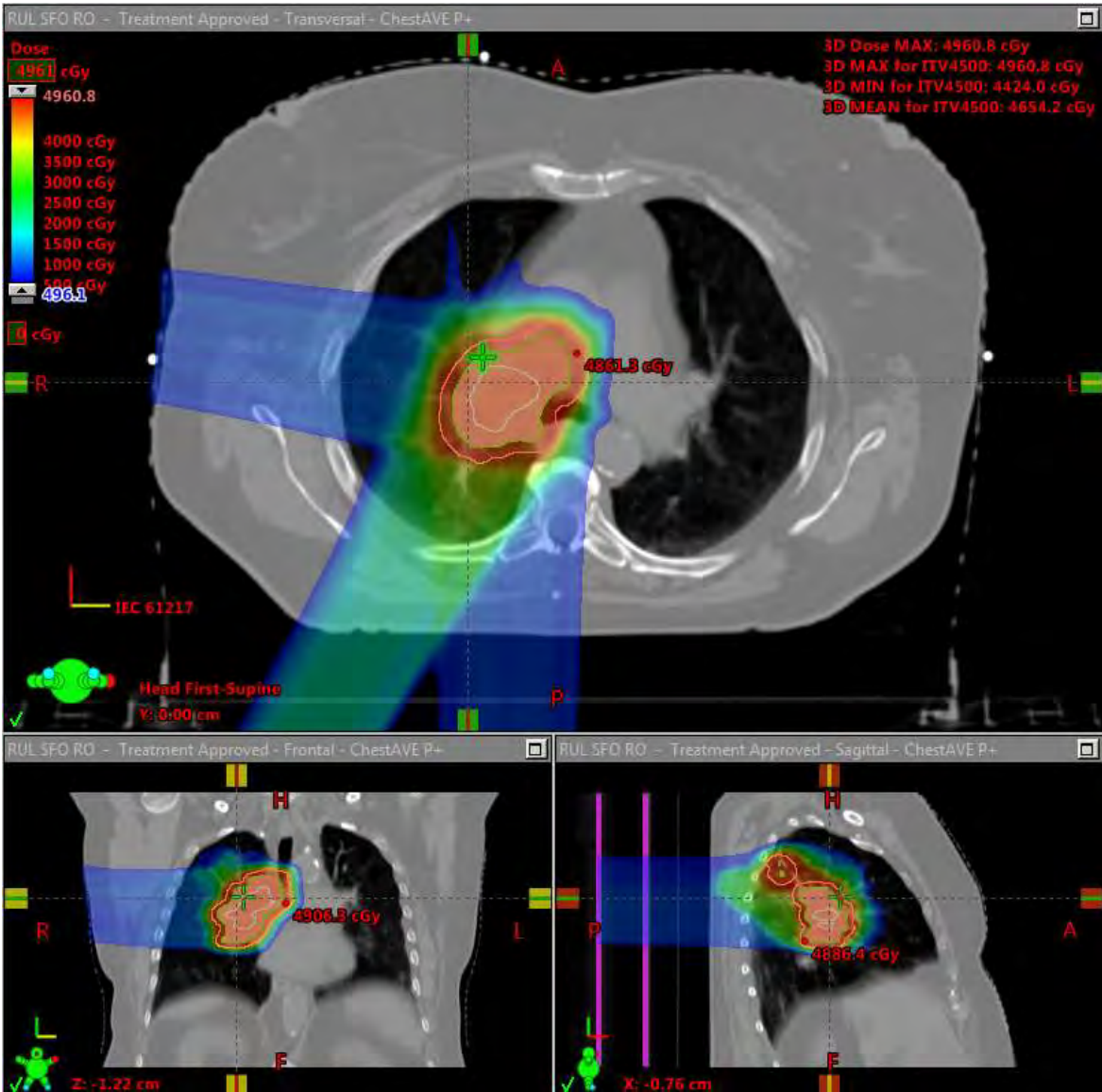
Additional IGRT Considerations

- Margin considerations vs. respiratory control
 - Respiratory coaching (audio/visual)
 - CBCT → ↓ PTV margin
 - Abdominal compression, breath-hold, gating, active breathing monitoring → ↓ ITV, ↓ motion
 - Rarely ExacTrac for lung/liver
 - Free breathing → also an excellent choice
- It is related to **setup/reproducibility** as well
 - E.g., S-frame better for upper lung tumors (Sio et al, JACMP, 2014)
- No “one size fits all” solution; institution dependent

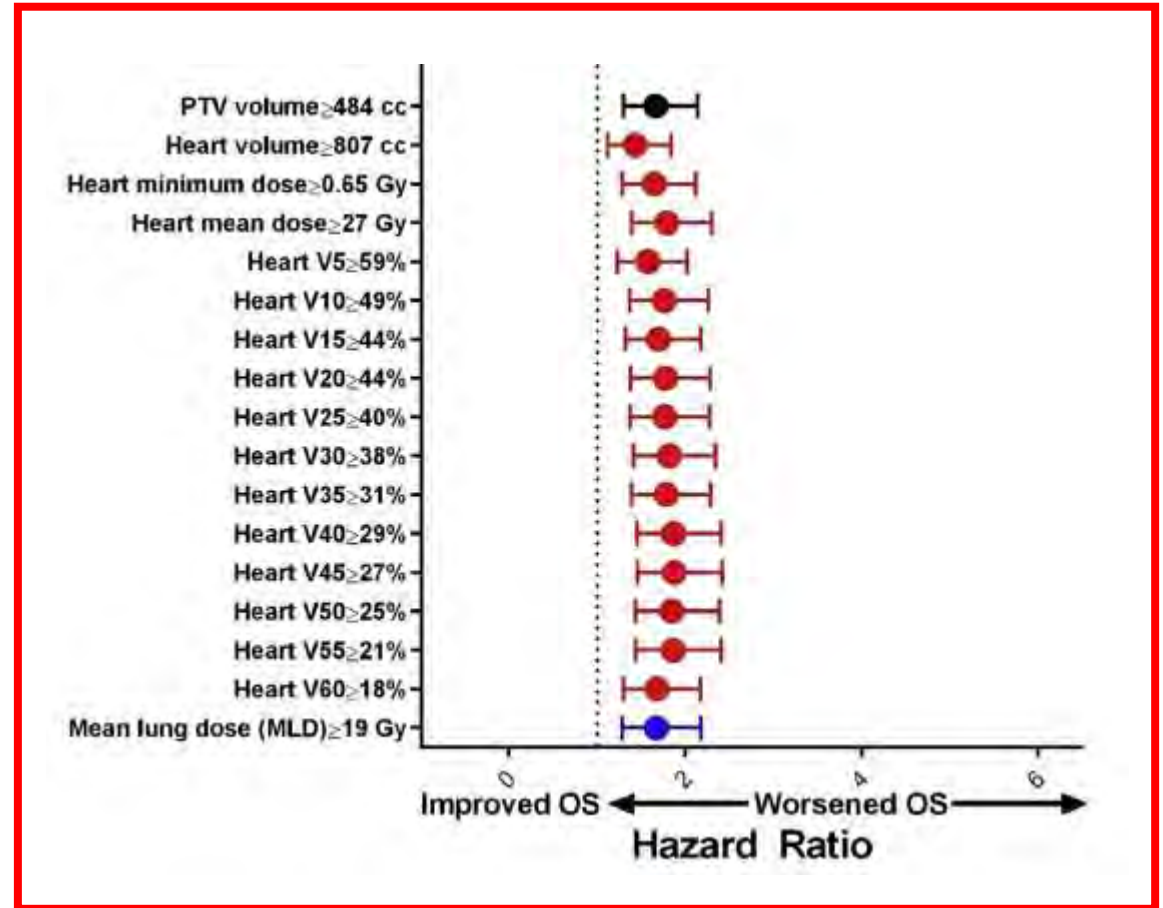
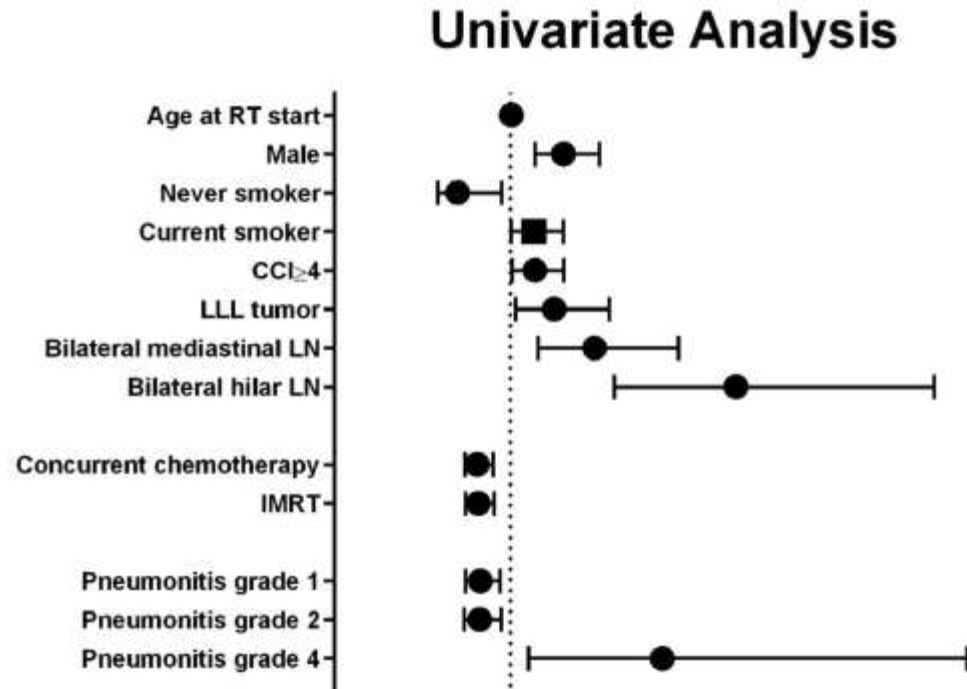
CT on-rails



Limited-stage Small Cell Lung Cancer (Protons)



Heart dose matters in lung ca. RT planning



Thoracic IMPT (Proton Beam Radiotherapy)

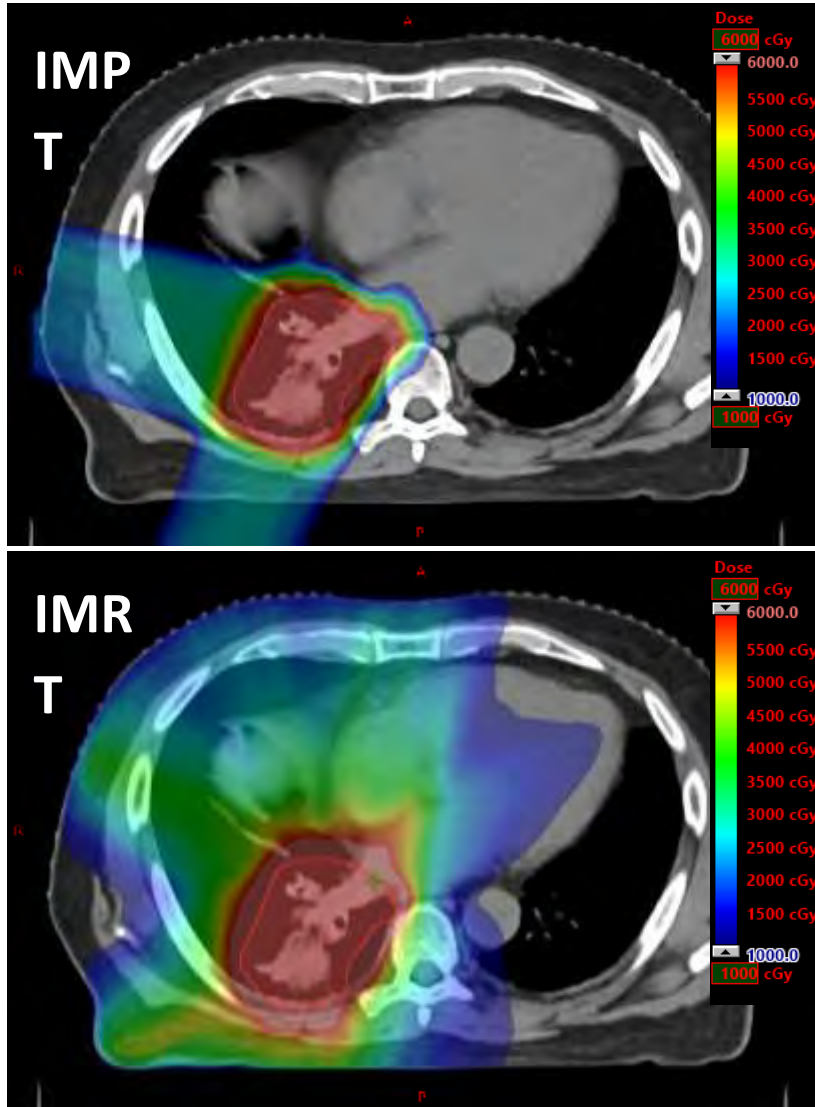


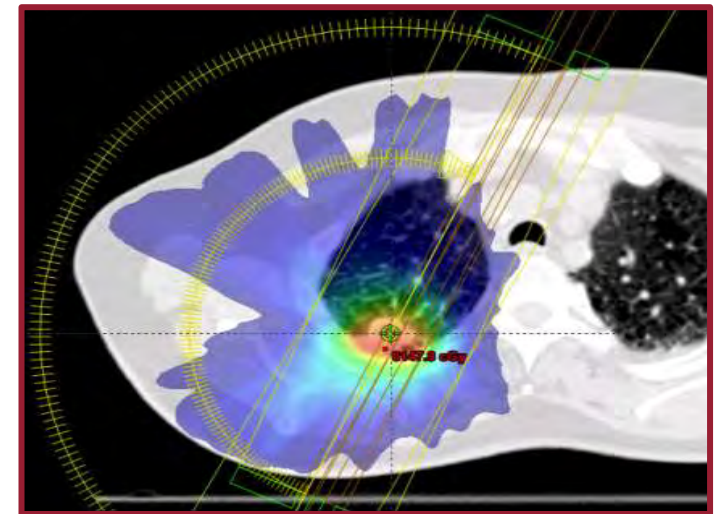
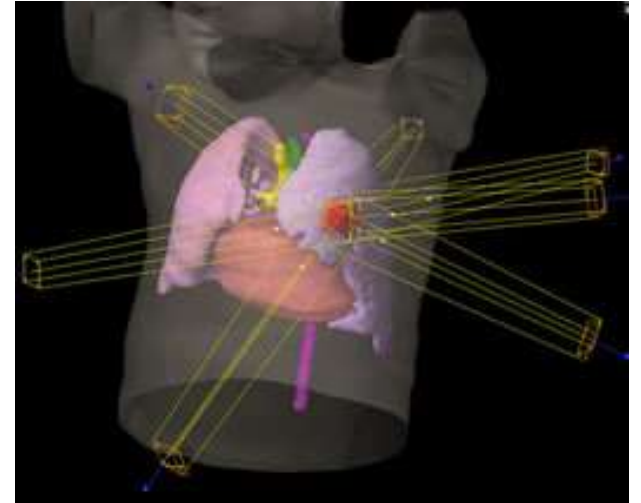
Figure 1. An axial comparison of IMPT (above) vs. IMRT (below) dose distribution. The OTV (IMPT) and PTV (IMRT) are contoured in red. This is a 74-year-old male in the present study with stage IIIB adenocarcinoma of the right lower lobe lung who received (above) 60 Gy in 30 fractions with concurrent and consolidative carboplatin and paclitaxel. At 9 months following completion of IMPT, the patient demonstrated no evidence of new or progressive disease.

Lung	Heart	IMPT
Mean 9 Gy	Mean 1.5 Gy	
V20Gy: 19%	V40Gy: 1%	
V5Gy: 24%		

Lung	Heart	IMRT
Mean 15 Gy	Mean 18 Gy	
V20Gy: 34%	V40Gy: 10%	
V5Gy: 51%		

Future Directions – Proton SBPT

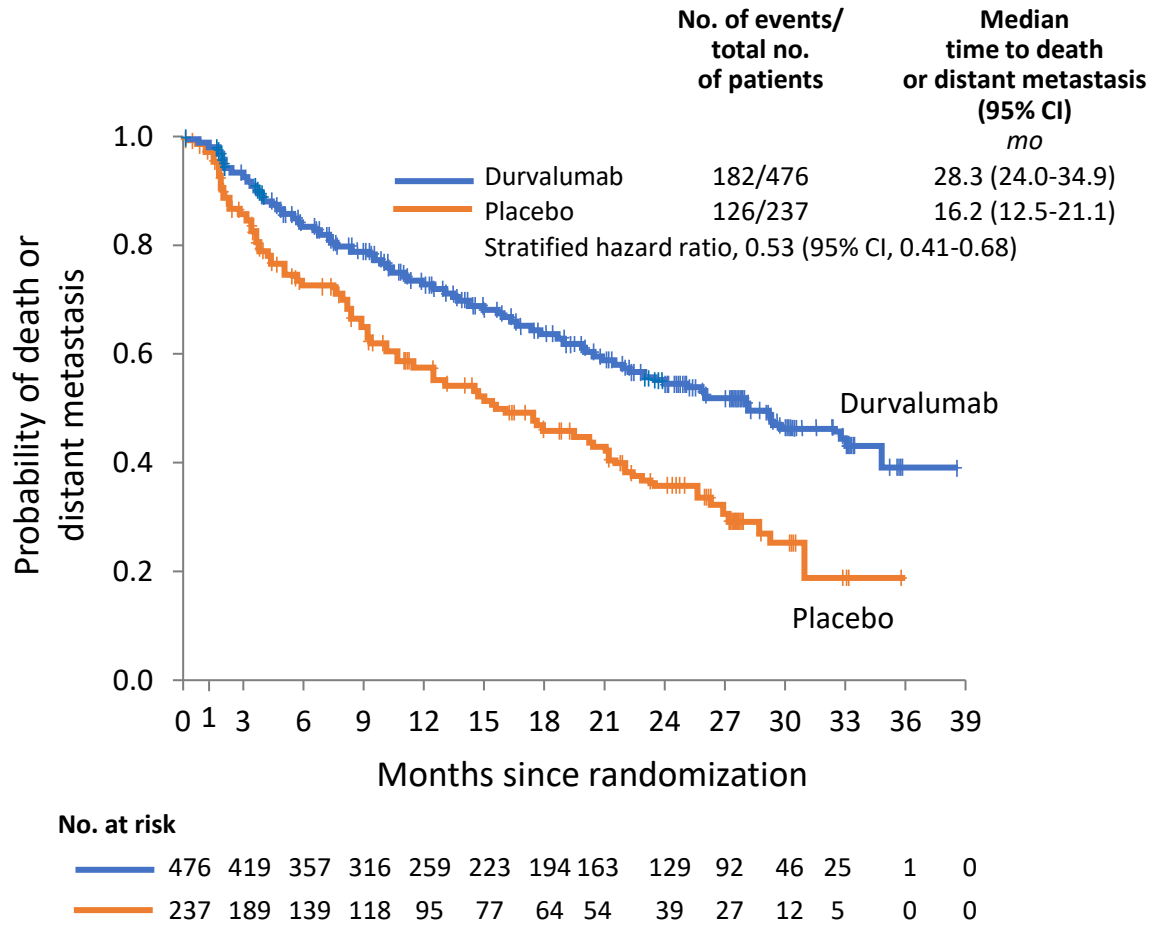
- Current practice (Photon-based): High dose, small fraction numbers (≤ 5)
- Highly precise; accurate localization is paramount
- Safe toxicity profile; efficacious
- Requires sophisticated image-guided RT (IGRT)
- Our (Mayo) practice is daily for lung tumors
- Co-planar beams (Mayo)
- Evidence-based



How to combine IO and RT (Protons) together?

- Next step: To explore if combining RT or proton beam therapy with immunotherapy may make the treatments safer, and potentiate the benefits of combined therapies

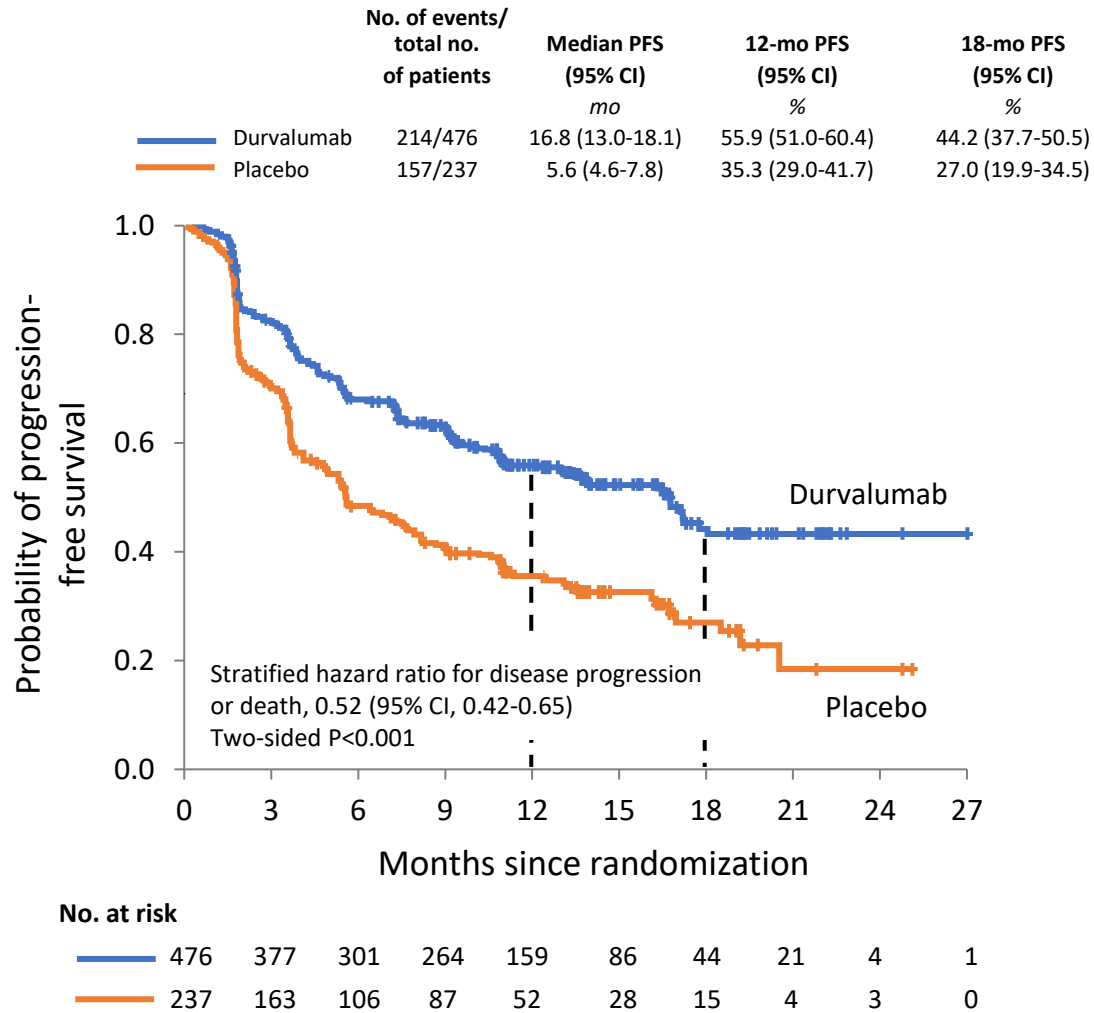
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Updated Incidence of New Lesions, as Assessed by Blinded Independent Central Review, in the Intention-to-treat Population

New lesion site	Durvalumab group (N=476)	Placebo group (N=237)
	<i>No. of patients (%)</i>	
Any site	107 (22.5)	80 (33.8)
Lung	60 (12.6)	44 (18.6)
Lymph nodes	31 (6.5)	27 (11.4)
Brain	30 (6.3)	28 (11.8)
Liver	9 (1.9)	8 (3.4)
Bone	8 (1.7)	7 (3.0)
Adrenal gland	3 (0.6)	5 (2.1)
Other	10 (2.1)	5 (2.1)

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LR Control, blinded independent review

	Durvalumab (N=443)	Placebo (N=213)
Objective response		
No. of patients	133	38
% of patients (95% CI)	30.0 (25.79-34.53)	17.8 (12.95-23.65)
P value	<0.001	
Best overall response – no. (%)		
Complete response	8 (1.8)	1 (0.5)
Partial response	81.2% { 125 (28.2)	71.9% { 37 (17.4)
Stable disease	227 (51.2)	115 (54.0)
Progressive disease	73 (16.5)	59 (27.7)
Non-evaluable	10 (2.3)	1 (0.5)
Duration of response, months		
Median (95% CI)	No reached (27.4 – not reached)	18.4 (6.7-24.5)
Ongoing response at data cutoff, %		
At 12 months	81.3	60.2
At 18 months	73.5	52.2

Redrawn from: Antonia et al. New England Journal of Medicine 2017, 2018

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Also iSABR strategies (In Clinical Trials now)

Treatment-Related Adverse Events Reported in ≥5% of Patients

Event	Durvalumab (N=475)		Placebo (N=234)	
	Any Grade*	Grade 3 or 4	Any Grade*	Grade 3 or 4
	<i>number of patients with an event (percent)</i>			
Any event	322 (67.8)	56 (11.8)	125 (53.4)	10 (4.3)
Fatigue	62 (13.1)	1 (0.2)	26 (11.1)	0
Hypothyroidism	50 (10.5)	1 (0.2)	1 (0.4)	0
Diarrhea	46 (9.7)	2 (0.4)	19 (8.1)	2 (0.9)
Pneumonitis	43 (9.1)	6 (1.3)	8 (3.4)	2 (0.9)
Rash	37 (7.8)	1 (0.2)	13 (5.6)	0
Pruritus	33 (6.9)	0	5 (2.1)	0
Hyperthyroidism	30 (6.3)	0	3 (1.3)	0
Asthenia	28 (5.9)	3 (0.6)	15 (6.4)	0
Dyspnea	28 (5.9)	3 (0.6)	8 (3.4)	0
Decreased appetite	27 (5.7)	0	7 (3.0)	1 (0.4)
Nausea	26 (5.5)	0	14 (6.0)	0
Cough	25 (5.3)	0	4 (1.7)	0

- **Durvalumab (n=7)**

- Pneumonitis (n=4)
- Cardiomyopathy (n=1)
- Respiratory Failure (n=1)
- Radiation Pneumonitis (n=1)

- **Placebo (n=3)**

- Pneumonitis (n=2)
- Unknown (n=1)

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