OR-Imaging 1. Ortho CT (Orthogonal Computed Tomography for X-Ray Therapy) 2. O-PGI (Orthogonal Prompt-Gamma Imaging for Proton Therapy) 3. TPPT (In-beam TOF-PET for Proton Therapy)

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(Proton Therapy Today 2019)

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1. Motivation: Proton therapy clinical benefits



Delivers 8-18 times less overall radiation to the heart than IMRT

Brain/Head & Neck

nasal and paranasal sinus cavity cancers

quicker return to normal function

nasopharyngeal cancer

oropharyngeal cancer

45% reduction in overall risk of needing a feeding tube for

27% reduction in overall risk of needing a feeding tube for

44% increase of relative 5-year disease free survival rate for

50% overall increase of disease control for **chordomas Less side effects** during first 3 months after treatment,

50% less likely to have secondary tumor from treatment

50-83% less relative risk of heart attack or another major coronary event depending on age

50% reduction of clinically significant radiation doses to the heart

97% of partial breast irradiation patients experience no breast tumor recurrence at 5 years

90% of cases result in good to excellent cosmetic outcomes at 5 years

(Hepatocellular) 58% higher overall survival rate (2 years)

> **Bile Duct** 54% higher overall survival (4 years)

Sarcoma 49-75% reduction in complications

Lung

56% relative reduction in incidences of grade 3 esophagitis

50% reduction in relative risk of recurrence

Higher radiation dose to the tumor while reducing risks of overall side effects

64% relative increase in 5-year overall survival

Esophageal

3 to 4-day reduction in average hospital stay
5.1-22.8% overall reduction in pulmonary complications
68% relative reduction in wound complications

Prostate

4.9% higher overall 5 year survival rate

35% less radiation to bladder and 59% less radiation to the rectum

Proton patients are almost twice as likely to report **treatment had NO IMPACT on their quality of life** compared to surgery, conventional radiation, and brachytherapy

Half as many incidences of long term (2+ years) moderate or severe bowel problems

42% reduction in relative risk of developing a secondary malignancy

Significantly fewer reports of gastrointestinal, genitourinary, endocrine, or "other" complications

Rectal/Anal

More than 50% reduction in radiation dose to critical structures including bone marrow

Overall

31% relative reduction in occurrence of secondary cancers after treatment



*References available upon request. Results from separate studies compared in some instances. The benefits of proton therapy for each individual patient will vary based on their individual diagnosis. A personal consultation with a proton-trained physician is recommended in all cases.

2. Rationale for in-vivo imaging in proton RT

Target volumes and organ motion: tumor displacement

• Breathing (intrafraction)



Engelsman and Bert 2011 Lüchtenborg PhD 2012

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Target volumes and organ motion: patient displacement/deformation

• Mispositioning (interfraction)



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Target volumes and organ motion: cavity filling/wall thickening

• Tissue-density modification (interfraction)



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Provides real-time images of selected region without rotation of beam source.

• Head irradiation: nasal cavities (cavity filling) and pituitary (change in brain density)



Image with prompt gammas "stops" at beam range



(Cambraia Lopes PhD 2017)

3.1 Change of brain density due to fractionated RT

• Conjecture: brain tissue hypo/hyperdense due to fractionated RT Denham et al Radiother Oncol 2002



3. Orthogonal prompt-gamma imaging in proton RT

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- Corresponding dose profiles (protons):



3. Orthogonal prompt-gamma imaging in proton RT

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- Monte Carlo results with proposed detector (Geant4):



4. In-beam TOF-PET for proton RT



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A full simulation with an arbitrary single beamlet



Starting position: (0, -155, 0) Direction: Y (gantry angle of 180 degrees) Energy: 131 MeV Beamlet spread size: 8.42 mm sigma Beamlet duration: 4 ms

4. In-beam TOF-PET for proton RT



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