

# Radiotherapy for Desmoids tumors

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# Modern techniques allow to decrease dose delivered to the normal structure

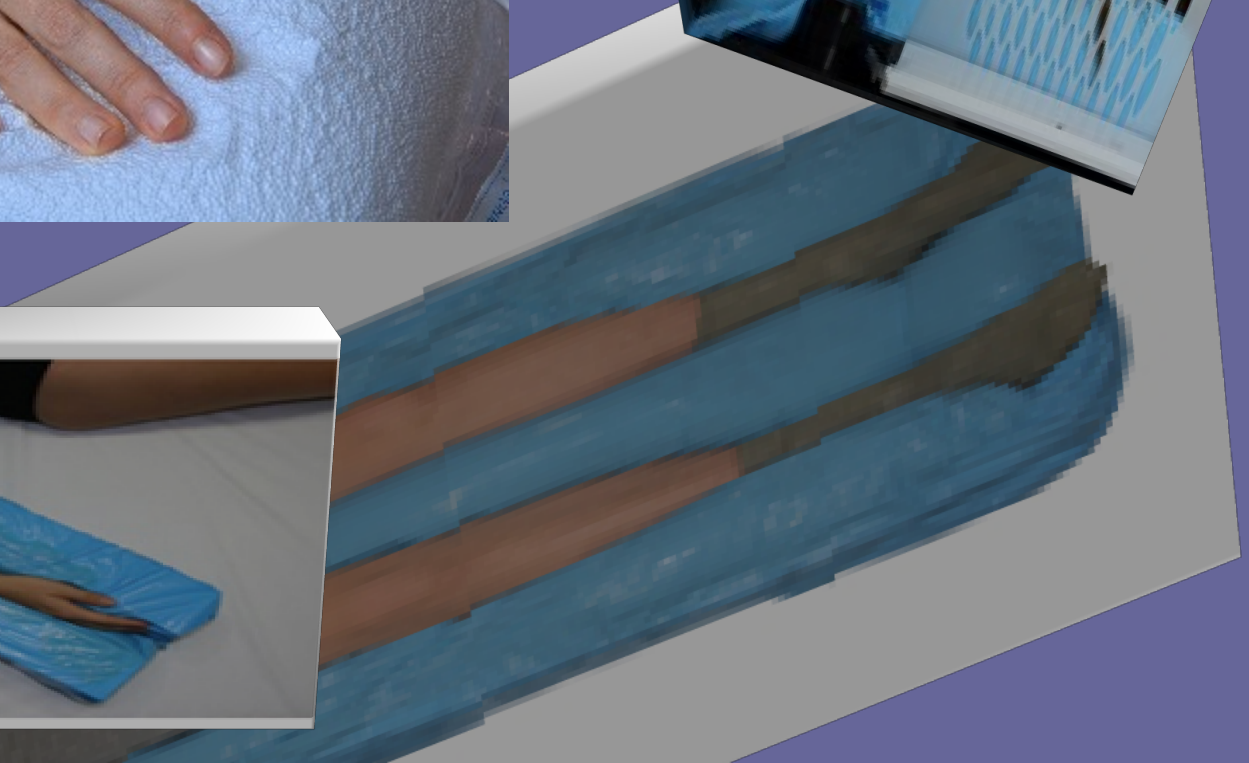
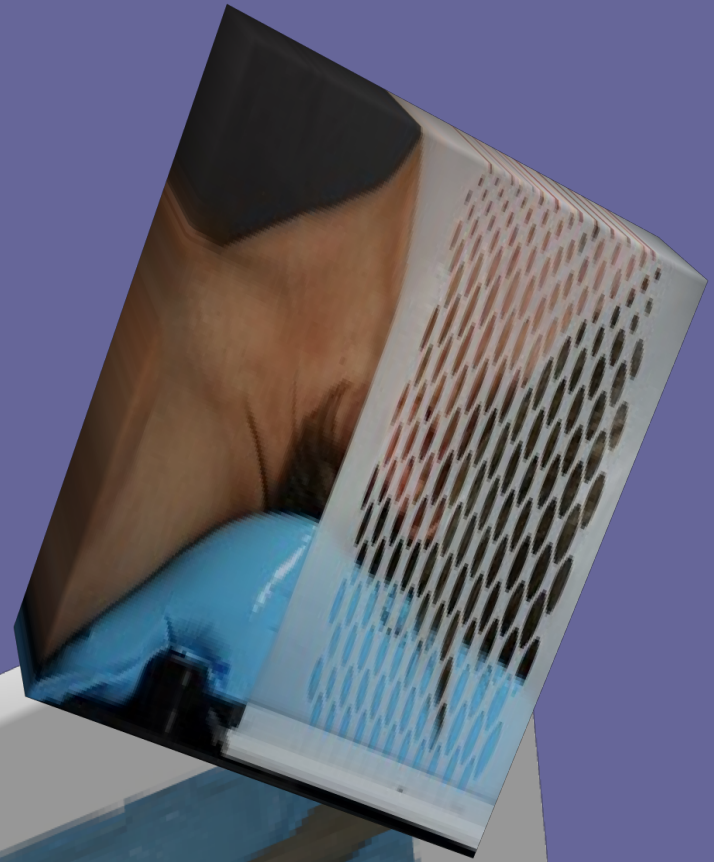
- Personal immobilisation device
- Image Guided Radiotherapy :
  - Control before and during seance
- Precision of the dose distribution :
  - RC 3D
  - IMRT
  - VMAT

# First step SIMULATION

CT scanning for:

spatial localisation of patient anatomy,  
including Organ At Risk and tumor  
contours

Immobilisation equipment



# The second stage : PLANNING

- 3D planning takes into account the variations in dose distribution caused by heterogeneities (lung.... bones.... )
- . Current computers are able to compute dose in three dimensions

# exemple

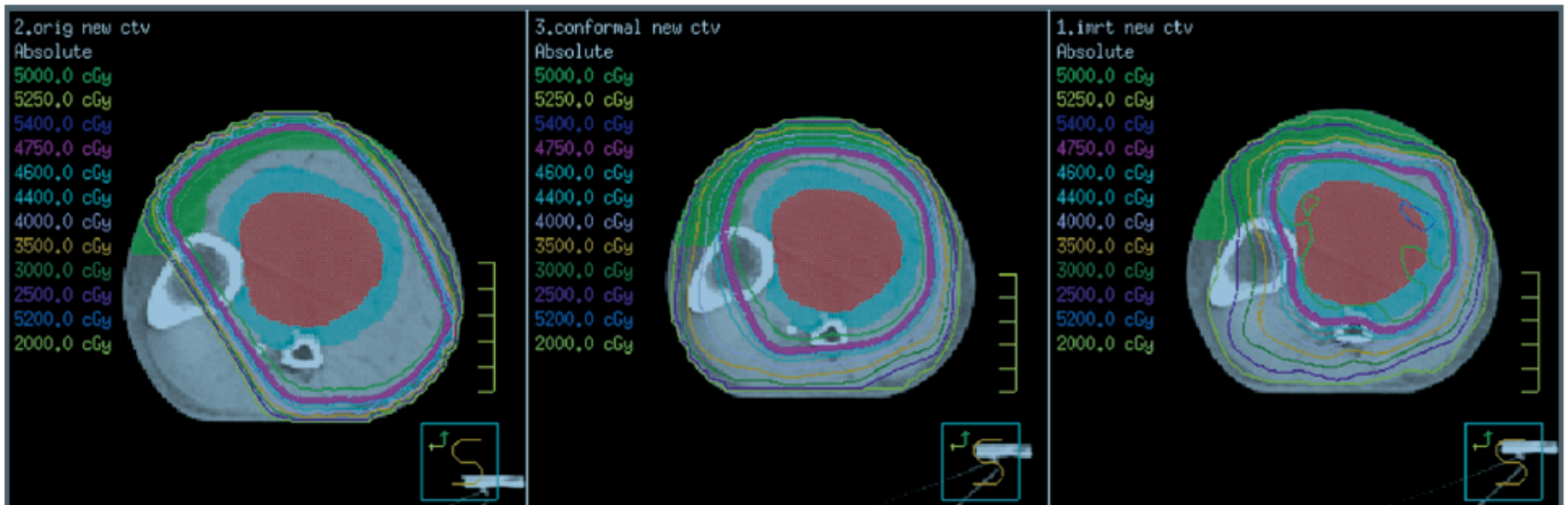
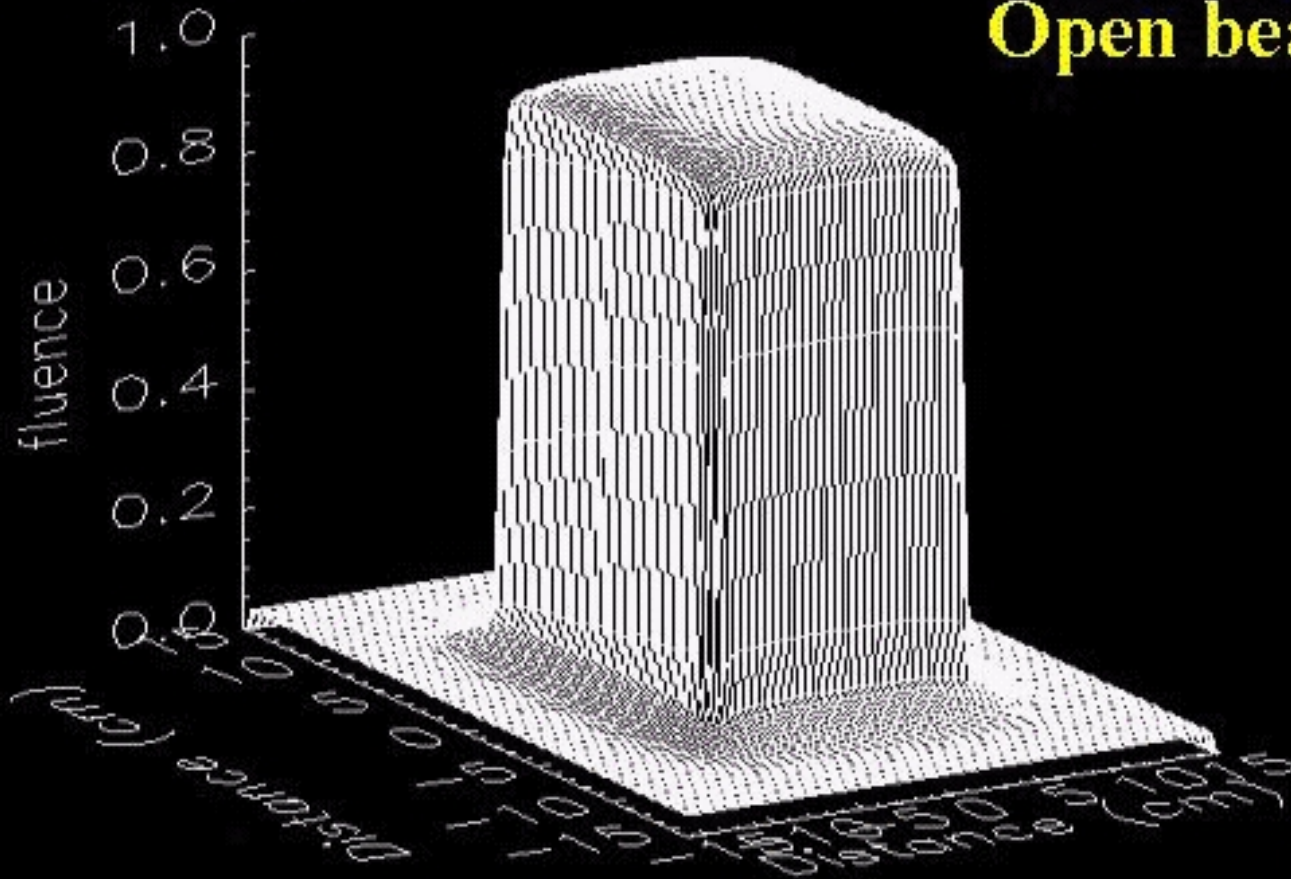


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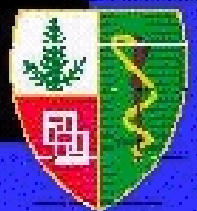
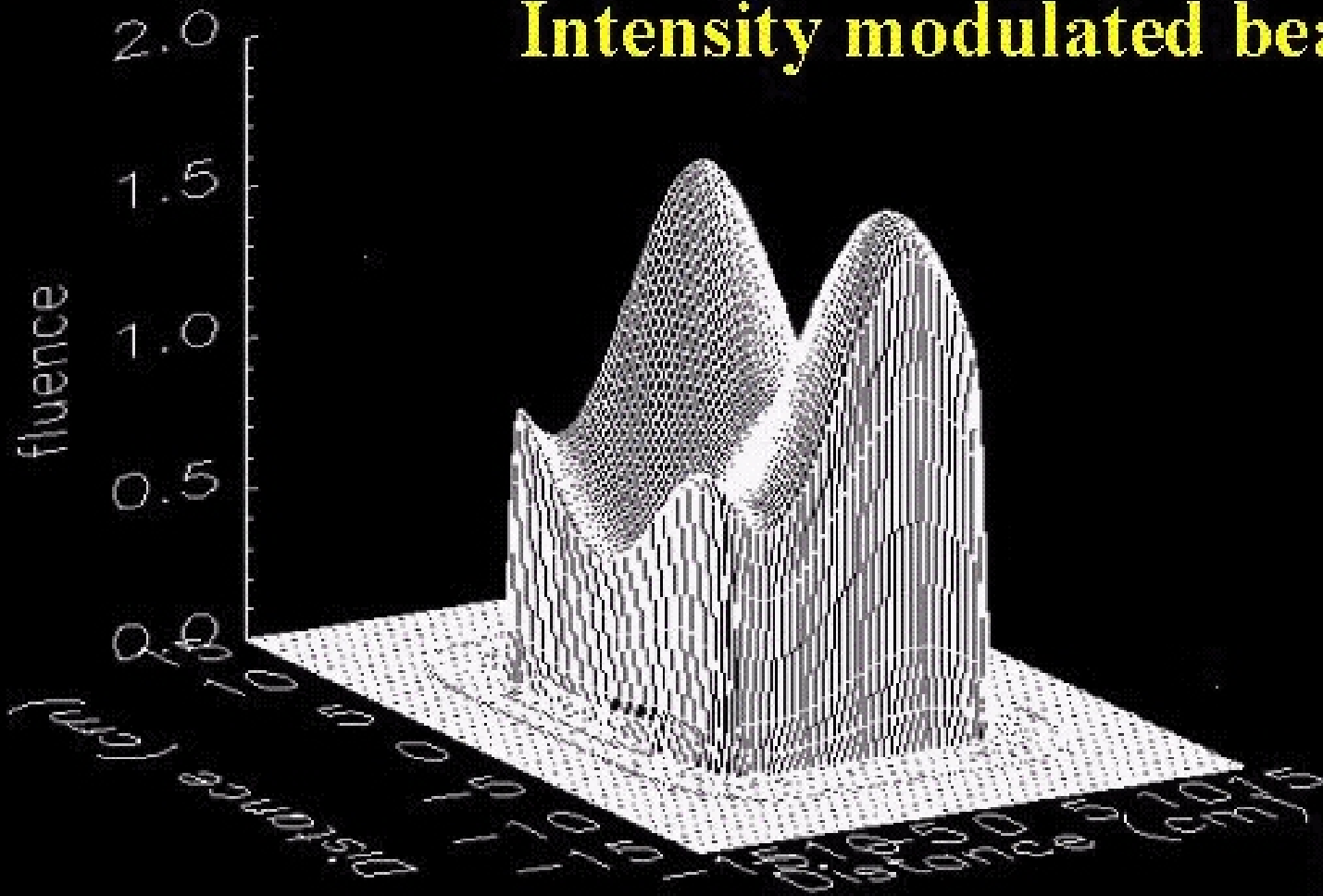
# Beam with no modulation

Open beam



# IMRT

## Intensity modulated beam

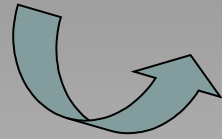




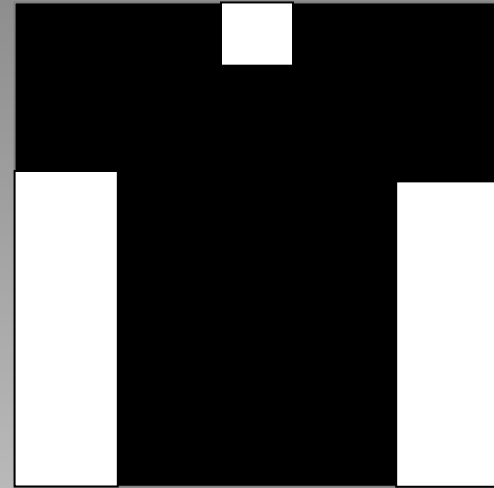
# Principle of IMRT

3DRT:

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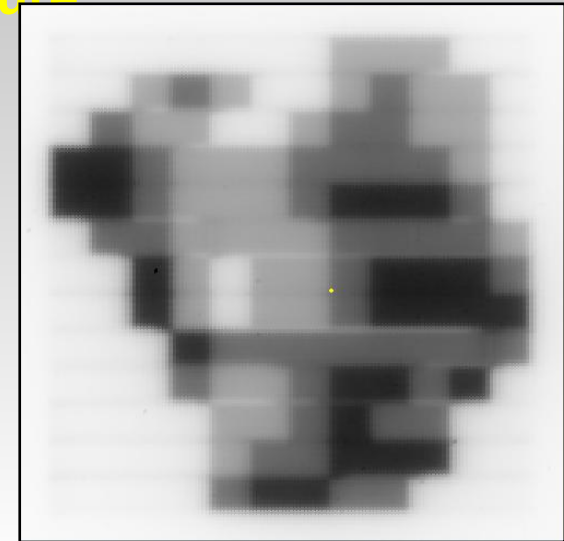
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IMRT:

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Complex dose distribution sparing critical structure



# RC-3D example

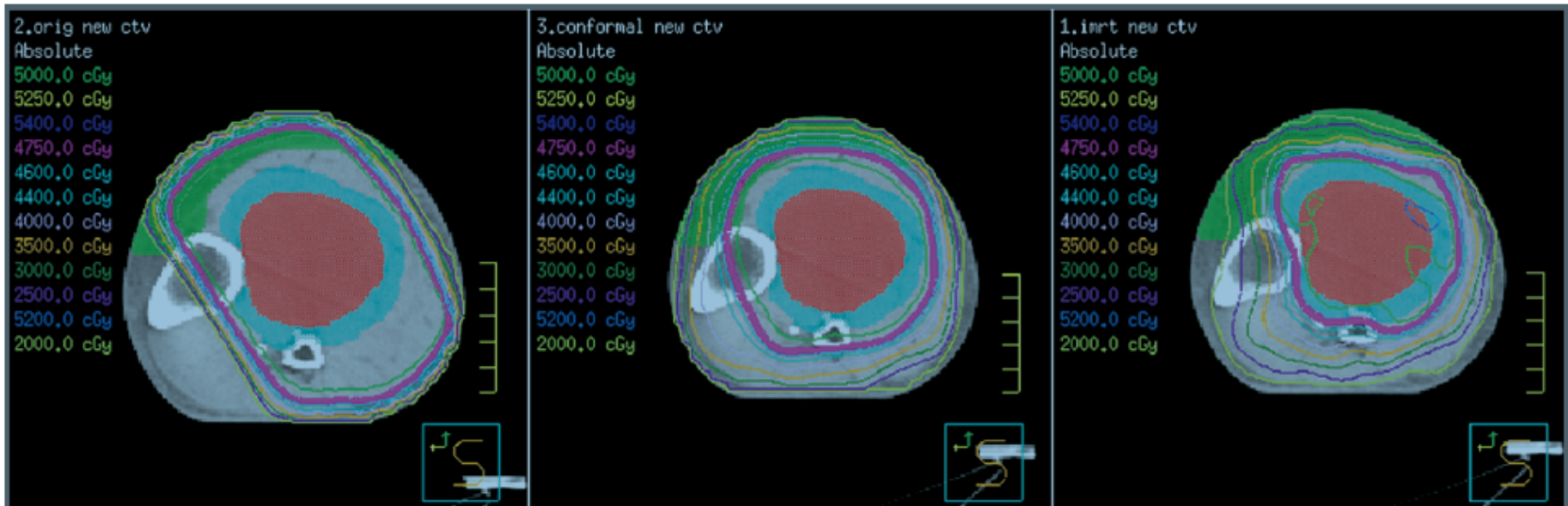
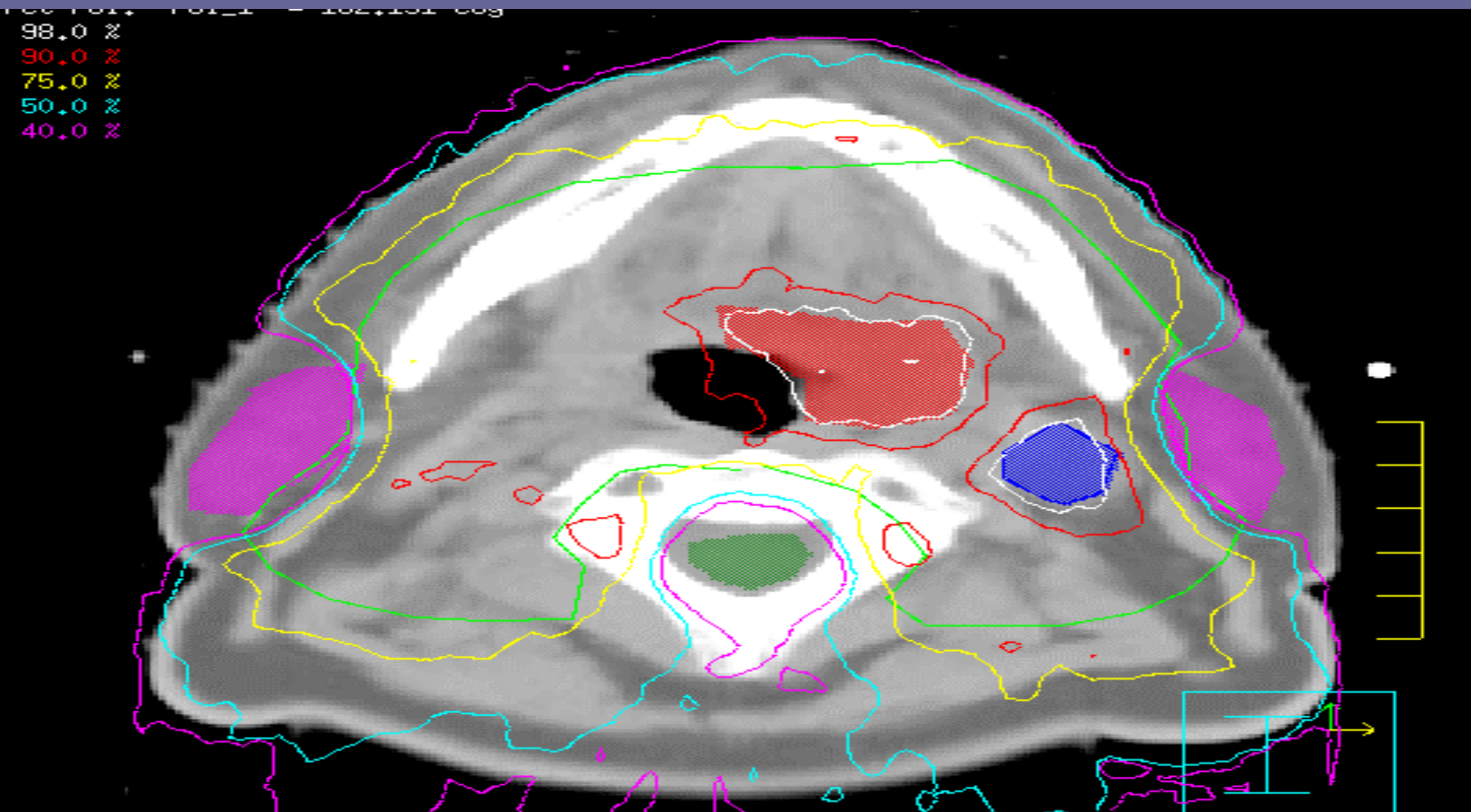
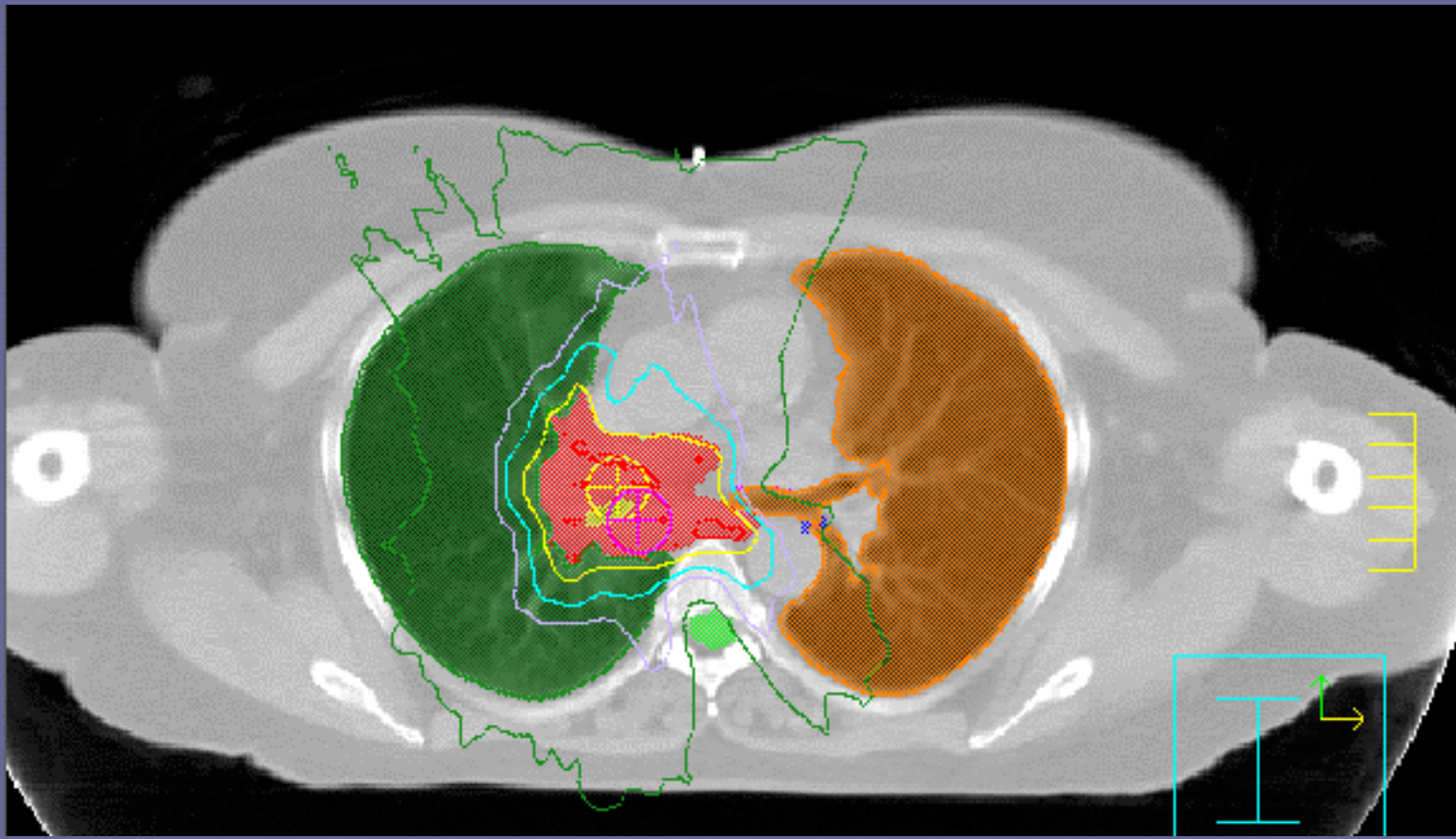
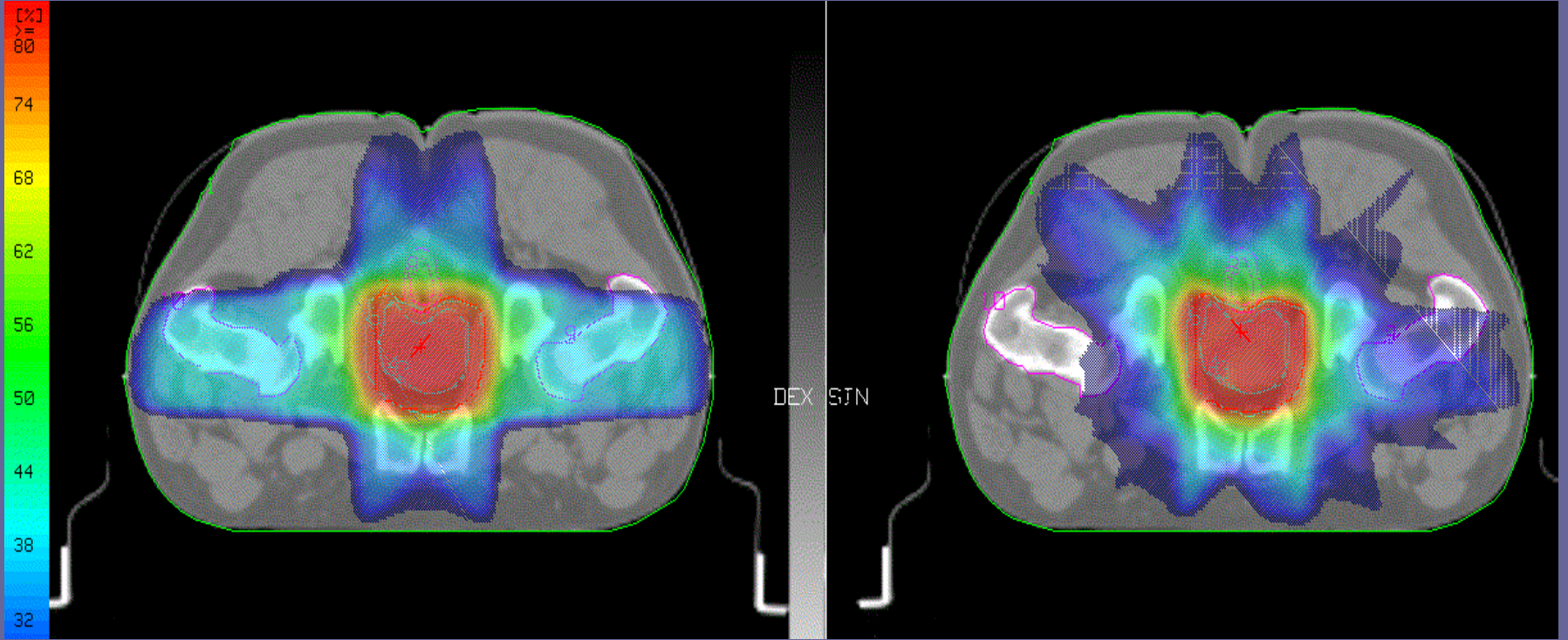


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# Dose to OAR spinal cord reduced







# The last stape TREATMENT

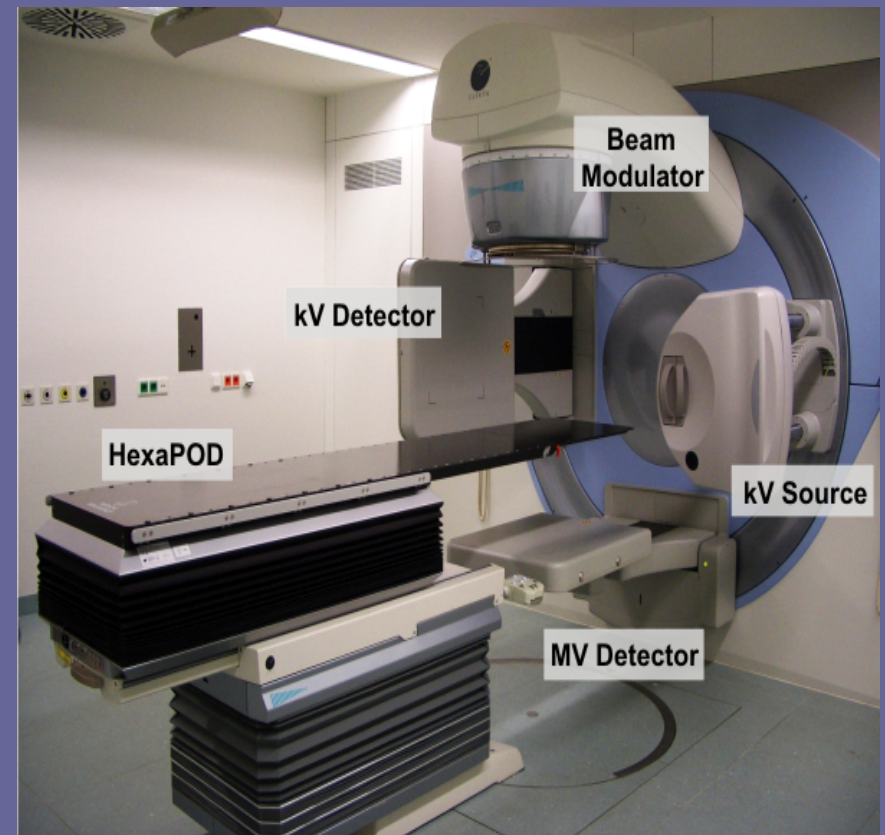
It is important to ensure that the tumour (and normal tissues) are where you think they are.

There is a balance between **reducing margins** to miss normal tissues versus sufficient margins to cover the disease volume

# Checking the position

- image acquisition prior to every treatment,
- with an on board imaging device,
  - The target volume is identified and compared with the volume in planning.
  - If significant deviation has occurred, the radiotherapy delivery may be mildly adjusted

# Accelerator able to treat and control the position by imaging 3D





# Accelerator able to treat and control the position by imaging 2D



# What about

Desmoid tumors ?????

# Radiotherapy After surgery ?

Local failure after excision 25%-40%

No phase III Study =

- No certitude

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## Surgery versus Radiation Therapy for Patients with Aggressive Fibromatosis or Desmoid Tumors

*A Comparative Review of 22 Articles*

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**BACKGROUND.** Desmoid tumors (aggressive fibromatoses) are benign neoplasms with high rates of recurrence after surgery. Radiotherapy is sometimes reported to prevent recurrences, but not in all studies. In order to evaluate the effect of radiation, comparative analysis was performed.

**METHODS.** The authors conducted a MEDLINE search and collected all articles in the English language on the treatment of "desmoid tumor" or "aggressive fibromatosis" from the years 1983-1998. They categorized treatment into three groups: surgery alone (S), surgery with radiotherapy (S + RT), or radiotherapy alone (RT). The S and S + RT groups were each subdivided according to whether margins were free (-), positive (+), or unknown. Each subgroup was divided into cases with primary, recurrent, or unknown tumor.

**RESULTS.** The local control rates after treatment for cases in the S group with (-) margins, (+) margins, and overall were 72%, 41%, and 61%, respectively. For the S + RT group the local control results were 94%, 75%, and 75%, respectively, significantly different when compared with the results for the S group. For the RT group, the local control was 78%, significantly superior to that of the S group (61%). Cases with primary and recurrent tumors had significantly superior local control rates with S + RT or RT versus S. Radiotherapy complications noted were fibrosis, paresthesias, edema, and fracture.

**CONCLUSIONS.** RT or S + RT results in significantly better local control than S. Even after dividing the groups into cases with free and positive margins and cases with primary and recurrent tumors, the best local control is achieved with RT or S + RT. *Cancer* 2000;88:1517-23. © 2000 American Cancer Society.

**KEYWORDS:** desmoid tumor, aggressive fibromatosis, surgery, radiotherapy, complications.

**A**ggressive fibromatosis is a benign neoplasm that arises from fascial and musculoaponeurotic tissues. These tumors lack a capsule, infiltrate along fascial planes, and invade adjacent neurovascular structures.<sup>1</sup> Local recurrences may occur even after a wide resection. Some resections may be mutilating. Disfigurement may be avoided in some instances by radiotherapy, either alone or after conservative surgery, without compromise in local control. Radiotherapy has a relapse rate of 31% for unresectable tumors.<sup>2</sup> There seems to be evidence that radiotherapy is helpful in the management of aggressive fibromatosis, although the role and precise indication for this modality has not been defined clearly. In an attempt to put the multimodal management of the desmoid tumor in some perspective, a comparative review of 22 articles regarding the roles of surgical and radiotherapy for aggressive fibromatosis was performed.

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Publications 83-98.

22 articles

718 pts

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RESULTS : Local control

surgery 61%

Surgery + RT 75%

RT alone 78%

Toxicity: RT complications fibrosis, paresthesias, edema, fractures

Conclusion: RT or surgery + RT results in significantly better local control than surgery alone

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RTE is effective after surgery R1 and R0

**TABLE 3**  
**Local Control for Free Margins, Positive Margins, or Unknown Margins Treated with Surgery Alone, Surgery with Radiotherapy, or Radiotherapy Alone**

	Surgery alone		Surgery + RT			RT alone <sup>a</sup>		
	No.	%	No.	%	<i>P</i> value <sup>b</sup>	No.	%	<i>P</i> value
Free margins	171/237	72	33/35	94	0.0048			
Positive margins	50/121	41	174/232	75	$4 \times 10^{-10}$	80/102	78	NA
Unknown margins	13/23	56	14/26	54	NA			
Total	234/381	61	223/297	75	0.0002	80/102	78	0.023

RT: radiotherapy; No.: number of patients with local control, NA: not available.

<sup>a</sup>All patients treated with radiotherapy alone had macroscopic disease.

<sup>b</sup>*P* value in comparison with surgery alone.

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An international study of Rare Cancer Networkthe  
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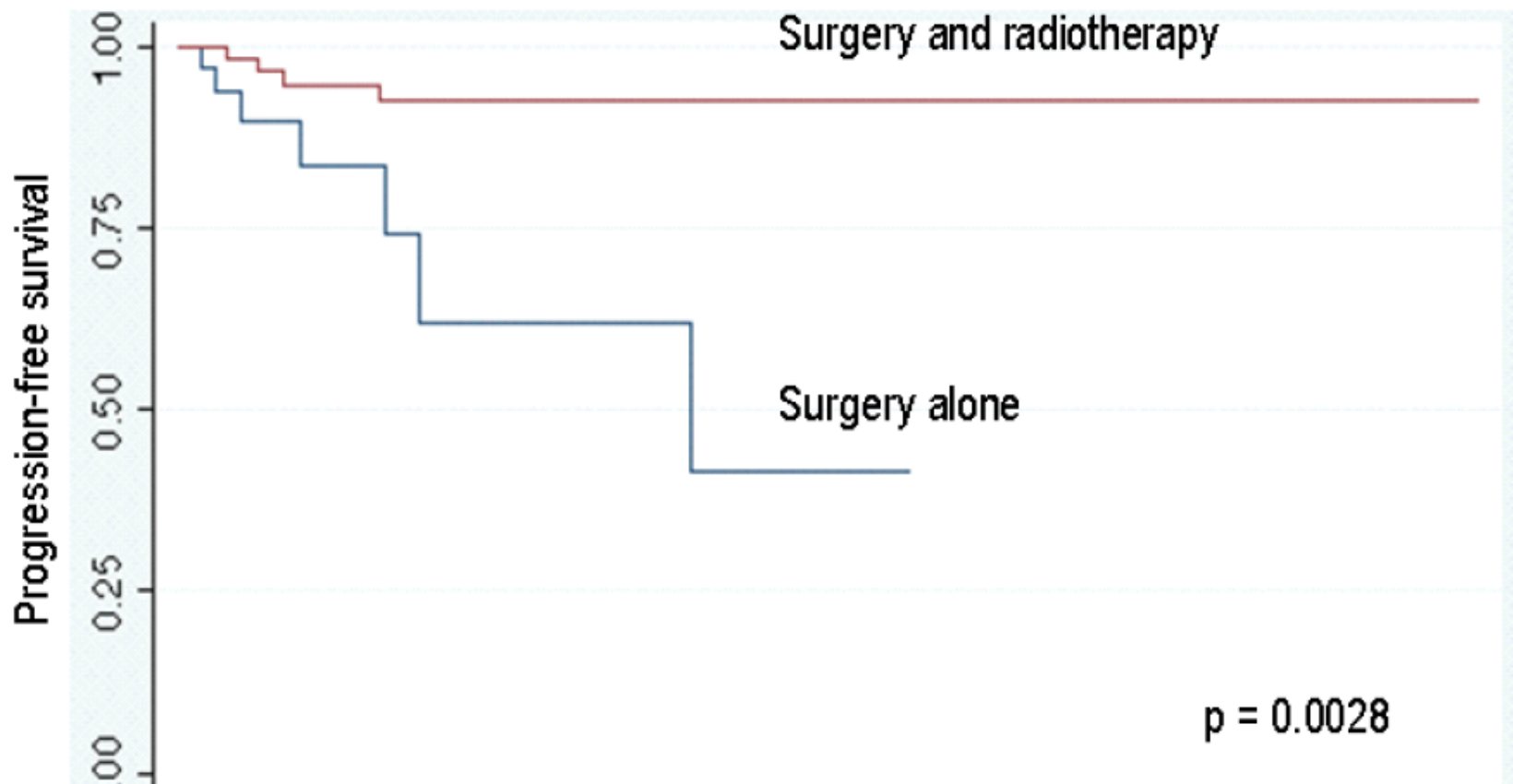
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Results : Recurrences :

- Post surgical E RT : 17/ 68 patients (25%)
- Surgery alone : 12/38 patients (32%)

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Group EBRT : Recurrences were seen :

at the field borders in 7 cases

within the field in 10 cases.

in areas where the dose was less than 50 Gy in 65 % of  
case.

Conclusion of the author is

Dose at least of 50 Gy has to be delivered

Field margin has to be at least 5 cm.

# But no value prognostic value for surgical margin

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# Looking for relevant prognostic factor

To select patients who need post operative radiation therapy

AGE ? Tumor site ?

Beta catenine ?

News factors ?

# Curative or exclusive EBRT

Are demsmoid tumor radiosensitiv ?

# Exclusive RT

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	<b>n</b>	<b>Local control</b>	<b>Doses RT</b>	<b>Site of recurrence.</b>
<b>(Gluck et al. 787-92)Michigan 1984 200 95 pts 8-87ans</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3 y : 92.3%</b>		<b>In field :5pts 3</b>
<b>(Rutenberg et al.)1978 2008 30pts 8-30 ans</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15 ay67%</b>	<b>55-65 Gy</b>	<b>ne</b>
<b>(Zlotecki et al. 177-81) 1975-2000 65 pts 10-78 ans</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>5 y78%</b>	<b>50-54 Gy</b>	<b>In field : 2pts Fields margins 9</b>
<b>(Micke and Seegenschmiedt 882-91) 112 institutions 1976 345 pts</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>81 %</b>	<b>36-65 Gy</b>	<b>ne</b>
<b>(Baumert et al. 12)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>ne</b>	<b>ne</b>	<b>61 % fields margins</b>
<b>(El-Haddad et al. 775-80) 1990 2006 AS 54 pts 2-63 ans</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>ne</b>	<b>45 - 60 Gy</b>	



	<b>TTT</b>	<b>age</b>	<b>Site t</b>	<b>size</b>	<b>margin</b>	<b>PFactors</b>
<b>, (Rutenberg et al.) 1978 2008 30pts 8-30 ans</b>	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	<b>Dose 55 gy rec.</b>
<b>(Gluck et al. 787-92) Michigan 1984 2004 95 pts 8-87ans</b>	NS	NE	<b>0.035</b>	NS	NS	
<b>(Zlotecki et al. 177-81) 1975-2000 65 pts 10-78 ans</b>	NS	NE	NE	NE	NS	<b>Rec</b>
<b>(Micke and Seegenschmiedt 882-91) 112 institutions 1976 345 pts</b>	NS	NE	NS	NS	NS	<b>Rec 0.08</b>
<b>(Baumert et al. 12) NE/SU/NO BE/ES 110 pts 1-78 ans</b>	NS	NS	<b>0.01 Abdo péjoratif</b>	NE	NS	<b>Dose&gt;50 Gy</b>
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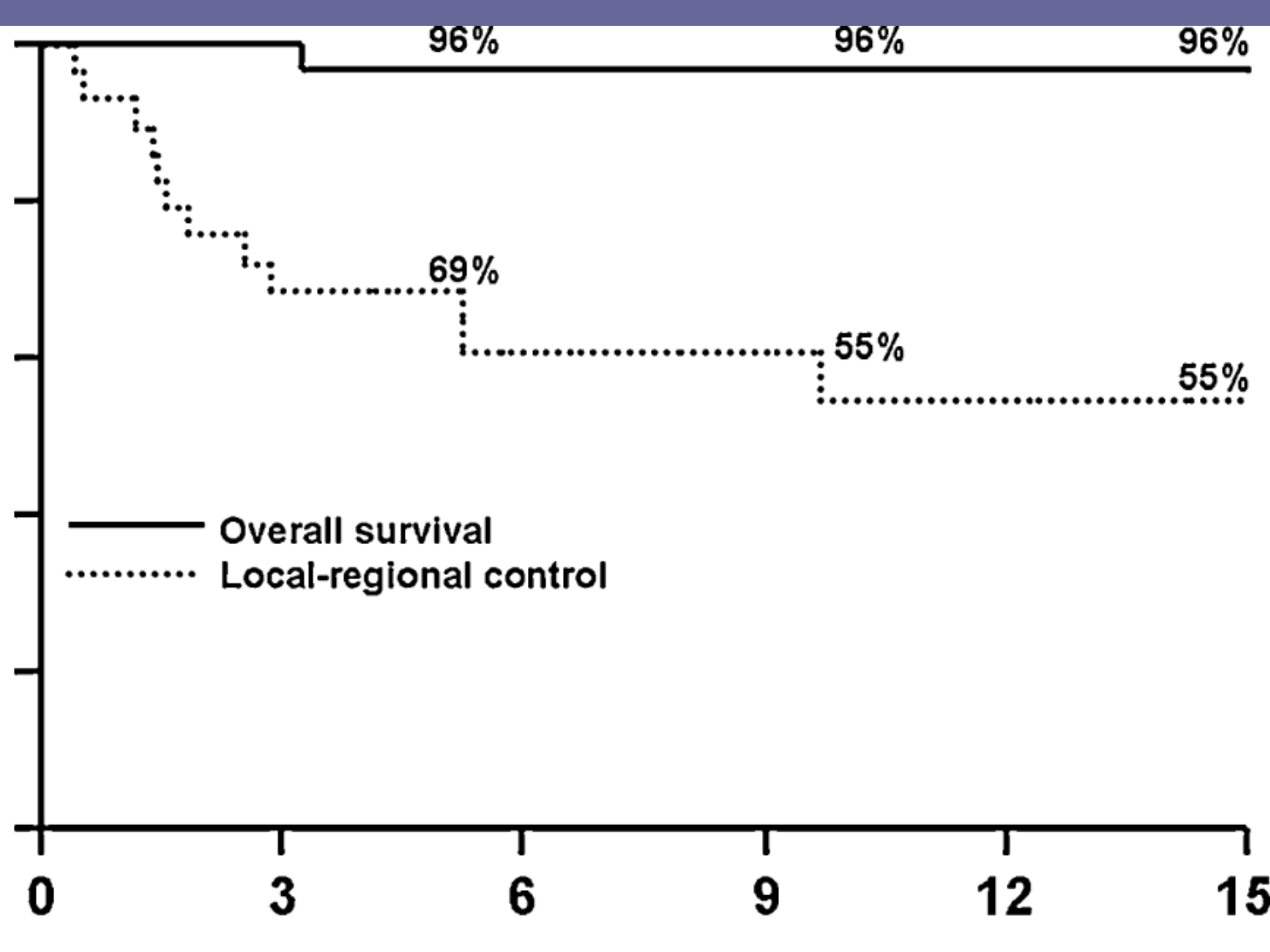
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(Rutenberg et al.) 1978 2008 30pts 8-30 ans	NE	13 y	surgery :14pts Rte :15pts surgery+rte :1pts	15 y 53 % 67%	3fractures
(Zlotecki et al. 177-81) 1975-2000 65 pts 10-78 ans	42/65	6 y	Nie+rte :32pts Rte : 33pts	5 y 78% 87%	3/65 fractures
(Micke and Seegenschmiedt 882-91) 112 institutions 1976 345 pts	50% >2 xie	43 ms	Nie +rte :141pts Rte :204pts	81% 79,6%	No second cancer
(Baumert et al. 12)		6 y	Nie +rte : 68 surgery :42pts Rte :0 pts	10 y 93 % 62%	No second cancer 4 sever bowel injuries
(El-Haddad et al. 775-80) 1990 2006 AS 54 pts 2-63 ans	28 rec. /54	7.3 y	surgery+rte :54 pts	10 y 67 %	No second cancer

# toxicities

- 3 second cancers / 1322 pts
- Résultats satisfaisants même en récurrence
- Nombreuses complications de la RTE en particuliers douleurs et troubles fonctionnels

# RT for desmoid

- Large volumes
- Dose 50-55 Gy



# Expérience CLB

- Expérience CLB

	<u>Rec</u>	Dose Gy	<u>fu</u>	DN réponse	douleurs
Pt1	oui	56	5A	<u>Rp</u> 60-40 mm	NON
Pt2	oui	56	7A	RP	OUI
Pt3	oui	56	8A	RC	NON
Pt4	oui	56	4A	PR champ	OUI
Pt5	oui	54	6A	RC	OUI
Pt6	oui	56	8A	PR bordure	OUI
Pt 7	oui	56	4A	RP 96-60mm	NON mieux
Pt 8	oui	56	4A	PR bordure	NON
Pt 9	oui	56	3A	RP	NON
Pt 10	oui	56	3A	RP 78-40 mm	NON

# conclusion

- Not always efficient for dolor....
- Tumor regression after several years
- Marginal recurrence

To evaluate the efficacy of radiotherapy for inoperable desmoid tumors, the Soft Tissue and Bone Sarcoma Group of the European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC) performed a pilot study (EORTC

62991)

- assessing moderate-dose radiotherapy for aggressive
- fibromatosis in patients not amenable to resection
- without significant function loss. Patients received radiotherapy
- for a total of 56 Gy in 28 fractions. This nonrandomized,
- phase II study finalized recruitment with 44
- patients in April 2008, and patients are still under followup; the final analysis is awaited after 3 years of follow-up in
- the second quarter of 2011.



# Toxicities

## Bones fractures

- Reduced by modern RT

## Fibrosis necrosis

- Reduced by modern RT

## Second cancer

- ????
- Low risk
- Very long term risk
- Probably not reduced by modern radiotherapy
-

# Observation before radiation

They may grow progressively larger over time, but growth is indolent, and periods of growth arrest are not uncommon

Medical treatment need 24 months to induced response

# When it may be proposed?

In case of evolutiv inoperable symptomatics disease ?

- Abdominal
  - New IMRT and VMAT
  - gives news possibilities in selectiv case
- Appendix head and neck or parietal
  - For evolutiv symptomatics disease after failure of medical treatment

# After surgery

## Lack of selections criteria

## Recurrence with second R2 resection and

Role for postop RT is not clear ;

It is currently not recommended for R1 resection,

It may be offered for R2 resection, particularly if there are concerns about local disease progression and morbidity/mortality

# Why irradiated ?

To preserved the quality of life

Decreased dolor

Preserved function

Increased local control after surgery

# Conclusion

- Desmoid tumors are a challenging clinical condition with locally aggressive behavior and a strong tendency for recurrence.
- Management options include :
  - observation, surgical resection, radiotherapy, conventional chemotherapy, hormonal agents, and newer molecular targeted agents. A multidisciplinary approach
- tailored to the individual patient is
- usually needed, depending on the location,
- local effects, and clinical course.