# The Evolving Role of Radiotherapy in Treatment of Breast Cancer

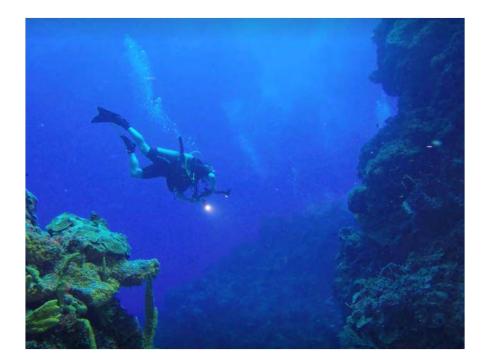
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#### The Evolving Role of XRT in Treatment of Breast Cancer

- The Big Picture: Why XRT?
- Surface-Image Guidance
- Hypofractionation
- Accelerated Partial Breast
- Radiosurgery
- Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy





# Why XRT?

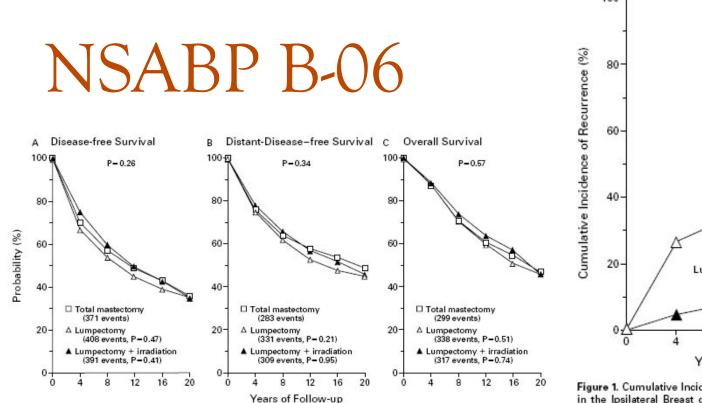


#### 70 Gy in 31 fractions

#### 5 year result







#### Why BCT and Why Include Radiotherapy?

Figure 2. Disease-free Survival (Panel A), Distant-Disease-free Survival (Panel B), and Overall Survival (Panel C) among 589 Women Treated with Total Mastectomy, 634 Treated with Lumpectomy Alone, and 628 Treated with Lumpectomy plus Irradiation. In each panel, the P value above the curves is for the three-way comparison among the treatment groups; the P values below the curves are for the two-way comparisons between lumpectomy alone or with irradiation and total mastectomy.

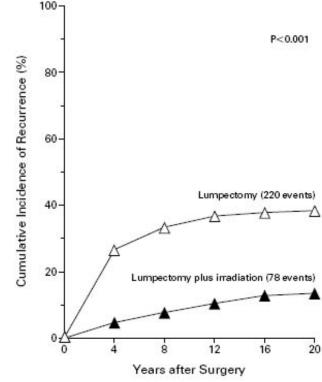
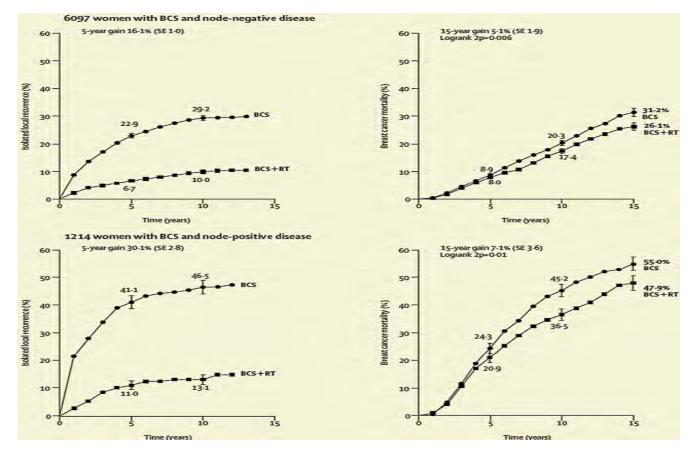


Figure 1. Cumulative Incidence of a First Recurrence of Cancer in the Ipsilateral Breast during 20 Years of Follow-up among 570 Women Treated with Lumpectomy Alone and 567 Treated with Lumpectomy plus Breast Irradiation.

The data are for women whose specimens had tumor-free margins.

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## Survival Benefit Oxford Meta-Analysis



For every four LR prevented, one death is prevented at 15 years.



# Conventional Tangent-Field XRT



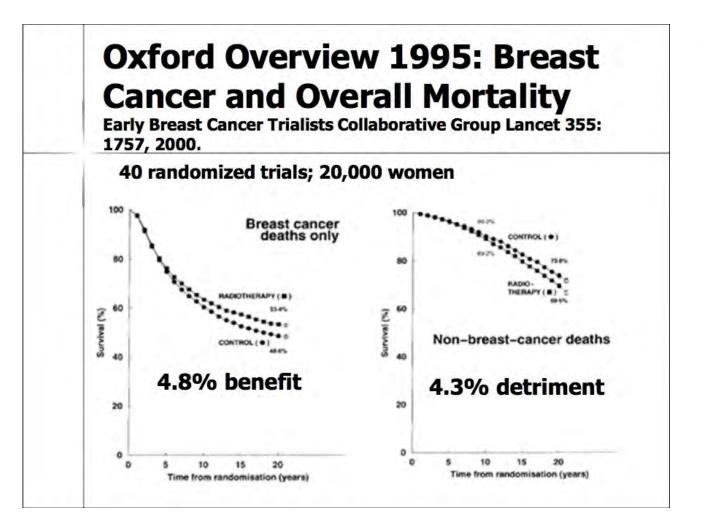


## Conventional Tangent-Field XRT (circa 1995)





## XRT Survival Impact Oxford Meta-Analysis



Points out the importance of reducing toxicity



## Radiation-Related Cardiac Impact

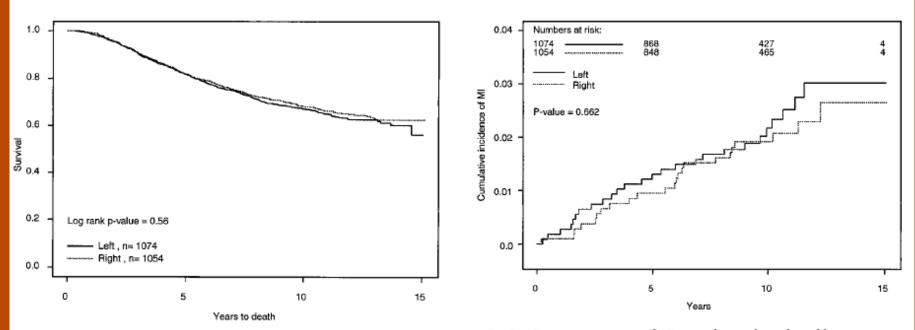


Fig 1. Survival curves according to laterality of breast cancer.

Fig 2. Time to occurrence of MI according to laterality of breast cancer.

#### Vallis et al., JCO 20(4): 1036-1042, 2002



# Radiation-Related Cardiac Impact

Based on 300,000 US women with breast cancer (SEER data) Relative Risk (95% confidence interval) for left versus right sided tumors

|             | < 10 years      | 10-14 years      | ≥ 15 years       |
|-------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1973 - 1982 | 1.2 (1.04-1.38) | 1.52 (1.11-1.82) | 1.58 (1.29-1.95) |
| 1983 - 1992 | 1.0 (0.91-1.18) | 1.27 (0.99-1.63) | NA               |
| 1993 - 2001 | 1.0 (0.82-1.12) | NA               | NA               |

1 Gy increase in mean heart dose was associated with a 7% relative increase in cardiac events

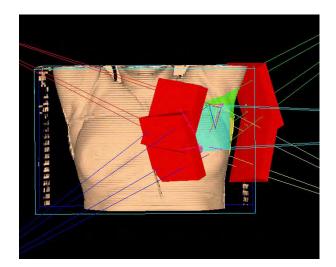
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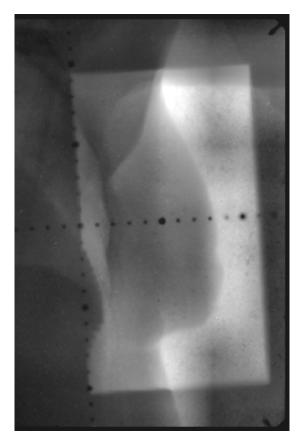
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# Techniques for Cardiac Avoidance



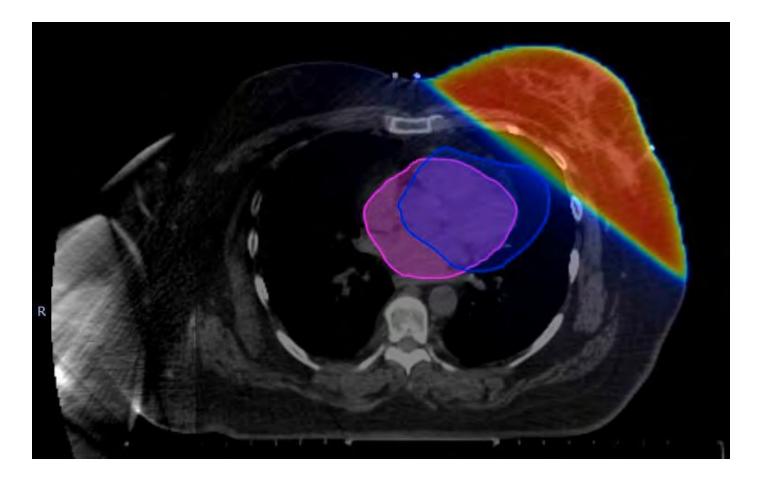






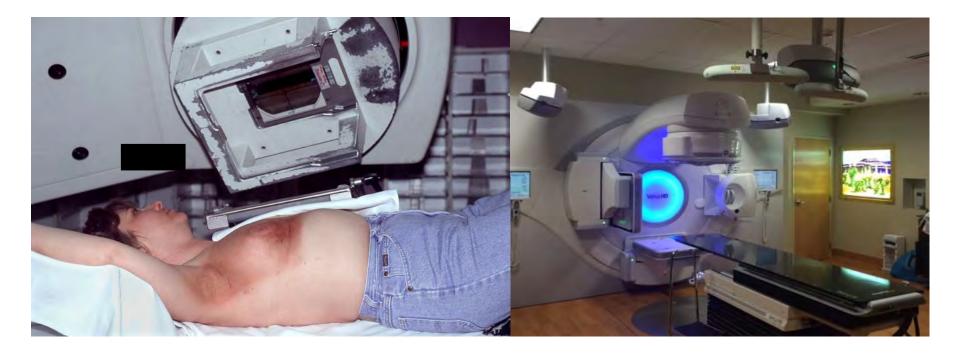


# Deep-Inspiration Breath Hold





# Changing Technology and Patient Experience

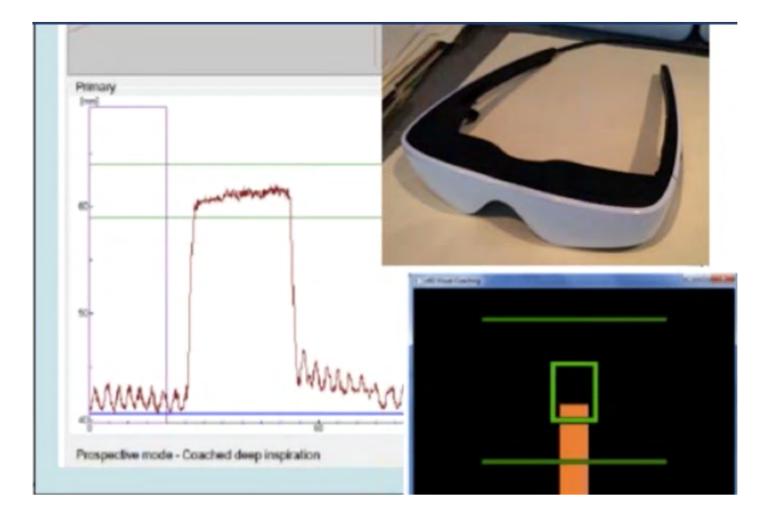


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# Deep Inspiration Breath Hold



# Surface Monitoring of Breath Hold



## DIBH Reduction in Cardiac Dose

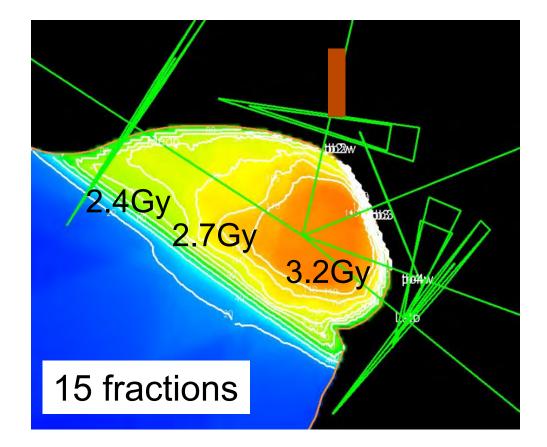
|                        | <u>Free Breathing</u> | <u>DIBH</u> | <u>Ours</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| <u>Heart</u>           |                       |             |             |
| median                 | 3.62 Gy               | 1.86 Gy     | 1.34 Gy     |
| $2 \text{ cm}^3$       | 45.7 Gy               | 21.5 Gy     |             |
| > 42 Gy                | 17 pts                | 4 pts       |             |
| <u>Ipsilateral Lur</u> | lg                    |             |             |
| median                 | 8.7 Gy                | 6.3 Gy      |             |
| V <sub>20</sub>        | 17%                   | 12%         |             |

Daily median treatment time was 9 minutes

Hepp et al, Strahlenther Onkol 191:710-716 2015



## Risk adaptation of breast RT: high risk - simultaneous integrated breast boost (SIB)





RAPID Trial Randomized Trial of Accelerated Partial Breast Irradiation using 3-Dimensional Conformal Radiotherapy (3D-CRT)

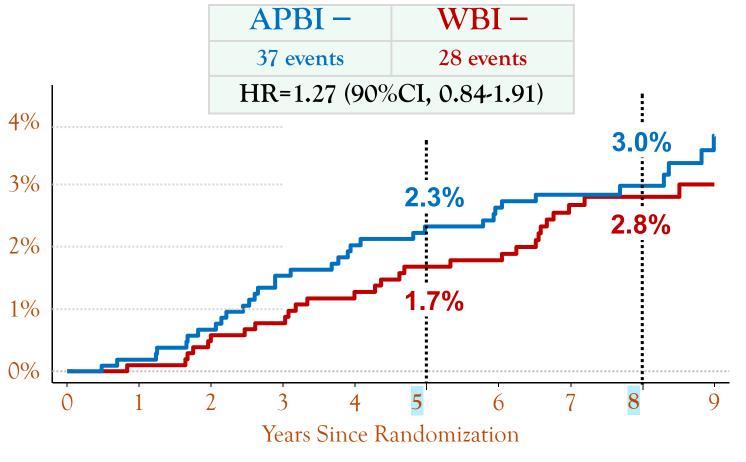
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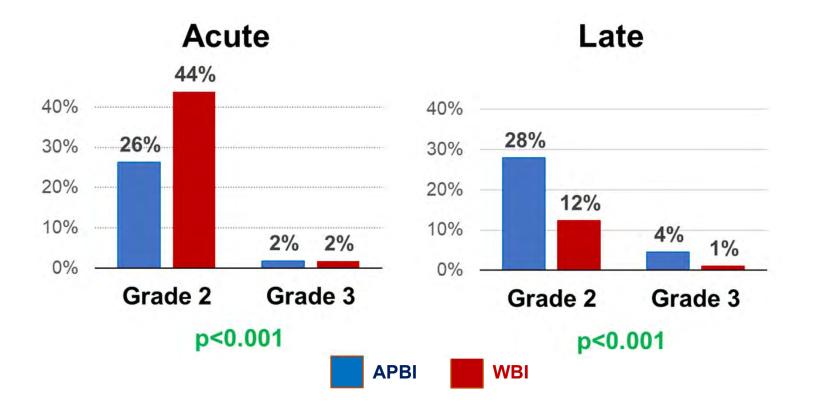


# In Breast Tumor Recurrence





# Radiation Toxicity $\geq$ Grade 2





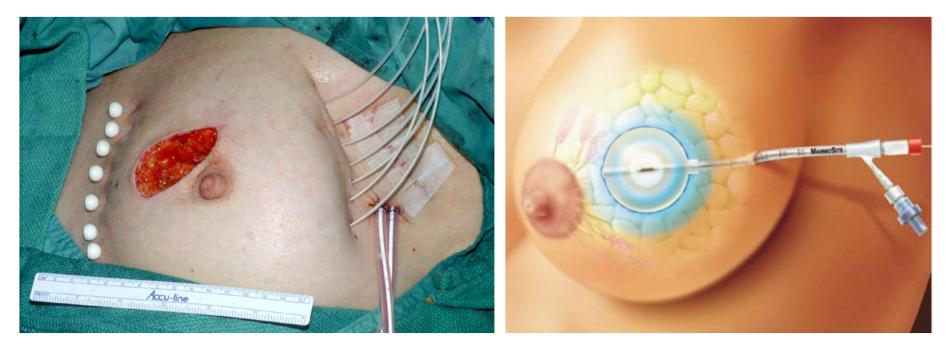
#### Cosmetic Rating (Nurse) by Treatment and Time **APBI** WBI 17% 19% Base 83% 81% 17% 29% 3 Year \* 83% 71% 16% 32% 5 Year \* 84% 68% 36% 19% 7 Year \* 64% 81% Fair/Poor Excellent/Good Fair/Poor Excellent/Good \* p < 0.001

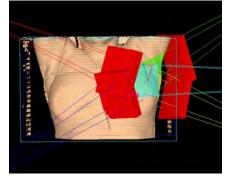


#### Cosmetic Rating (Patient) by Treatment and Time WBI **APBI** 24% 21% Base 76% 79% 26% 18% 3 Year \* 74% 82% 30% 18% 5 Year \* 70% 82% 31% 15% 7 Year \* 69% 85% Excellent/Good Fair/Poor Excellent/Good Fair/Poor \* p < 0.001



# Brachytherapy for Breast Cancer





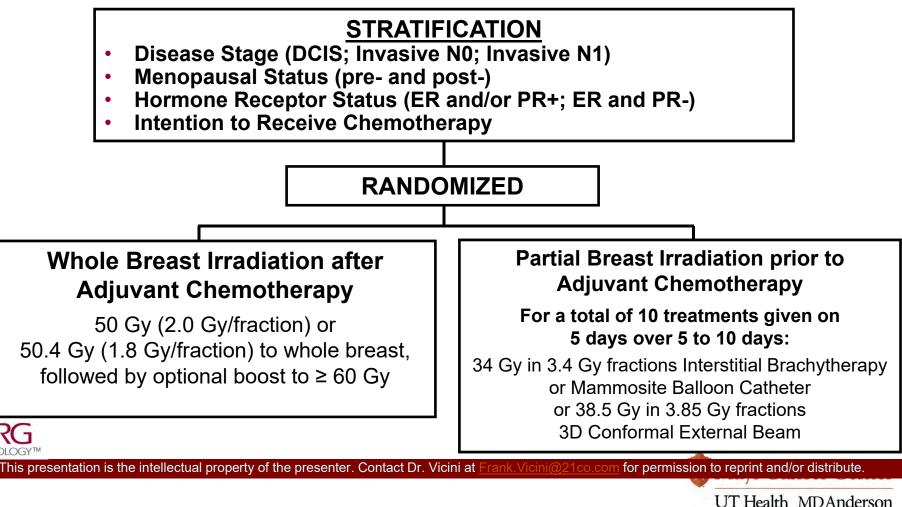


Primary Results of NSABP B-39 A Randomized Phase III Study of Conventional WBRT vs. PBI for Women with Stage 0, I, or II Breast Cancer

F Vicini (NSABP PI), R Cecchini, J White (RTOG PI), T Julian, D Arthur, R Rabinovitch, R Kuske, D Parda, P Ganz, M Scheier, K Winter, S Paik, H Kuerer, L Vallow, L Pierce, E Mamounas, J Costantino, H Bear, I Germain, G Gustafson, L Grossheim, L Petersen, R Hudes, W Curran, N Wolmark



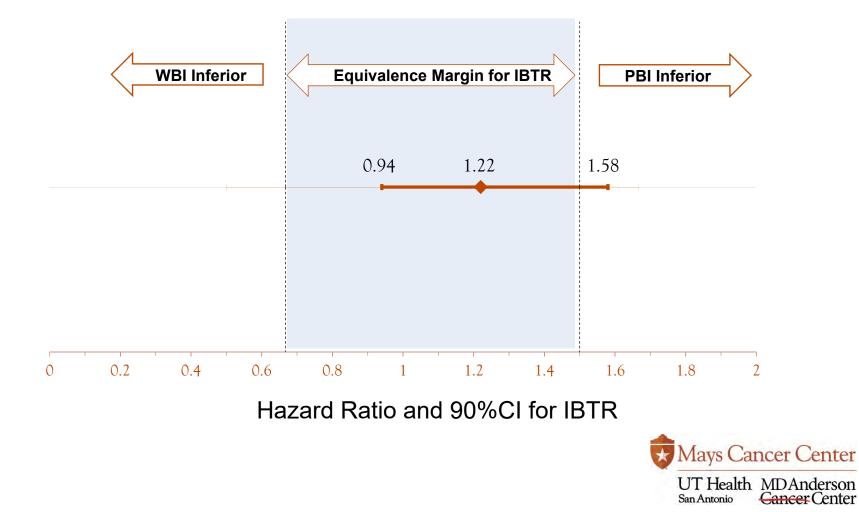
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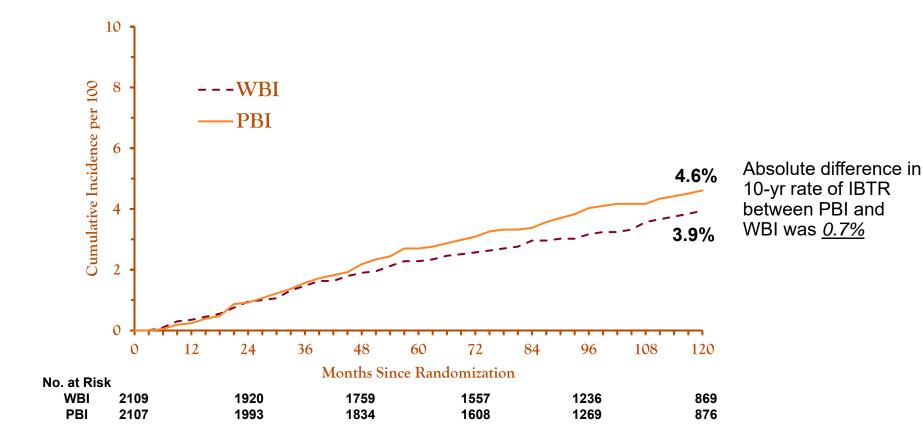
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### Ipsilateral Breast Tumor Recurrence (IBTR)



#### Cumulative Incidence of In-Breast Tumor Recurrence





## In-Breast Tumor Recurrence by PBI Method

| Treatment Group                   | # of<br>Pts | # of<br>Events | Hazard<br>Ratio<br>(HR) | HR 95%<br>Confidential<br>Interval | 10-yr Cum<br>Incidence |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| WBI                               | 2,011       | 67             | REF                     |                                    | 3.8%                   |
| PBI                               |             |                |                         |                                    |                        |
| Multi-catheter brachytherapy      | 130         | 9              | 2.21                    | 1.10 - 4.46                        | 7.7%                   |
| Single-entry brachytherapy device | 358         | 24             | 2.15                    | 1.34 - 3.44                        | 7.8%                   |
| 3DCRT (external beam)             | 1,535       | 55             | 1.04                    | 0.73 - 1.49                        | 3.7%                   |



# Shrinking Indications for Whole Brain Radiotherapy

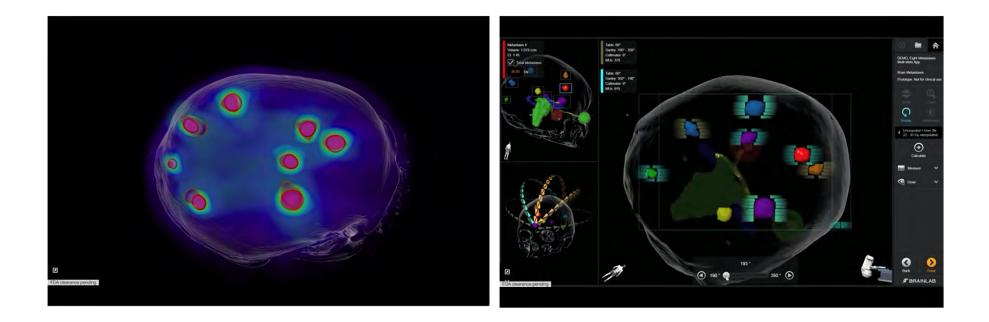
- Patient with Limited Life Expectancy, < 3 months\*
- Patient with Very Poor Performance Status, KPS < 70\*</li>
- Patient with a Very Large Number of Lesions
- Patient with High "Metastatic Velocity"

\*Exception may be pt with new diagnosis who has never received effective systemic therapy





## Multiple Metastases: BrainLab Elements



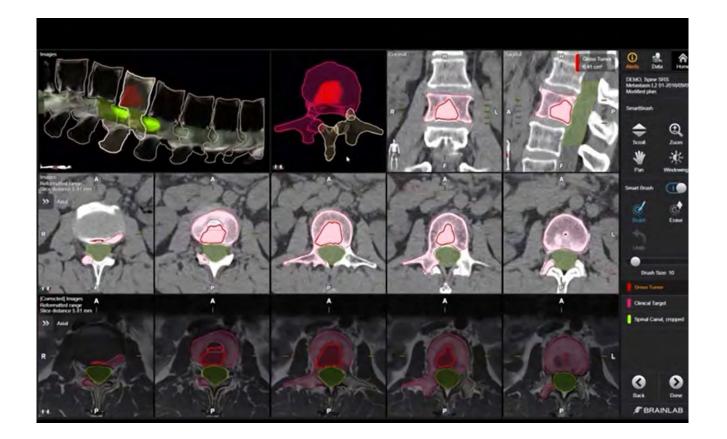


# Spine SBRT: Novalis Elements





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