



## **BrachyNext 2014 Miami**

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### **Session E1: Science Is Proven Quality an Argument?**

#### **The Role of HDR Monotherapy for Intermediate and high risk patients**



## **Disclosures**

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## **The Role of HDR Monotherapy for Intermediate-/High-risk Prostate Cancer** **E1: Is Proven Quality an Argument?**

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## **HDR Monotherapy for Int./HR CaPr, Is Quality an argument?**

- **Ideal treatment for Prostate Ca?**
- **Consider various HDR approaches & dose regimens**
- **Report outcomes from GammaWest Cancer Services**
- **Need for Androgen suppression?**
- **HDR BT with other treatments?**
- **How do HDR Regimens compares to the ideal Rx?**



## HDR Monotherapy

### Ideal Therapy for PrCa?

- Curative
- Short duration, short recovery
- Precise and accurate for every patient
- If procedural, low risk
- No androgen suppression
- Minimal acute/late symptoms
- Preserve normal anatomy
- No incontinence
- Preserve erectile function
- No risk for second malignant neoplasms
- No risk to others
- Affordable cost



## bDFS – HDR Boost

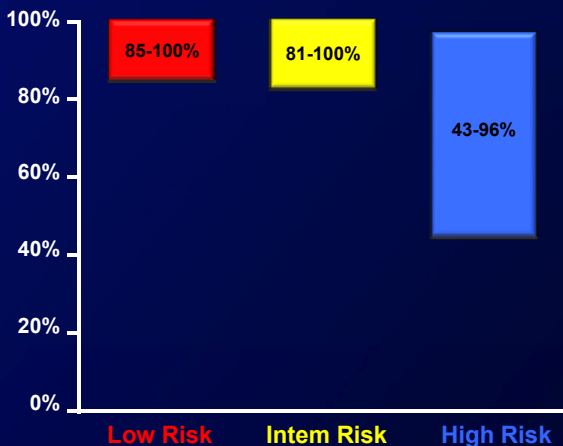
### 24 Studies

Patients:  
total 5,955  
range per study 35-1260

EBRT  
typically 45-50Gy

**HDR doses:**  
min 5.5 Gy x 3  
max 15 Gy x 2

Follow-up:  
range 26-105 mo



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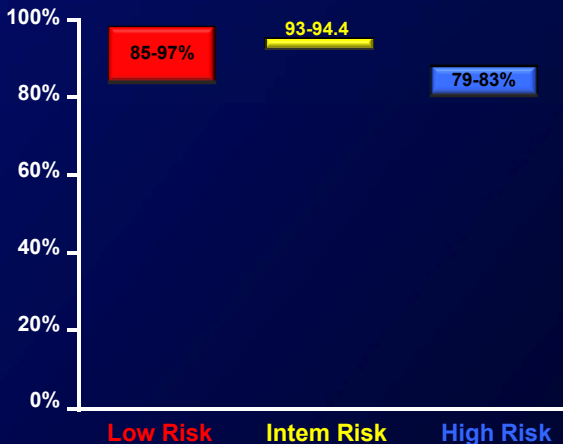
## bDFS – HDR Monotherapy

7 Studies (2 Salvage\*)

Patients:  
total 976  
range per study 6-298

**HDR doses:**  
min 6 Gy x 2\*  
max 6 Gy x 9  
9.5 Gy x 4

Follow-up:  
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Author	n	FU (mo)	HDR Dose	Comments	Low Risk	Interm Risk	High Risk
Demanes	298	62	7Gyx6 9.5Gyx4	<1 % GI tox 3% G3 GU tox	97%		
Jabbari	6	26	6Gyx6	Prior APR no gr3 tox			
Lee	21	19	6Gyx6	Salvage tx of EBRT or LDR seed failure, 89% bNED at 2y			
Martinez/Grills	248	58	9.5Gyx4/ 7Gyx6	Less urinary & GI tox compared to LDR boosts	97%		83%
Rogers	284	35.1	6.5Gyx6	2 sessions 6.5Gyx3. No urethral stricture 82.6% potency. No GI tox >gr 1		94.4%	
Tharp	7	58	6Gyx2/ 7Gyx3/ 9Gyx2	Salv HDR after LDR or EBRT failure, 5 pts devel strict, 71% bNED			
Yoshioka	112	65	6Gyx9 (5 days)	No >gr 3 toxicity	85%	93%	79%

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## **HDR Brachytherapy as Monotherapy for Intermediate-Risk Prostate Cancer**

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## **HDR Brachytherapy as Monotherapy for Intermediate-Risk Prostate Cancer**

**Intermediate-Risk Definition**

**AJCC Clinical Stage T2b - T2c  
Gleason Score 7  
and / or  
PSA 10-20**

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## HDR Brachytherapy as Monotherapy for Intermediate-Risk Prostate Cancer

**Number of Patients**  
**Length of Follow-up**

2001 through 2009, 1260 patients treated with HDR-MT  
Limiting analysis to intermed-risk & >1yr FU = **284 pts**

**Follow-up** 12.1 – 96.1 mo, mean 35.2 mo  
Scheduled at 3 mo, 6 mo, then every 6 mo  
Patients reported IPSS, UBS, Pad usage, IIEF-5, each FU  
Rectal effects were evaluated via RTOG criteria

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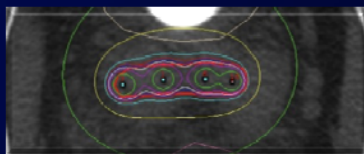
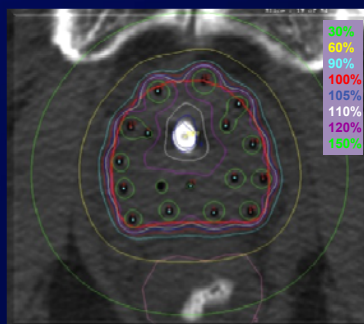


## HDR Brachytherapy as Monotherapy for Intermediate-Risk Prostate Cancer

Intermed risk & >1y FU, 284 pts  
2 brachytherapy procedures  
1 night hospitalization each

6.5 Gy x 3 with each procedure  
Total dose: 39 Gy in 6 fractions  
Median 16 days, mean 19 days  
range 6-35 days

Prostate volume	38.1 ± 15.7 cc
Planning target volume	68.7 ± 22.3 cc
Treatment volume	95.2 ± 29.6 cc



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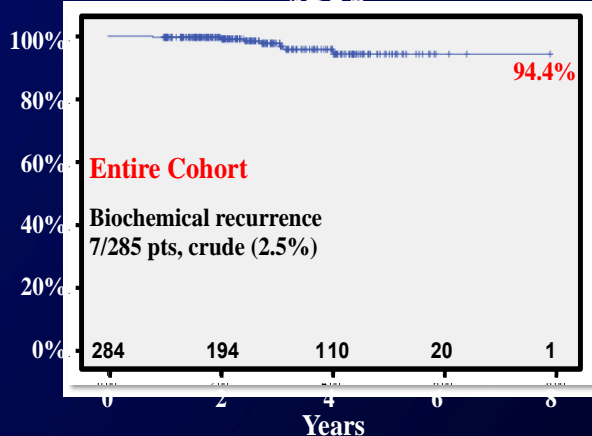
FU: 35.2 mo (12.1-96.1)

Age: 70.2 yr (47-85)

PSA: 8.4 (1.0-19.7)

Gleason Score: 6.6 (4-7)

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## HDR Brachytherapy as Monotherapy for Intermediate-Risk Prostate Cancer

### Univariate Analysis

Gleason score, PSA  
No. of intermed-risk features  
Age  
Treatment duration  
Prior TURP  
Volume reduction HT (n=46/284, 16.2%)

} Not significant

Clinical stage T2c  
%PBCs 4<sup>th</sup> quartile (post-hoc)  
PSA nadir  
non-failure, mean 0.299  
failure, mean 0.797

} p=0.001 } Significant

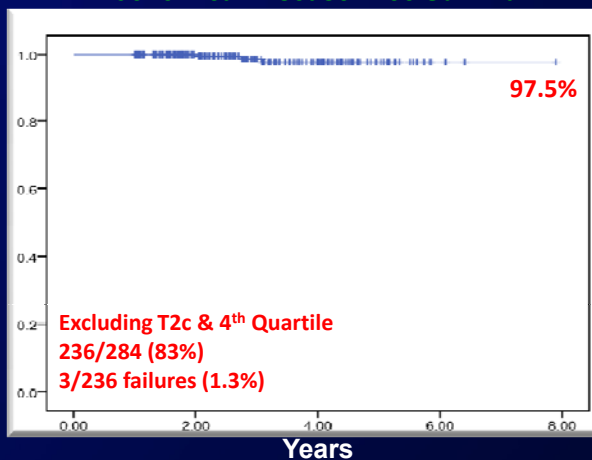
Owing to the constraints of an intermediate-risk cohort with only 7 events, multivariate analysis was deemed infeasible.

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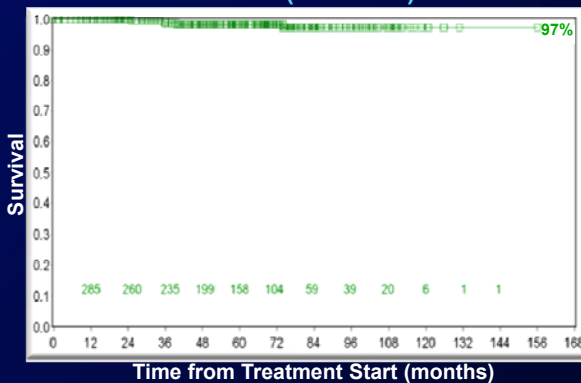
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CET: 7 Gy x 6 (TD 42 Gy)  
2 procedures, 3 fx each  
1 week apart

WBH: 9.5 Gy x 4 (TD 38 Gy)  
1 procedure, 2 days

### bPFS (Nadir + 2)



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## HDR Monotherapy

Offenbach, Frankfurt & Bremen, Germany

n = 718

Group A: 9.5 Gy x 4, 1 procedure  
n=141

Group B: 9.5 Gy x 4, 2 procedures  
2 wks apart, n=351

Group C: 11.5 Gy x 3, 3 procedures  
3 weeks apart, n=226

Follow-up:

median 52.8 mo

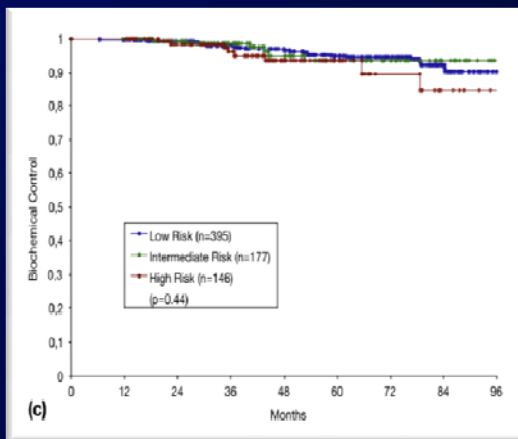
Side effects:

grade 3 or 4 GU toxicity 3.7%

grade 3 or 4 GI toxicity 1.6%

**Erectile function\* retained in 81.1%**

**\* suitable for intercourse"**



Zamboglou N, Tselis N, Baltas D, Buhleier T, Martin T, Milickovic N, Papaioannou S, Ackermann H, Tann UW. High-dose-rate interstitial brachytherapy as monotherapy for clinically localized prostate cancer: Treatment evolution and mature results. *Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys* 2013;m85(3):672-678



## HDR D<sub>90</sub> = Dose to 90% Prostate

Is Quality an argument? Precise and Accurate in every patient

208 patients

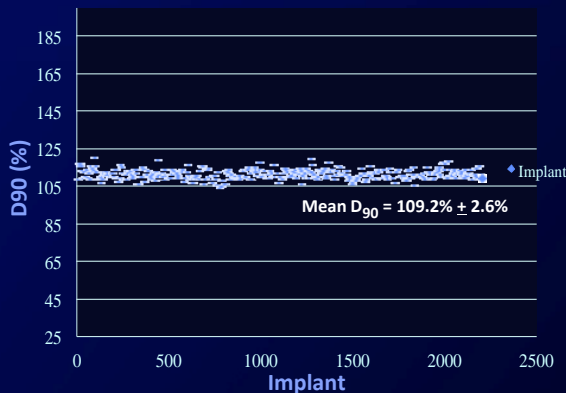
HDRB: 6 Gy x 4, then  
39.6 Gy / 22 fx EBRT

HDR-MT: 7.25 Gy x 6

Mean V90, V100, V150, V200  
99.9%, 99.5%, 25.4%, 7.7%

Mean dose to OAR:

OAR	0.1cc	1cc	2cc
urethra:	107.3%	101.1%	47.9%
bladder:	79.5%	69.8%	66.3%
rectum:	76.3%	70.2%	66.3%



White E, Kamrave M, Memarco J, Park SJ, Steinberg M, Demanes DJ. Highly consistent dosimetry with prospectively planned image guided high-dose-rate intensity modulated prostate brachytherapy. *ABS Annual Meeting 2011 (abst)*



## Seeds (<sup>103</sup>Pd or <sup>125</sup>I) ± EBRT ± Hormones

Mount Sinai Hospital

Intermediate-Risk: PSA 10-20, GS 7, T2b (not T2c)

2,250 men treated w/ LDR brachy

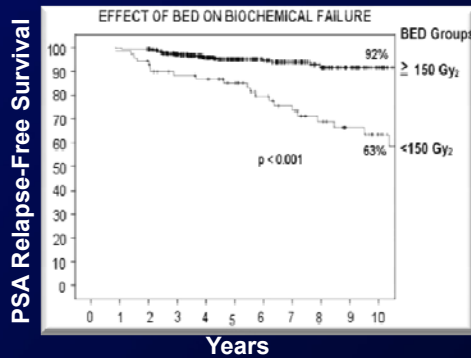
558 (25%) Intermediate-risk

# risk fxs: 1 6.38%, 2 26.3%, 3 45%

EBRT median dose 45 Gy,  
delivered 6-8 wk after brachy  
target prost + SVs + 15-20mm

Hormones: LHRH ± anti-androgen  
commonly for 6mo with LDR-MT  
or 9mo with trimodality therapy

### Effect of BED on Biochemical Failure



**448 Of 588 (83%) received BED Gy<sub>2</sub> ≥ 150**

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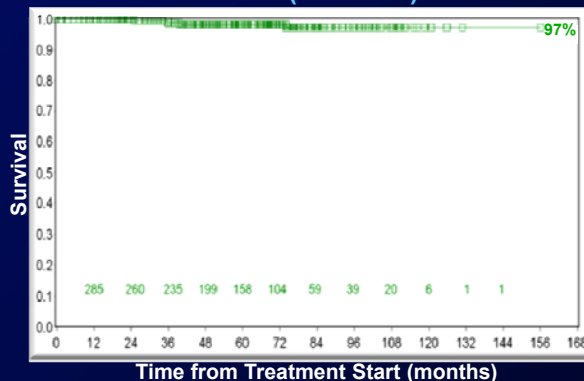
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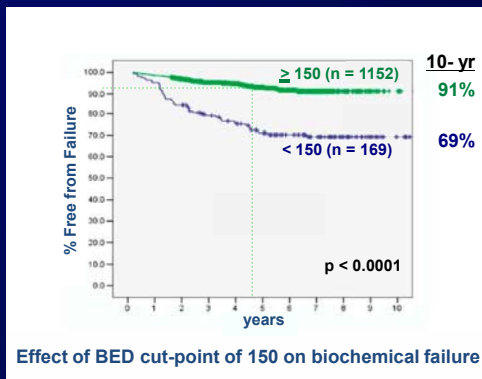
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## Seeds

### Effect of BED on PSA FAILURE

1377 pts  
I-125 or Pd-103  
Brachy alone 571  
Brachy + H 371  
Trimodality 435



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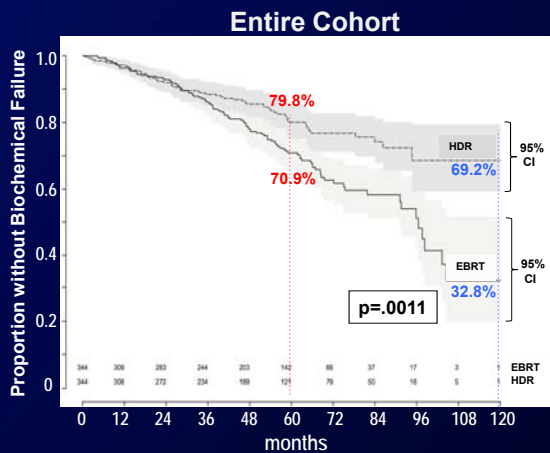
2001-2006

344 patients EBRT + HDR  
46 Gy / 23 + 19.5 Gy / 3  
344 matched cohort EBRT alone  
74 Gy / 37

NCCN Risk Groups  
Low - Risk none  
Intermediate 203 each group  
High - Risk 141 each group

Hormonal therapy 59% each arm

Median f/u 60.5 months



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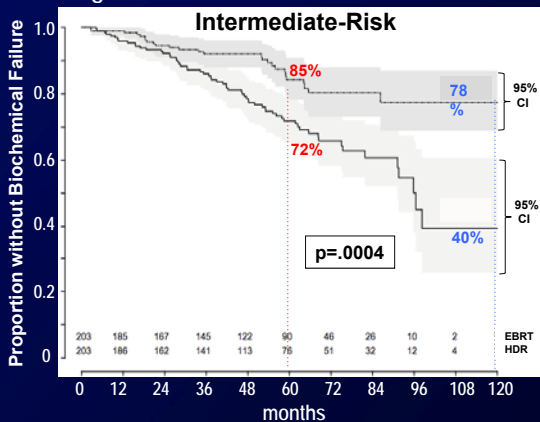
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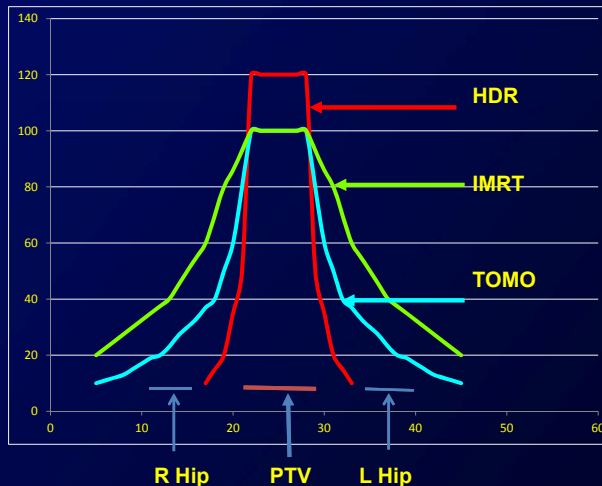
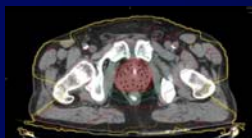
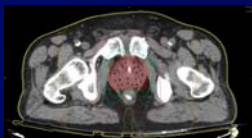
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Larger estimated treatment effect intermed-risk



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## Is high quality dosimetry an argument for therapeutic Gain?





### Comparison of PSA relapse-free survival in patients treated with ultra-high-dose IMRT versus combination HDR brachytherapy and IMRT

Israel Deutsch<sup>1</sup>, Michael J. Zelefsky<sup>1</sup>, Zhigang Zhang<sup>2</sup>, Qianxing Mo<sup>2</sup>, Marco Zaider<sup>3</sup>, Gil'ad Cohen<sup>3</sup>, Oren Cahlon<sup>1</sup>, Yoshiya Yamada<sup>1,\*</sup>

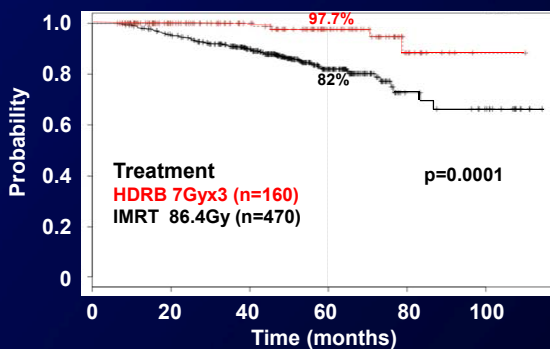
### PSA Relapse-Free Survival (Nadir + 2)

MSKCC  
IMRT 86.4Gy/48 (n=470) vs  
HDRB 7Gyx3, then 1 mo later  
50.4Gy/28 (n=160)

Med f/u: 53 mo IMRT  
47 mo HDR + IMRT

Improved RFS on univariate analysis if: HDR, ↓T stage, ↓GS, ↓PSA, ↓NCCN risk group, no ADT

Improved on multivariate if: HDR, ↓NCCN risk group, age



**Quality: Dose Escalation within the target is key!**

Brachytherapy 2010;9:313-318



### LDR Brachytherapy Intermediate Risk bDFS

#### PSA Control (ASTRO)

Study, (year)	n	FU (yrs)	All	Low	Intermed	High
Ragde (2000)	147	10	66%			
Blasko (2000)	279	5	94%			
Grimm (2001)	125	7	87%			
Beyer (2003)	551	4		85%	77%	55%
Kollmeier (2003)	243	6		88%	81%	65%
Potters (2005)	1,449	7	81%	89%	78%	63%
Merrick (2005)	180	5		97%	96%	
Stock (2006)	571	4	85%			
ADT v no ADT	371		91%			
Zelefsky (2007)	2,693	5	ASTRO:	82%	70%	48%
11 institutions			N + 2:	74%	61%	39%

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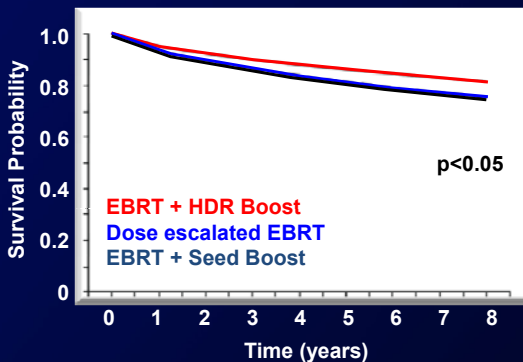
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### Biochemical Disease-Free Survival by Treatment

Systematic review 40 articles  
bDFS and OS at 3,5, & 8 yrs

Treatment	HR bRecur
EBRT v HDR	1.40
95% CI 1.31-1.51	
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Treatment	HR OS
EBRT v HDR	1.50
95% CI 1.29-1.73	
Seeds v HDR	2.33
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Radiotherapy and Oncology 2009;93:168-173

Does Quality Dosimetry=Better Survival?



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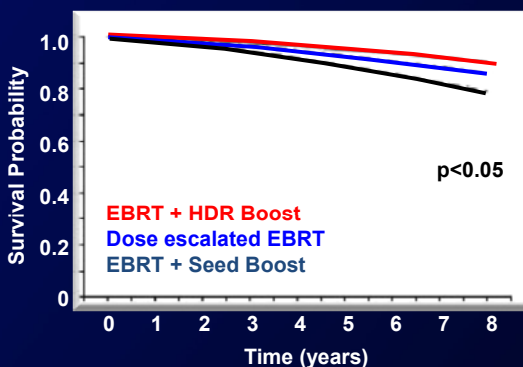
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### Side Effects: IPSS Scores

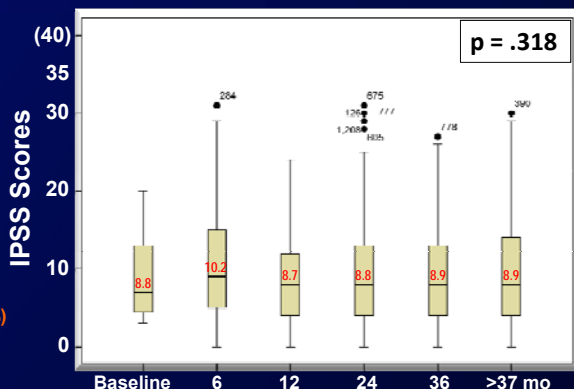
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Age: 70.2 yr (47-85)

PSA: 8.4 (1.0-19.7)

**Box & Whiskers:**  
Box interquartile range (25-75%)  
Line in the box is the median  
Bottom of box 25<sup>th</sup> percentile  
Top of Box is 75%



If no dots: Top whisker highest in range. Bottom whisker is the lowest value.  
If there are dots: whiskers only allowed to be as long as 1.5x length of box.  
Dots are any values that lie outside of that, i.e. are outliers

Mean IPSS scores



## HDR Brachytherapy as Monotherapy for Intermediate-Risk Prostate Cancer

### Side Effects: Incontinence (Pads)

New pad usage 22/284 (7.7%)

7 had TURP before HDR-MT (1 to 4 TURPs)

10 tremor, 2 stroke, and 1 had diffuse neuropathy

Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
15 (68%)	5 (23%) <sup>†</sup>	2 (9%) <sup>††</sup>	0

<sup>†</sup> 4 of 5 had TURP or tremor

<sup>††</sup> 1 had 3 TURPs, the other 2 TURPs + tremor

7/284 (2.5%) with no TURP or neurologic compromise: 6 Gr 1, 1 Gr 2

#### Urinary Pad Grading Scale

Grade 0: none  
Grade 1: occasional use of pads  
Grade 2: ≤ daily intermittent use of pads  
Grade 3: ≤ 2 pads/day, regular use of pads, self cath  
Grade 4: Refractory, permanent catheter



## Radical Prostatectomy vs Observation for Localized Prostate Cancer

### PIVOT TRIAL

#### Pt Reported Urinary, Erectile & Bowel Dysfunction at 2y

Phase III trial  
731 men  
Mean age 67  
Med fit for RP  
Life exp  $\geq$  10y  
Med PSA 7.8  
Low-Risk 40%  
Intermed 34%  
High-Risk 21%

Dysfunction	Radical Prostatectomy (n=364)	Observation (n=367)	p-value
number/total number (%)			
Urinary incontinence*	49/287 (17.2%)	12/284 (6.3%)	<0.001
Erectile dysfunction	231/285 (81.1%)	124/281 (44.1%)	<0.001
Bowel dysfunction	35/286 (12.2%)	32/282 (11.3%)	0.74

\* Defined as "having a lot of problems with urinary dribbling," "lose larger amounts of urine than dribbling, but not all day," "have no control over urine," or "have an indwelling catheter"

Wilt TJ, Brawer MK, Jones KM, Barry MJ, Aronson WJ, Fox S, Gingrich JR, Wei JT, Gilhooly P, Grob BM, Nsouli I, Iyer JT *et al.* Radical prostatectomy versus observation for localized prostate cancer. *NEJM* 2012;367(3):203-213 (PIVOT TRIAL)

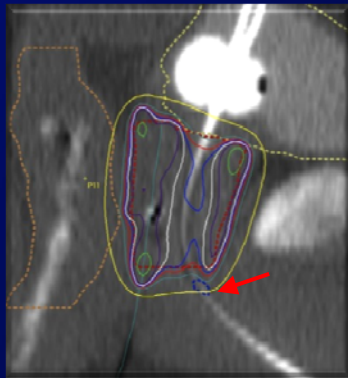


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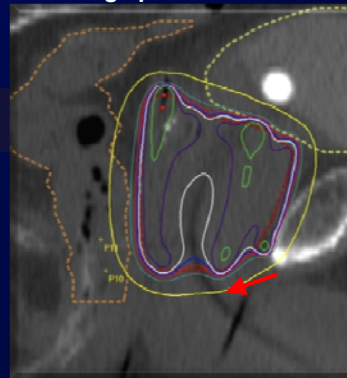
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#### Bulbo-membranous Urethral Stricture

Small Prostate 15cc



Large prostate 100 cc



150%  
120%  
110%  
105%  
100%  
60%



## HDR Brachytherapy as Monotherapy for Intermediate-Risk Prostate Cancer

### Side Effects

#### Bulbo-membranous Urethral Stricture

1st Author (Year Pub)	n	Treatment Modality	Time Frame	Stricture Rate	Stricture Time
Vicini (2000)	161	EBRT + HDR	"Late" (crude)	3%	-
Zelevsky (2000)	248	I-125 Seeds	5y actuarial	10%	18 mo
Zelevsky (2006)	561	IMRT (81Gy)	8y actuarial	Gr2 9% Gr3 3%	~20 mo per graph
Aluwini (2012)	264	EBRT + HDR	"After 7 years"	2.5%	-
Khor (2013)	344	EBRT + HDR	5y actuarial	Gr3 11.8%	-
Khor (2013)	344	EBRT (74 Gy)	5y actuarial	0.3%	-
Zamboglou (2013)	718	HDR-MT	"Late" (crude)	Gr3 1.8%	-

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## Best HDR Fractionation Schedule

### Bulbo-membranous Urethral Stricture

Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Melbourne, Australia

- 474 pts, organ confined prostate cancer, cT1-3 N0 M0, all risk groups
- 90% HDR-B, 10% HDR-MT
- HDRB: EBRT: 46Gy/23 (prostate + SVs) + HDR  
HDR-B: 19.5Gy/3, 20Gy/4, 16Gy/4, 14Gy/3, 10Gy/1
- HDR-MT: 30Gy/3, 31.5Gy/3, or 33Gy/3 (1 implant, 3 fxs over 3 days)
- Urethral doses ≤120%
- CTCAE ≥2 urethral stricture in 8% crude, 12% 6y act. 92% were bulbomembranous
- Median time 22 (range 10-68) months. 49% needed 2<sup>nd</sup> line therapy

Non-Predictive Factors: Age, PSA, GS, stage, risk category, smoking history, vasc event history, diabetes, androgen deprivation use, duration of urethral catheterization, total radiation dose

Univariate Predictors	p-value	Multivariate Predictors	HR	p-value
HDR dose per fraction	<0.001	HDR dose per fraction	1.33/Gy	0.008
Hypertension	0.002	Hypertension	2.83	0.005
2GyNED <sub>3</sub> <sup>1</sup>	0.005	Prior TURP(s) <sup>2</sup>	2.81	0.023
HDR monotherapy	0.029			
Prior TURP(s)	0.036			

<sup>1</sup> 2GyNED<sub>3</sub> = nominal equivalent dose in 2Gy fractions using an α/β ratio of 3

<sup>2</sup> Of prior TURP pts who developed stricture, the most recent TURP was 62 - 134 (med 115) mo before HDR

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Mount Vernon Cancer Centre, Middlesex, UK

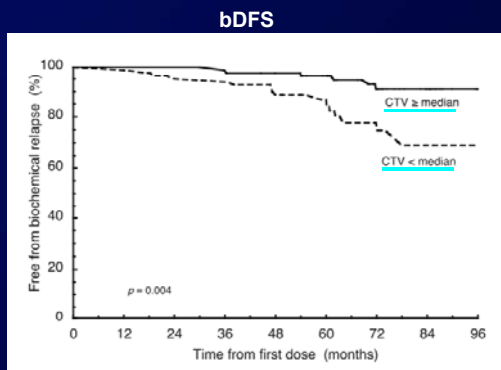
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Prospective study  
"Locally advanced" prostate ca  
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interfraction interval  $\geq 6$  h  
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9 Gy x 4 (n=25)  
10.5 Gy x 3 (n=109)

Med FU 71.3 months

Gland size not considered  
in the selection criteria

Med prostate CTV 60 (15-208) cc



No signif diff between the CTV groups in moderate to severe side effects including urethral stricture.

★ BUT 7y actuarial rate of urethral stricture treated surgically was 10% (9% for CTV  $\geq 60$ cc, 11% <60cc)

Le H, Rojas A, Alonzi R, Hughes R, Ostler P, Lowe G, Bryant L, Hoskin P. The influence of prostate volume on outcome after high-dose-rate brachytherapy alone for localized prostate cancer. *IJROBP* 2013; 87(2):270-274



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**Table 1** Demographic details of patients treated with high-dose-rate brachytherapy alone

Variable	Category	CTV $\leq$ median (n=82)	CTV $>$ median (n=82)
Age (y)	Median	68	69
	Range	55-78	57-81
Gleason score	$\leq 6$	21 (13)	26 (16)
	$= 7$	57 (35)	47 (29)
	$\geq 8$	4 (2.4)	9 (5.5)
PSA	$< 10$	31 (19)	33 (20)
	10-20	33 (20)	25 (15)
	$> 20$	18 (11)	24 (15)
Risk group	Low	2 (1)	6 (4)
	Intermediate	45 (28)	39 (24)
	High	35 (21)	37 (23)
ADT	No	9 (5)	23 (14)
	Yes	73 (45)	59 (36)
Pretreatment IPSS	Mean duration	12.1	15.3
	Median	6	5
	Moderate	25 (30)	24 (29)
	Severe	2 (2)	5 (6)

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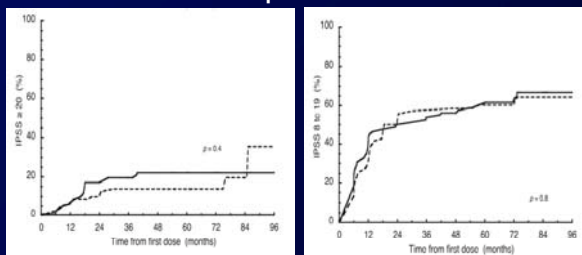
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Time to moderate to severe symptoms  
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**Table 2** Dosimetric parameters after high-dose-rate brachytherapy alone

Volumes	V100 mean	P value	D90 mean	P value	V150 mean	P value	Urethral D30 mean	P value
$\leq$ Median	93	.24	103.7	.14	29.0	.97	11.2	<.0001
>Median	94	-	104.7	-	28.9	-	10.6	-

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## HDR Brachytherapy as Monotherapy for Intermediate-Risk Prostate Cancer

### Side Effects: Erectile Function (IIEF-5)

Defining potency as IIEF-5 >10 (with or without aid), 67.9% were potent prior to HDR-MT. Of these 82.6% maintained potency at 2y

Mean decrease in IIEF-5 score 6.1

Erectile aid used by 9.2% before vs 95.7% after HDR-MT typically PDE-5 inhibitors alone

This result is similar to Vicini *et al*<sup>1</sup>, who used 46Gy EBRT + HDRB, 5 Gy x 3 or 8.25-10.5 Gy x 2. With median f/u 2.8 y, potency was preserved in 73%.

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## HDR Monotherapy

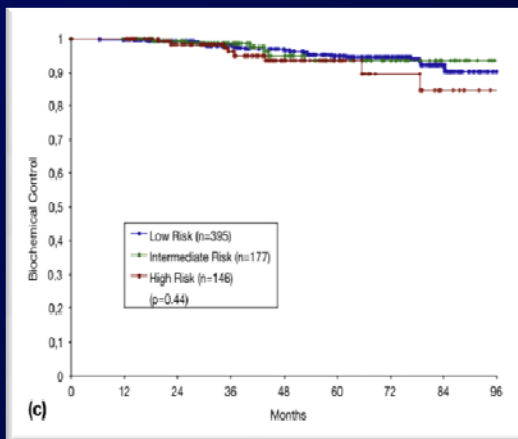
Offenbach, Frankfurt & Bremen, Germany

n = 718  
 Group A: 9.5 Gy x 4, 1 procedure  
 n=141  
 Group B: 9.5 Gy x 4, 2 procedures  
 2 wks apart, n=351  
 Group C: 11.5 Gy x 3, 3 procedures  
 3 weeks apart, n=226

Follow-up:  
 median 52.8 mo

Side effects:  
 grade 3 or 4 GU toxicity 3.7%  
 grade 3 or 4 GI toxicity 1.6%

**Erectile function\* retained in 81.1%**  
**\* suitable for intercourse"**



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## Radical Prostatectomy vs Observation for Localized Prostate Cancer

PIVOT TRIAL

Pt-reported Urinary, Erectile, & Bowel Dysfunction at 2y

Phase III trial  
 731 men  
 Mean age 67  
 Med fit for RP  
 Life exp ≥ 10y  
 Med PSA 7.8  
 Low-Risk 40%  
 Intermed 34%  
 High-Risk 21%

Dysfunction	Radical Prostatectomy (n=364)	Observation (n=367)	p-value
number/total number (%)			
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Erectile dysfunction*	231/285 (81.1%)	124/281 (44.1%)	<0.001
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\* Defined as the inability to have an erection or an erection sufficient for vaginal penetration

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## HDR Brachytherapy as Monotherapy for Intermediate-Risk Prostate Cancer

### Side Effects: Rectal Toxicity (RTOG/EORTC)

RTOG Grade 1 toxicity occurred in 12 patients (4.2%)  
None experienced rectal toxicity beyond grade 1

ORGAN/ TISSUE	Grade 0	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
SMALL/LARGE INTESTINE	None	Mild diarrhea <del>Mild constipation</del> BM 5 times daily Slight rectal d/c <del>or bleeding</del>	Moderate diarrhea and colic BM >5 times daily Excessive mucus or intermittent bleeding	Obstruction or bleeding requiring surgery	Necrosis Perforation Fistula

97.9% of patients remain Hemocult® negative  
No patient required GI intervention for an HDR side effect

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## Challenges, Anorectal Dysfunction with IMRT?

### Chronic Radiation Proctitis\*

50-65% at 5-years <sup>1</sup>

**“Despite advances in EBRT technology, prevalence of CRP has not diminished.”**

26-73% acute toxicity with IMRT <sup>2</sup>

5-65% late toxicity with IMRT <sup>2</sup>

\*Increased frequency, urgency of defecation  
fecal incontinence, rectal bleeding

**There is also data from a randomized phase III trial demonstrating a lower rate of rectal toxicity with HDR boost than with IMRT alone.<sup>3</sup> Stay tuned.**

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2. Smeenk RJ. General Introduction. In External beam prostate radiotherapy: anorectal toxicity and the influence of endorectal balloons. Radboud University Nijmegen, p9-15, 2012.
3. Guix B, Bartrina I, Tello J, Lacorte T, Henriquez I, Sole J, Guix I, Galdron G, Espino M. Dose escalation with high-dose 3D-conformal radiotherapy (HD-3D-CRT) or low-dose 3D-conformal radiotherapy plus HDR brachytherapy (LD-3D-CRT+HDR-B) for intermediate- or high-risk prostate cancer: Higher PSA control with lower toxicity. *JCO*2011 (suppl 7; abstr 82). Also *JCO* 2010; 28:15s, abstr 4633

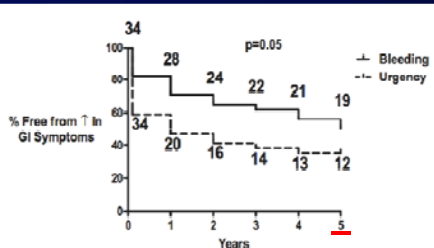


## Prospective, Longitudinal Study of Ano-Rectal Function after Conventional or Hypofx EBRT

**Table 3** Percentage (proportion) of patients with anorectal symptoms 1 month after radiation therapy, as well as annually to 5 years after its completion in the whole patient group (n=34)

	1 mo	1 y	2 y	3 y	4 y	5 y
Stool frequency	38	35	32	33	29	24
Stool consistency	21	24	32	24	21	26
Rectal pain	32	9	3	6	0	9
Rectal mucous discharge	32	41	26	27	32	38
Urgency of defecation	41	38	35	36	38	44
Rectal bleeding	18	18	21	18	21	21
Effect on daily activities	53	56	59	60	56	48

At 5 years after EBRT:  
48% of patients reported impairment of ADLs  
44% reported urgency of defecation  
21% reported rectal bleeding



**Fig. 1.** Percent of patients free from urgency of defecation vs rectal bleeding 5 years after radiation therapy. GI = gastrointestinal.

“No differences in any of the GI symptoms or any anorectal functional and anal sphincter morphologic measurements between pts treated with the 2 radiation schedules (64Gy/32, 55Gy/20)”

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## MAB (4 mo)+ EBRT + HDR Boost for High-Risk Prostate Cancer

bDFS

n = 588

T3-T4, GS 8-10, PSA  $\geq$ 20

Mean age 71 (45-90) yr

Mean PSA 21.52 (1.7-353.9)

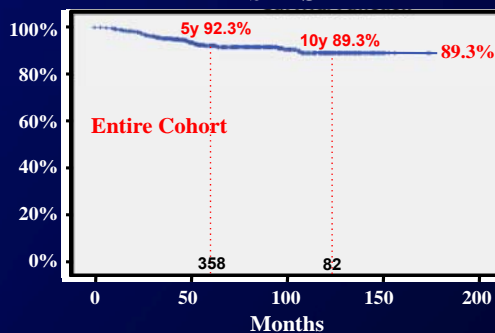
51%  $\geq$ T2c, 85%  $\geq$ GS7

Follow-up:

minimum 36 mo

mean 78.05 mo

median 73.00 mo

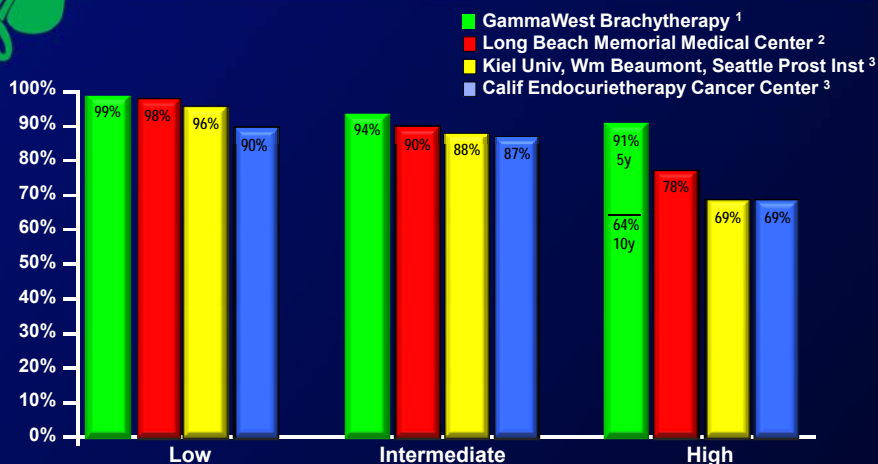


# High-Risk Features	5-year bDFS
1	94.5%
2	87.7%
3	83.4%

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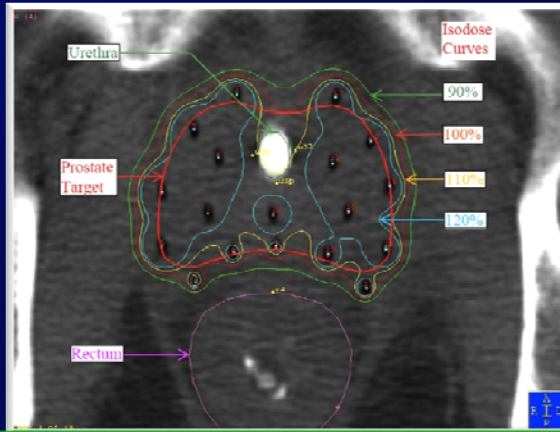
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## HDR Monotherapy

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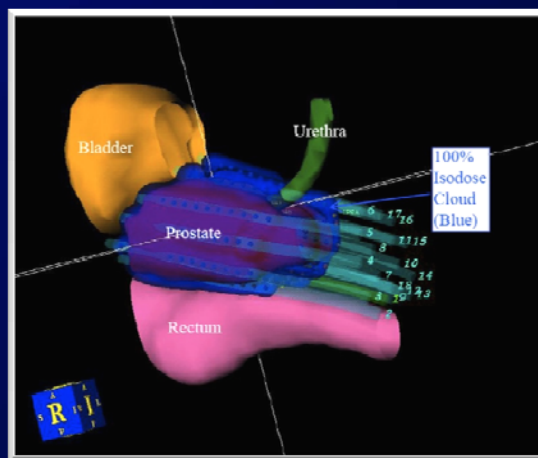
Is Quality an Argument? Yes! In terms of cure and freedom from complications

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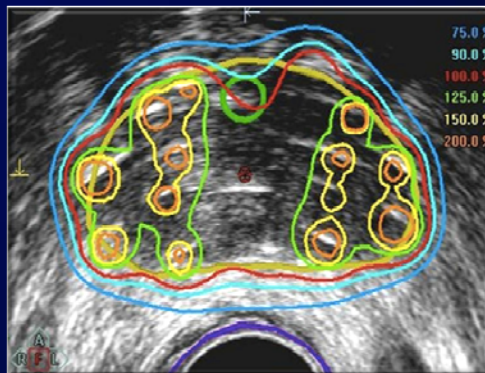
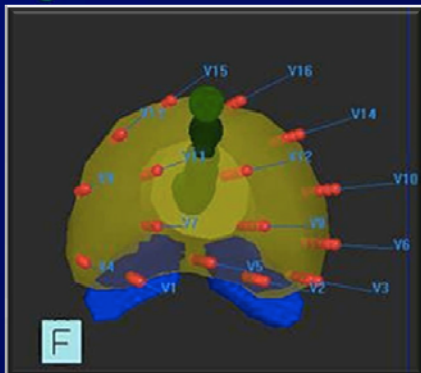
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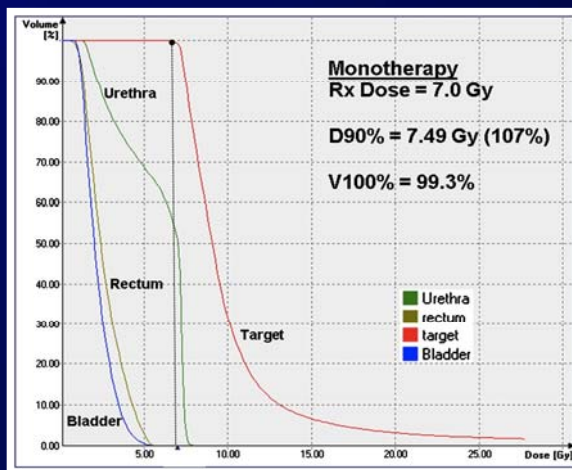
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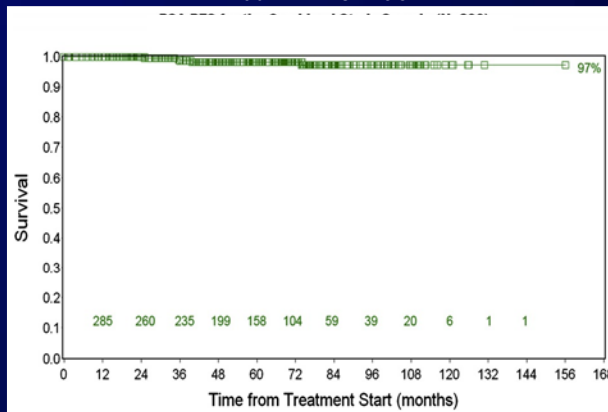
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PSA-PFS for the Combined Study Sample (n=298)  
Nadir + 2 Definition



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## IMRT vs. HDR, ALARA?

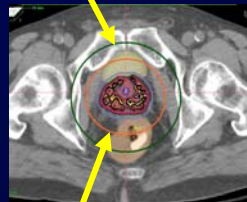
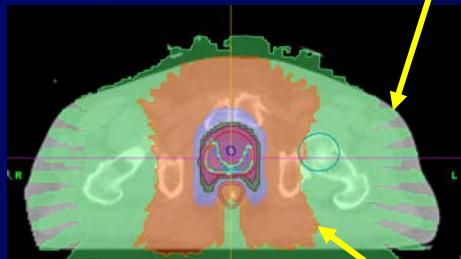
43 X 1.8 Gy = 77.4 Gy

6 X 6.5 Gy = 39.0 Gy

12.5 % of prescription dose

About 500-1000 pelvic CT scans  
9.7 Gy (10.76 Gy<sub>2</sub>)

4.9 Gy (6.85 Gy<sub>2</sub>)



19.4 Gy (23.70 Gy<sub>2</sub>)

9.75 Gy (17.67 Gy<sub>2</sub>)

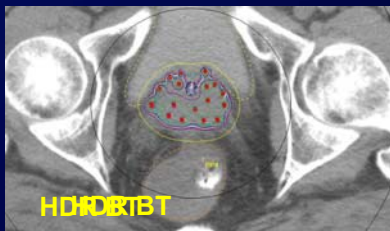
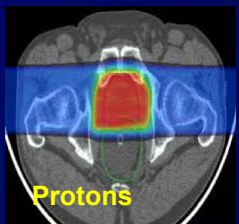
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**Integral dose strongly favors of Brachytherapy in this comparison**





## Proton Beam vs. HDR? ALARA and Socioeconomics



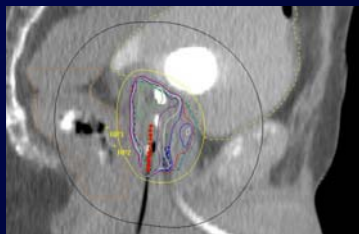
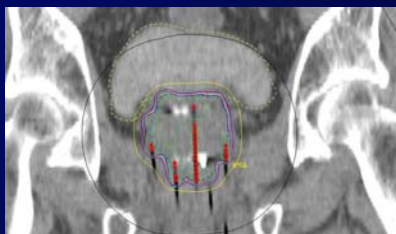
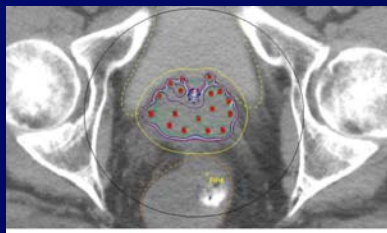
\$75M



\$0.5M



## 61 yo almost Proton Beamer who condescended for treatment in his home state of Utah





## Is Quality An Argument? HDR as Monotherapy for Prostate Cancer

- Unmatched long-term biochemical control for the majority of patients with prostate cancer
- Very favorable side effect profile
- Few adverse events. Urinary incontinence is more likely in pts with TURP, or with neurologic compromise
- Every study, including randomized trials and a large systematic review, making a direct comparison has shown advantages to HDR brachytherapy
- Androgen ablation may be unimportant, less important, or appropriate in shorter courses (e.g. GW 4 months) with HDR. This will demand further study. RTOG 0815 will help
- HDR delivers superb outcomes, optimized dosimetry, limited side effects, lack of rad exposure to others, short tx course, min time out of work, and affordability.



## Is Quality an Argument? HDR Monotherapy for Prostate Cancer

- Eliminates the need to clone Peter Grimm and Greg Merrick. I.E., the technique eliminates the need for brachytherapy superheroes. The technology can be transferred to brachytherapy teams while maintaining high quality.
- Adaptable to Multiple planning methods and techniques.
- Although very high dose-fractionation schedules have been reported, 45 Gy IMRT plus 3X6.5 Gy or 6X6.5 Gy HDR MT (or its BED GY2 equivalent, is sufficient to eradicate a very high percentage of prostate tumors. Dose escalation beyond that BED is therefore not recommended.
- Medicare and the USPSTF have failed the American public as regards HDR BT for Prostate Cancer (Gleason 7-10 = 50% of new prostate diagnoses in Utah)
- Radiation oncologists working with urologists can be a powerful public health team in the upcoming epidemic of advanced prostate cancer if they incorporate HDR BT into treatment.



## Quality an Argument? Socioeconomics



- Doctor A 2002
- Age 56
- PSA 60 ng/ml
- Gleason 3+4, 3/6 sext.
- MAB+EBRT+HDR BT
- PSA 8/14/10 = 0.01 ng/ml
- Doctor B 2004
- Age 56
- PSA 13.7 ng/ml
- Gleason 3+3, 6/6 sext. 30-80% in each core
- MAB+EBRT+HDR BT
- PSA 10/07 = 0.03 ng/ml
- PSA 04/08 = 0.02
- PSA 03/10 = 0.01

Cost effective medicine? We have kept quite a few doctors in the trenches.

## Quality an Argument? HDR Brachytherapy



- Truly Robotic vs. Robot Assisted
- Highly potent against CaP (Very favorable radiobiology, Brenner and Hall)
- In world, since 1986 vs. 1995 for IMRT
- Precise and Accurate? Yes
- Fewer Side effects than almost all treatments for prostate cancer