



Management of high- risk endometrial cancer: Role of radiotherapy

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Lectures Objectives:

- Evidence for the indications of EBRT and Brachytherapy(HDR)
- Review of radiotherapy's /HDR data
- Prognosis' Group Definitions
- Combined treatment for high risk group
- Update of OS and FFS
- Technical aspects of EBRT and HDR

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Aim and Clinical Evidence for EBRT

- To control regional disease:
- Lymph nodes
- Microscopic spread
- To optimally shrink the local disease (No surgery or local recurrence)
 - Each step in the chain of XRT planning is vital

Principle in radiotherapy treatment planning

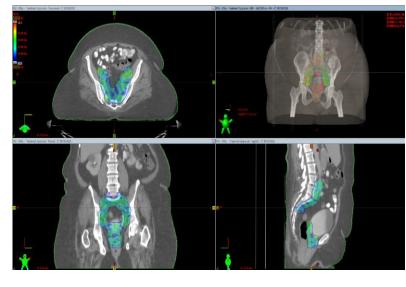
- ✓ Appropriate coverage of the target volume (to achieve local control)
- ✓ As low dose as possible to the normal tissue
- √ (to avoid early and late side effects)

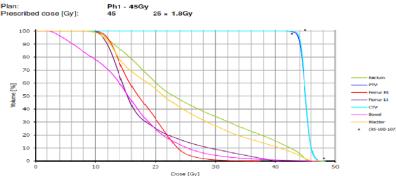
Optimal Treatment delivery

➤ Newer Delivery techniques: IMRT, VMAT, Rotational ...

Optimal Target Identification & definition

➤ Newer Imaging modalities: MRI, PET-CT, SPEC1 CT...





Rectum	Max Gy J	25 VOP%	50 VOI%			
69.4 cm ³	46.56	34.75	22.95			
	NTCP[%]:	0.01	► Grade2+ RTOG (Tucker 2007)			
Bladder	Max[Gy]	Mean[Gy]	15 vol%	33 vol%	50 vol%	
295.9 cm ³	48.06	23.68	37.05	27.25	21.45	
	NTCP[%]:	0	chronic GU toxicity 1+ within 2 years (Cheung 2007)			
Fernur Rt	Max[Gy]	Mean[Gy]	5 vol%			
33.3 cm ^a	37.31	17.78	25.15			

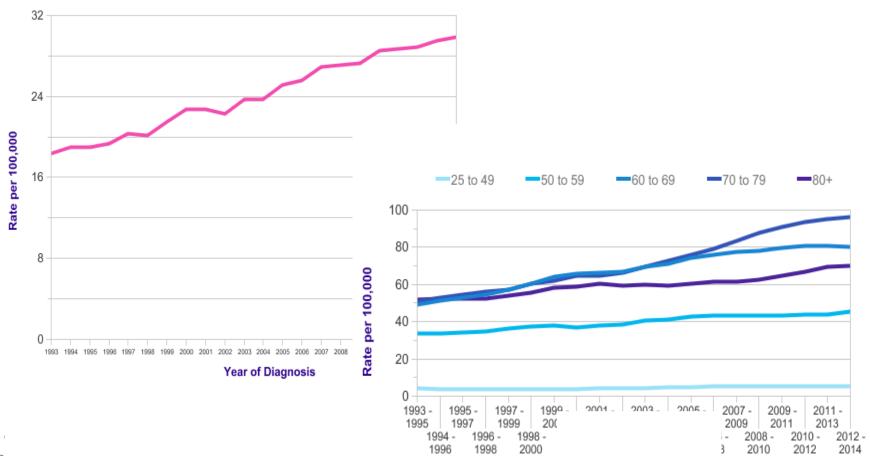
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Incidence

Uterine Cancer (C54-C55): 1993-2014

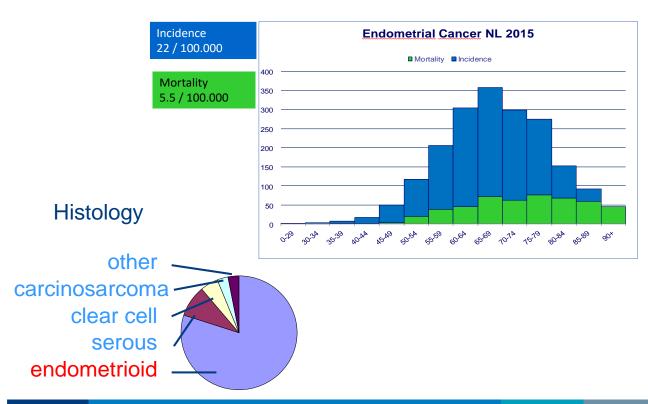
European Age-Standardised Incidence Rates per 100,000 Population, Females, UK





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Endometrial Carcinoma

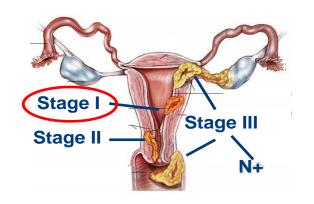


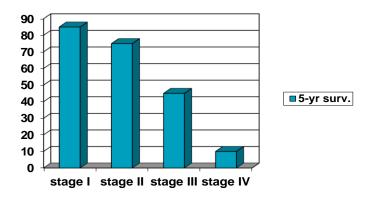
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Stage and histologic subtype





Histological type (5 yr OS)

endometrioid carcinoma: 80-85%

serous carcinoma: 50-55%

clear cell carcinoma: 60-65%

Alektiar, IJROBP, 2002; Scholten, IJROBP, 2002

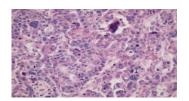
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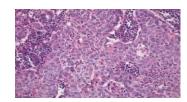


Major prognostic factors

- Age
- Stage
 - Depth of myometrial invasion
- Histology
 - Histological type
 - Grade
 - Lymph-vascular space invasion







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High-risk endometrial cancer is defined as:

- Endometrioid endometrial cancer stage I, grade 3 with deep invasion,
- Stage II or III endometrioid endometrial cancer
- Non-endometrioid (serous or clear cell) histology



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Intermediate Risk – Randomised trials

Trial	No. patients Surgery eligibility		Randomization	Locoregional recurrence	Survival	Severe complications	
Norwegian 1968-1974	540 Stage I	TAH-BSO	Brachytherapy vs. brachy and pelvic RT	7% vs. 2% at 5 years p<0.01	89% vs. 91% at 5 years p=NS	NA	
PORTEC 1990-1997	714 IB grade 2-3 IC grade 1-2	TAH-BSO	NAT vs. pelvic RT	14% vs. 4% at 5 years p<0.001	85% vs. 81% at 5 years p=0.31	3% GI at 5 years (actuarial)	
GOG-99 1987-1995	392 St IB, IC St II (occult)	TAH-BSO and lymph- adenectomy	NAT vs. pelvic RT	12% vs. 3% at 2 years p<0.01	86% vs.92% at 4 years p=0.56	8% GI at 2 years (crude)	
ASTEC/EN5 1996-2005	905 St IAB g3, IC, St II, serous/cc	TAH-BSO +/- lymph- adenectomy	NAT vs. pelvic RT	7% vs. 4% at 5 years p=0.038	84% vs.84% at 5 years p=0.98	3 vs 7% gr 3/4	

Aalders et al 1980, Creutzberg et al 2000, Keys et al 2004, ASTEC/EN.5 Study Group 2009

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High intermediate risk

PORTEC-1 GOG #99

NAT vs. RT NAT vs. RT

PORTEC risk groups

- 10 yr LR relapse 23% vs. 5% (RR 0.22)

GOG risk groups

- 10 yr LR relapse | 22% vs. 8% (RR 0.36)

- 4 yr any relapse

- 4 yr local relapse

27% vs. 13% (RR 0.48)

13% vs. 5% (RR 0.38)

Scholten et al. 2005; Keys et al 2004

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Summary – intermediate risk

15 year PORTEC-1 results

- LRR risk reduction with EBRT 67%
- no survival advantage

EBRT has long-term impact on quality of life

- higher levels of bladder & bowel symptoms
- lower physical functioning, more role limitation

EBRT to be avoided in intermediate risk cases

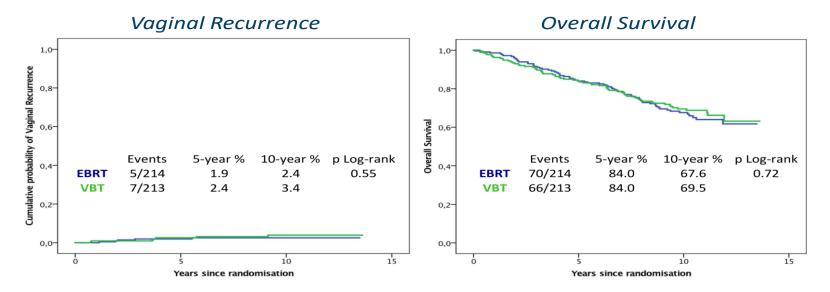
- HIR criteria for treatment selection
- vaginal brachytherapy

Creutzberg et al IJROBP 2011, Nout et al JCO 2011

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Vaginal Recurrence & Overall Survival



Nout et al, IGCS 2016

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Summary high-intermediate risk

- Brachytherapy effective in preventing vaginal recurrence: 2.9% at 8 years
- More pelvic recurrences after brachytherapy, most with simultaneous distant metastases (isolated pelvic failure 1.5% vs 0.5%)
- No difference in distant metastases and survival
- VBT better QoL/functioning
- Substantial LVSI: consider IMRT
- No increased risk of second cancers



ESMO-ESGO-ESTRO consensus: risk groups

Risk Group	Description (FIGO 2009)
Low	Stage IA Endometrioid + grade 1-2 + LVSI negative
Intermediate	Stage IB Endometrioid + grade 1-2 + LVSI negative VBT
High Intermediate	 Stage IA Endometrioid + grade 3, regardless of LVSI status Stage I Endometrioid + grade 1-2 + LVSI unequivocally positive, regardless of depth of invasion
High 15%	 Stage IB Endometrioid + grade 3, regardless of LVSI status Stage II & stage III with no residual disease Non endometrioid (serous, clear cell, undifferentiated carcin carcinosarcoma, mixed >10%) Both?
Advanced Metastatic	Stage III with residual disease & IVAStage IVB

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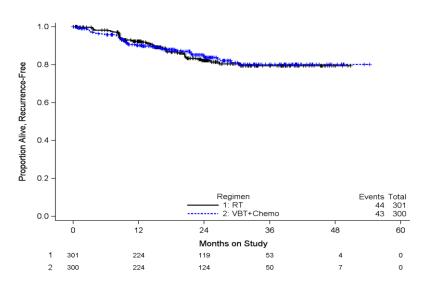


First GOG#249 results

- Stage I-II HIR factors
- Stage I-II serous / cc



Completed accrual 2012 N=601, primary endpoint PFS 89% underwent lymphadenectomy 15% serous, 5% clear cell, 74% stage I



Update, median FU 53 months
No difference RFS and Overall Survival

McMeekin, SGO 2014, Fleming, IGCS 2014; Randall ASTRO 2017

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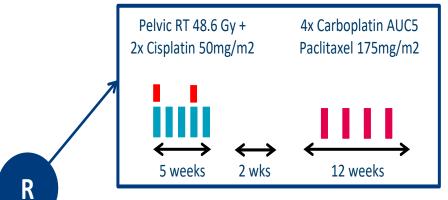


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686 stage I High risk, stage II/III Endometrial Cancer





- Pelvic RT alone 48.6Gy

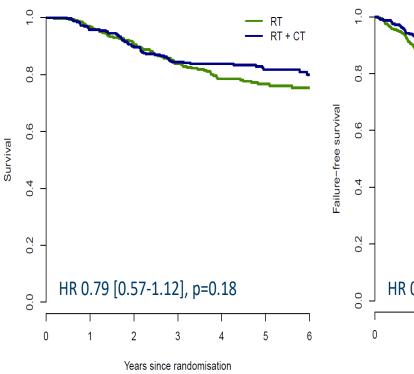
 5 weeks
- uniform treatment schedule
- upfront pathology review
- quality of life analysis

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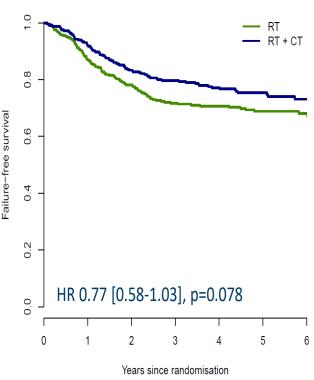
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Survival, median follow-up 60.2 months



5 yr OS: 82% (CTRT) versus 77% (RT)

5 yr FFS: 76% (CTRT) versus 69% (RT)

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First sites of recurrence

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5 years	CTRT		RT		HR	P-value
	N	%	N	%		
Vaginal recurrence	1	0.30%	1	0.30%	1	1
Pelvic recurrence	3	0.95%	5	1.5%	0.60	0.478
Distant recurrence	76	22.4%	93	28.3%	0.78	0.108
- Distant + vaginal	4	1.2%	4	1.2%	-	-
- Distant + pelvic	11	3.2%	20	6.1%	-	-
- Distant only	61	18.0%	69	21.0%	-	-

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Conclusion High Risk: CT+RT vs RT

- NSGO-EORTC/Iliade: significant PFS benefit (9%); trend for OS (7%)
- PORTEC-3: trend for improved FFS (7%) with CT+RT
- Does benefit outweigh the added toxicity, without OS benefit?
- Good pelvic control with RT alone (PORTEC-3 and GOG-249)
- CT+RT schedule cannot be recommended as standard for stage I-II
 - Translational studies will hopefully identify those who benefit
- Stage III disease largest FFS improvement with both CT+RT and CT
 - PORTEC-3 significant 11% FFS benefit for stage III with CT+RT
 - GOG-258 better local control with CT+RT



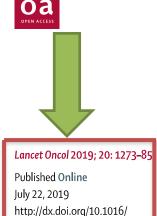
Adjuvant chemoradiotherapy versus radiotherapy alone in women with high-risk endometrial cancer (PORTEC-3): patterns of recurrence and post-hoc survival analysis of a randomised phase 3 trial



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Summary

Background The PORTEC-3 trial investigated the benefit of combined adjuvant chemotherapy and radiotherapy versus pelvic radiotherapy alone for women with high-risk endometrial cancer. We updated the analysis to investigate patterns of recurrence and did a post-hoc survival analysis.



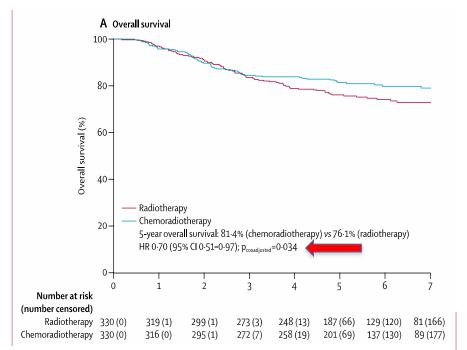
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- This updated analysis shows significantly improved OS and FFS with CRT vs RT alone.
- This treatment schedule should be discussed and recommended
- Especially for women with stage III or serous cancers, or both, as part of shared decision making between doctors and patients.
- Follow-up is ongoing to evaluate long-term survival

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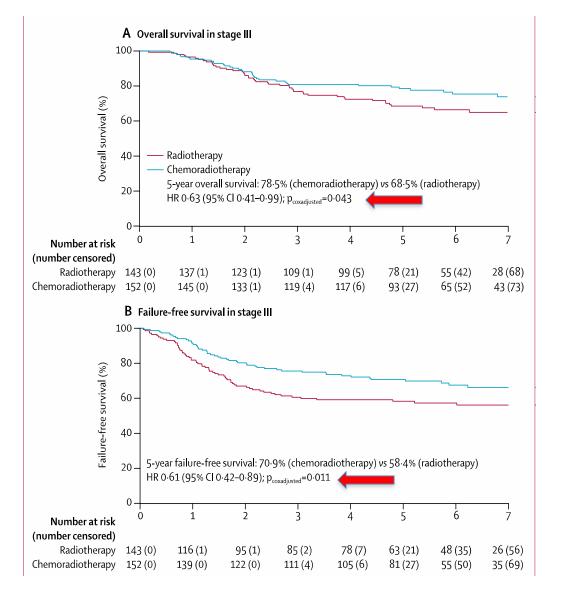




B Failure-free survival 100 80-Failure-free survival (%) 60-20 -5-year failure-free survival: 76.5% (chemoradiotherapy) vs 69.1% (radiotherapy) HR 0-70 (95% CI 0-52-0-94); p_{coxadjusted}=0-016 3 Time since randomisation (years) Number at risk (number censored) Radiotherapy 330 (0) 286 (1) 257 (1) 230 (3) 215 (13) 163 (61) 116 (106) 75 (146) Chemoradiotherapy 330 (0) 182 (64) 120 (121) 78 (162) 304 (0) 275 (0) 256 (5) 237 (17)

Figure 2: Kaplan-Meier survival curves for overall survival (A) and failure-free survival (B) in all patients HR=hazard ratio.

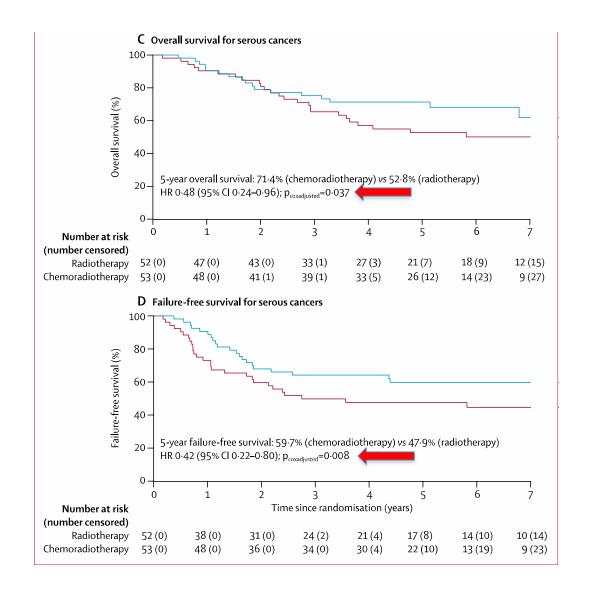
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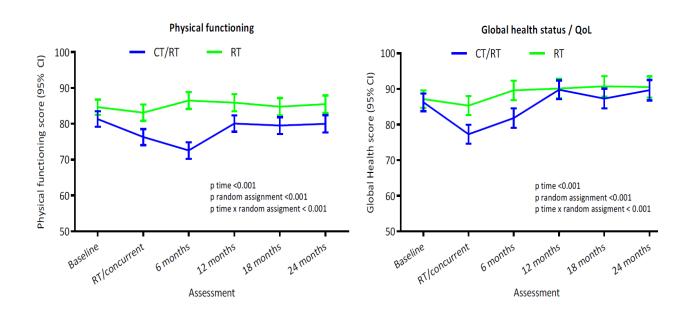
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Quality of life







An open-label, multicenter, randomized, phase 3 trial

Despite the increased physician and patient-reported toxicities, this schedule of adjuvant chemotherapy given during and after radiotherapy in patients with high-risk endometrial cancer is feasible, with rapid recovery after treatment, but with persistence of patient-reported sensory neurological symptoms in 25% of patients.

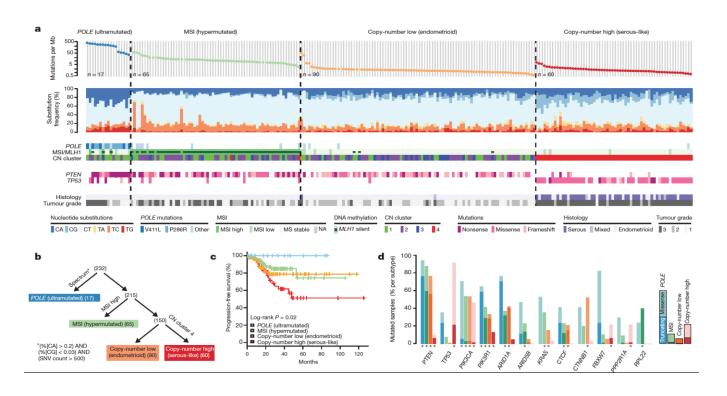
We await the analysis of primary endpoints before final conclusions are made.

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Molecular characteristics of endometrial cancer

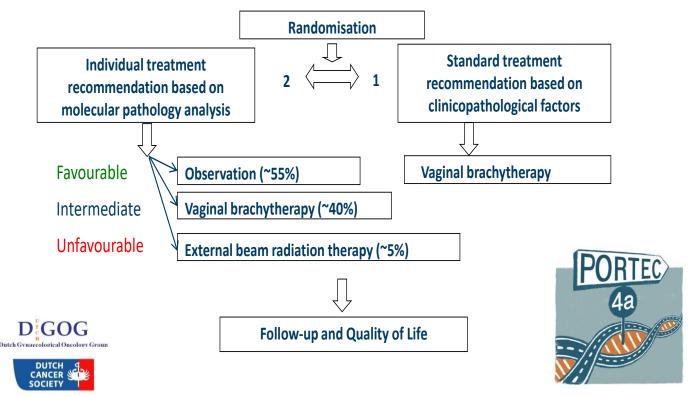




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PORTEC-4a trial design

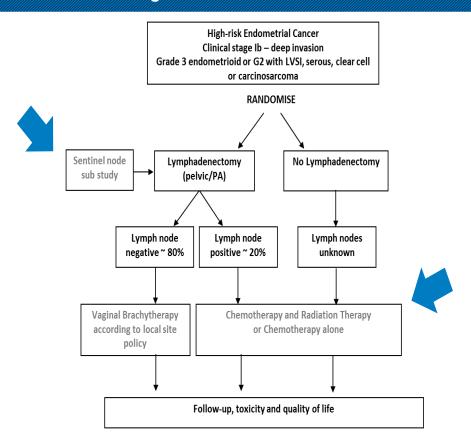
■ Molecular integrated vs standard indications for adjuvant treatment:





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STATEC trial in high risk endometrial cancer





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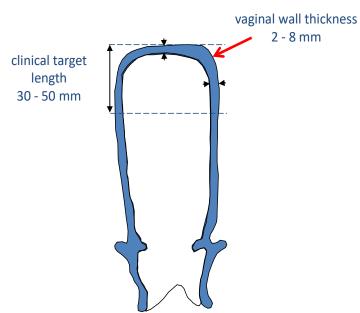


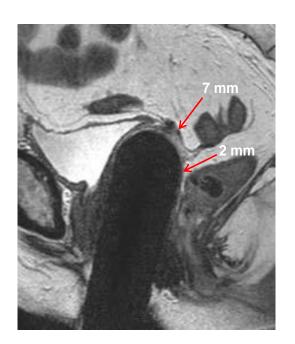
Brachytherapy as postoperative treatment CITY HOSPITAL

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After hysterectomy for endometrial and cervical cancer

- Mucosa of the vaginal cuff including scar
- Recurrences
 - 90 % in cuff
 - 10 % distal part





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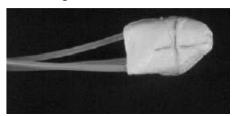
Applicators

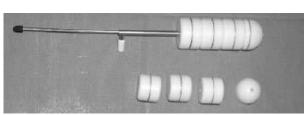


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- Size according to the dimensions of the vaginal cuff and of the vagina
- Close contact between the applicator surface and the vaginal mucosa

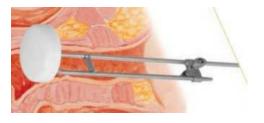
Vaginal mould







Ring



Ovoids



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Ongoing developments

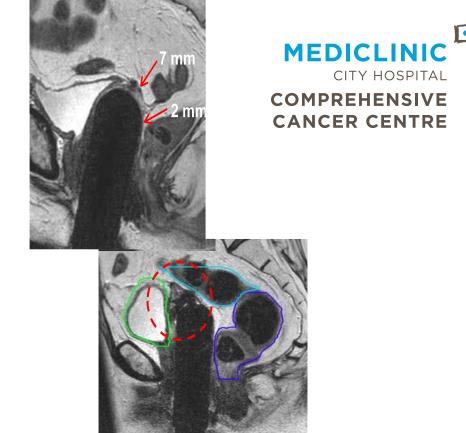
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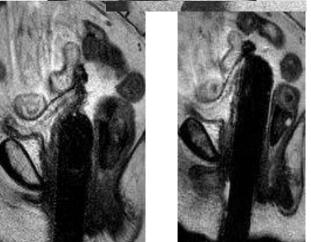
Sagittal MRI with vaginal applicator in place Detailed information on vaginal wall thickness

Additional anatomical information

- Post-operative cervical rest
- Misplacement of the applicator

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MRI after initial insertion

MRI after replacement

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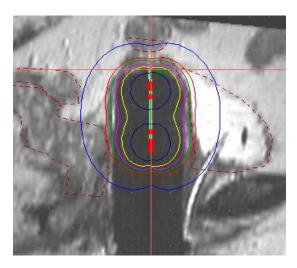


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Impact on treatment planning

- Development of volume based treatment planning approach
- Optimization of dose distribution
- Development of vaginal applicators
- Especially interesting in case of vaginal recurrences







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Conclusions for vaginal vault BT

- Target volume post-op
 - upper 1/3 of the vagina (3-5cm)
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- Size of applicator
 - According to the dimensions of the vaginal cuff and of the vagina
- Contact
 - Close contact between the applicator surface and the vaginal mucosa
- Technique
- **≥**3D individualized technique preferable(non favorable anatomy or if high doses needed)
- New developments to come
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