

# Introduction à la radiothérapie

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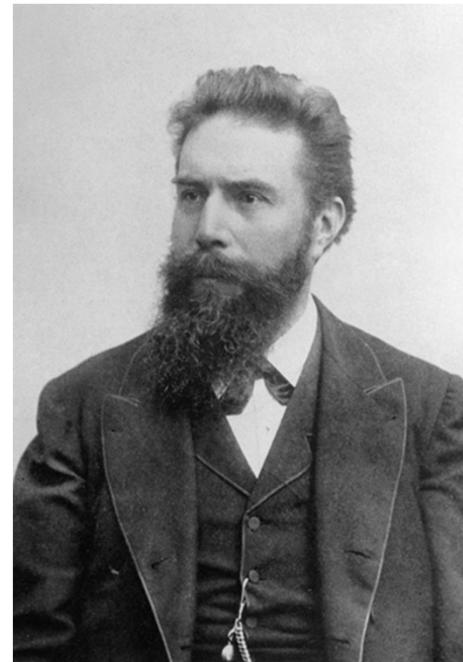
# Introduction

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# Les Rayons X

Découverte des Rayons X par Conrad Roentgen fin 1895.

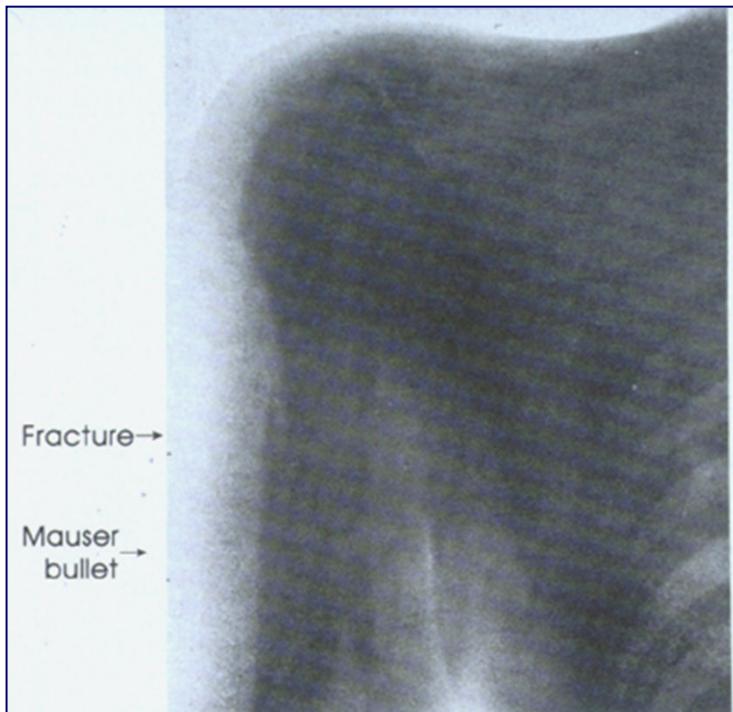
Utilisés à toutes sortes de fins, médicales et non médicales, de nombreux accidents sont rapportés dès 1896, puis des cancers de la peau un peu plus tard.



1845-1923

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# Une des premières radiographies...



**Figure 21**

Radiograph taken during Spanish-American War (1898). The quality is poor by today's standards, but the radiograph probably served its intended purpose.



**Figure 22**

Radiation injury to the skin of a Spanish-American War soldier as a result of an x-ray examination (1898).

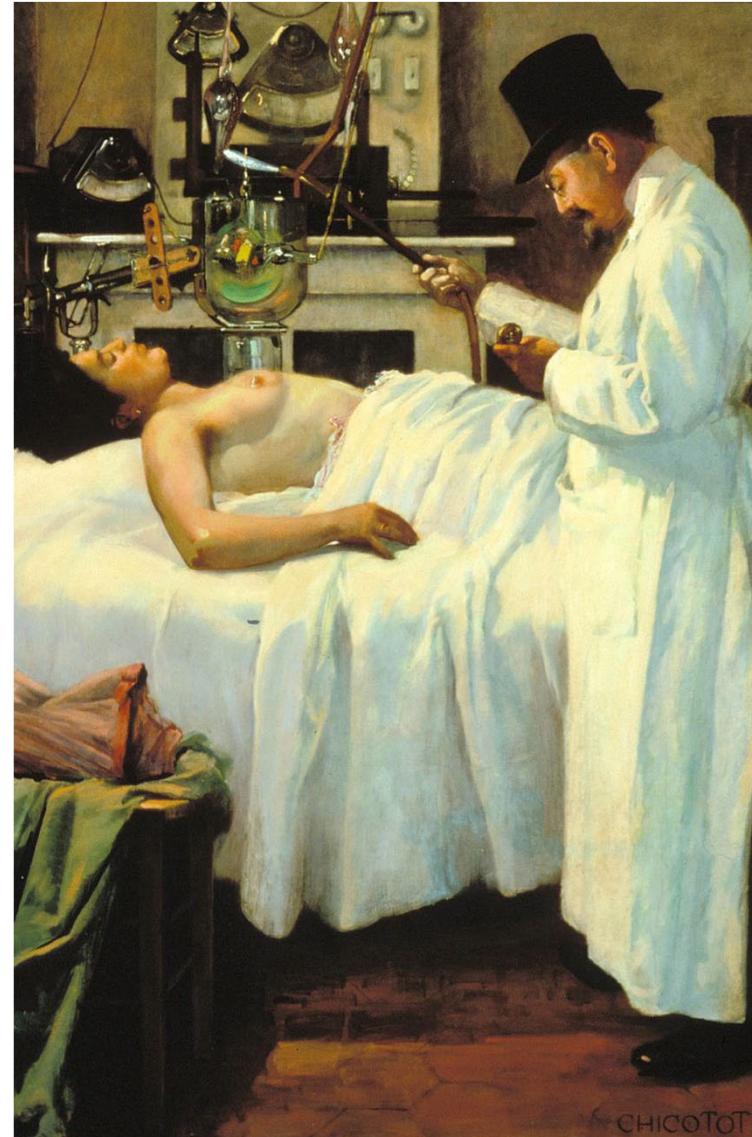
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# Rayons X

Découverts en 1895 et immédiatement appliqués au traitement du cancer.

Pourquoi?

Parce que la chirurgie était la seule option, et elle était dangereuse...



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# Utilisation thérapeutique des Rayons-X



*Victor Despeignes (1866 - 1937)*

Et à Lyon...?

1<sup>er</sup> traitement par Rx en  
1896 pour un lymphome (?)  
gastrique

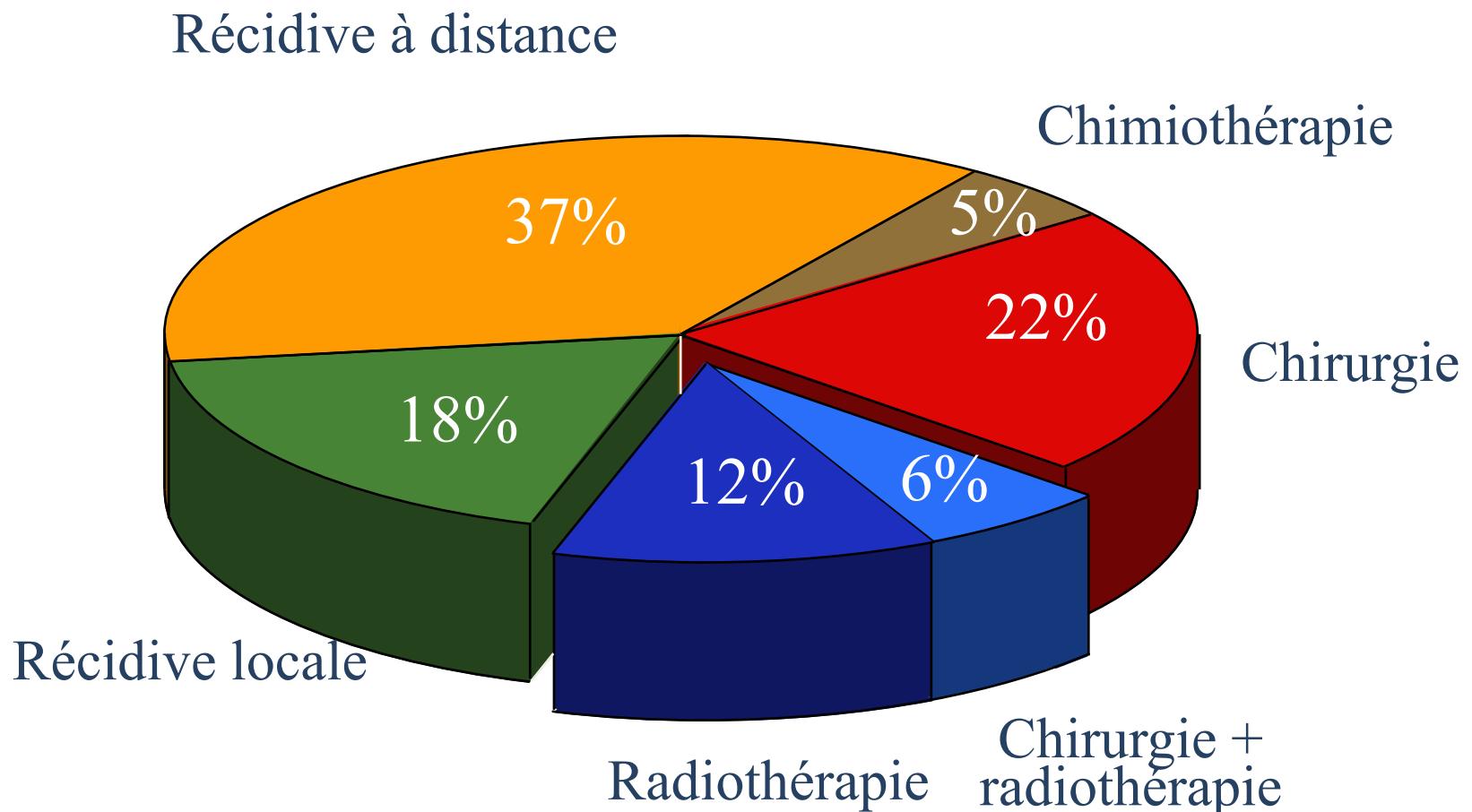
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## La radiothérapie en 2019 en quelques chiffres

- 385.000 nouveaux cas estimés de cancer en 2019 en France métropolitaine
- 46.000 cancers en région Auvergnes-Rhône-Alpes
- 50-60% bénéficieront d'un traitement par radiothérapie à visée curative ou palliative

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# Faits et mythes en oncologie



# Types of ionizing radiation

- Electromagnetic radiation (low LET): photons, g-rays, X-rays
- Particulate Radiation(high LET)
  - charged particles: electrons, protons,  $\alpha$  particles
  - neutrons
  - heavy charged ions: carbon, neons, argon, ...

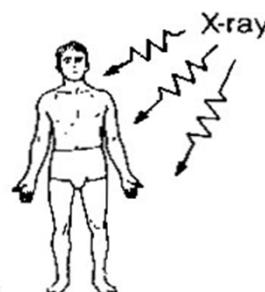
# Quantities and units

Absorbed dose: 1 Gray (Gy) = 1 joule/kg  
 = increase of 0.0001 °C per gram of water

## Total-Body Irradiation

Mass = 70 kg  
 $LD/50/60 = 4 \text{ Gy}$   
 Energy absorbed =

$$70 \times 4 = 280 \text{ joules} \\ = \frac{280}{4.18} = 67 \text{ calories}$$



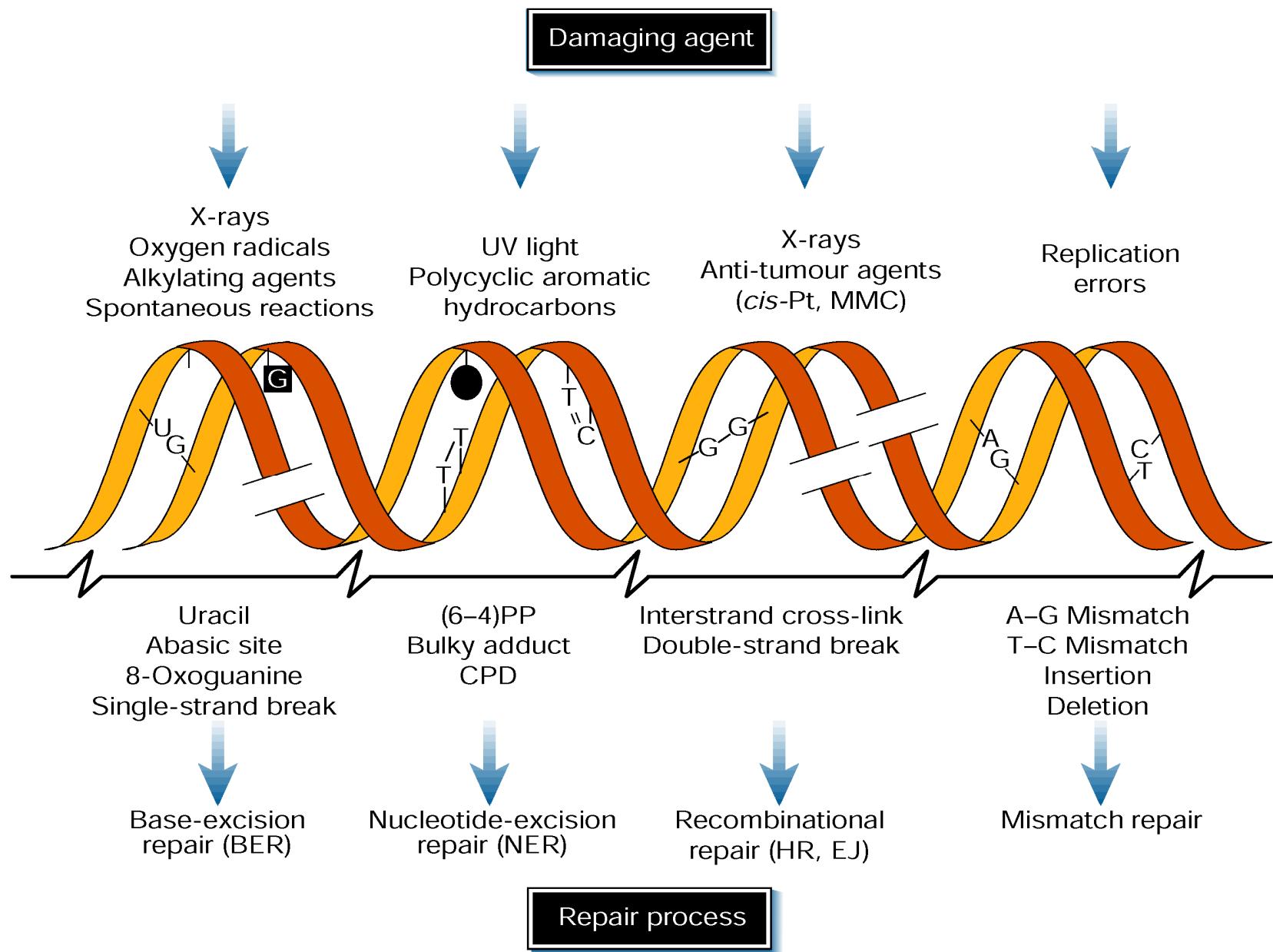
## Drinking Hot Coffee

Excess temperature (°C) =  $60^\circ - 37^\circ = 23^\circ$   
 Volume of coffee consumed to equal the energy in the LD/50/60 =  $\frac{67}{23}$   
 $= 3 \text{ mL}$   
 $= 1 \text{ sip}$





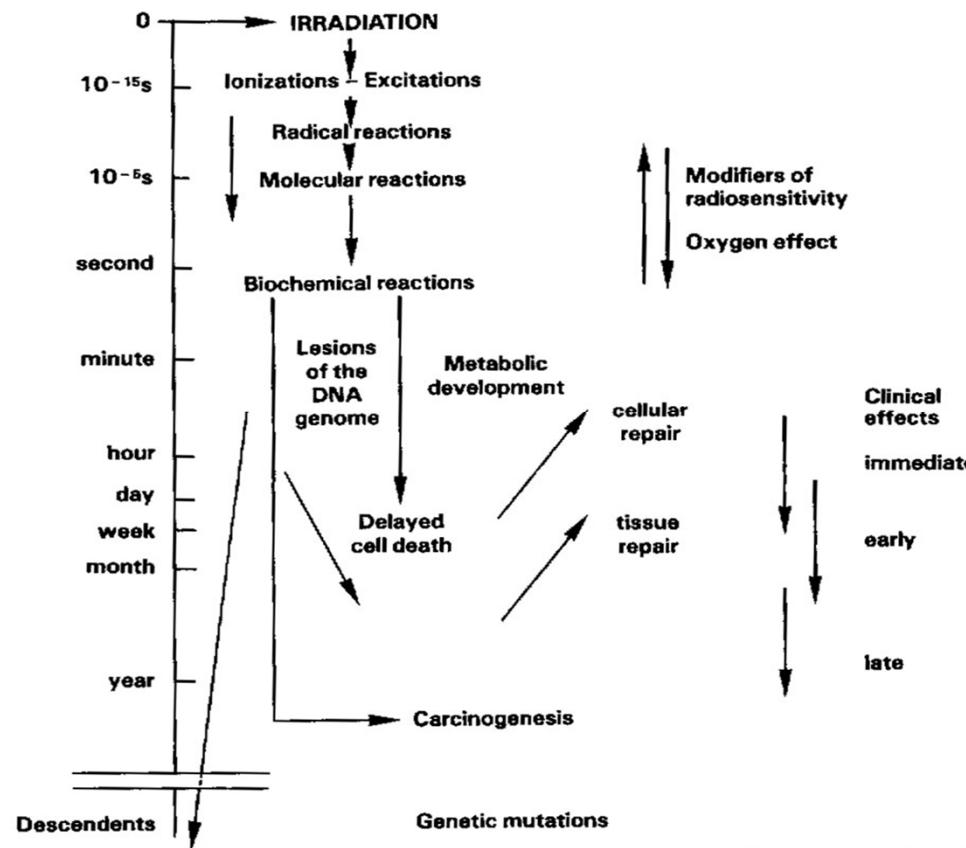
# Biological bases of radiotherapy

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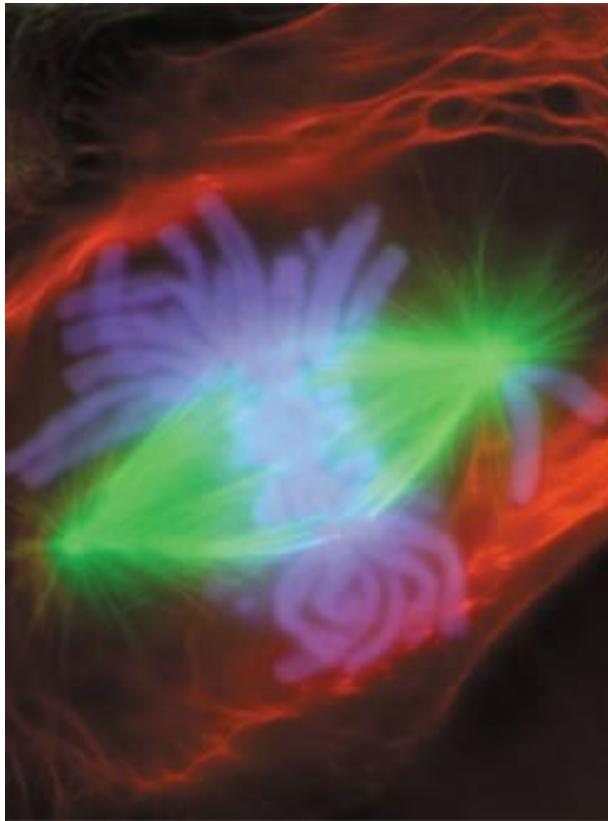
# The physics and chemistry of radiation absorption

## Chronology of events



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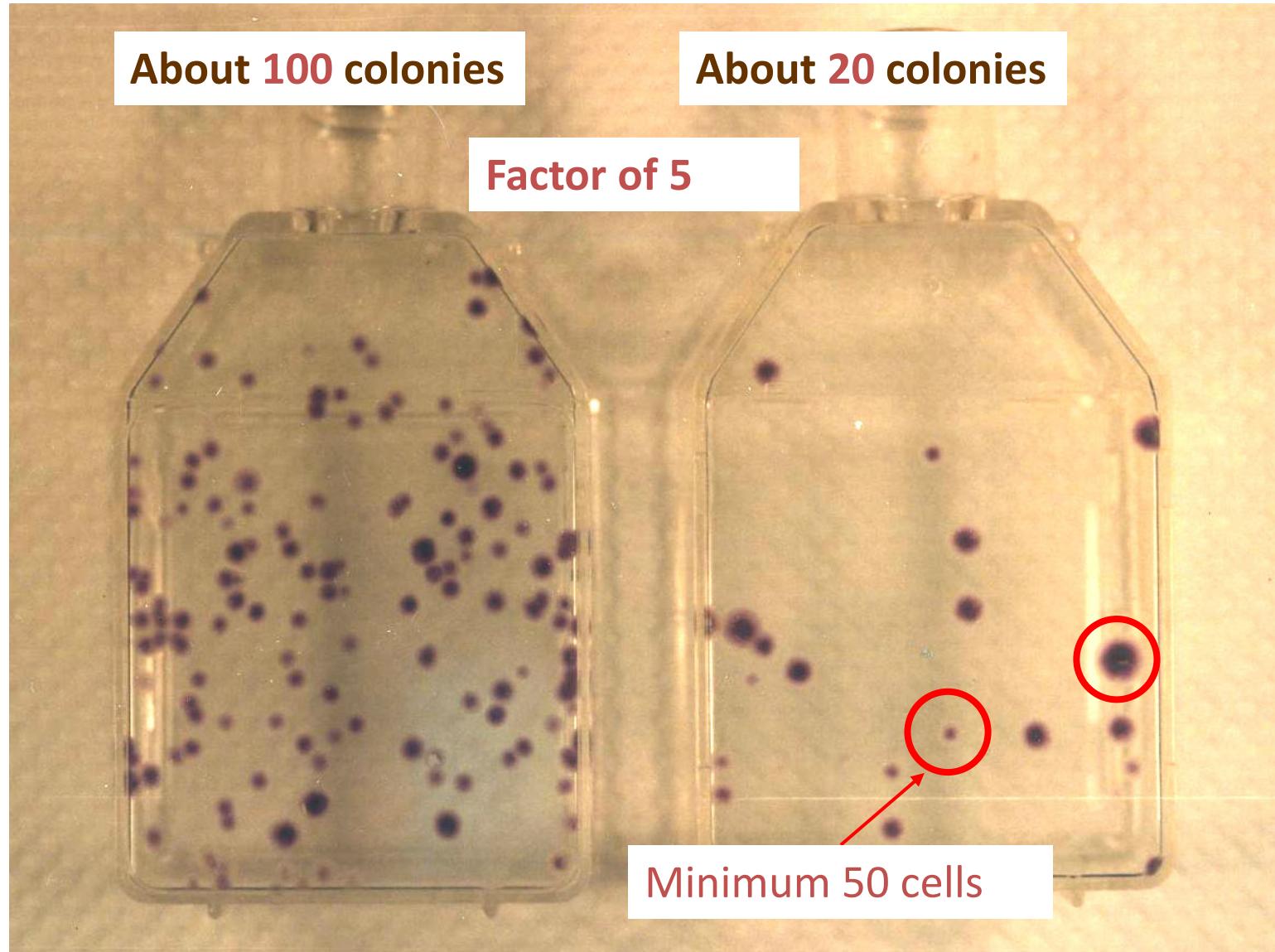
## Effects of irradiation on mitosis



Effects on mitosis in plant cells:  
endosperm of Haemanthus - time-lapse movie A. Bajer (1962)

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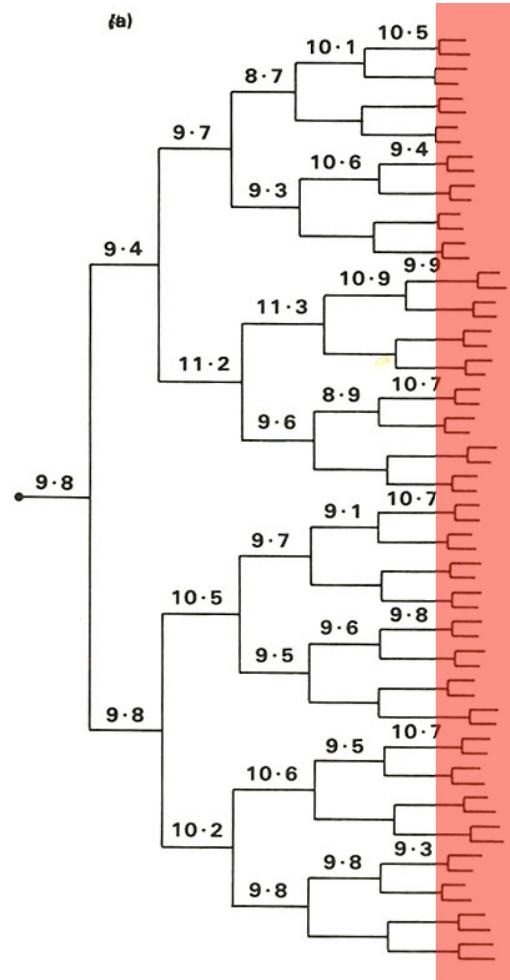
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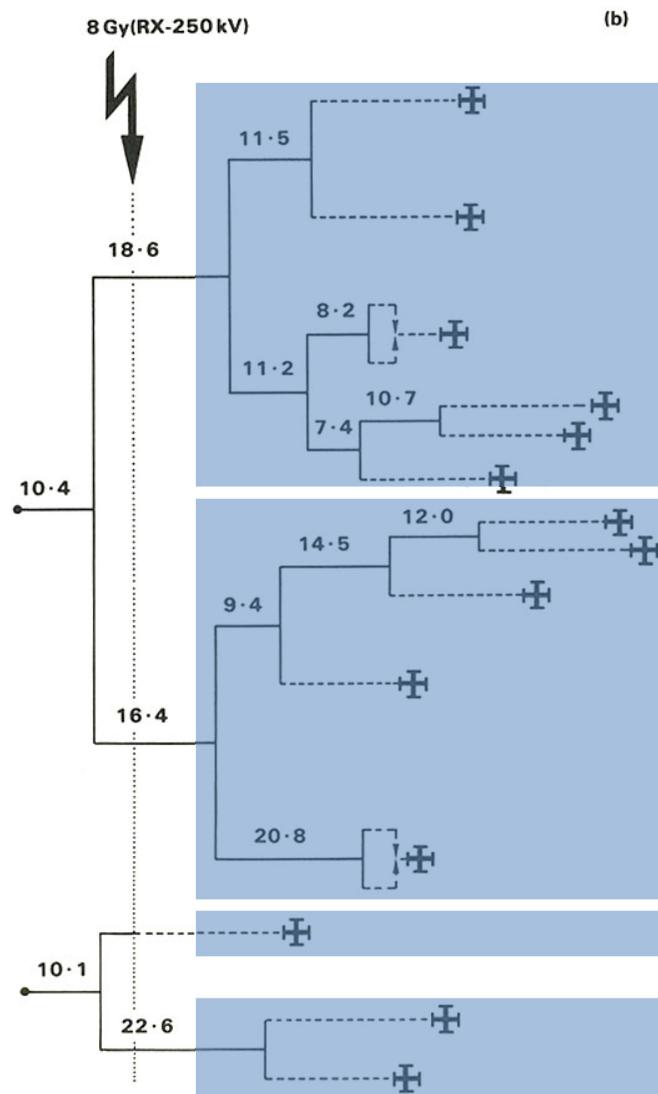
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## Unirradiated cells

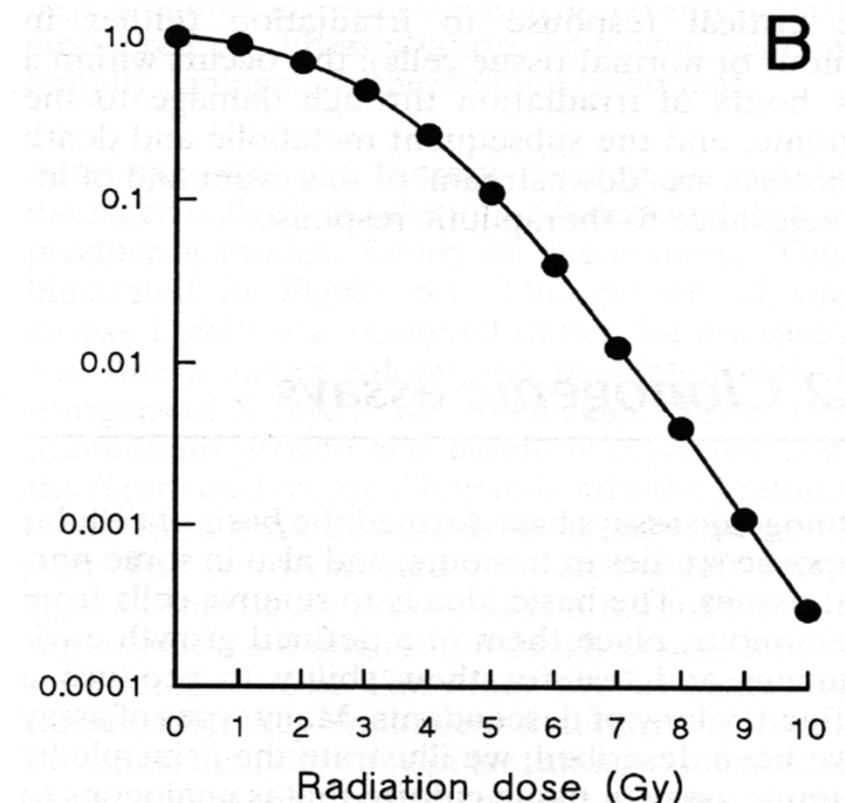
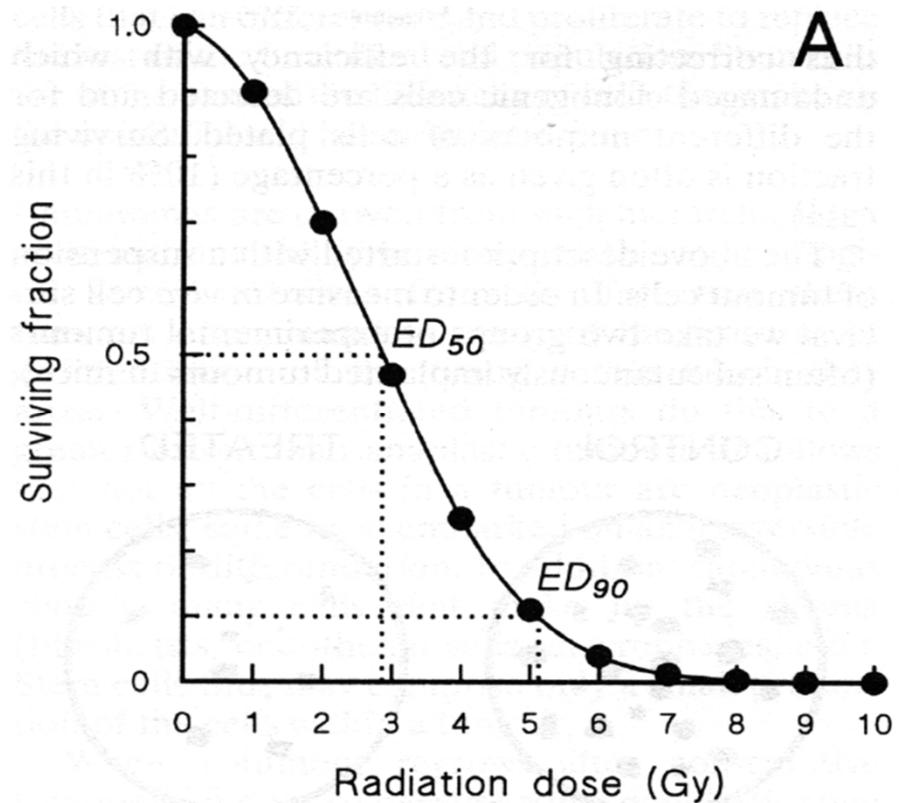


## Irradiated cells



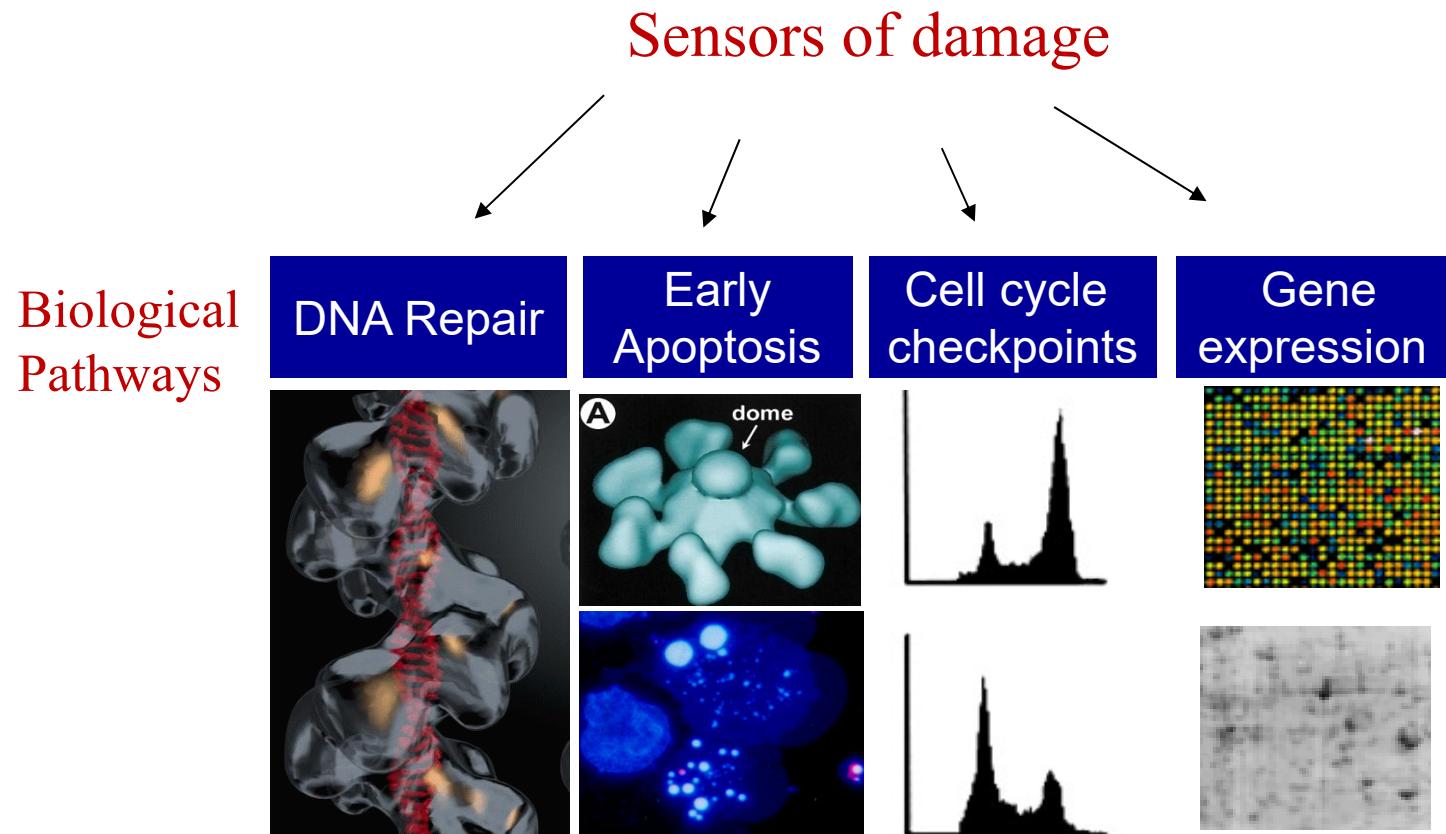
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# Cell survival curves



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# Initial cellular responses to radiation



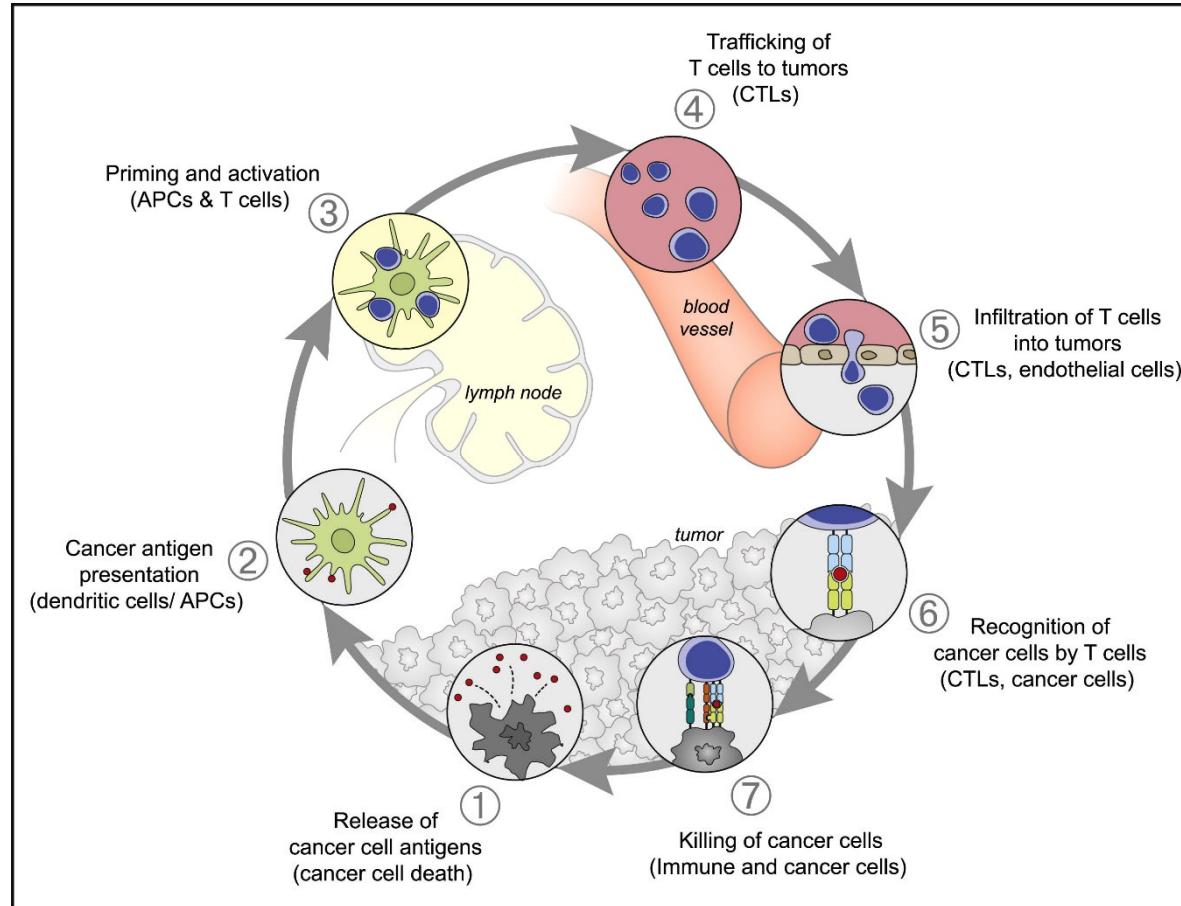
# HR and Human Disease

Many diseases associated with the sensors and transducers

- Ataxia Telangiectasia – mutations in ATM
  - Patients are radiosensitive
  - Elevated risk of cancer
  - Have several developmental and neural abnormalities
- AT like disorder – mutations in MRE11
- Nijmegen breakage syndrome – mutations in NBS
- Familial (inherited) breast cancer - BRCA1, BRCA2
  - Inherited breast and ovarian cancer
- Fanconi's Anemia – FANCA,B,C,D1,D2,E
  - FANCB,D1=BRCA2
  - Sensitive to crosslinking agents
  - Increased risk of cancer

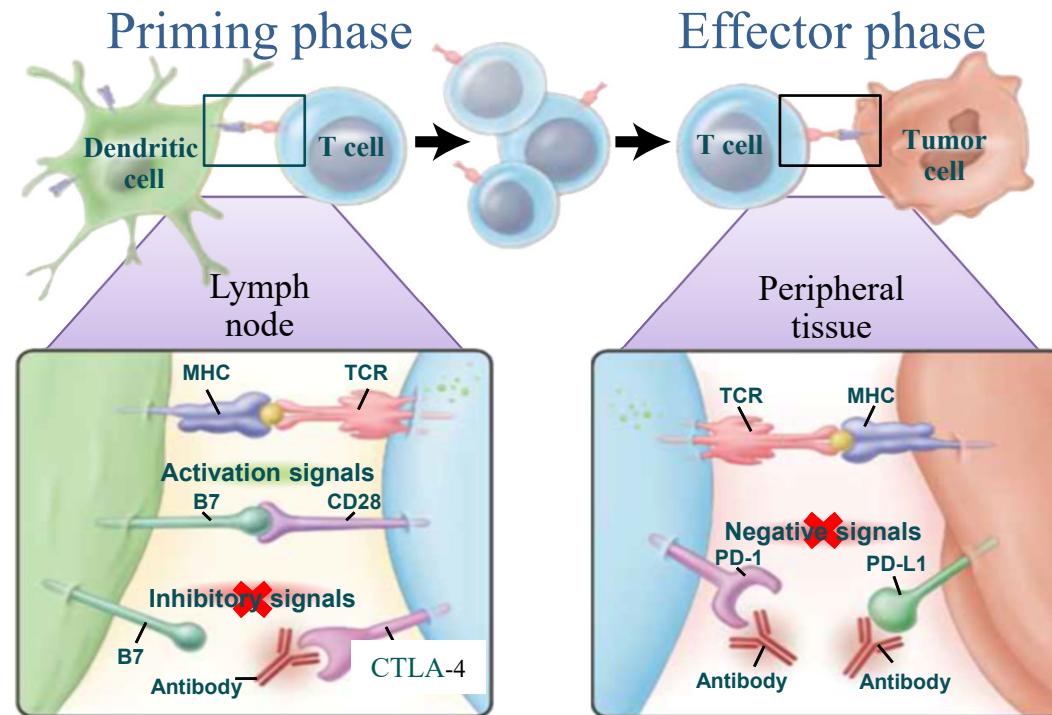
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# Immune modulation



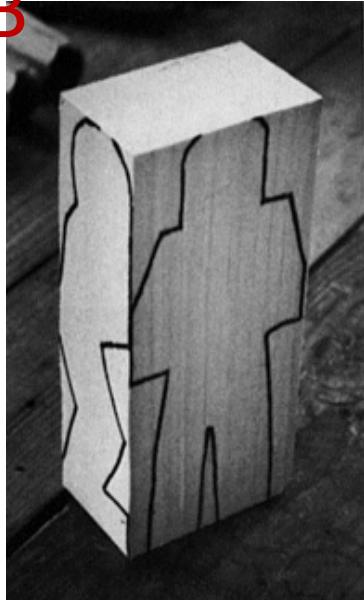
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# The role of immune checkpoint pathways in the immune response



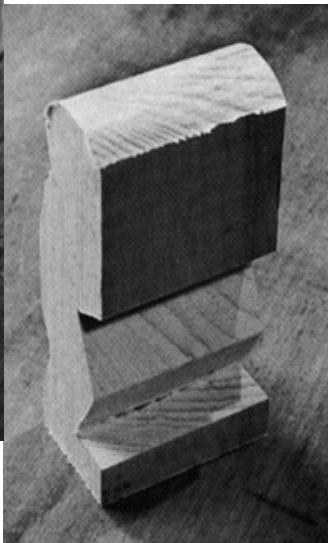
# Technological aspects of radiotherapy and their evolution

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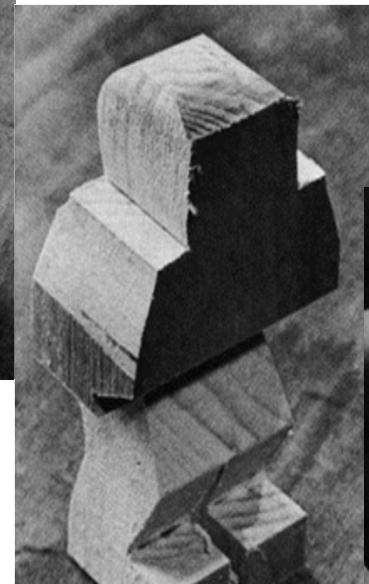
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2-D Planning



≈ 1960

3-D  
Conformal



≈ 1990

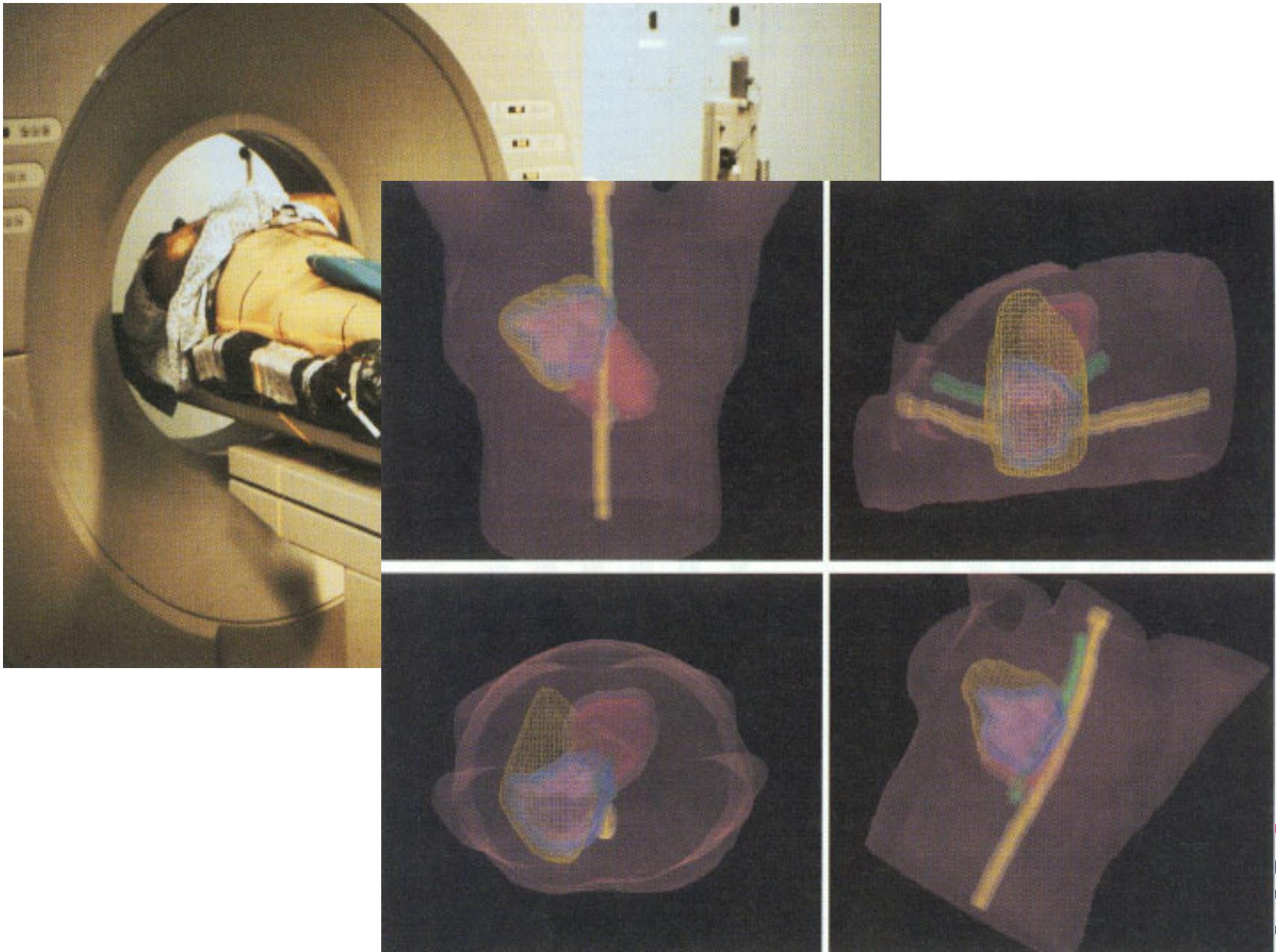
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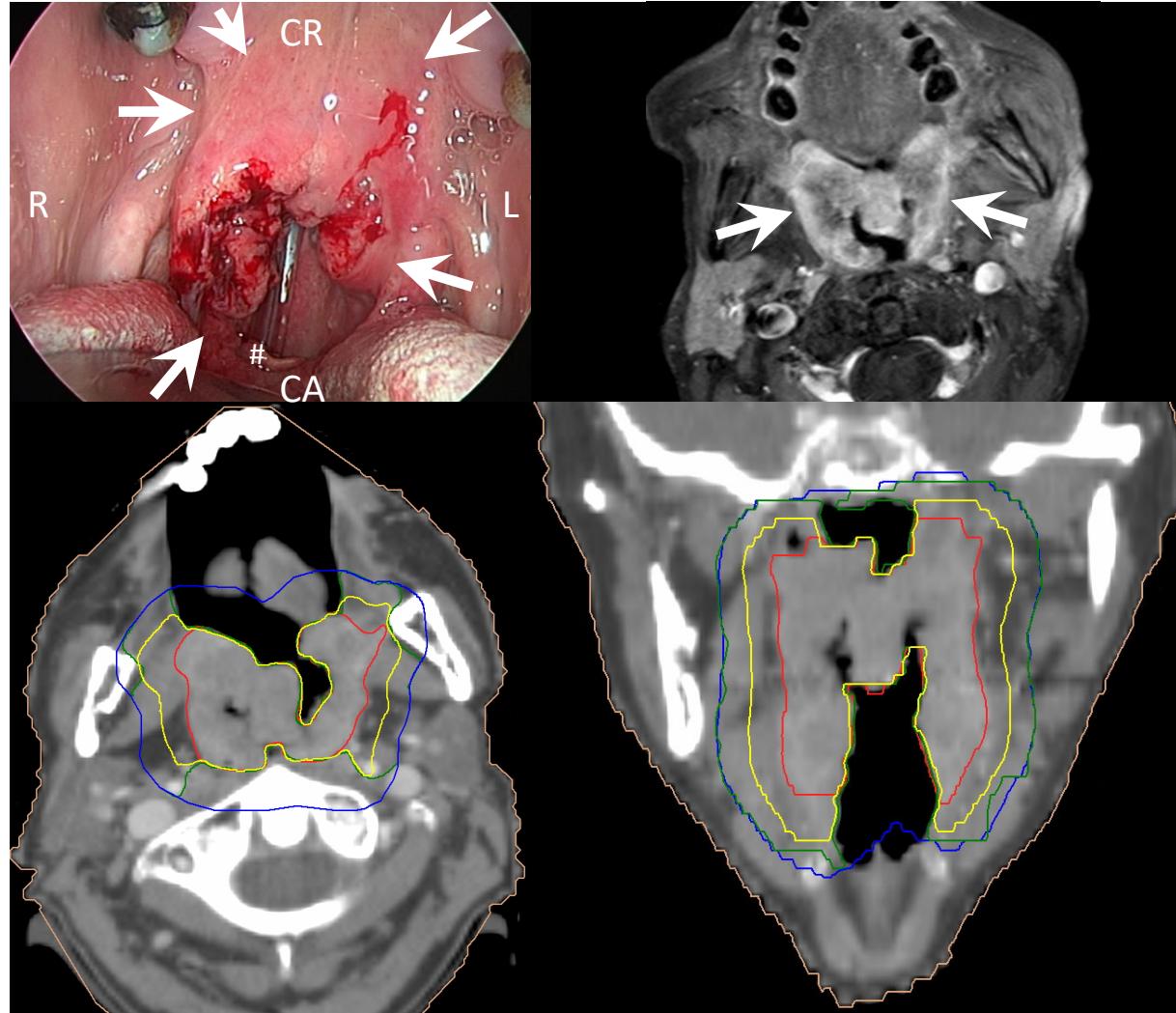
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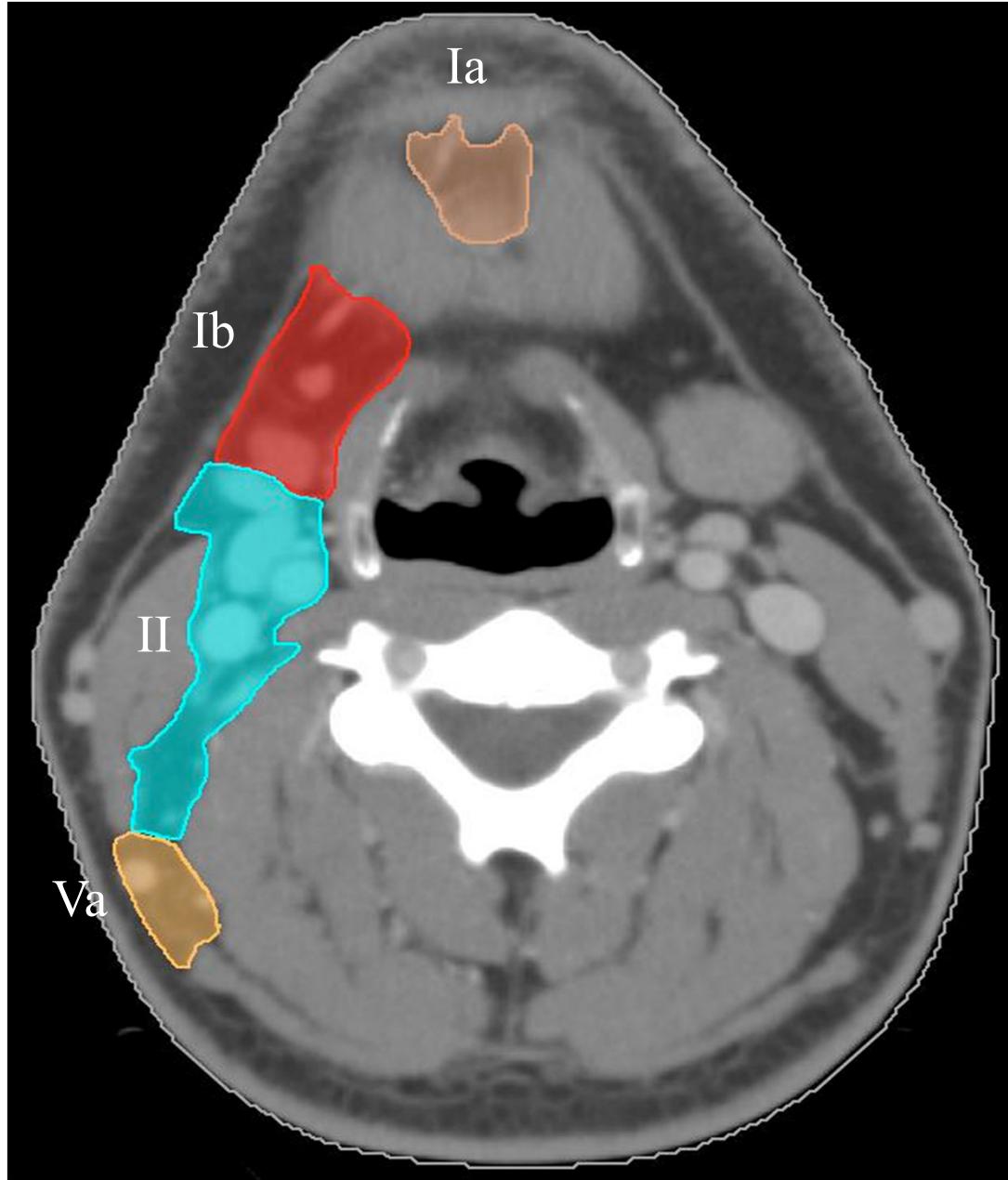
## From GTV<sub>P</sub> to CTV<sub>P</sub> delineation T3 soft palate SCC



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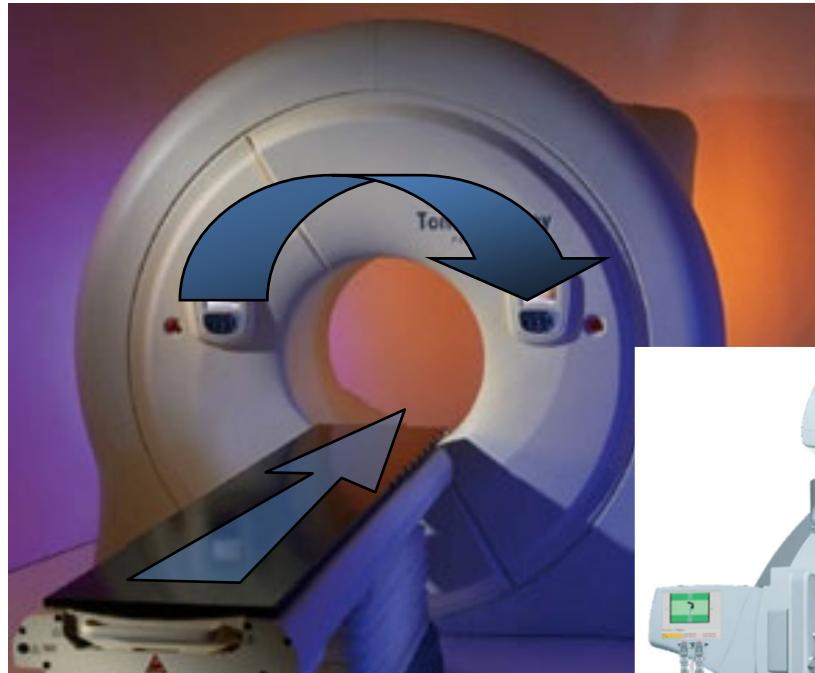
- air cavities
- mobile tongue
- mandible
- vertebral body
- longus colli & longus capiti m.
- epiglottis
- hyoid bone

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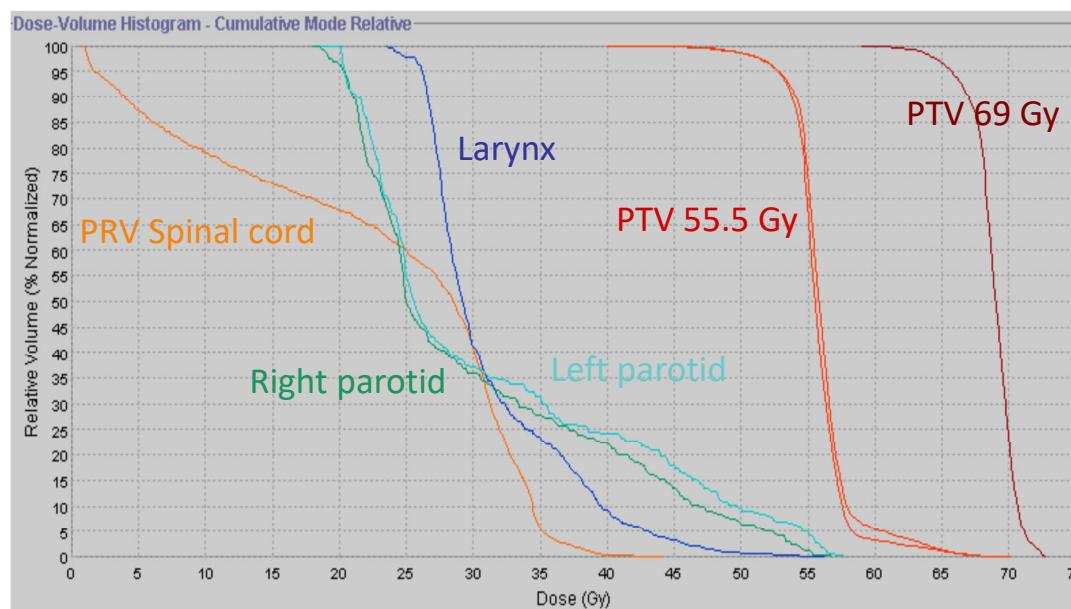
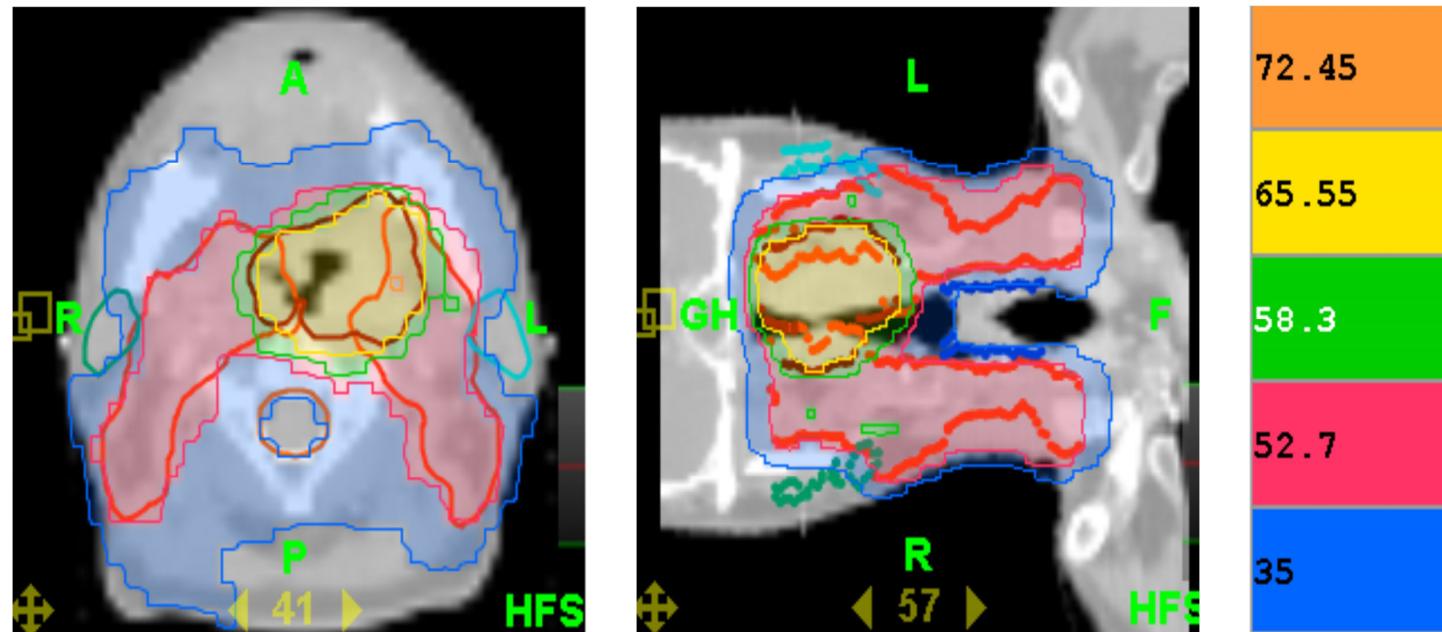


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## Différents appareils produisant des rayons-X



# AIMRT/VMAT dans les tumeurs Tête & Cou



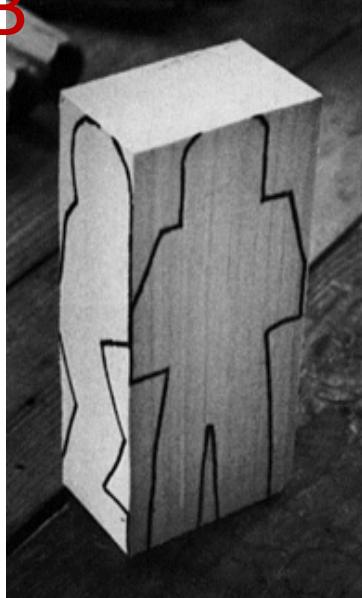
Oropharyngeal SCC

T2-N0-M0

SIB-IMRT: 30x2.3 Gy

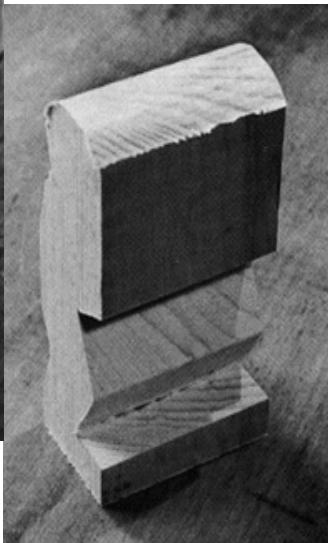
30x1.85 Gy

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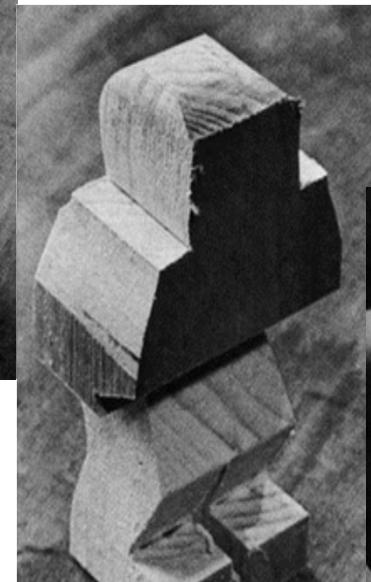
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# Son évolution...

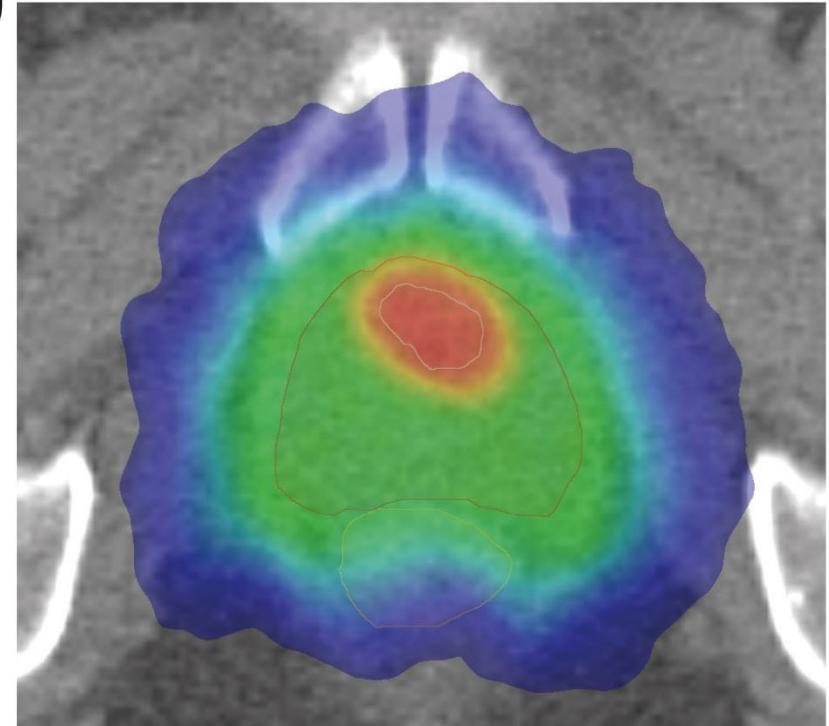
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## IMRT/VMAT dans les tumeurs prostatiques (PET-PSMA)

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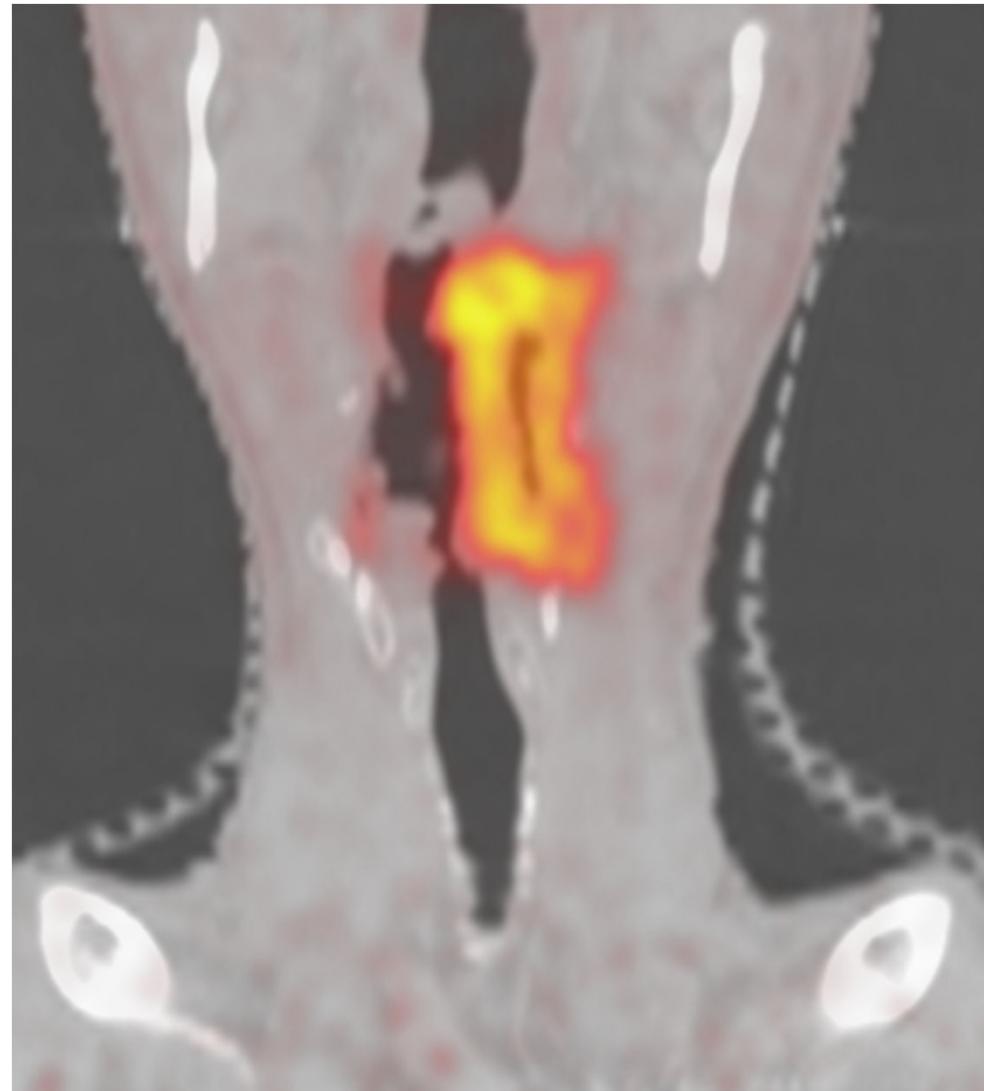
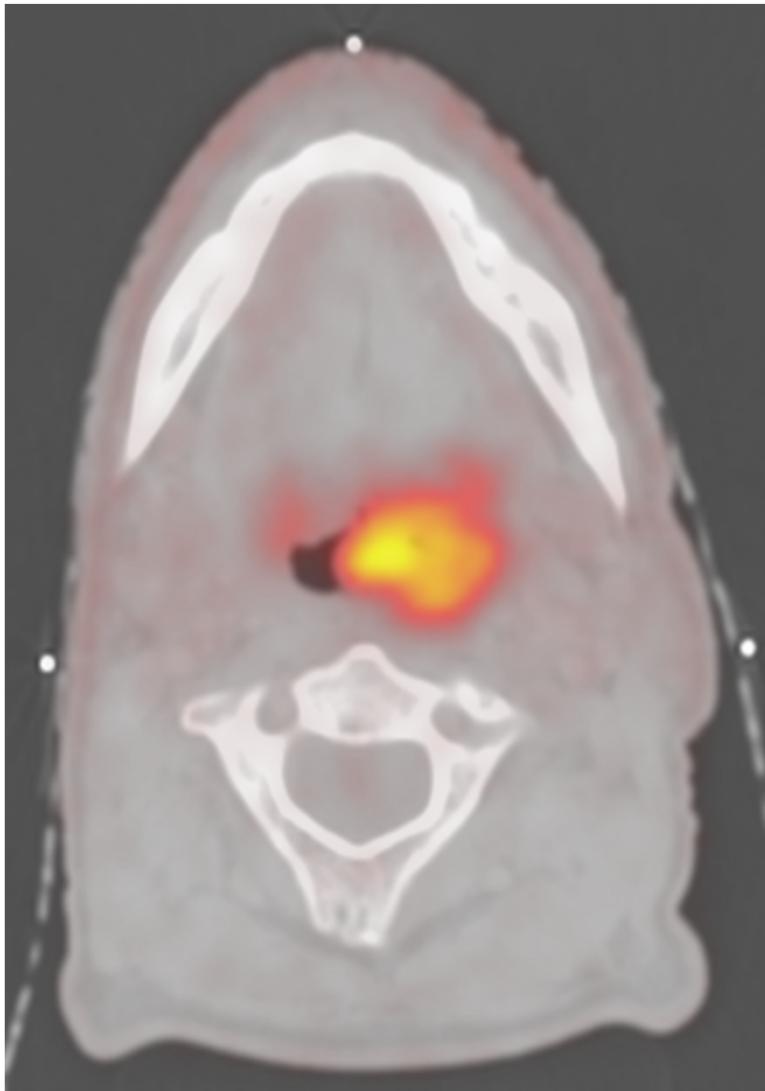


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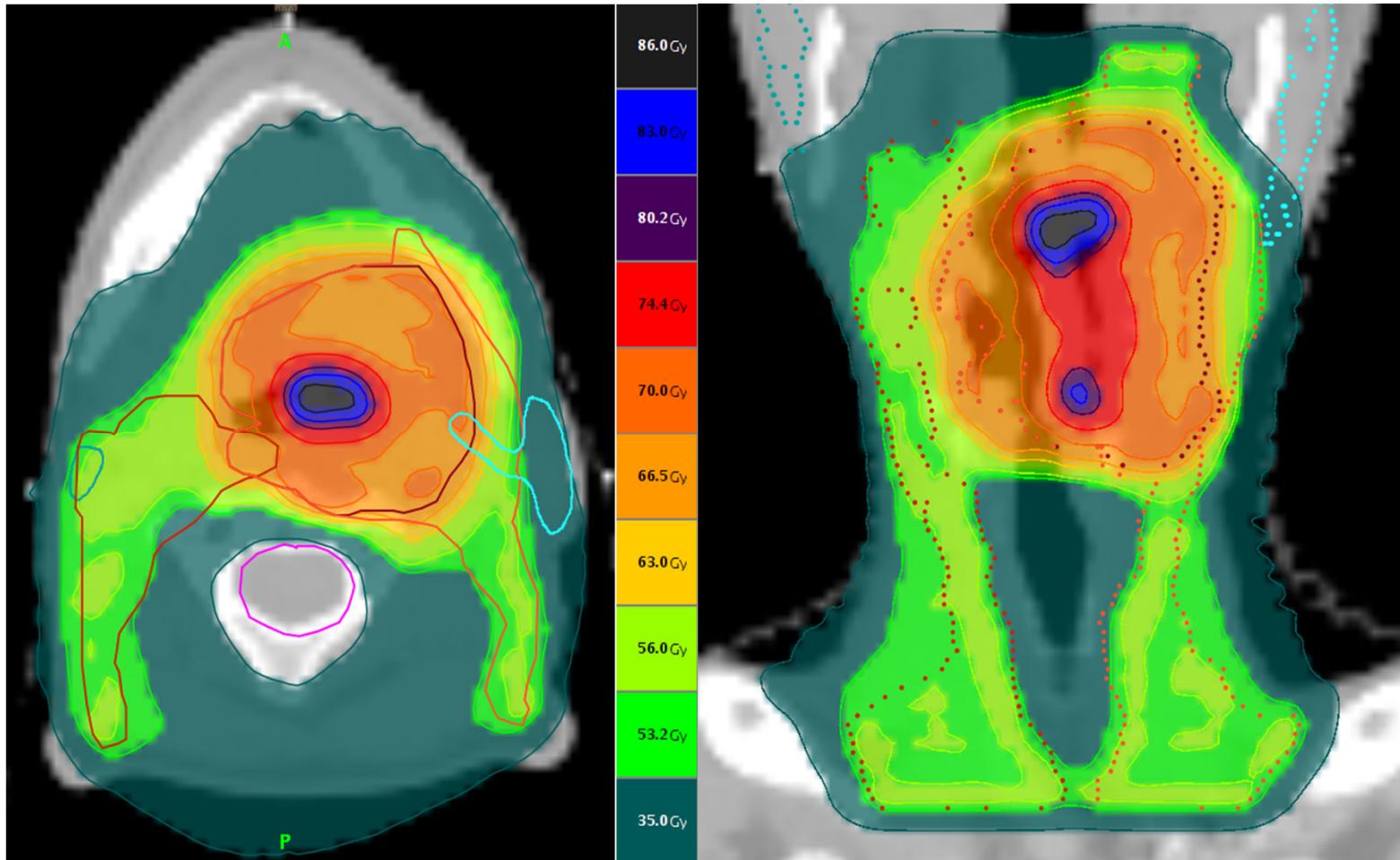
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## Hétérogénéité tumorale (FDG-PET)



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# Dose-painting



Oropharynx: T4b-N0-M0 – FDG-PET-CT

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# La protonthérapie...?

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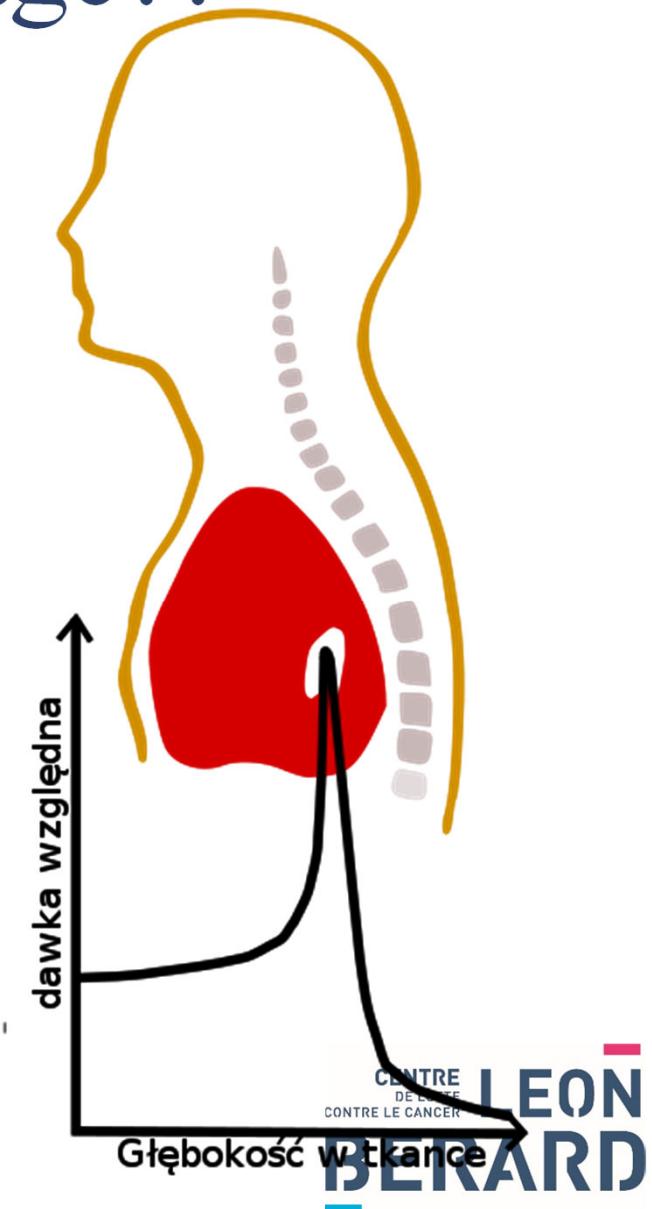


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# Quel est l'avantage??

- La masse des protons est bien plus grande que celle des électrons
  - Moins de diffusion latérale (donc moins de dispersion)
- Le trajet est limité par l'énergie
  - Et donc la dose est localisée à la profondeur voulue.
- La dose est très élevée en fin de trajet (pic de Bragg).



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# IMRT et IMPT pour un sarcome d'Ewing

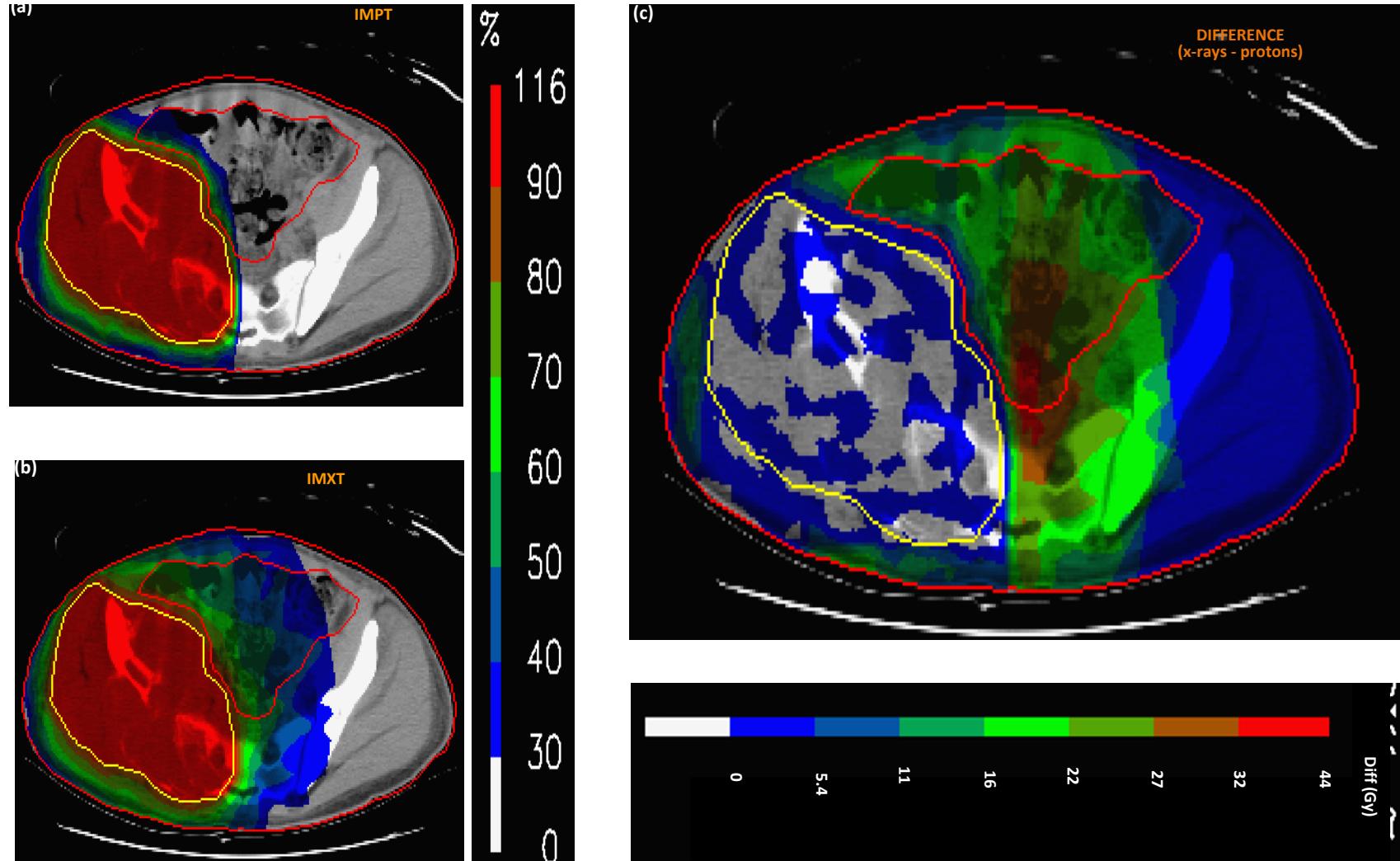
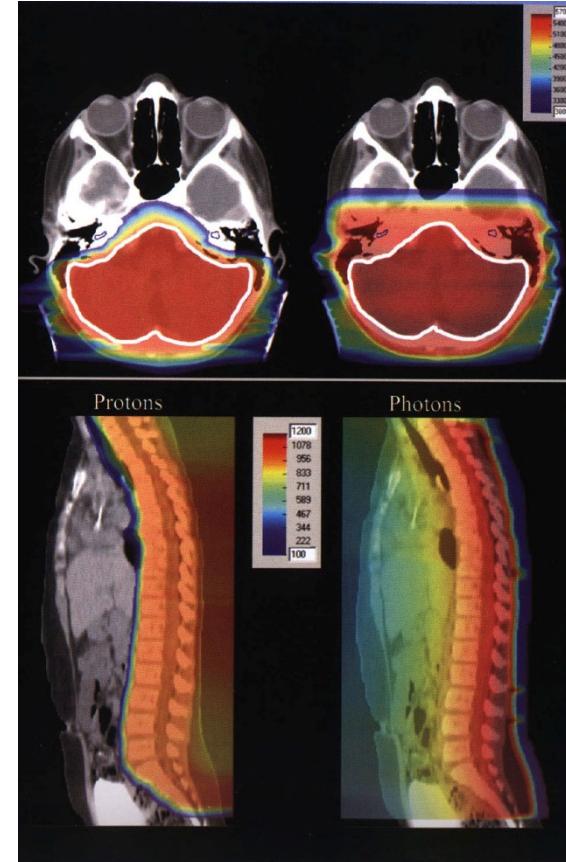


Image from M. Goitein, Radiation Oncology: A physicist's-eye-view Springer, 2007.

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# Indication principale: pédiatrie

	2000	2001	2003
leukemia	85	108	90
lymphoma	39	43	34
Embryonal tumours	52	54	63
CNS	94	68	65
Bone	15	18	24
STS	35	34	35
<b>total</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>313</b>



Medulloblastome chez un  
enfant de 5 ans  
4 MV photons vs. protons

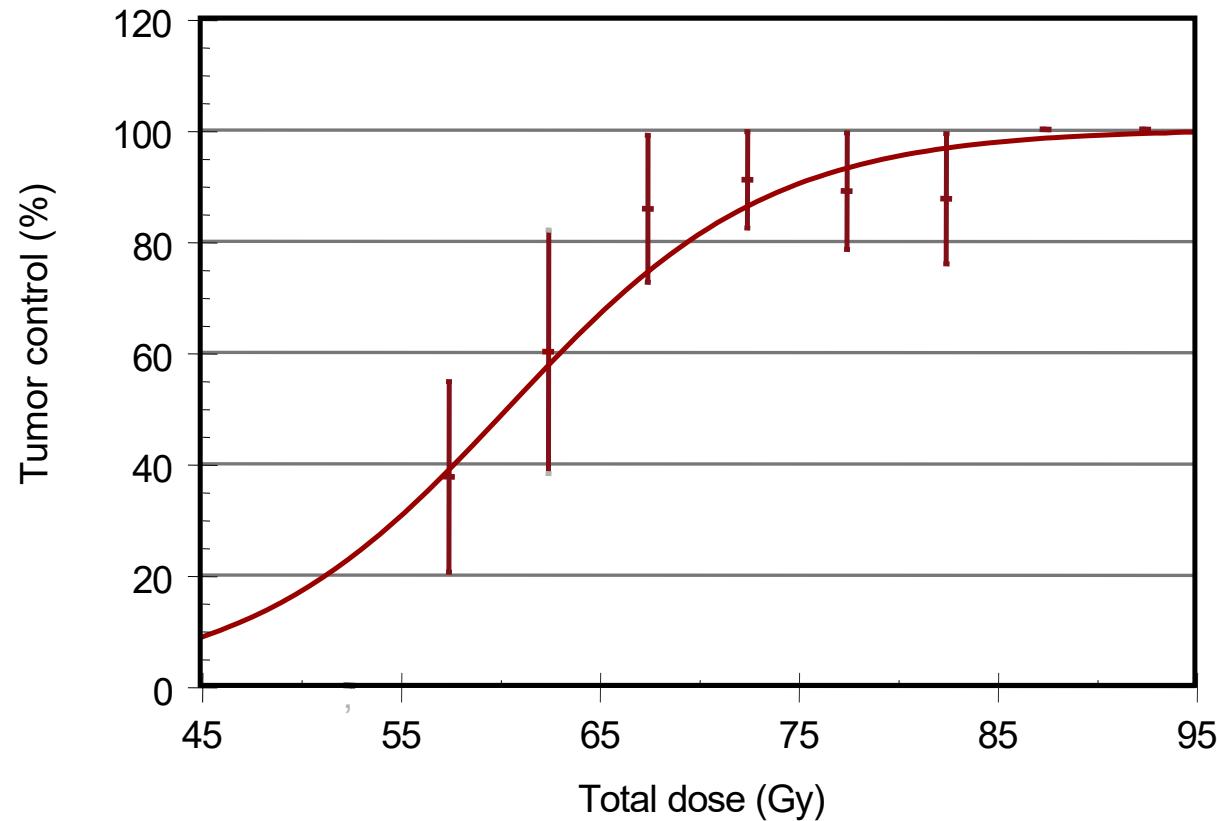
Recrutement potentiel en France de  $\pm$  600 cas/ selon les  
pratiques actuelles

# Clinical considerations: efficacy and toxicity of radiotherapy

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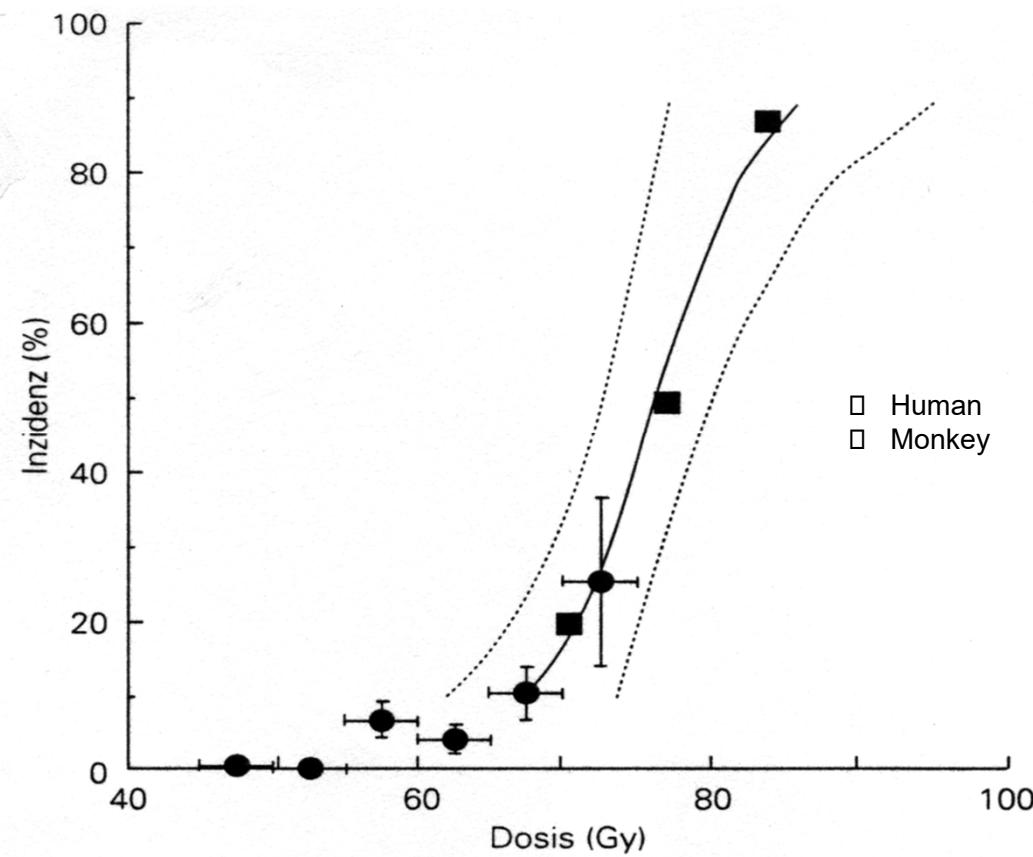
# Tumor Control Probability (TCP)

Dose-response curve for neck nodes  $\leq 3$  cm



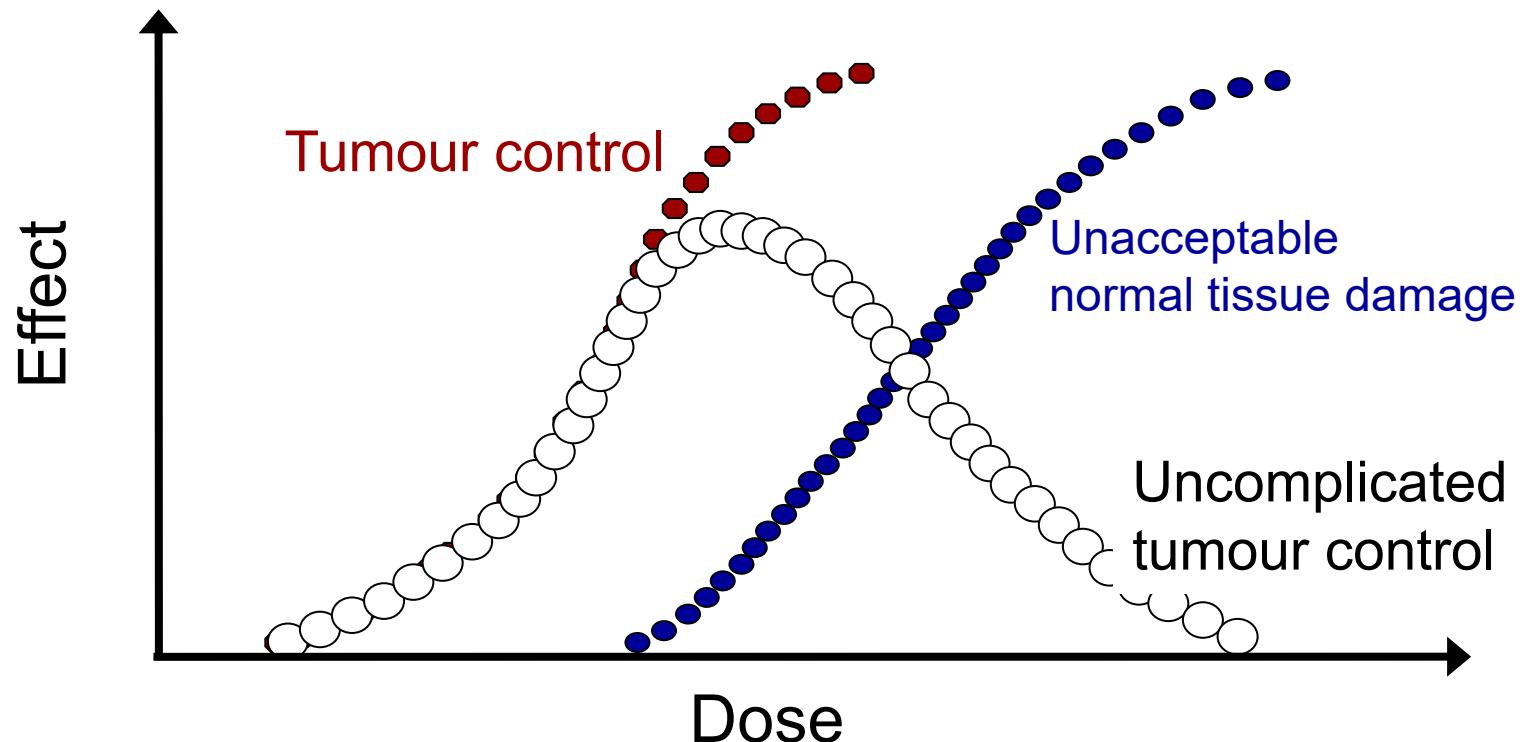
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# Normal Tissue Control Probability (NTCP)



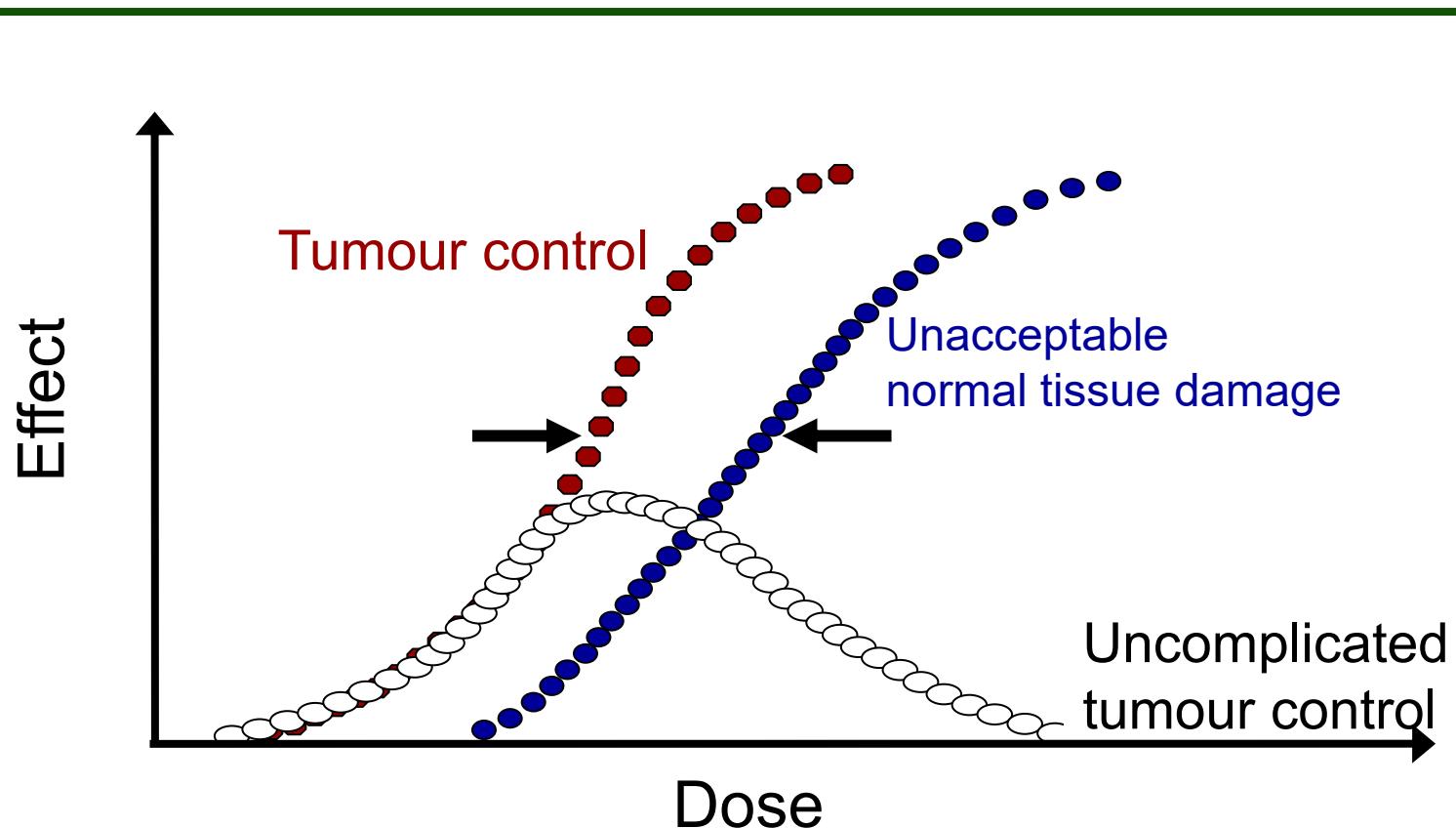
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## Uncomplicated tumor control: Therapeutic Ratio



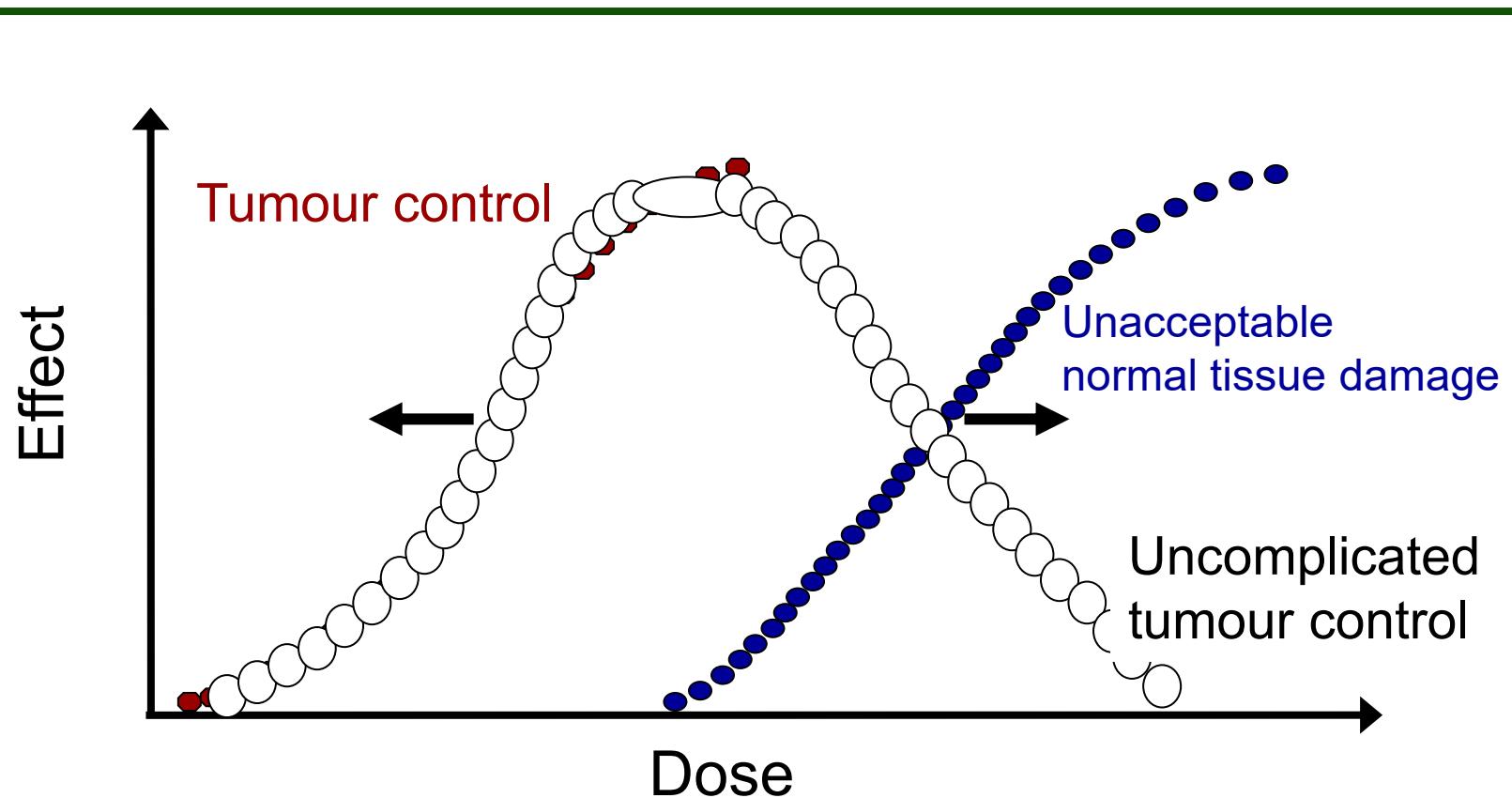
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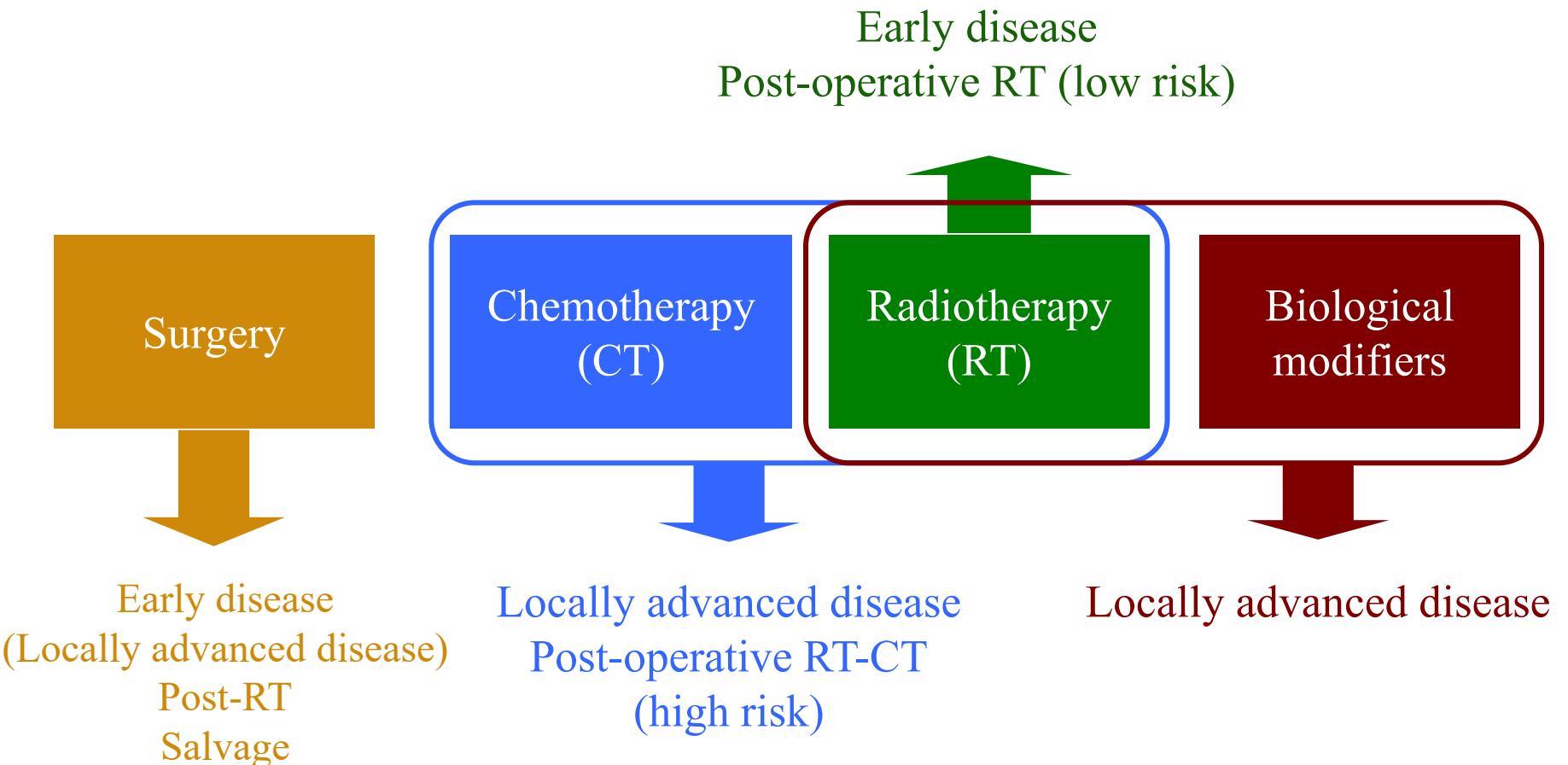


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## Uncomplicated tumor control: Therapeutic Ratio



# A Radiotherapy in the armamentarium of cancer treatment



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## Conventional fractionation

1.8 – 2.0 Gy per fraction, 5 fractions per week



	Example	Dose (Gy)	Tumor control (%)
<i>Sensitive</i>	Seminoma, Lymphoma	$\leq 45$	$\geq 90$
<i>Intermediate</i>	SCC, Adeno-Ca	50	$\geq 90$ (subclinical)
		60	$\sim 85$ ( $\emptyset$ 1 cm)
		70	$\sim 70$ ( $\emptyset$ 3 cm)
<i>Resistant</i>	Glioblastoma	$\geq 60$	$\sim 30$ ( $\emptyset$ 5 cm) none?
	Melanoma	$\geq 60$	none?

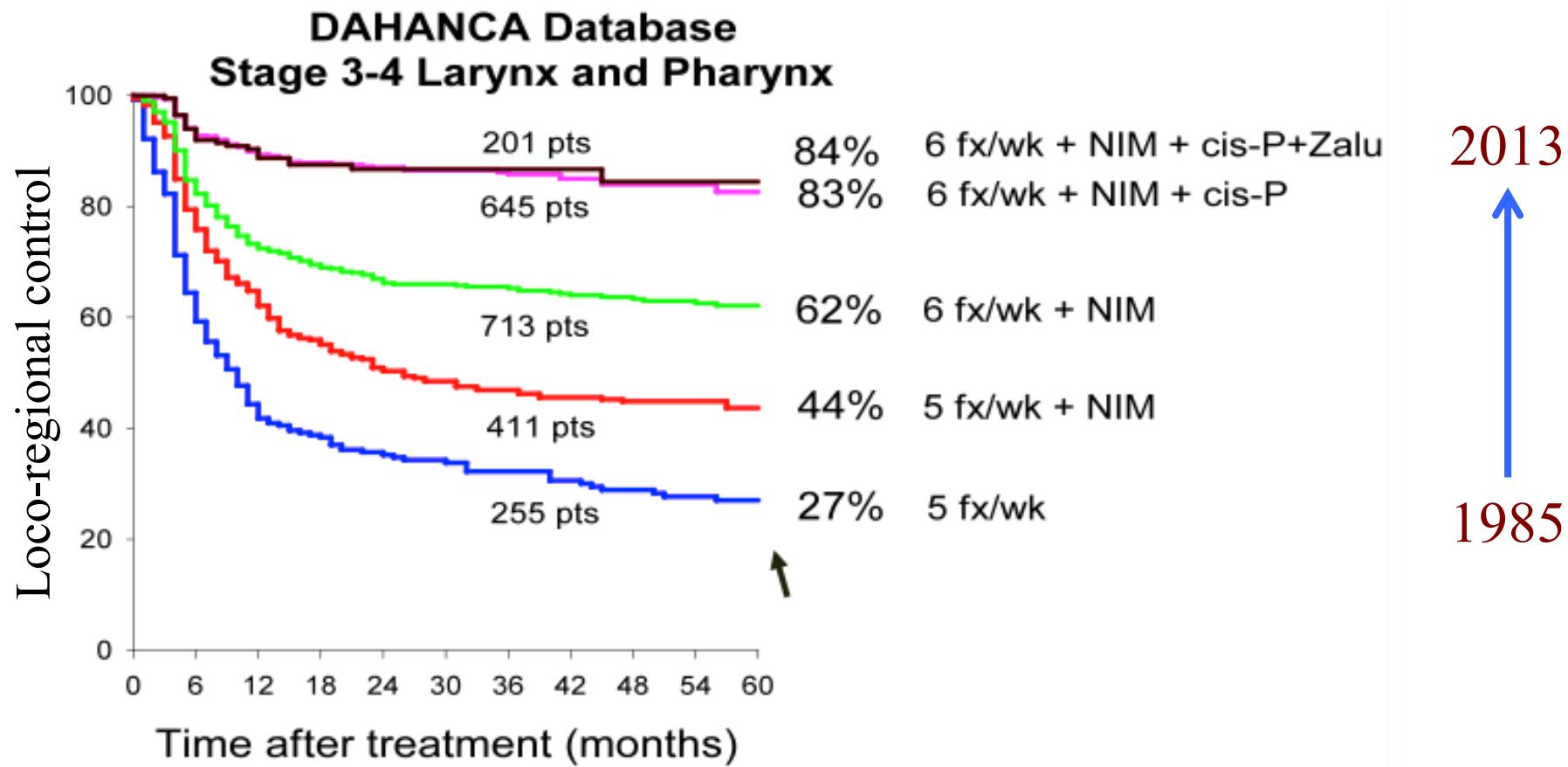
# Indications

Traitements curatifs loco-régionaux de première intention ± chimiothérapie / biological modifiers

- T cérébrales, ORL, oesophagiennes, pulmonaires, prostatiques, hématologiques, digestives, cutanées, testiculaires, gynécologiques, ...
- Patients non-opérables, e.g. patient âgé, avec co-morbidité, ...
- Tumeurs non-résécables (e.g. localement avancées)
- “organ preservation strategy” (par ex. T du larynx, T de la marge anale)

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# The DAHANCA strategy: progression through consecutive clinical trials



DAHANCA.dk



# Indications

Traitements curatifs loco-régionaux adjuvants ± chimiothérapie / biological modifiers

- T cérébrales, ORL, oesophagiennes, pulmonaires, mammaires, prostatiques, hématologiques, digestives, cutanées, testiculaires, gynécologiques, sarcomes, ...

# Indications

Traitements curatifs loco-régionaux neo-adjuvants  
± chimiothérapie / biological modifiers

- T du rectum, gynécologiques, sarcomes, ...

# Indications

## Traitements palliatifs

- Objectifs: retarder l'évolution fatale et/ou soulager un symptôme
- Exemples:
  - métastases osseuses douloureuse: e.g. 1 x 8 Gy
    - métastases osseuses unique: RxTh stéréotaxique, e.g. 3 x 10 Gy
    - métastases pulmonaire unique: RxTh stéréotaxique, e.g. 3 x 10 Gy
    - saignement vésical: 1 x 8 Gy
    - métastases cérébrales: irradiation pan-crânienne ou stéréotaxique

# Prototypes of modified fractionation regimens

- Normo-fractionnartion

 70Gy/ 2.0 Gy/ 7w

- Hyperfractionation (e.g. H&N)

 80.5Gy/ 2x1.15 Gy/ ti=6h/ 7w

- Accelerated fractionation (e.g. H&N)

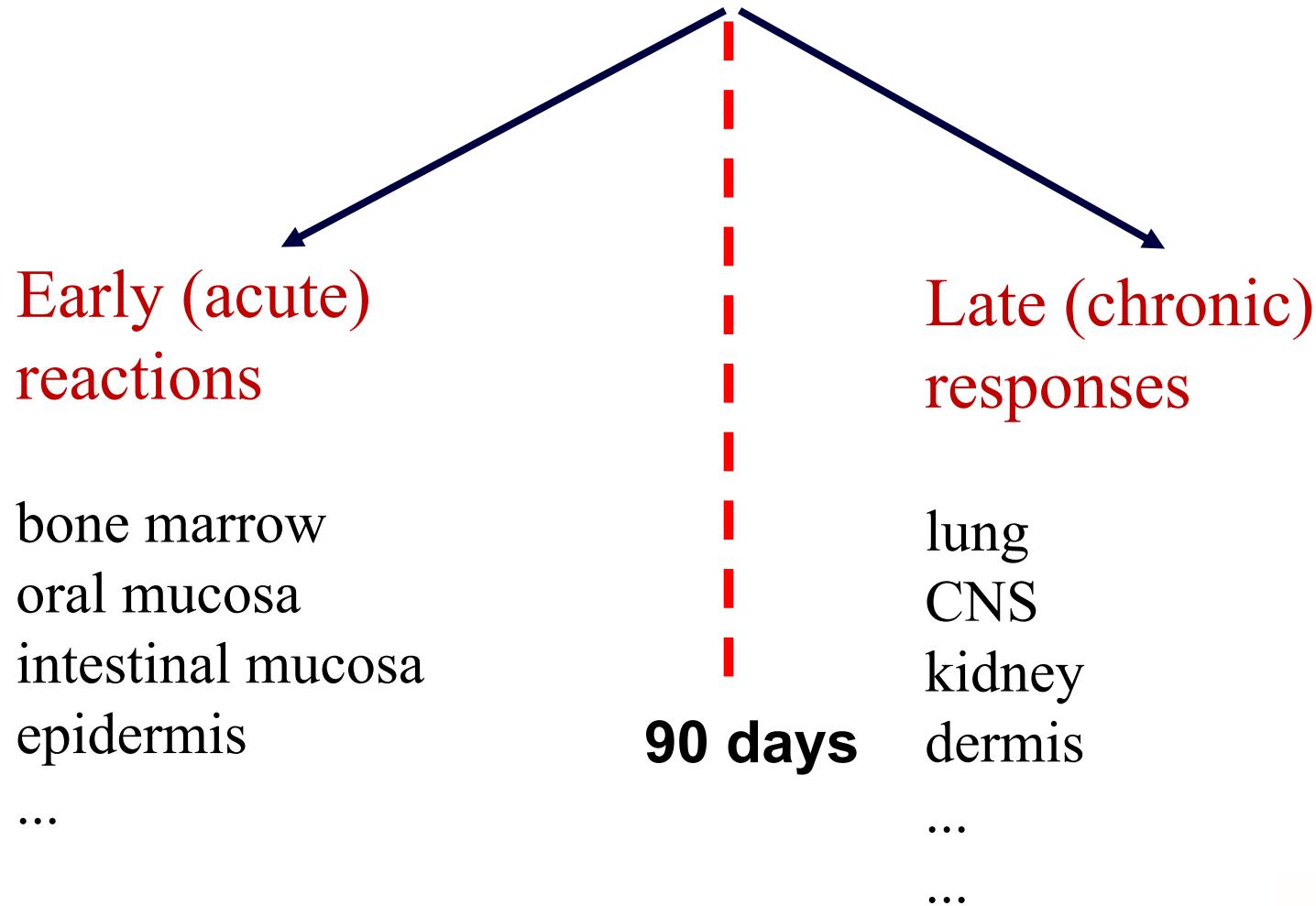
 70Gy/ 2.0 Gy/ 5w

- Hypofractionation (e.g. breast, prostate, palliation)

 67.5 Gy/13.5 Gy/ 2w       75Gy/ 2.5 Gy/ 5w

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# Radiotherapy side effects



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# Toxicité aiguë de la radiothérapie

- Cutanée
  - Erythème (15-20 Gy)
  - Epithérite exsudative
    - R/ pommade calendula, éosine aqueuse
- Muqueuse
  - ORL : mucite, xérostomie, oesophagite, agueusie
    - R/ bains de bouche (alcalins +- antifongiques), prophylaxie dentaire, antalgie, alimentation
  - Digestive : ténesme, diarrhées, anite, poussée hémorroïdaire, rectite
    - R/ locaux, anti-diarrhéiques
  - Vésicale & uréthrale : cystite radique

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# Toxicité aiguë de la radiothérapie

- Hématologique : si volume important de moelle osseuse irradiée (e.g. bassin + rachis)
  - Anémie, lymphopénie, thrombopénie
    - R/ transfusion, !!!! facteurs de croissance, ...
- Digestive
  - Vomissements, nausées
    - R/neuroleptiques, sétrons si besoin
- Pulmonaire : pneumopathie radique aigue
  - R/ corticoides
- Neurologique : HTIC si RTE cérébrale
  - R/ corticoides, mannitol, ...

# Toxicité tardive de la RTE : fibrose

- Cutanées : pigmentation modifiée, fibrose, (alopécie rarement définitive)
- Cardiaque : insuffisance cardiaque, péricardite, ischémie coronarienne
- Digestives : sténose post-radique (œsophage), grêle radique, recto-colite radique
- Urologique : vessie radique, sténose urétérale (rare)
- ORL : xérostomie, ostéoradionécrose, séquelles trophiques

# Toxicité tardive de la RTE

- Neurologique
  - cérébrales : encéphalopathie radique, radionécrose cérébrale
  - myelopathie radique : obsession +++
  - plexite radique
- Troubles de croissance
- Troubles endocriniens
  - Hypophyse : panhypopituitarisme
  - Thyroïde : hypothyroidie
  - Gonades : stérilités
- Cancers radio-induits (<1%)
  - Sarcomes ++
  - 3-30 ans
  - En champ irradié

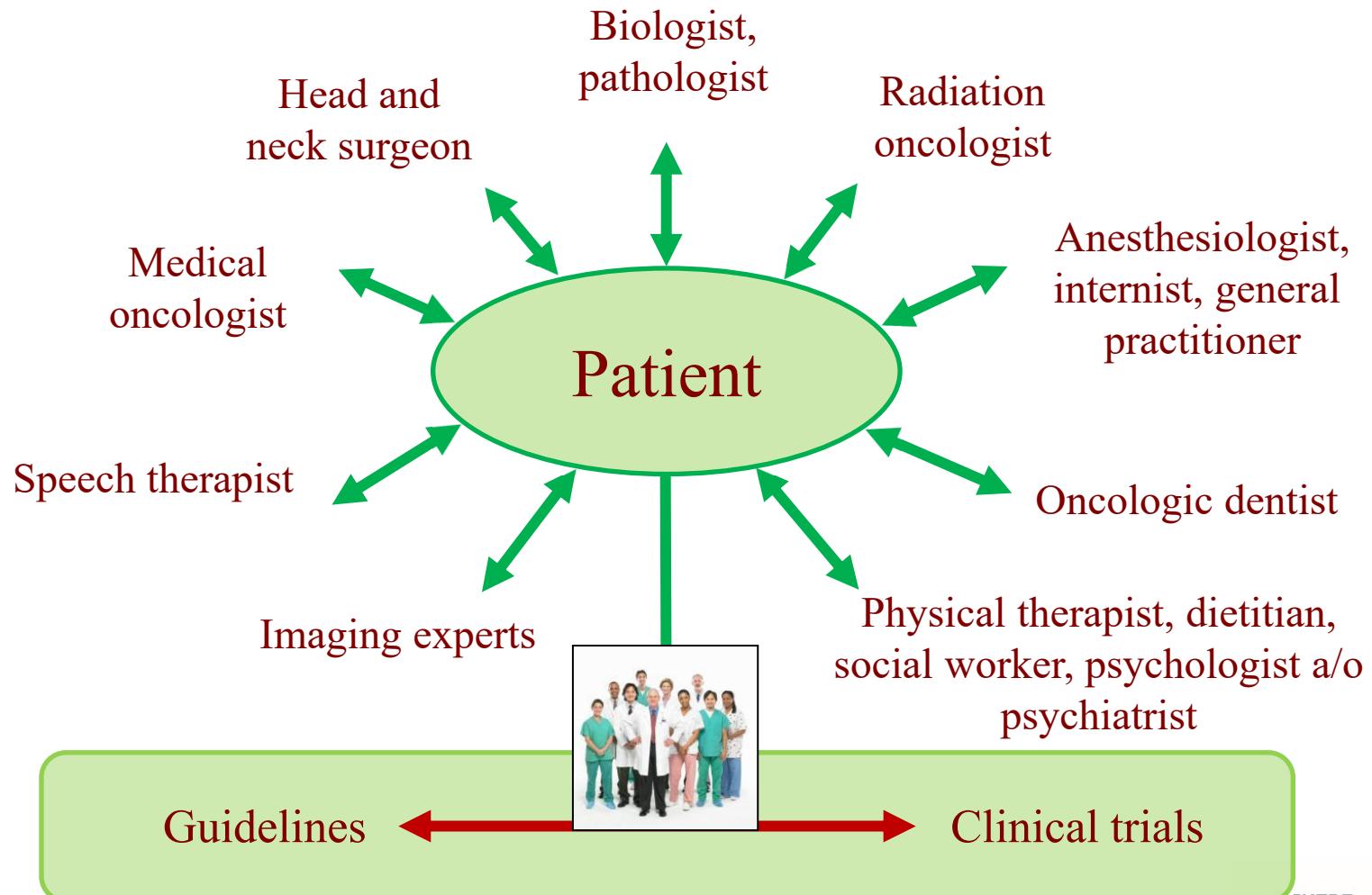


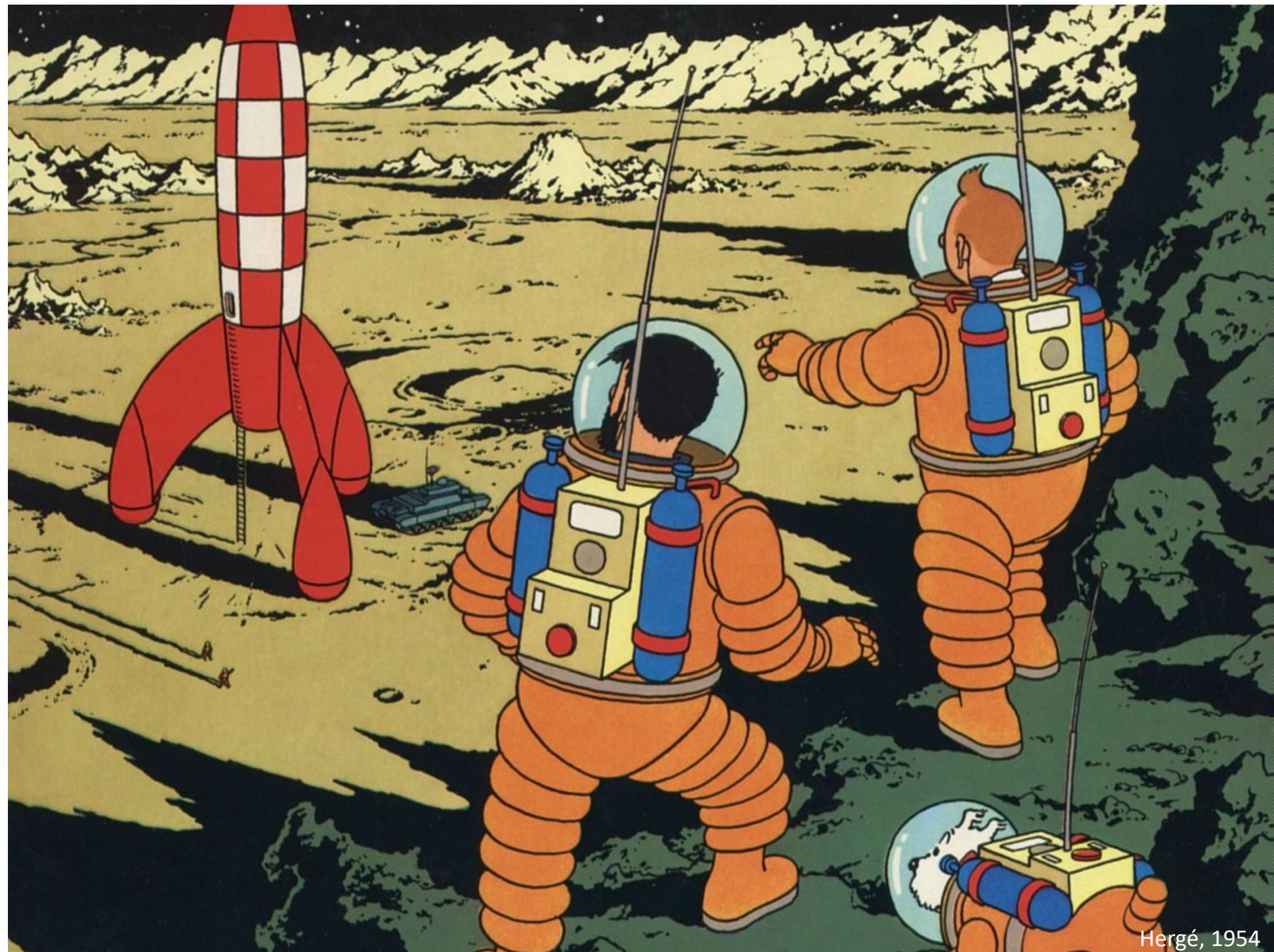
# Conclusions



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# Multidisciplinary patient management





Hergé, 1954