Advances in Primary and Adjuvant RT for Prostate Cancer: Clinical Trials, Image-Guided Radiotherapy and Brachytherapy

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# **Topics and Trends**

- Risk groups and therapy selection
- Adjuvant RT: Clinical trials
- Trends in image-guided RT/Proton RT
- Brachytherapy results: Seeds and HDR

### **NCCN Risk Groupings**

• Low risk: -T1-T2a, Gleason < 6, *and* PSA < 10 ng/mlIntermediate: -T2b-T2c, Gleason = 7, or  $PSA \ 10 - 20 \ ng/ml$ • High: -T3-4, Gleason 8 – 10, or PSA > 20

National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN)® Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology—v.1.2005.

### **Risk Grouping and Treatment Options**



See Principles of Radiation Therapy (PROS

See Principles of Surgery (PROS-D).

PSee Principles of Hormonal Therapy (PROS-E).
<sup>h</sup>See Systemic Therapy (PROS-7).

Note: All recommendations are category 2A unless otherwise indicated.

Clinical Trials: NCCN believes that the best management of any cancer patient is in a clinical trial. Participation in clinical trials is especially encouraged.

### **Types of Radiation Treatment for Prostate Cancer**

- External beam radiotherapy (EBRT)
  - Early adjuvant post-prostatectomy EBRT
  - Intensity-modulated radiotherapy (IMRT)
  - Daily prostate localization/cross-sectional imaging
- Brachytherapy
  - Permanent seed implants (I-125/Pd-103)
    - As monotherapy or with EBRT
    - New seed technology/intraoperative planning
  - Temporary high-dose-rate (HDR) after loading implants
    - With EBRT

I-125=iodine 125; Pd-103=palladium 103

Adjuvant and Salvage Radiotherapy Following RRP

- Adjuvant—given after the primary therapy (RT after RRP)
- Salvage—given after the primary therapy has failed

### **Post-op RT: Summary of The Randomized Trials**

Group	n	<b>Dose(Gy)</b>	FFBF	P value
SWOG 8794/	211	None	44%(5yr)	<0.001
<b>RTOG 9019</b>	208	60-64	71%(5yr)	
EORTC	503	None	53%(5yr)	<0.0001
2291	502	60	74%(5yr)	
ARO 96-02	153	None	60%(4yr)	<0.0001
	108	60	81%(4yr)	

### Salvage and Adjuvant RT After RRP: Indications and Evidence

1. Biopsy proven local recurrence	+++
2. Positive margins	+++
3.Rising PSA	++
4. Positive seminal vesicles	++
5. Extraprostatic extension (EPE)	+
6. High-grade cancer	-





#### 🚰 Sloan-Kettering - Prostate Nomogram - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided by UM Hospitals and... 🔳 🔲 💌



# **Image Guided Radiation Therapy**

- External Radiotherapy
  - Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT)
  - Proton Radiotherapy/Heavy Ions
- Imaging Methods during Radiotherapy
  - Electronic Portal Imaging
  - kV Imaging
  - KV and MVCT
  - Ultrasound

#### **PSA Relapse-free Survival According to Dose** for Favorable Risk Prostate Cancer Patients



Zelefsky M, et al. IJROBP. 2003:57(2 Suppl):S149-50. Reprinted with permission from Elsevier.

### **High-dose Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy with Daily EPID Localization**



## **Decreased Side Effects at Higher Radiation Dose with IMRT**



Zelefsky et al. J Urol 166: 876-881; 2001.

### **Prostate Localization:** Hitting a Moving Target



#### Herman MG et al., IJROBP 57(4):1131:2003

# **On Board Imaging (OBI) with kV X-rays: 'Cone Beam CT'**



### \*kV CT scan on the table Dose: 1.4 cGy

\*Groh BA. et al., Med Phys 29(6): 967: 2002 Images: Varian Corp. and Henry Ford Hosp.

### kV digital imaging mounted at 90 degrees to the beam.



### **Improved Aiming for IMRT:** Implantable Wireless Transponder for Prostate Tracking

#### Wireless Transponders

Calypso<sup>®</sup> 4D Localization System and Beacon<sup>®</sup> Transponder

- · Wireless 15 G, permanent implant
- · Contains a AC magnetic resonant circuit
- Three, uniquely identifiable, time multiplexed, transponders define treatment isocenter
- No external lead wires or internal power supply
- Hermetically sealed, glass-encapsulated circuitry for permanent implantation
- Remains inactive until energized by system

FDA limits use of this device to prostate treatments only. <sup>©</sup>Calypso Medical Technologies Inc.



#### Accuracy at 27.4 cm from array



J. Balter, University of Michigan, et al. Demonstration of Accurate Localization and Continuous Tracking of Implantable Wireless Electromagnetic Transponders. ASTRO 2003.

## Why Protons?



Cost: \$50 – 200 Million US: 3 Centers open more on the way Worldwide: 22+

### ...Bragg Peak leads to less exit dose



Yock TI et al. Nat Clin Pract Oncol 1: 97-103

### **Protons: Phase III Trial CaP**

- MGH/Loma Linda 393 pts (1996-99)
- 70.2 Gy vs 79.2 Gy = photons (50.4 Gy) + protons (19.8 vs 28.8 Gy)
- T1a T2b with PSA < 15 and No mets
- No androgen deprivation allowed
- Low risk (58%), Intermediate (33.5%), and High risk (8.5%)
- Median follow-up 5.5 years
- <u>RESULTS</u>: 80.4% bNED vs 61.4%

Zeitman A et al. JAMA 294(10):1233-39; 2005.

### **Permanent Seed Implants**

### <u>Advantages</u>

- High intraprostatic dose
- Convenient outpatient treatment as monotherapy
- Excellent long-term results (10+ years)
- Long-term morbidity low in appropriately selected patients
- Disadvantages
  - Difficult technique to master
  - Fewer patients eligible compared to EBRT
  - Acute urinary side effects greater than EBRT

### **Permanent Seed Implants I-125/Pd-103 Brachytherapy**

#### 1. I-125/Pd-103 seeds



Adapted from Davis BJ, et al. Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys. 2003 Nov 15;57(4):1174-82.

3. Outpatient implant procedure; TRUS guidance



TRUS=transrectal ultrasound

# 2. Acquisition of prostate volume by TRUS for planning

The Volume Study - 5 mm Steps



4. Postimplant assessment of implant quality by CT



### I-125/Pd-103 Implant ± EBRT bNED by MSKCC Risk Grouping



Blasko JC, et al. Semin Radiat Oncol. 2002 Jan;12(1):81-94. Reprinted with permission from Elsevier.

### **RTOG 98-05: Prospective HRQOL on Prostate Brachytherapy Patients**

- 98 patients treated with I-125 monotherapy from 24 institutions
- Patients with T2a, PSA <10 ng/mL, Gleason ≤6
  - Prospectively evaluated at 3, 6, 9, and 12 months with patient-administered forms
  - FACT-P, Sexual Assessment Questionnaire (SAQ)
  - International Prostate Symptom Score (IPSS)

Lee WR, et al. ASTRO Annual Meeting Proceedings. 2002. Abstract.

**RTOG 98-05: Prospective HRQOL on Prostate Brachytherapy Patients** 

- Results
  - Urinary incontinence (any use of pads)
    - 14% at 6 months
    - <1% at 12 months
  - ED: 73% potent before PB
    - 57% at 1 year
    - 65% unassisted before PB and 36% unassisted at 1 year

Lee WR, et al. ASTRO Annual Meeting Proceedings. 2002. Abstract.

### **Erectile Function 6 Years After Brachytherapy**

		Post-Rx		Overall
Pre-Rx		Unchanged	Sildenafil	Potency
Status	#	Potent	Response	(IIEF ≥11)
Normal	125	50%*	95%	92%
Suboptimal	56	13%	70%	30%

\*57% for men <60 years

Merrick GS, et al. Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys. 2002 Mar 15;52(4):893-902.

### HDR + IMRT vs. HDR MONOTHERAPY FOR EARLY STAGE PROSTATE CANCER : Mark et al., ABS 2007

### 6 YR PSA DFS

<u>Treatment</u>	<u> #PTS</u>	PSA DFS
HDR +/- IMRT	302	88.4% (267/302)
HDR + IMRT	109	<b>88.1%</b> (96/109)*
HDR	193	<b>88.6%</b> (171/193)*

\***p** = **0.6** 

### **Take-home Points**

- All modern radiotherapy approaches demonstrate better outcomes and less morbidity than in the past.
  - Dose escalation with image guidance and IMRT
- Technologies driving further improvements
  - Cone beam CT scanning/prostate tracking and positioning/proton radiotherapy
- Data supporting the use of adjuvant and salvage radiotherapy has increased.
  - EORTC, SWOG and ARO trials

# Thank You!