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**2025
CERVICAL CANCER
AWARENESS SUMMIT**

SUMMIT REMINDERS



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CERVICAL CANCER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT LEARNING COLLABORATIVE

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AGENDA

- **Welcome**
- **Patient Advocacy Acknowledgment**
- **The Cervical Cancer Landscape in 2025,**
 - ↳ Margaux Stack-Babich, UCSD Health
- **Advances in Cervical Cancer Treatment**
 - ↳ Dr. Jyoti Mayadev, UCSD Health
- **Advances in Radiation Therapy**
 - ↳ Dr. Chika Nwachukwu, UCSD Health
- **Guidelines 101 – Understanding New HPV Testing Recommendations**
 - ↳ Dr. Jessica Kingston, UCSD Health
- **Screening Case Study**
 - ↳ Marlen Herrera, Neighborhood Healthcare
- **Closing Remarks and Resources**



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Join us virtually for the latest data on cervical cancer in our community, featuring best practices for prevention & treatment from leading experts. Don't miss this free webinar - RSVP today!

12-1:30 PM PST
MONDAY, JANUARY 27TH
VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM

SUMMIT TOPICS INCLUDE:

- ✓ The Cervical Cancer Landscape in 2025
- ✓ Guidelines 101 – Understanding New HPV Testing Recommendations
- ✓ Advances in Cervical Cancer Treatment

AND MORE!



Welcome!

*3rd Annual Cervical Cancer
Awareness Summit*

IN MEMORIAM
#EndCervicalCancer

 Bonnie Singh 1948-1983	 Mary Luttin-Feller Walker 1941-1996	 Heather Lyn Martin 1977-2006	 Krisles Forbes 1982-2008	 Marla Strong 1968-2008	 Allisa Coates 1983-2011	 Betsy Pizzelli 1959-2014	 Irene Piro 1943-2015	 Gertina Gray 1915-2016	 Susan Ingo-Briza 1949-2016	 Kerstin Galvanillo 1964-2016			
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The 2025 Cervical Cancer Landscape

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THE STATE OF CERVICAL CANCER IN 2025

Margaux Stack-Babich, MPH

January 27th, 2025



AGENDA

- The Global Burden of Cervical Cancer
- Cervical Cancer in...
 - The United States
 - California
 - San Diego
- Addressing the Cervical Cancer in Burden in Our Community

CERVICAL CANCER GLOBAL SNAPSHOT

660,000+

cervical cancer cases were diagnosed *globally*

350,000+

lives were lost to cervical cancer *globally*

99.7%

cervical cancer cases are caused high-risk *human papillomavirus (HPV) infection*

World Health Organization. (n.d.). Cervical cancer. World Health Organization. <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/cervical-cancer#:~:text=Cervical%20cancer%20is%20the%20fourth,350%20000%20deaths%20in%202022>.



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TODAY'S CERVICAL CANCER LANDSCAPE

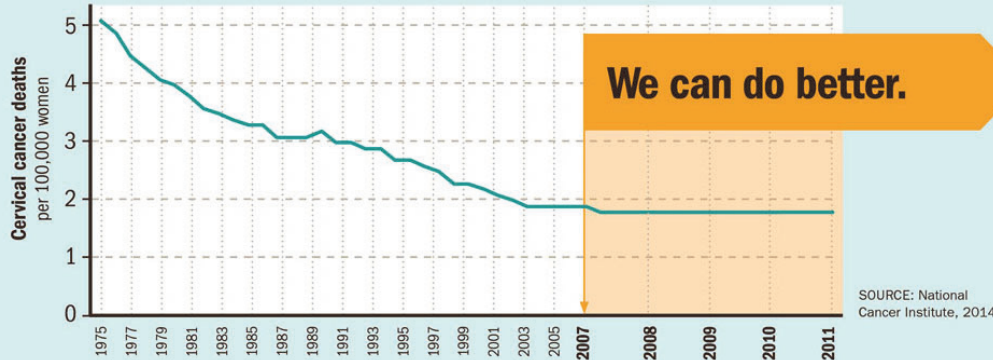
Death rates from cervical cancer (CC) have dropped significantly in the last 40 years due to regular Pap tests - finding cervical precancer before it turns into cancer.

But concerningly, CC death rates in the US have stagnated, and in some regions increased, in recent years. Incidence rates are also increasing in 30-44yos [ACS 2024]:

- In a study published in the International Journal of Gynecological Cancer, almost **30,000** individuals were diagnosed with late-stage cervical cancer between 2001 to 2018
 - **Estimated 2025 Diagnoses:** 13,360 [ACS]
 - **Estimated 2025 Deaths:** 4,320 [ACS]

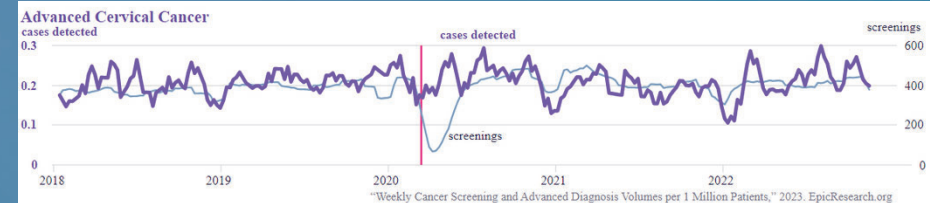
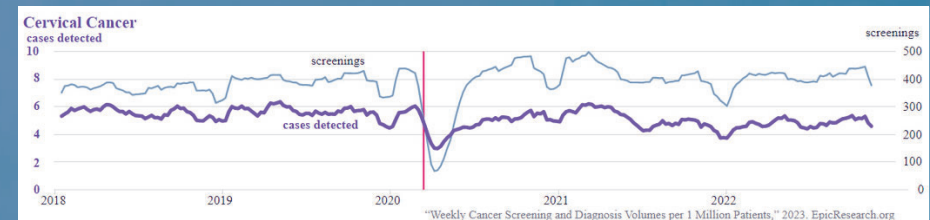
No woman should die of cervical cancer

Screening leads to fewer deaths



CCR, 2020 <https://www.ccrca.org/learn-about-ccr/>

Joung RH, Mullett TW, Kurtzman SH, et al. Evaluation of a National Quality Improvement Collaborative for Improving Cancer Screening. JAMA Netw Open. 2022;5(11):e2242354. doi:10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2022.42354



"IT MIGHT TAKE YEARS TO FULLY REALIZE THE IMPACT OF MISSED SCREENINGS"

Alban C, Sahakian S, Allen S, Stamp T. Missed Cancer Screenings Not Yet Associated with Increased Cancer Rates or Severity. Epic Research. <https://epicresearch.org/articles/missed-cancer-screenings-not-associated-with-increased-cancer-rates-or-severity>. Accessed on January 15, 2025.



CERVICAL CANCER IN THE UNITED STATES

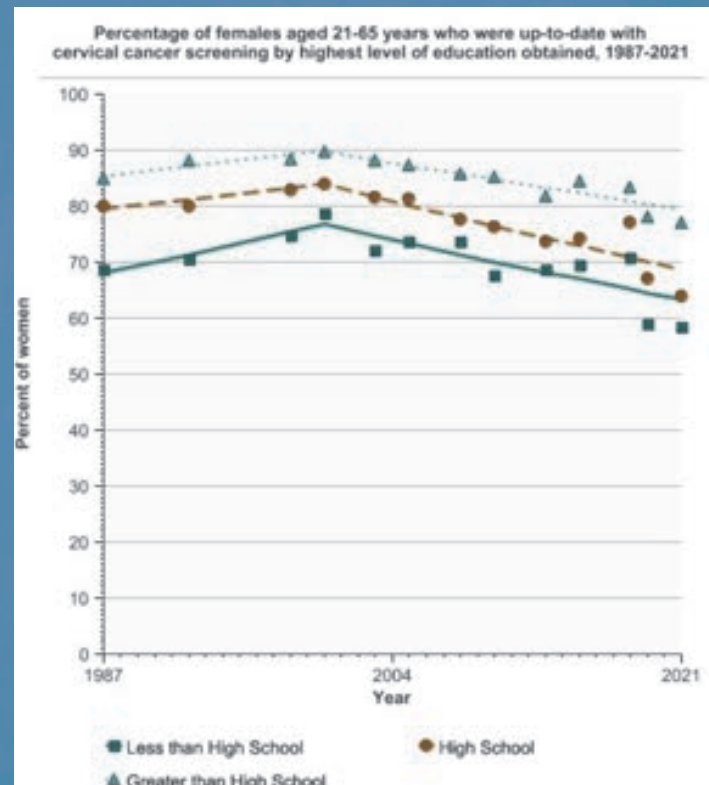
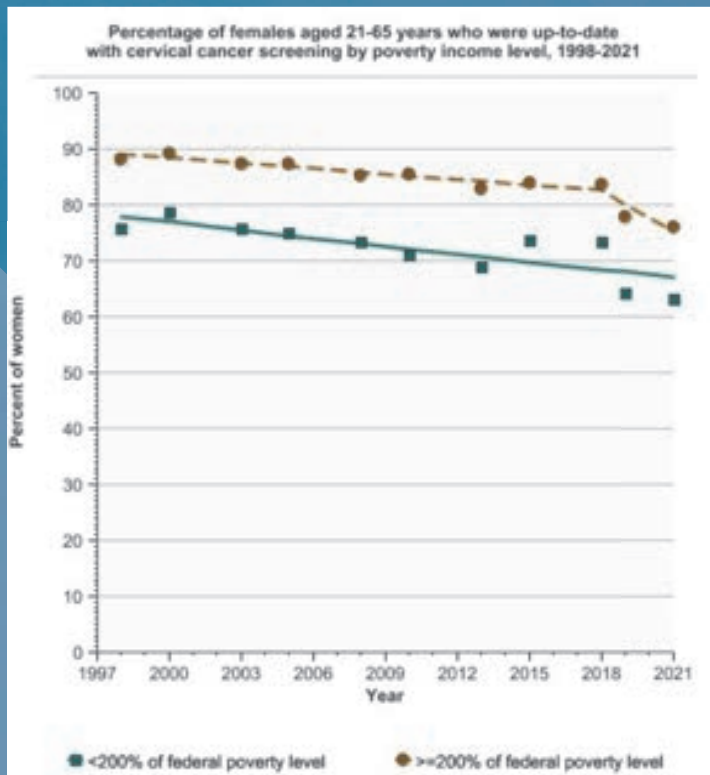
- Cervical cancer incidence rates are *decreasing steeply* in women in their 20s, having decreased 11% per year in women age 20-24 from 2012 through 2021, reflecting prevention by HPV vaccination
- *However*, cases have increased in women 30-44 years old by 1.7% per year from 2012 through 2019, highlighting the need for more emphasis on screening as well as broader uptake of the vaccine
- **If diagnosed early, cervical cancer is highly treatable with a 5 year survival of 91%**

Cervical cancer prognosis and survival rates. NCI. (n.d.). <https://www.cancer.gov/types/cervical/survival>

Cooley, J. J. P., Maguire, F. B., Morris, C. R., Parikh-Patel, A., Abrahao, R., Chen, H. A., & Keegan, T. H. M. (2023). Cervical Cancer Stage at Diagnosis and Survival among Women ≥65 Years in California. *Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev*, 32(1), 91-97. <https://doi.org/10.1158/1055-9965.EPI.22-0793>

CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING IN THE US, CONT.

Healthy People 2030 Cervical Cancer Screening Goal: 79.2%



- Even at a national level, significant disparities in screening participation are seen by income level and education attainment
 - <200% of federal poverty level - 63.3% up-to-date with screening
 - >=200% of federal poverty level - 76% up-to-date
 - Less than High School - **58.4%**
 - High School - **63.9%**
 - Greater than High School - **77.2%**

CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING IN THE US CONT.

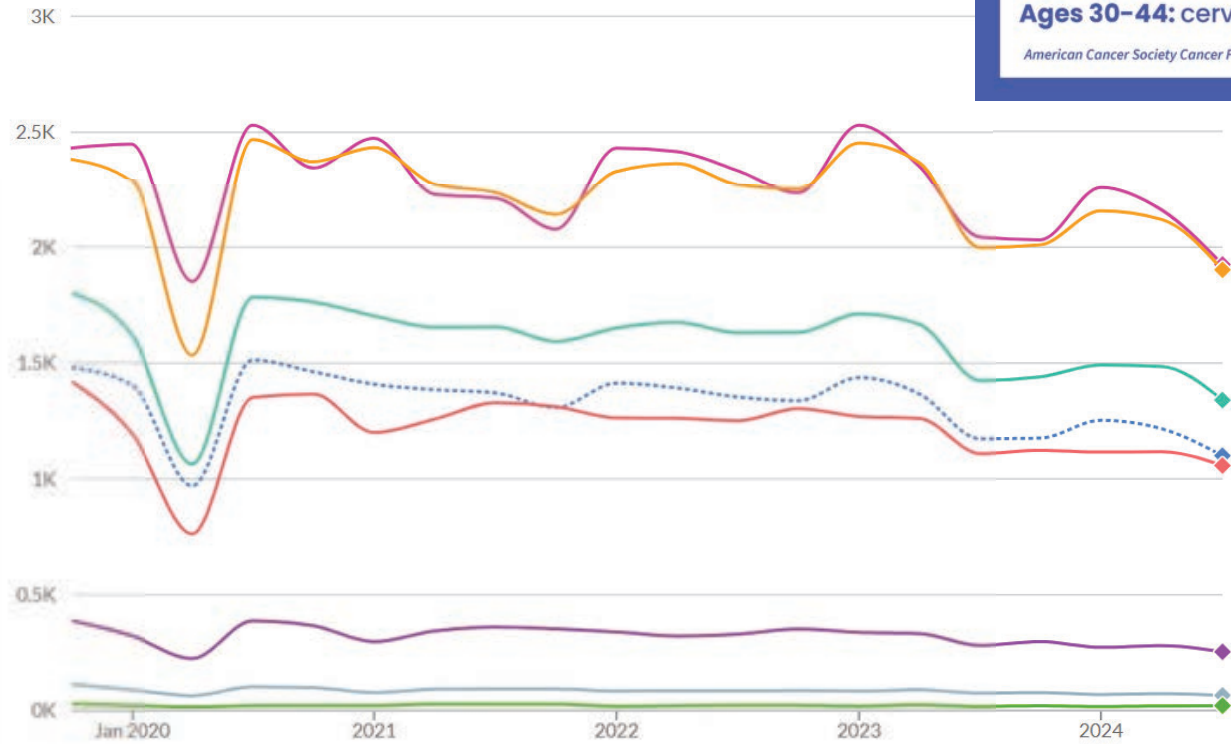
4 screenable cancers on the rise
 All ages: breast, prostate
 Ages 0-54: colorectal
 Ages 30-44: cervical

American Cancer Society
 American Cancer Society Cancer Facts & Figures 2024

Cervical Cancer Screenings Q3 2024

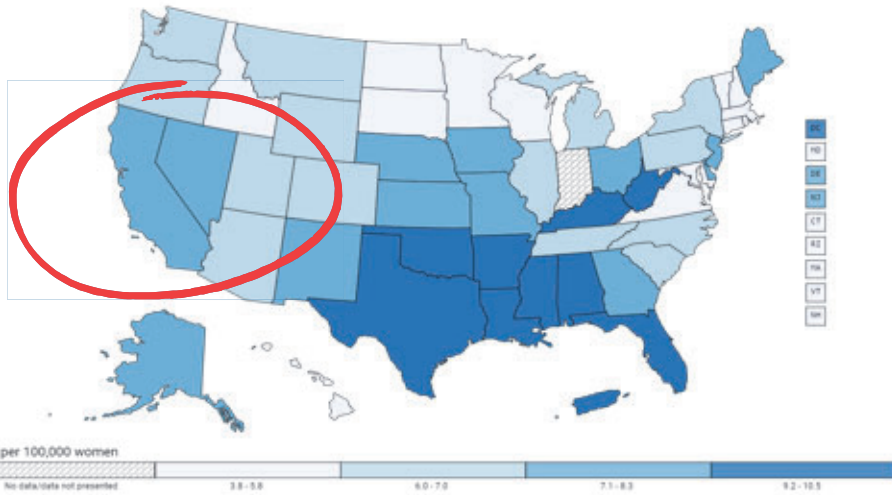
◆ 1.1k	◆ 1.93k
18-85+	18-34
◆ 1.9k	◆ 1.34k
35-44	45-54
◆ 1.06k	◆ 254
55-64	65-74
◆ 65.7	◆ 21.4
75-84	85+

Quarterly rates of screenings per 100,000 patients.



CERVICAL CANCER IN CALIFORNIA

Rate of New Cancers in the United States, 2021 *Cervix, All Ages, All Races and Ethnicities, Female*



2020 BRFSS Survey Data Maguire FB, Islam MM, Hofer BM, Movsisyan AS, Morris CR, Parikh-Patel A, Keegan THM, Wu T. Heat Maps: Trends in Late-Stage Diagnoses of Screen-Detectable Cancers in California Counties, 2000-2018. Sacramento, CA: California Cancer Reporting and Epidemiologic Surveillance Program, University of California Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of California Davis, June 2021.

State Cancer Profiles. State Cancer Profiles > Screening and Risk Factors Table. (n.d.).

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (n.d.). USCS data visualizations - CDC. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

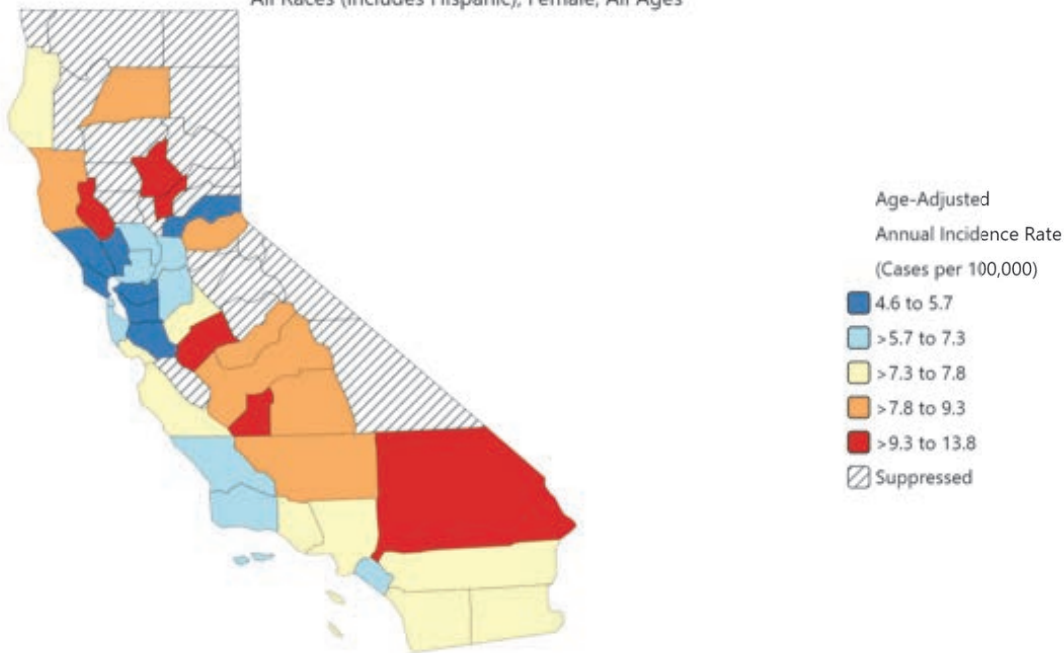
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- California cervical cancer screening rate in past 3 years, ages 21-65, 2020 data: **79.3%**
 - Slightly above nat'l average, but still below goal
 - Average hides disparities across communities
- From 2000 to 2018 the percentage of cervical cancer cases diagnosed at a late-stage increased. In the most recent 10yr period, the proportion diagnosed late-stage remained high (52.6% to 57.9%) and relatively unchanged.
- Nearly **1 in 5 new cervical cancers** diagnosed from 2009-2018 were in women 65+ (*outside of screening*).
 - More of these women (71%) presented with late-stage disease than younger women (48%).
 - Suggests “women have not been adequately screened prior to the upper age cutoff [of 65].”

Incidence Rates for California by County

Cervix (All Stages[^]), 2017-2021

All Races (includes Hispanic), Female, All Ages



CERVICAL CANCER IN SAN DIEGO

2021 Statistics

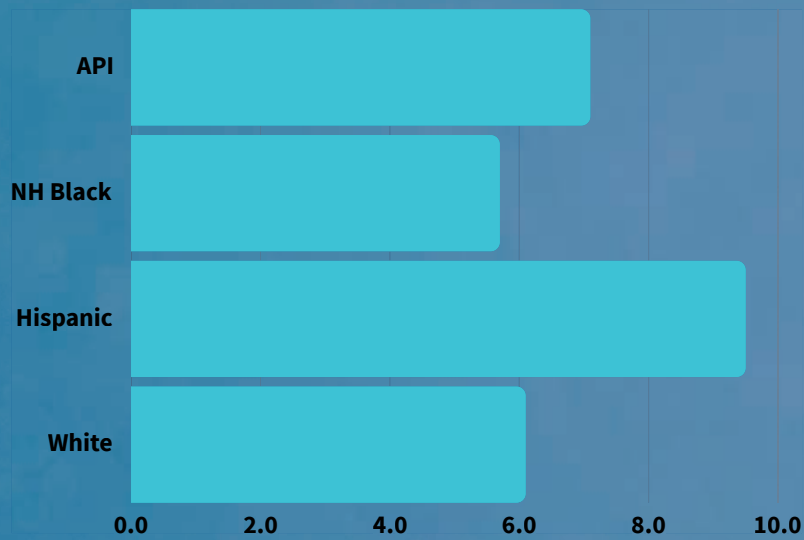
- 115 cases in 2021
- 45% of cases in Hispanic/Latine individuals (up from 38%)
- 11% in Asian/Asian American individuals (down from 15%)
- **85% of cases were in ages 18-64; 15% were aged 65+**

California Cancer Registry, California Department of Public Health. Maguire FB, Islam MM, Hofer BM, Movsisyan AS, Morris CR, Parikh-Patel A, Keegan THM, Wun T. Heat Maps: Trends in Late-Stage Diagnoses of Screen-Detectable Cancers in California Counties, 2000-2018. Sacramento, CA: California Cancer Reporting and Epidemiologic Surveillance Program, University of California Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of California Davis, June 2021.

	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian / Pacific Islander	Non-Hispanic Black	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic White
California County	Rate per 100,000	Rate per 100,000	Rate per 100,000	Rate per 100,000	Rate per 100,000
San Diego County	*a	7.1	5.7	9.5	6.1

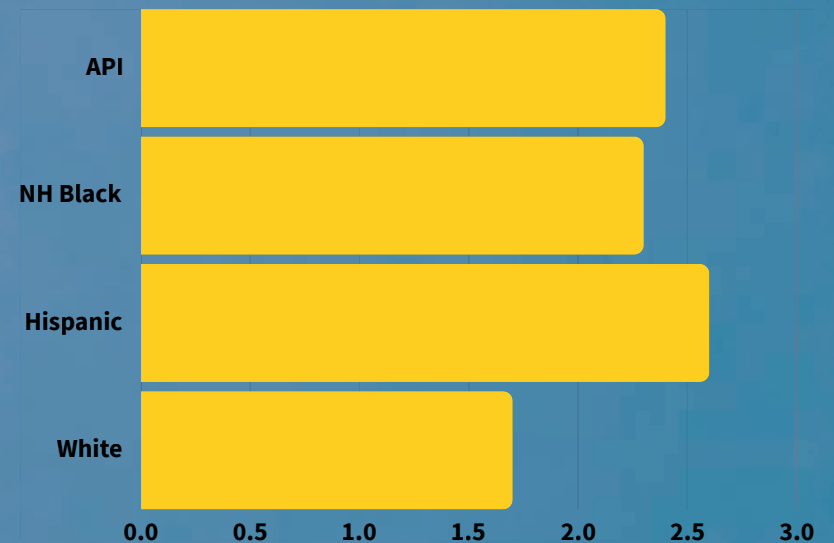
CERVICAL CANCER IN SAN DIEGO CONT.

CERVICAL CANCER INCIDENCE IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY, RATE PER 100,000 INDIVIDUALS (2012-2021)



CCR, 2020 <https://www.ccrca.org/learn-about-ccr/>

CERVICAL CANCER MORTALITY IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY, RATE PER 100,000 INDIVIDUALS (2012-2021)



Although cases were not high enough to determine local incidence and mortality rates in San Diego County, national data shows American Indian and Alaska Natives are nearly 2x as likely to develop cervical cancer compared to white women and 4x as likely to die from it.

OUR SAN DIEGO HRSA CERVICAL SCREENING RATES

CC HRSA 2017	CC HRSA 2018	CC HRSA 2019	CC HRSA 2020	CC HRSA 2021	CC HRSA 2022	CC HRSA 2023
59.22%	57.59%	48.31%	36.47%	38.82%	49.95%	
56.47%	62.70%	64.81%	64.12%	58.29%	59.91%	61.28%
58.28%	57.44%	56.74%	51.96%	55.34%	55.99%	55.63%
74.92%	66.25%	64.91%	56.00%	60.08%	56.18%	60.87%
56.22%	63.69%	70.56%	51.39%	65.50%	67.17%	73.58%
66.12%	74.85%	71.41%	65.70%	65.91%	61.97%	68.18%
60.20%	63.51%	67.04%	61.48%	63.23%	64.14%	65.22%
44.82%	48.65%	48.20%	55.69%	55.22%	63.57%	69.27%
39.46%	38.10%	43.75%	51.04%	14.18%	43.62%	33.08%
60.96%	62.57%	62.82%	67.00%	65.00%	65.20%	65.57%
32.83%	32.04%	24.90%	20.08%	17.50%	15.99%	14.86%
56.67%	62.58%	67.24%	56.94%	67.41%	70.00%	73.59%
55.51%	57.50%	57.56%	53.16%	52.21%	56.14%	58.28%

Cumulatively, screening rates for San Diego federally qualified health centers **increased 2.14%** from 2022 to 2023

IMPROVING PREVENTION IN SAN DIEGO: HPV VACCINATION & SCREENING

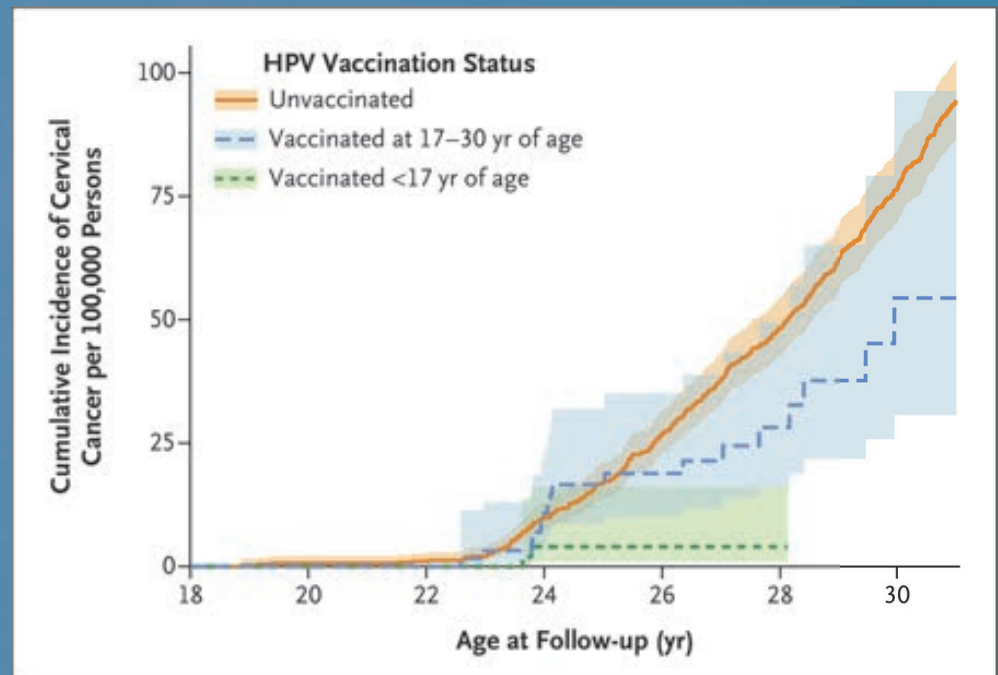
HPV vaccination is cervical cancer prevention

Cervical cancer incidence rates **dropped by 65%** from 2012 through 2019 in women age 20-24 years.

This age group was the first to receive the HPV vaccine. This decline foreshadows steep reductions in HPV-associated cancers.



American Cancer Society
American Cancer Society, Cancer Facts & Figures 2020



Takeaway? The HPV vaccine works – comprehensive vaccination of youth is cervical cancer prevention in the next generation, and catch-up vax/on time screening for older cohort not eligible for HPV vaccine

KEY TAKEAWAYS

Any person with a cervix is at risk for cervical cancer. But our richly diverse community of the SD border region is home to multiple, intersecting populations that face increased risk of cervical cancer

Suggested Strategies

- Community Outreach via CHWs and Promotoras in the area
- Patient Navigation
- Provider Training/Telemonitoring
- Accessible and free health screenings

01.

Cervical cancer screening rates have not fully recovered from pandemic drops, increasing risk for under-screened women.

- Without action, precancers & cancers will go undetected.

02.

Improving outreach & care delivery through quality improvement can improve screening uptake.

- Team-wide, multi-level interventions are most comprehensive for improving screening delivery and managing abnormal results for all patients.

03.

Everyone has a role in making San Diego cervical cancer free!

THANK YOU!

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Advances in Cervical Cancer Treatment



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 - NCI: RO1: 2.5M (Zamarin/Mayadev)
 - R50: 887K (Mayadev)
 - Curebound (Mayadev/Advani/Eskander/Vijayanand)
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Outline



KEY ADVANCES IN
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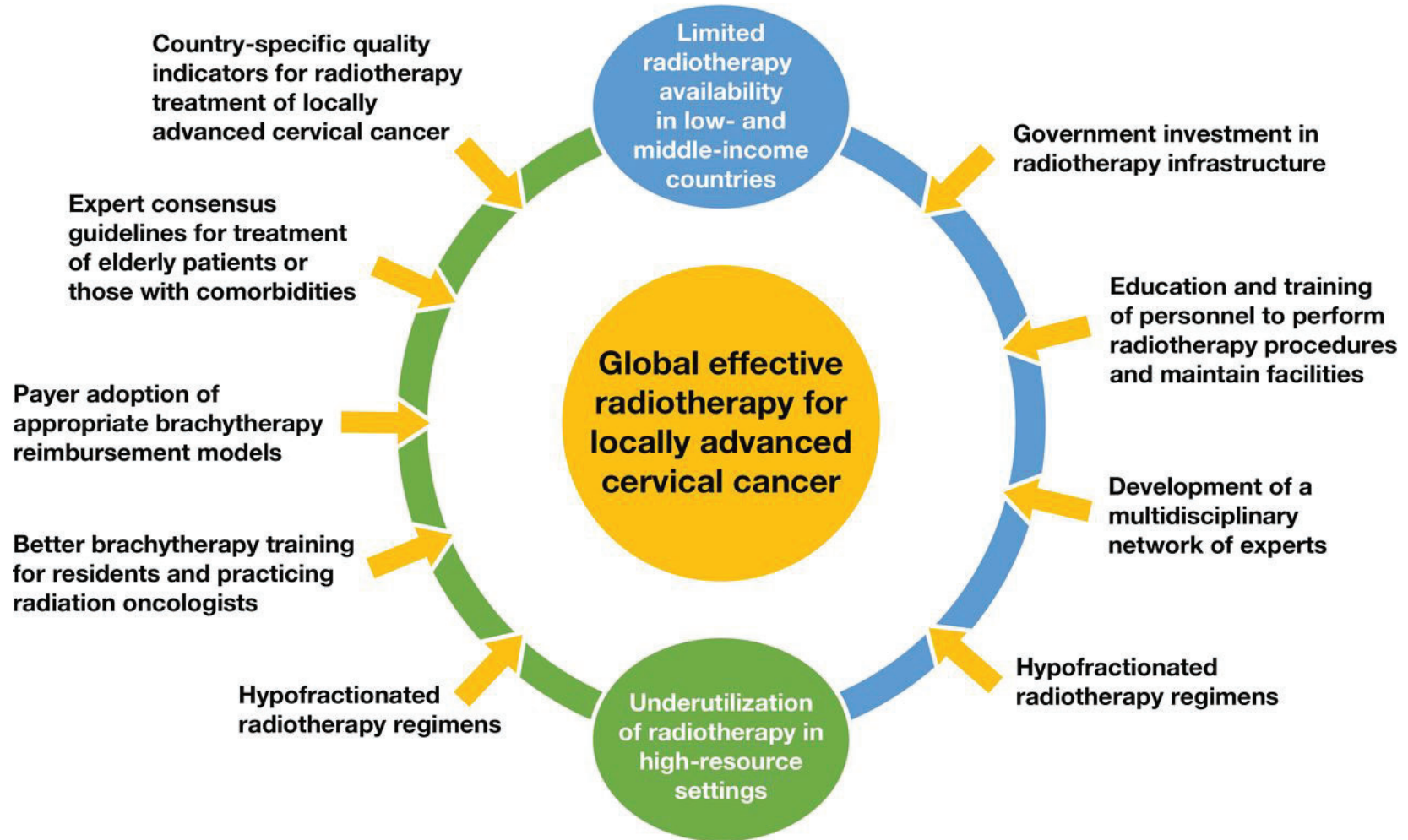


THERAPEUTIC
STRATEGY IN NODE
POSITIVE



FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Challenges and solutions to achieving effective radiotherapy for locally advanced cervical cancer.



Mayadev et al. Int J Gynecol Cancer 2022;32:436-445

WHO 2020 Initiative to Eradicate Cervical Cancer

- 4 or fewer per 100 000 women
- Yr 2030 to put all countries :
- 90% of girls vaccinated with the HPV vaccine by age 15
- 70% of women screened with a high-quality test by ages 35 and 45
- 90% of women with cervical disease receiving treatment.

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nytimes.com



The New York Times



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An Alternative to the Pap Smear Is Here, No Speculum Required

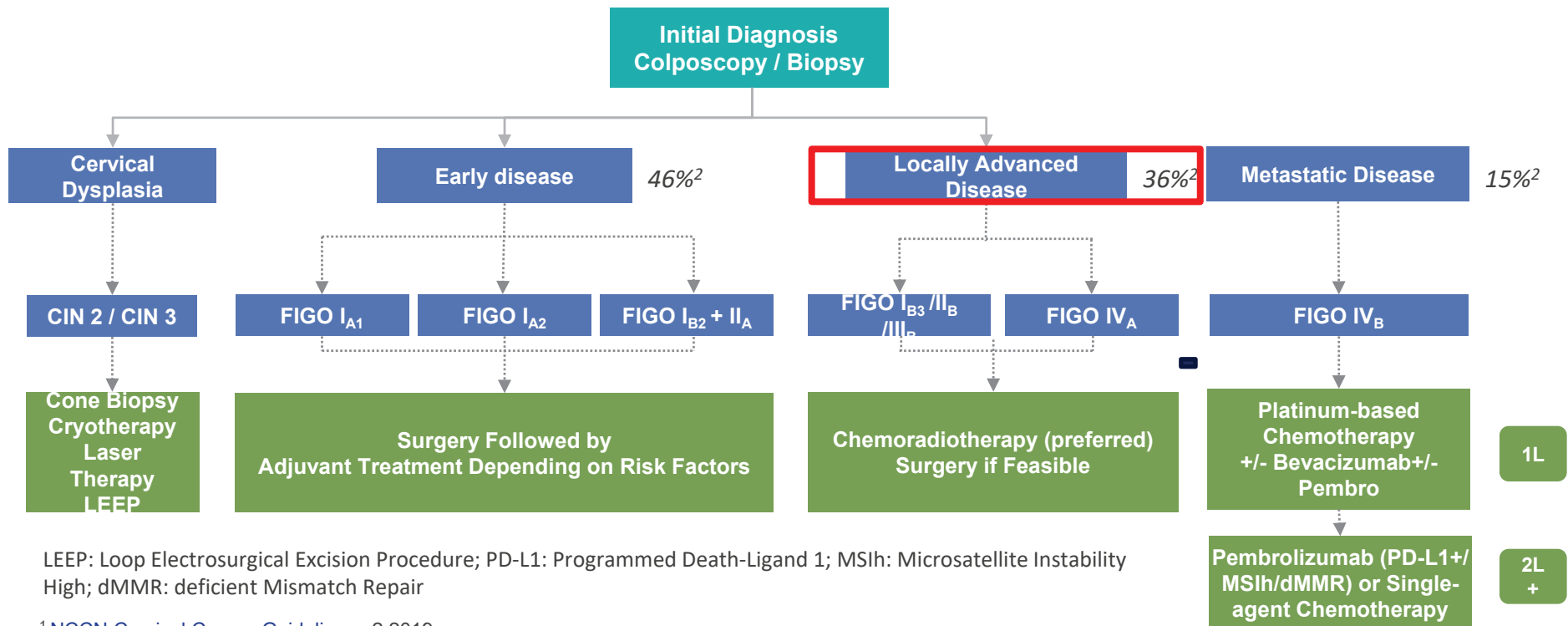
Starting this fall, women will be able to use a simple swab to screen for cervical cancer. The method offers an alternative to a procedure that many dread — and promises to address disparities in who develops the disease.



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Cervical Cancer: Summary of Treatment

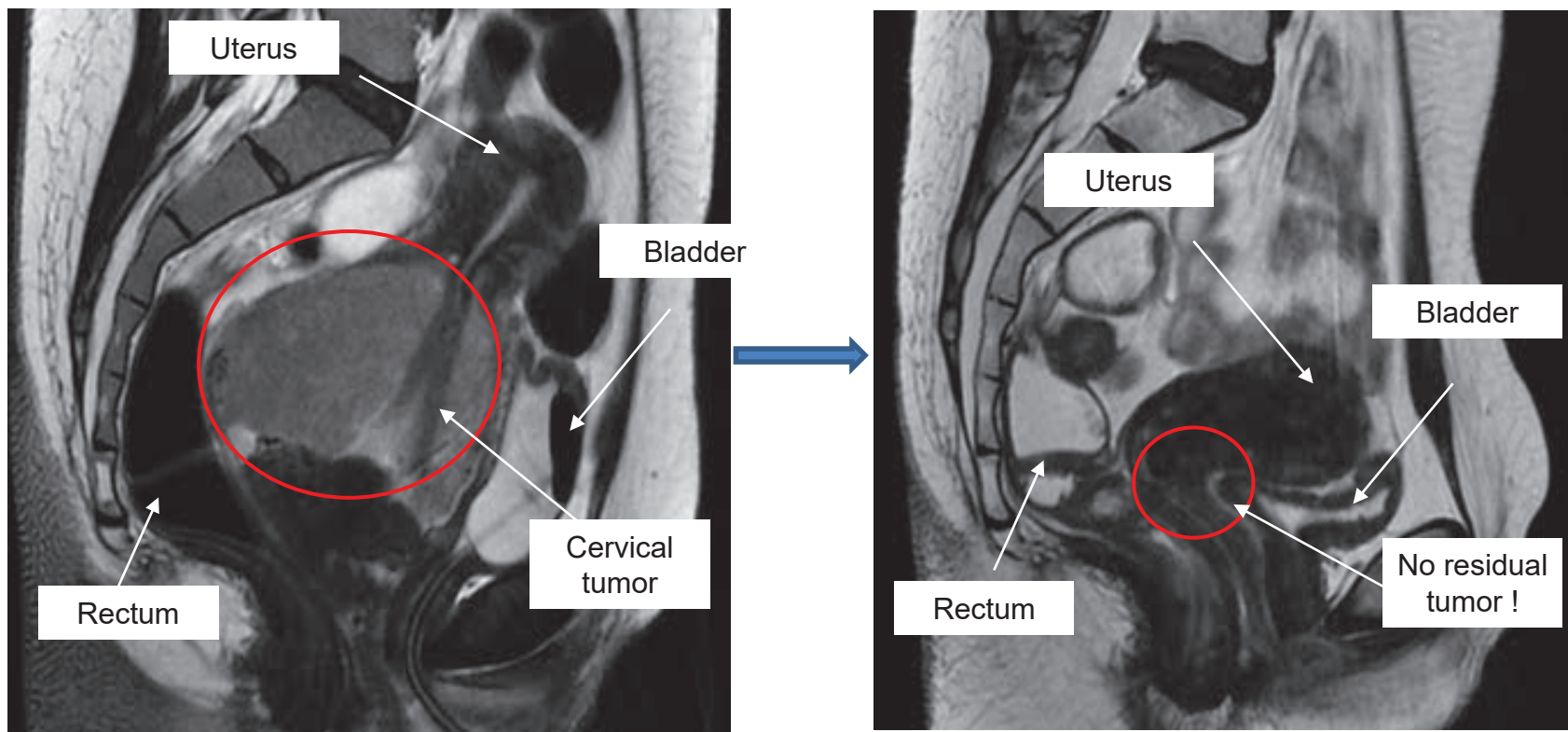


LEEP: Loop Electrosurgical Excision Procedure; PD-L1: Programmed Death-Ligand 1; MSIh: Microsatellite Instability High; dMMR: deficient Mismatch Repair

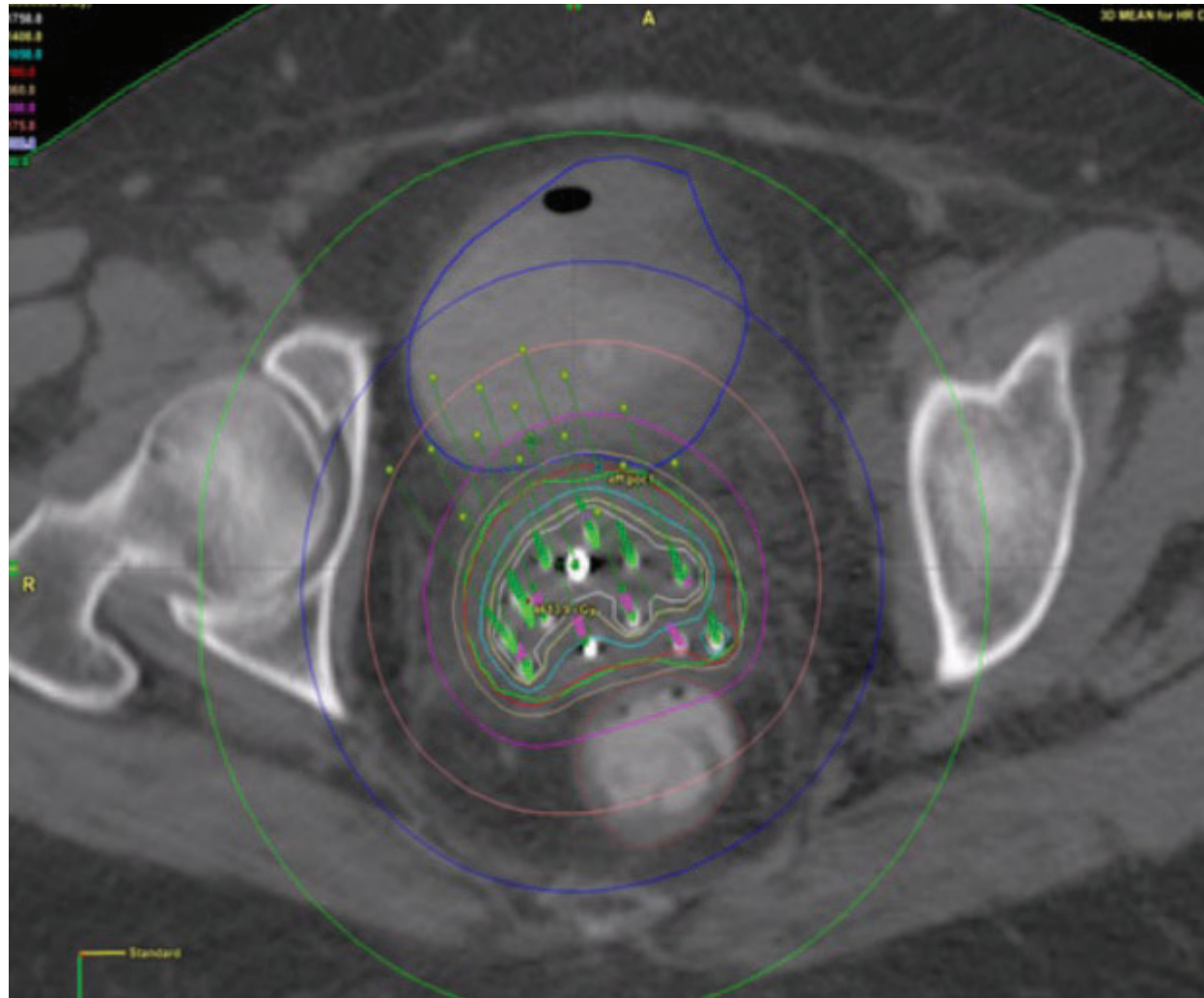
¹ NCCN Cervical Cancer Guidelines v2.2019

² SEER Cancer Stat Facts: Cervical Cancer. National Cancer Institute. Bethesda, MD

Sustained treatment effect for all?

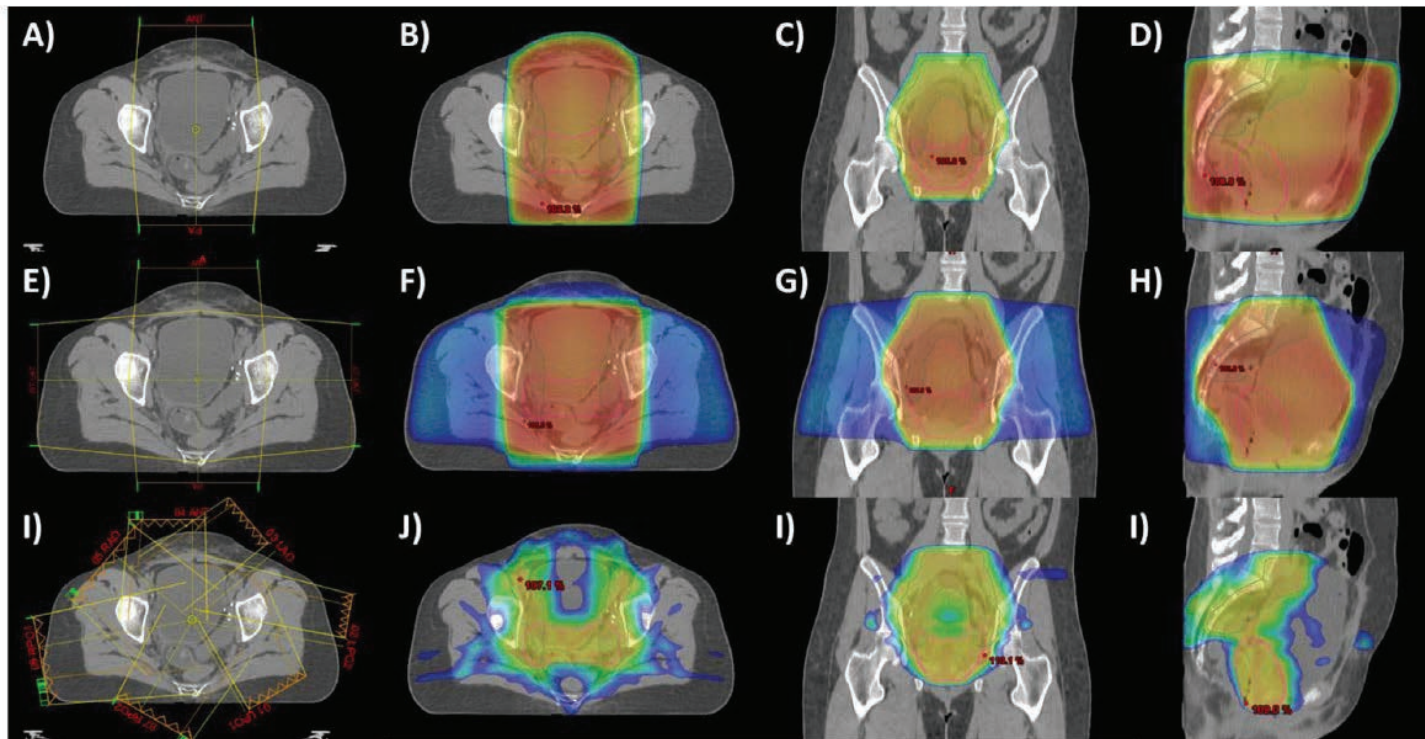


After chemoradiation



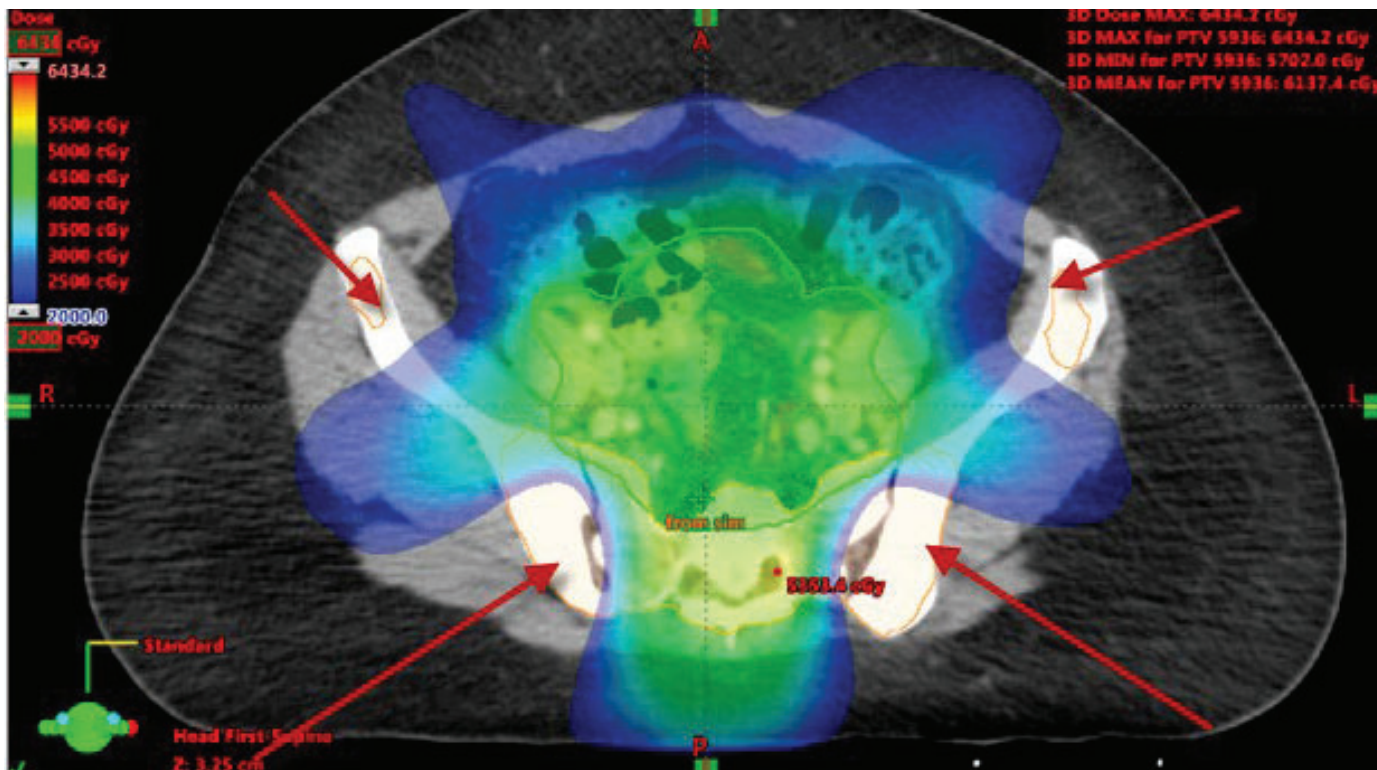
Radiation Strides: IMRT

- Dosimetric/clinical evidence, IMRT can reduce gastrointestinal, genitourinary, and hematological toxicities compared with 3D-conformal radiotherapy



Hymel et al. Critical Reviews in Hem/Onc
[doi:10.1016/j.critrevonc.2014.12.015](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.critrevonc.2014.12.015)

IMRT: Technological Advances Through Clinical Trials



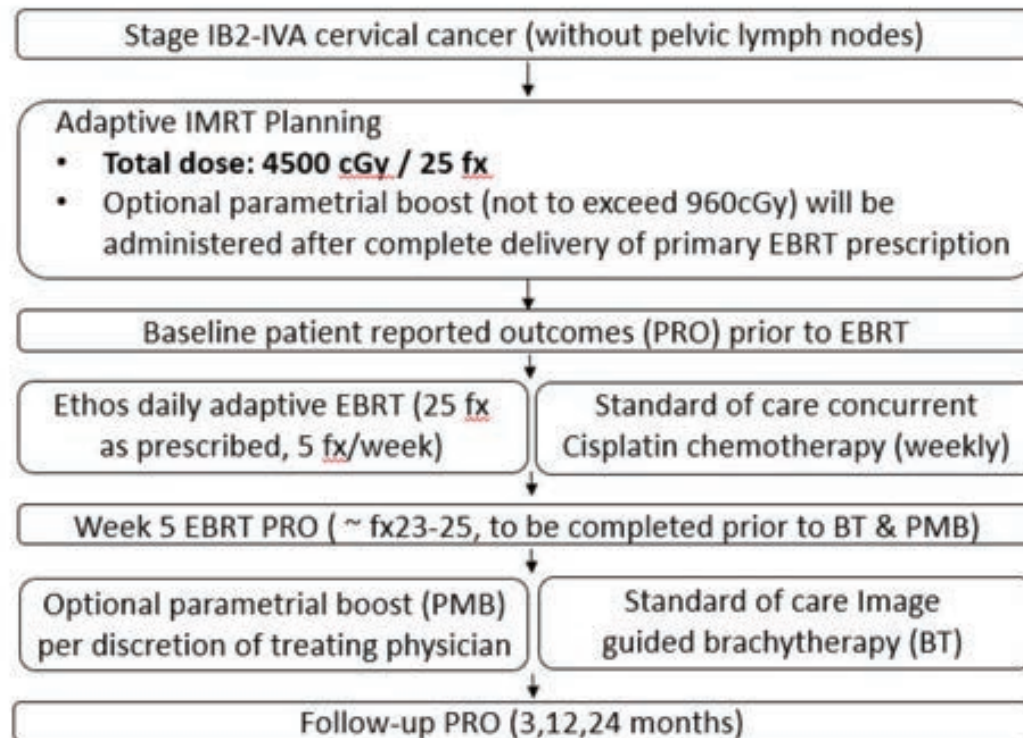
Mell et al. Int J Radiation Oncol Biol Phys 2017
Mundt et al. Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys. 2002

ARTIA Cervix Adaptive Trial

ARTIA-Cervix (VAR-2021-04)
Protocol Document

ARTIA
Cervix Trial

STUDY SCHEMA



Definitions

BT: Brachytherapy

EBRT: External beam radiation therapy

IMRT: Intensity modulated radiation therapy

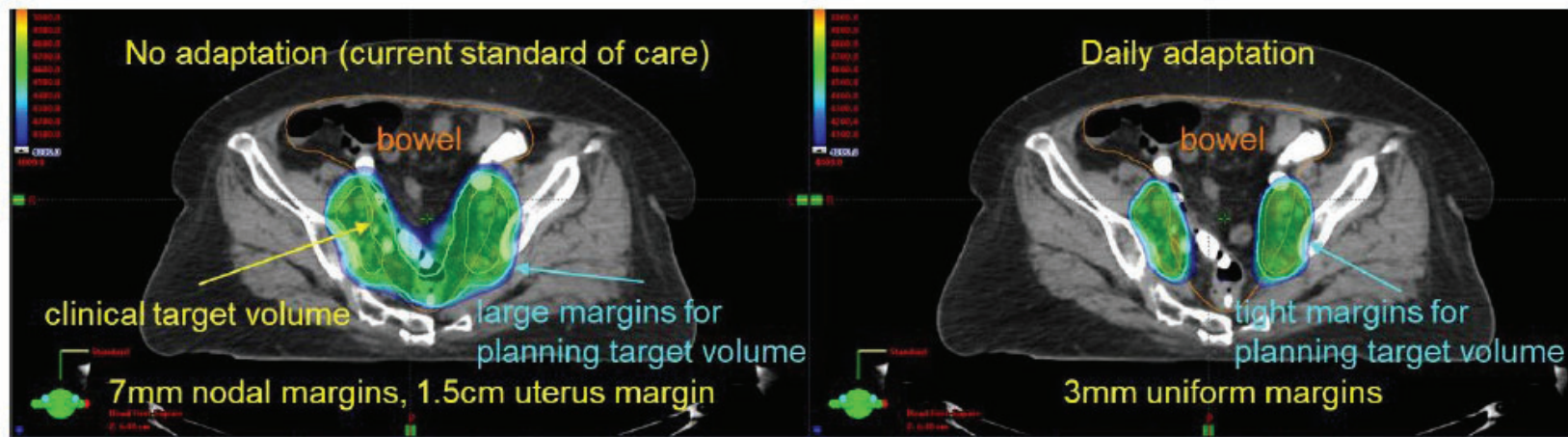
PMB: Parametrial boost

PRO: Patient reported outcome

Mayadev et al, *IJROBP* ; Issue 2, supplement e533, October 01, 2023

PI: Mayadev, ARTIA: Varian industry study, multi institutional

Adaptive Radiation Cervical Cancer



Bowel dose reduction from decreasing treatment margins. The 3 mm margins on the right can only be safely accomplished with daily adaptation to internal anatomical changes.

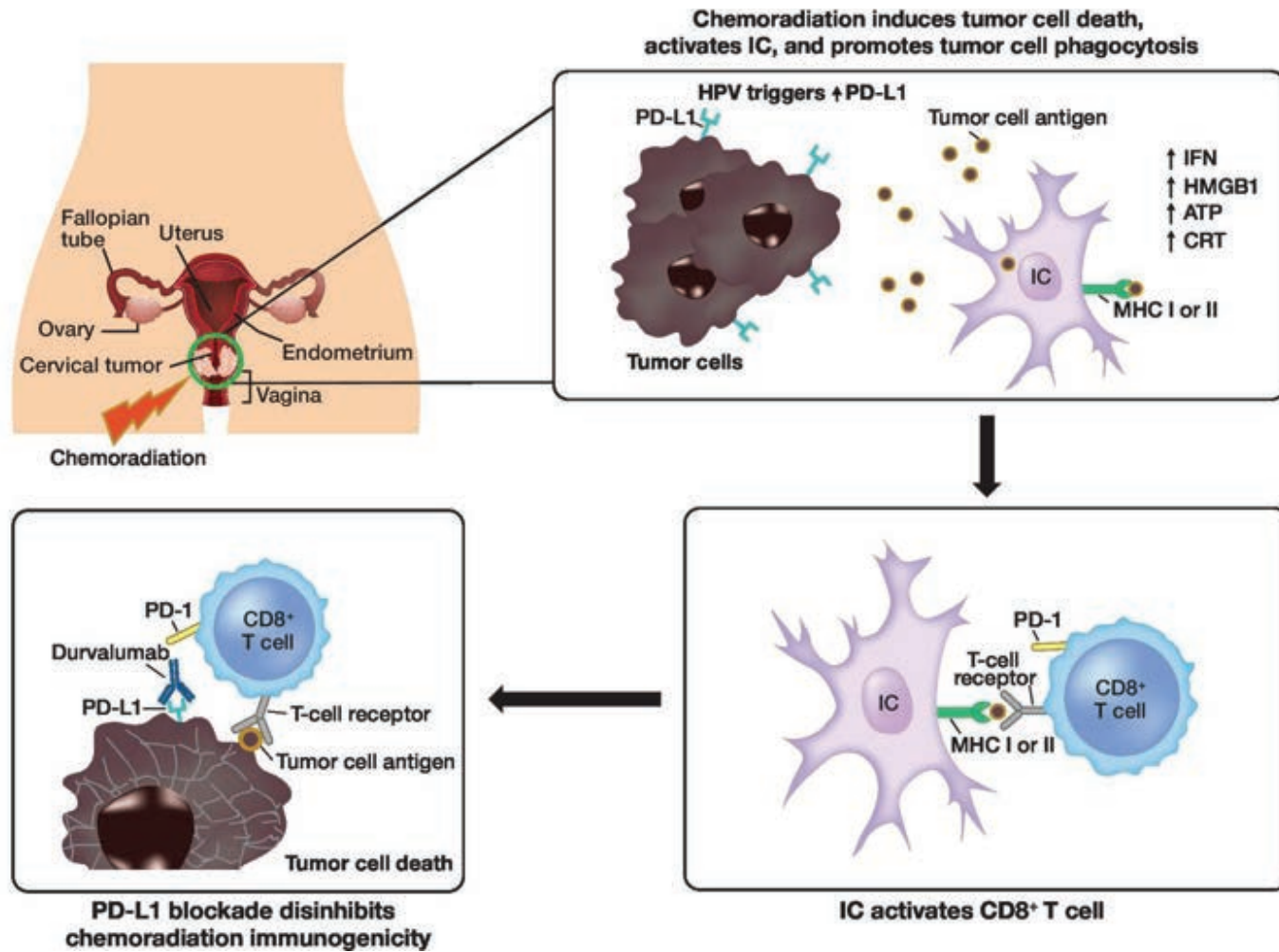



Figure 1; Mayadev et al., IJGC Vol 30, 2019
<https://doi.org/10.1136/ijgc-2019-001135>



**GOG 9929: A PHASE I TRIAL OF SEQUENTIAL
IPILIMUMAB AFTER CHEMORADIATION FOR THE
PRIMARY TREATMENT OF PATIENTS WITH LOCALLY
ADVANCED CERVICAL CANCER STAGES IB2/IIA
WITH POSITIVE PARA-AORTIC LYMPH NODES ONLY
AND STAGE IIB/IIIB/IVA WITH POSITIVE LYMPH
NODES**

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Russell Schilder, M.D. (Mentor)

William Brady, PhD. (NRG Statistics)

Diane DaSilva, PhD. (Translational Component)

GOG 9929 Results

- 34 pts enrolled, 21 received at least 2 doses of ipi
- There were 2 pts/19 pts (9.5%) with acute grade 3 toxicity (lipase, rash), which self-resolved.
- Most of the acute toxicities were grade 1-2 GI distress, rash, endocrinopathies.
- 1 year OS 90%, PFS 81%.
- There was no difference in CD4 and CD8 T cell levels nor CTLA-4 expression with sequential ipi.
- CRT itself increased ICOS and PD-1 expression.

Immune Related Biomarkers

- PDL-1
- Immune

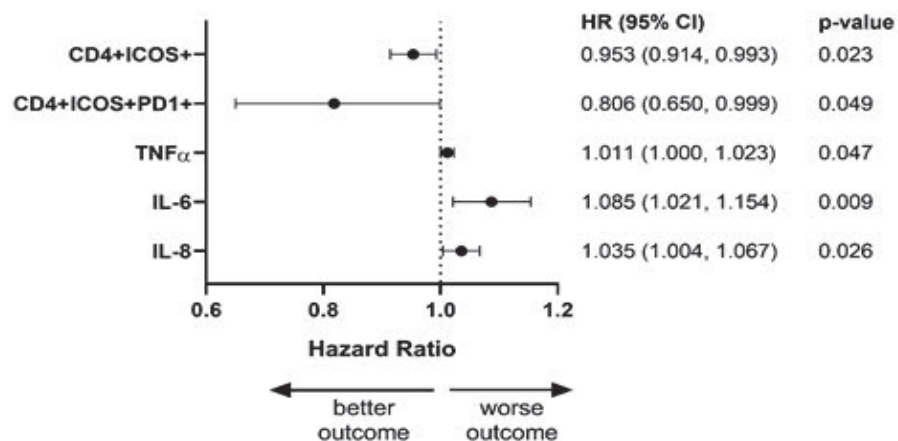



Figure 1. Association of changes in immune biomarkers with progression-free survival on GOG-9929. Increased changes (baseline to post-CRT values) in immune parameters were related to PFS using adjusted Cox proportional hazards models. Figure shows hazard ratios with 95% confidence intervals (lower limit, upper limit) and associated p-values for statistically significant associations found for immune activation markers and plasma cytokines. Expansion of the CD4+ICOS+ and CD4+ICOS+PD-1+ subsets post-CRT are associated with lower risk of progression while increases in inflammatory cytokines TNF α , IL-6, and IL-8 post-CRT are associated with higher risk of tumor progression.



NRG GY017: ANTI PD-L1 (ATEZOLIZUMAB) AS AN IMMUNE PRIMER AND CONCURRENTLY WITH EXTENDED FIELD CHEMORADIOOTHERAPY FOR NODE POSITIVE LOCALLY ADVANCED CERVICAL CANCER

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Collaboration CRADA: Genentech

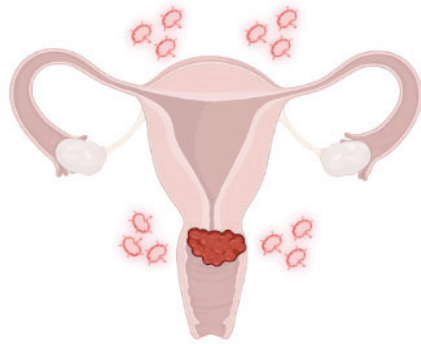
Adaptive Biotechnologies

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NRG-GY017: Neoadjuvant Atezolizumab and concurrent vs. concurrent with chemoradiation in patients with locally-advanced high-risk cervical cancer

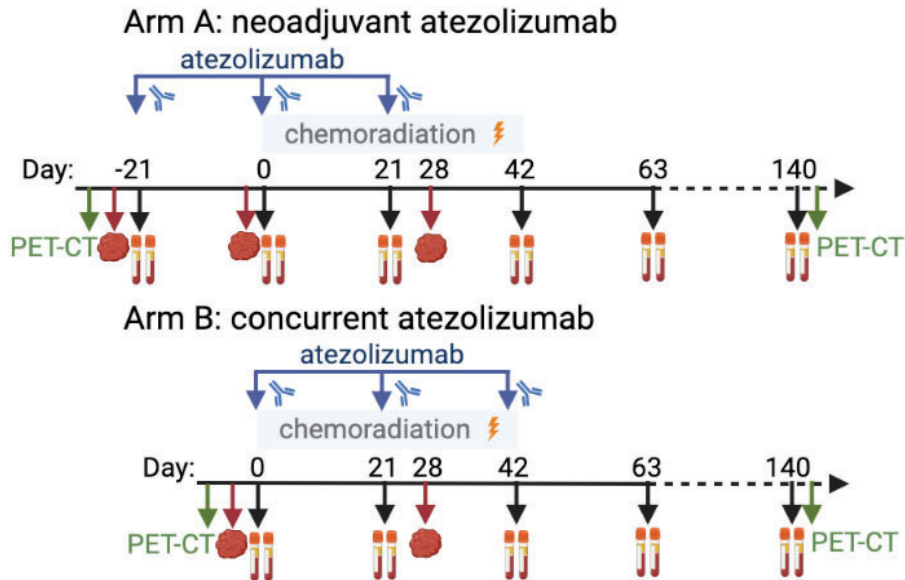
PI: Mayadev



Cervical cancer:
Stage IB-IVA, +PALN
Stage IIB-IVA, + PLN, +/-PALN



N=40



In each arm, atezolizumab was administered for a total of 3 doses with no maintenance

Mayadev et al., *Nature Communications*, Jan 2025

NRG-GY017: Patient and tumor characteristics

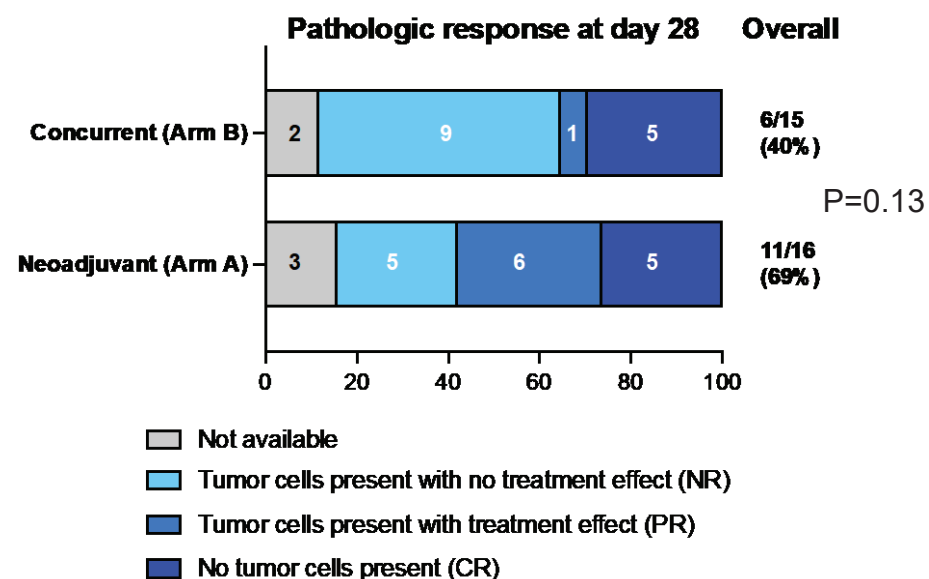
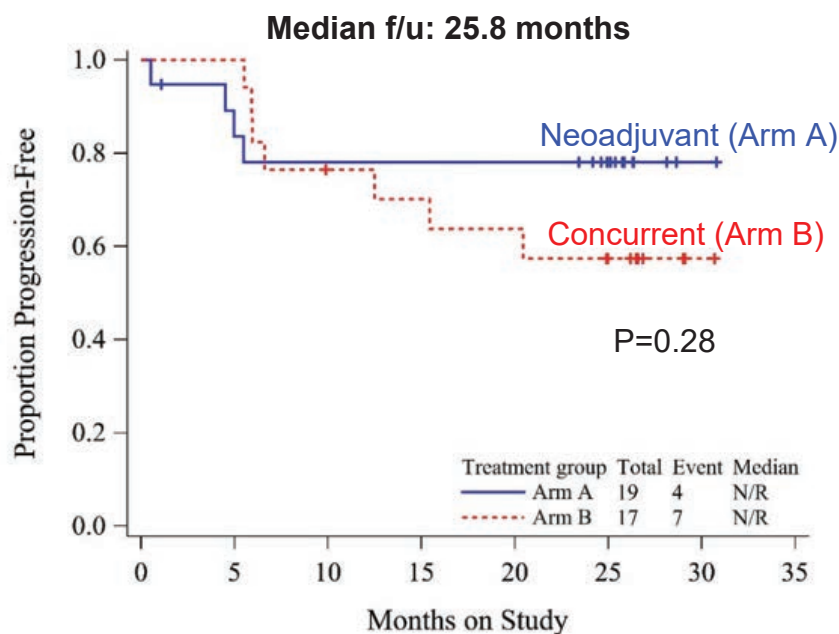
	Arm A (neoadjuvant) (n=19)	Arm B (concurrent) (n=17)	Total (n=36)	p value
Age (median, min-max)	56 (35-71)	43 (24-60)	47.5 (24-71)	<0.05
Ethnicity				<0.05
Hispanic or Latino	7 (36.8%)	1 (5.9%)	8 (22.2%)	
Not Hispanic or Latino	11 (57.9%)	16 (94.1%)	27 (75.0%)	
Not Reported	1 (5.3%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (2.8%)	
Race				ns
Black or African American	3 (15.8%)	4 (23.5%)	7 (19.4%)	
White	14 (73.7%)	13 (76.5%)	27 (75.0%)	
Not Reported	2 (10.5%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (5.6%)	
Performance status				ns
0	13 (68.4%)	13 (76.5%)	26 (72.2%)	
1	6 (31.6%)	4 (23.5%)	10 (27.8%)	
Histology				ns
Adenocarcinoma NOS	4 (21.1%)	1 (5.9%)	5 (13.9%)	
Adenosquamous	1 (5.3%)	2 (11.8%)	3 (8.3%)	
Squamous Cell Carcinoma	14 (73.7%)	14 (82.4%)	28 (77.8%)	
FIGO stage				ns
IB	3 (15.8%)	3 (17.6%)	6 (16.7%)	
IIB	12 (63.2%)	10 (58.8%)	22 (61.1%)	
IIIB	3 (15.8%)	4 (23.5%)	7 (19.4%)	
IVA	1 (5.3%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (2.8%)	

	Arm A (neoadjuvant) (n=19)	Arm B (concurrent) (n=17)	Total (n=36)	p value
Baseline PET/CT median SUV max for cervix	18.85	16.5	18.3	
Para-aortic lymph node metastases (PET/CT)				0.29
No	7 (36.8%)	10 (58.8%)	17 (47.2%)	
Yes	9 (47.4%)	5 (29.4%)	14 (38.9%)	
Not available	3 (15.8%)	2 (11.8%)	5 (13.9%)	
Pre-treatment PD-L1 (SP263) immune score				0.59
Negative (<1%)	2 (10.5%)	3 (17.6%)	5 (13.9%)	
Positive (≥1%)	8 (42.1%)	9 (52.9%)	17 (47.2%)	
missing	9 (47.4%)	5 (29.4%)	14 (38.9%)	
Pre-treatment PD-L1 (SP263) tumor cell score				0.02
Negative (<1%)	7 (36.8%)	2 (11.8%)	9 (25.0%)	
Positive (≥1%)	3 (15.8%)	10 (58.8%)	13 (36.1%)	
missing	9 (47.4%)	5 (29.4%)	14 (38.9%)	

*4 patients were randomized, but never received study treatment and were not eligible for the analyses.

Arm A (neoadjuvant) enrolled patients that were likely to be older, Hispanic or Latino, had lower PD-L1 tumor cell positivity, and had a higher proportion of PALN positivity* (*not statistically significant)

Clinical outcomes

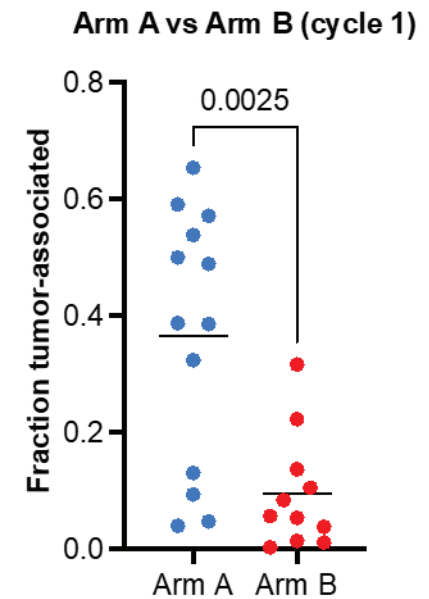
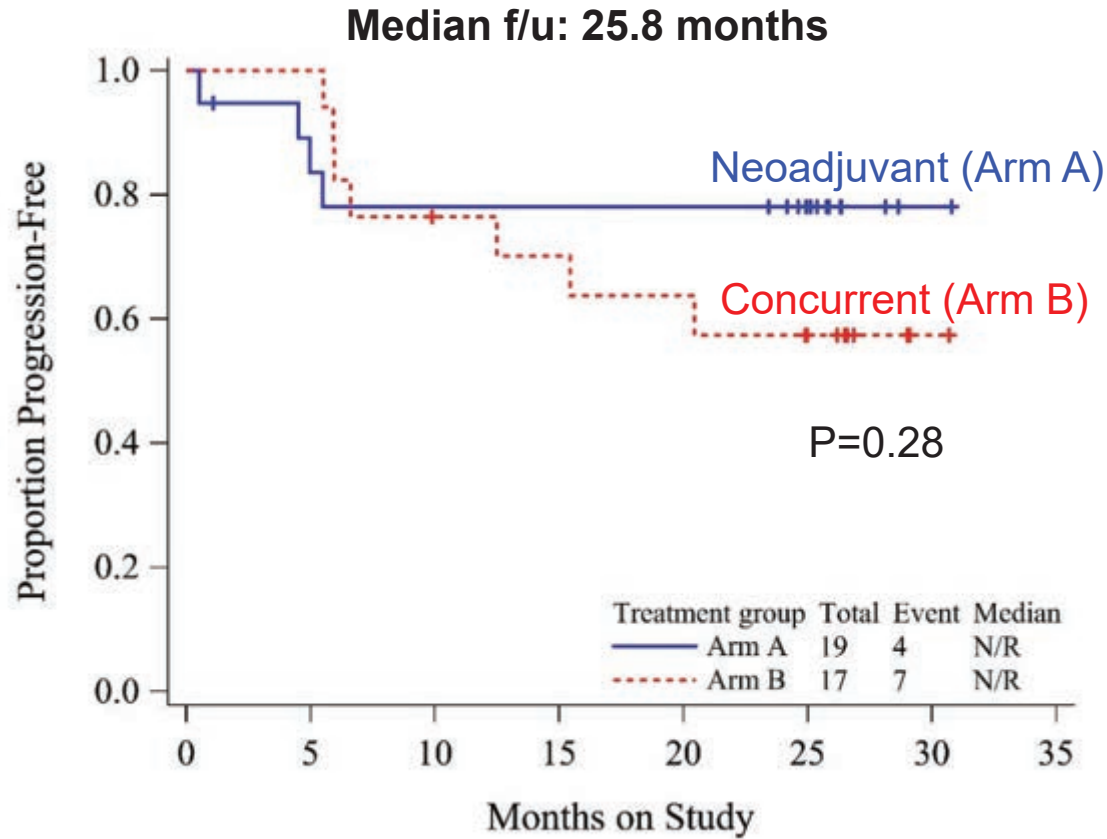


*Pathologic response assessment was performed after 3 doses of atezolizumab in Arm A vs. 2 doses of atezolizumab in arm B.

Spearman correlation coefficient between pathological response and 2-year DFS: 0.55 (p=0.0018)

There was no statistically-significant association between pre-treatment PD-L1 score and clinical outcomes.

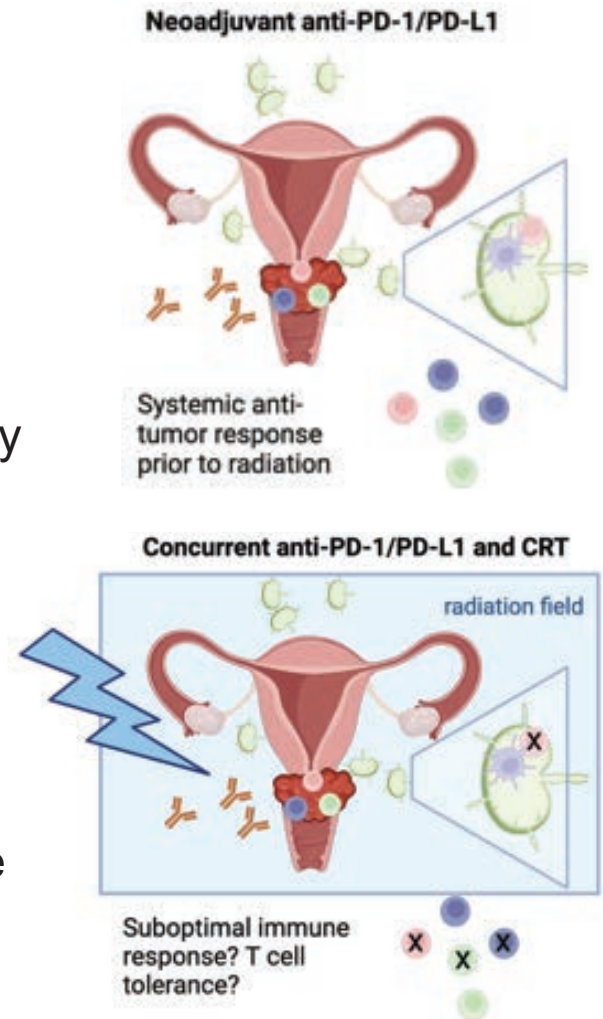
NRG GY017 Results



Mayadev et al., Nature Communications Jan 2025

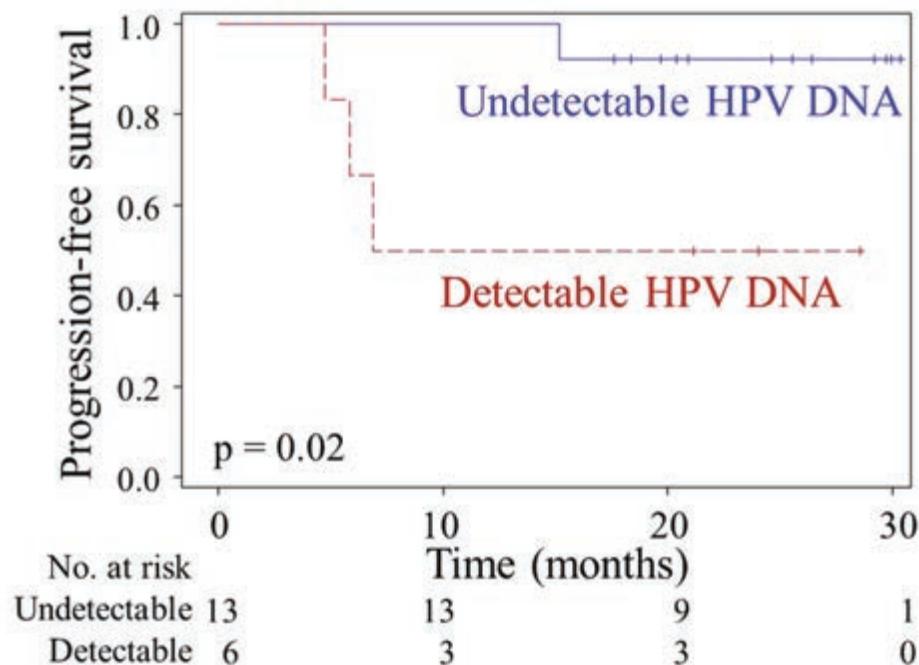
Summary and conclusions

- Administration of atezolizumab with CRT resulted in a favorable 2-year DFS in both arms, with the atezolizumab priming arm (Arm A) trending toward superior pathological response and DFS.
- Neoadjuvant administration of atezolizumab led to early systemic expansion of tumor-associated TCR clones, possibly indicative of early systemic anti-tumor response
- CRT had minimal impact on tumor-associated TCR clones in concurrent CRT arm (Arm B) and resulted in contraction of atezolizumab-expanded tumor-associated TCR clones in Arm A, potentially implying deleterious consequences for the immune response



ctDNA as a predictor for response

- Circulating tumor-derived HPV DNA as a predictive and prognostic biomarker in locally advanced node positive cervical cancer
- Data in HN SCCA ctDNA predictive for recurrence



NCI R01 Subaward
(Mayadev 2023-
2026):
Prediction of ctDNA
in locally advanced
cervical cancer
using biospecimens
from NRG GY017

Han et al, JCO Prec Oncol, 2018; 2:1-8

CALLA Study Design

15 countries, 120 sites

Eligible population

- Women aged ≥18 years
- Histologically confirmed cervical adenocarcinoma, squamous carcinoma, or adenosquamous carcinoma
- High-risk LACC (FIGO 2009)
 - Stages IB2 to IIB, node positive (N≥1)
 - Stages IIIA to IVA with any node (N≥0)
- WHO ECOG performance status of 0 or 1

Stratification factors

- Disease stage
 - FIGO Stage IB2–IIB and LN+
 - FIGO Stage ≥III and LN–
 - FIGO Stage ≥III and LN+
- Region of world

N=770

R
1:1

**Durvalumab 1500 mg
q4w × 24 doses**

Platinum + EBRT
+ brachytherapy

**Placebo
q4w × 24 doses**

Platinum + EBRT
+ brachytherapy

Primary Endpoint:
Progression-Free Survival^a
(Investigator-assessed)

Key Secondary Endpoints:

- Overall survival
- Objective response rate
- Duration of response
- Incidence of local or distant progression / 2° malignancy
- Safety and tolerability

Chemoradiotherapy Regimen

Platinum agent

Cisplatin 40 mg/m² or carboplatin AUC2 q1w × 5 weeks

EBRT

45 Gy in 25 fractions at 1.8 Gy/fraction, 5 fractions per week

Brachytherapy

High-dose rate: 27.5–30 Gy; Low/pulsed-dose rate: 35–40 Gy

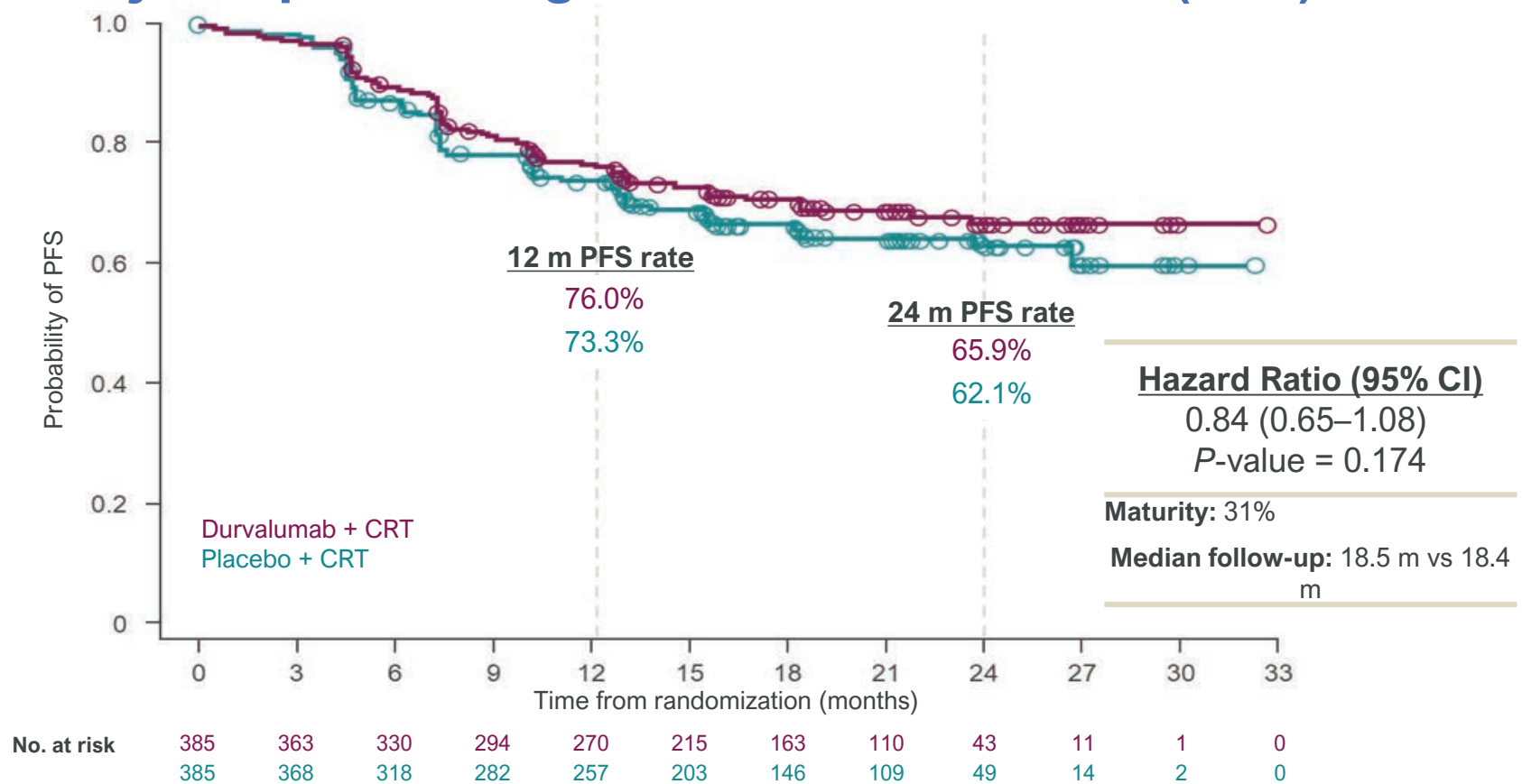
Key Milestones

First patient in February 2019 Last patient in December 2020 Data cutoff January 20, 2022

^aAccording to RECIST 1.1 or histopathologic confirmation of local tumor progression.

Monk (first) Mayadev (senior) Lancet Oncology Dec 2023

Primary Endpoint: Progression-Free Survival (PFS)



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Early- and Late-Onset Radiotherapy Toxicities

Early-onset (≤ 1 year after last date of RT)

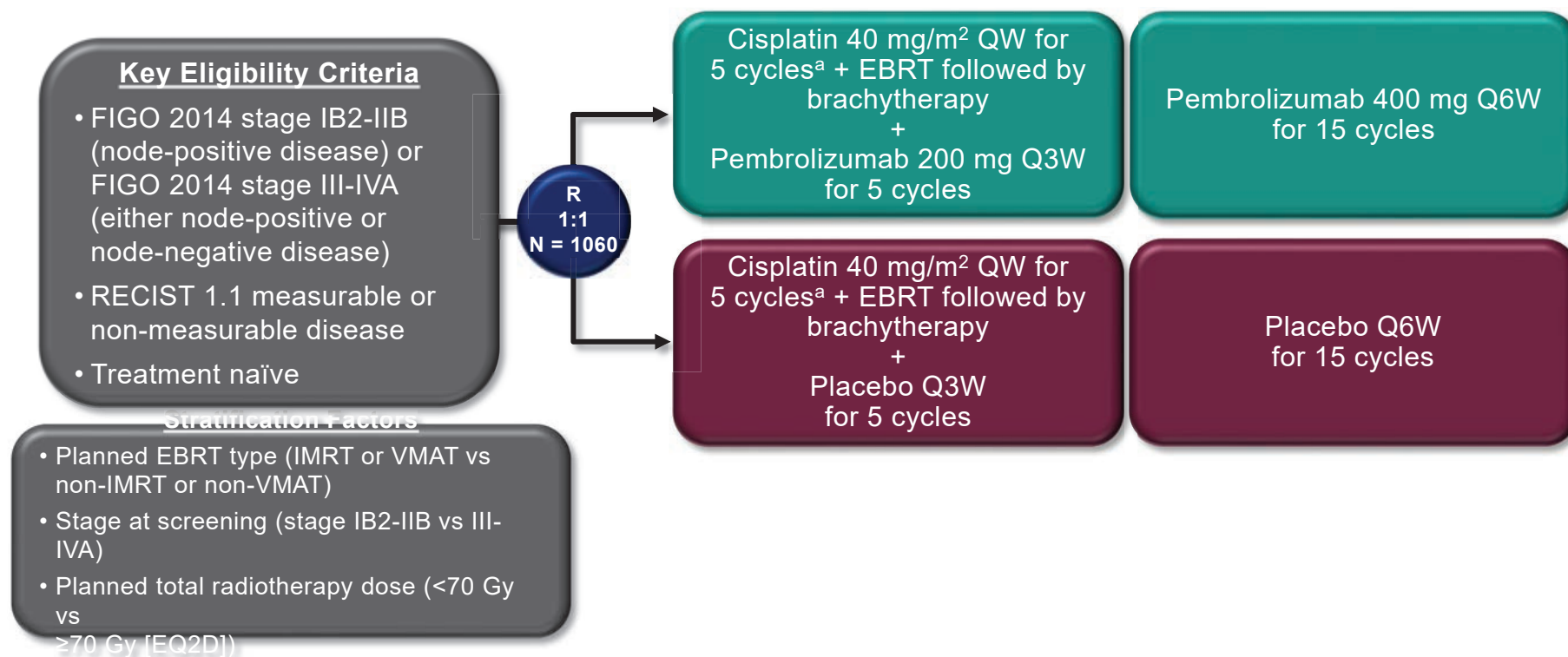
MedDRA Preferred Term >5% in both arms	Durvalumab + CRT (n = 385)		Placebo + CRT (n = 384)	
	All Grade n (%)	Grade ≥ 3 n (%)	All Grade n (%)	Grade ≥ 3 n (%)
Any AE possibly related to EBRT, BT, or both	291 (75.6)	116 (30.2)	287 (74.7)	106 (27.6)
Diarrhea	124 (32.2)	4 (1.0)	135 (35.2)	0 (0.0)
Anemia	106 (27.5)	43 (11.2)	108 (28.1)	32 (8.3)
Nausea	71 (18.4)	3 (0.8)	78 (20.3)	0 (0.0)
Neutrophil count decreased	59 (15.3)	22 (5.7)	70 (18.2)	27 (7.0)
White blood cell count decreased	60 (15.6)	37 (9.6)	70 (18.2)	40 (10.4)
Decreased appetite	44 (11.4)	4 (1.0)	36 (9.4)	0 (0.0)
Vomiting	44 (11.4)	1 (0.3)	51 (13.3)	1 (0.3)
Platelet count decreased	37 (9.6)	7 (1.8)	51 (13.3)	9 (2.3)
Neutropenia	28 (7.3)	14 (3.6)	28 (7.3)	8 (2.1)
Constipation	23 (6.0)	0 (0.0)	27 (7.0)	0 (0.0)
Weight decreased	23 (6.0)	1 (0.3)	26 (6.8)	1 (0.3)

Late-onset (> 1 year after last date of RT)

MedDRA Preferred Term $\geq 1\%$ in any arm	Durvalumab + CRT (n = 385)		Placebo + CRT (n = 384)	
	All Grade n (%)	Grade ≥ 3 n (%)	All Grade n (%)	Grade ≥ 3 n (%)
Any AE possibly related to EBRT, BT or both	37 (9.6)	7 (1.9)	36 (9.4)	4 (1.0)
Rectal hemorrhage	5 (1.3)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.3)	0 (0.0)
Gastroenteritis radiation	5 (1.3)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.3)	1 (0.3)
Radiation proctitis	4 (1.0)	1 (0.3)	6 (1.6)	0 (0.0)
Urinary incontinence	4 (1.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
Cystitis radiation	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	4 (1.0)	2 (0.5)
Urinary tract infection	2 (0.5)	1 (0.3) ^a	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)

^a Grade 5 event.

ENGOT-cx11/GOG-3047/KEYNOTE-A18: Randomized, Double-Blind, Phase 3 Study



^aA 6th cycle was allowed per investigator discretion. EBRT, external beam radiotherapy; FIGO, International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics; Gy, grays; IMRT, intensity-modulated radiotherapy; Q3W, every 3 weeks; Q6W, every 6 weeks; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors; VMAT, volumetric-modulated arc therapy. ENGOT-cx11/GOG-3047/KEYNOTE-A18 ClinicalTrials.gov identifier, NCT04221945.

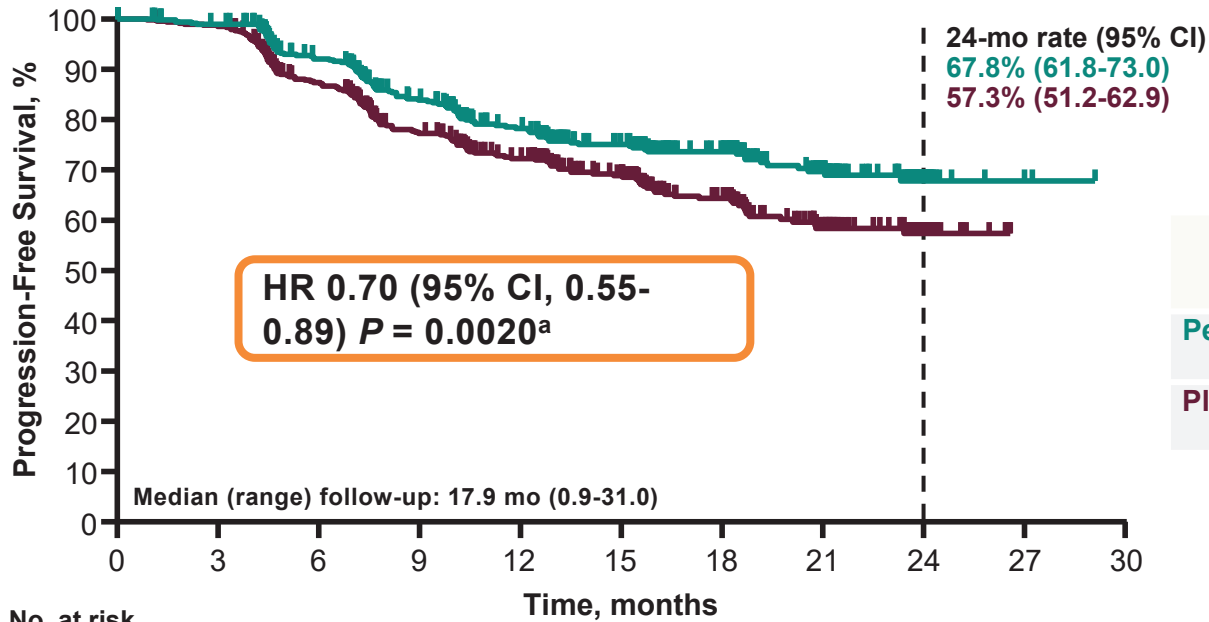
Baseline Characteristics

	Pembro Arm (N = 529)	Placebo Arm (N = 531)
Age, median (range)	49 y (22-87)	50 y (22-78)
Race ^a		
White	254 (48.0%)	264 (49.7%)
Asian	155 (29.3%)	148 (27.9%)
Multiple	78 (14.7%)	86 (16.2%)
American Indian or Alaska Native	24 (4.5%)	22 (4.1%)
Black or African American	14 (2.6%)	8 (1.5%)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2 (0.4%)	1 (0.2%)
PD-L1 CPS		
<1	22 (4.2%)	28 (5.3%)
≥1	502 (94.9%)	498 (93.8%)
Missing	5 (0.9%)	5 (0.9%)
ECOG PS 1	149 (28.2%)	134 (25.2%)
Squamous cell carcinoma	433 (81.9%)	451 (84.9%)

	Pembro Arm (N = 529)	Placebo Arm (N = 531)
Stage at screening (FIGO 2014 criteria)		
IB2-IIB	235 (44.4%)	227 (42.7%)
III-IVA	294 (55.6%)	304 (57.3%)
Lymph node involvement ^b		
Positive pelvic only	326 (61.6%)	324 (61.0%)
Positive para-aortic only	14 (2.6%)	10 (1.9%)
Positive pelvic and para-aortic	105 (19.8%)	104 (19.6%)
No positive pelvic or para-aortic	84 (15.9%)	93 (17.5%)
Planned type of EBRT		
IMRT or VMAT	469 (88.7%)	470 (88.5%)
Non-IMRT and non-VMAT	60 (11.3%)	61 (11.5%)
Planned total radiotherapy dose (EQD2)		
<70 Gy	47 (8.9)	46 (8.7)
≥70 Gy	482 (91.1)	485 (91.3)

^aIn each treatment arm, 2 patients (0.4%) had missing information for race. ^bPer protocol, a positive lymph node is defined as ≥1.5 cm shortest dimension by MRI or CT. Data cutoff date: January 9, 2023.

Primary Endpoint: Progression-Free Survival



	Pts w/ Event	Median, mo (95% CI)
Pembro Arm	21.7%	NR (NR-NR)
Placebo Arm	29.0%	NR (NR-NR)

No. at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30
Pembro Arm	529	462	400	331	282	222	171	100	26	3	0
Placebo Arm	531	463	379	306	263	208	149	88	20	0	0

Response assessed per RECIST v1.1 by investigator review or histopathologic confirmation. ^aWith 269 events (88.5% information fraction), the observed $P = 0.0020$ (1-sided) crossed the prespecified nominal boundary of 0.0172 (1-sided) at this planned first interim analysis. The success criterion of the PFS hypothesis was met, and thus no formal testing of PFS will be performed at a later analysis. Data cutoff date: January 9, 2023.

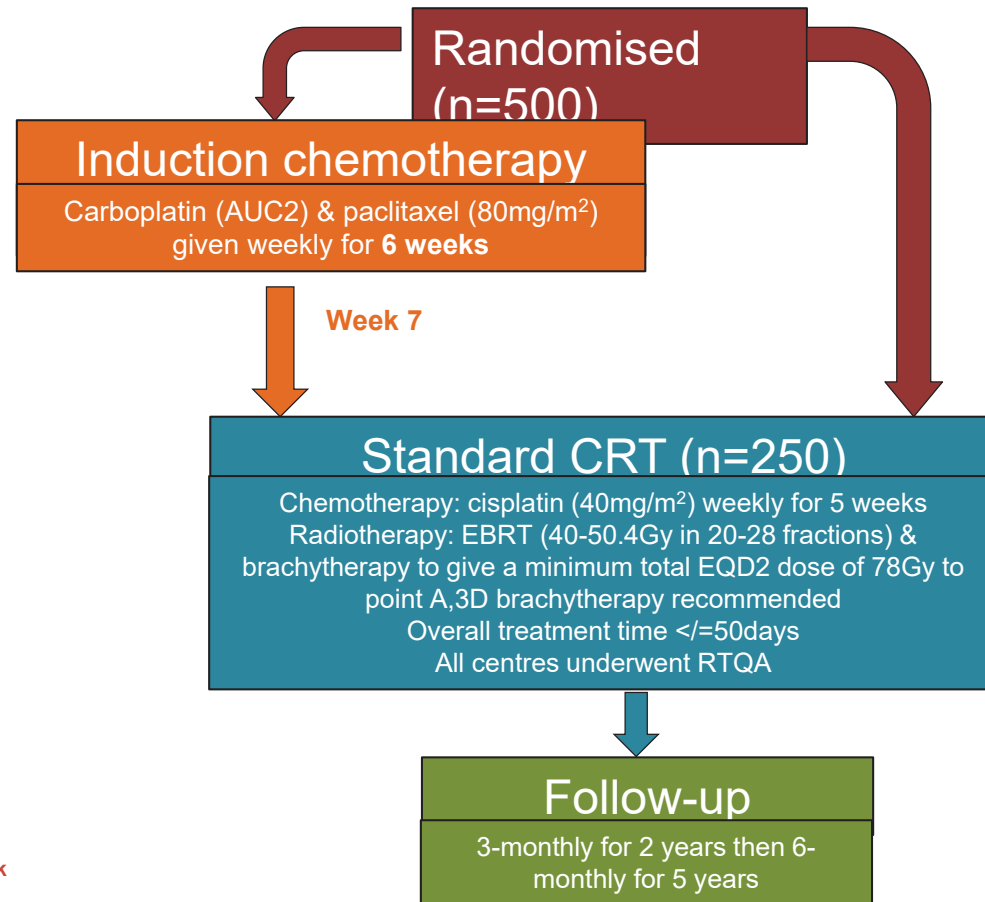
INTERLACE Trial Design

Key eligibility criteria

- Newly diagnosed histologically confirmed FIGO (2008) stage IB1 node+, IB2, II, IIIB, IVa squamous, adeno, adenosquamous cervical cancer
- No nodes above aortic bifurcation
- Adequate renal/liver and bone marrow function
- Fit for chemotherapy & radical RT
- No prior pelvic RT

RT=Radiation
 IMRT=Intensity modulated radiation
 EBRT=External beam radiation
 BT= Brachytherapy
 RTQA=Radiation quality assurance

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Stratified by

- Site
- Stage
- Nodal status
- 3D v IMRT EBRT
- 2D v 3D BT
- Tumour size
- SCC v other

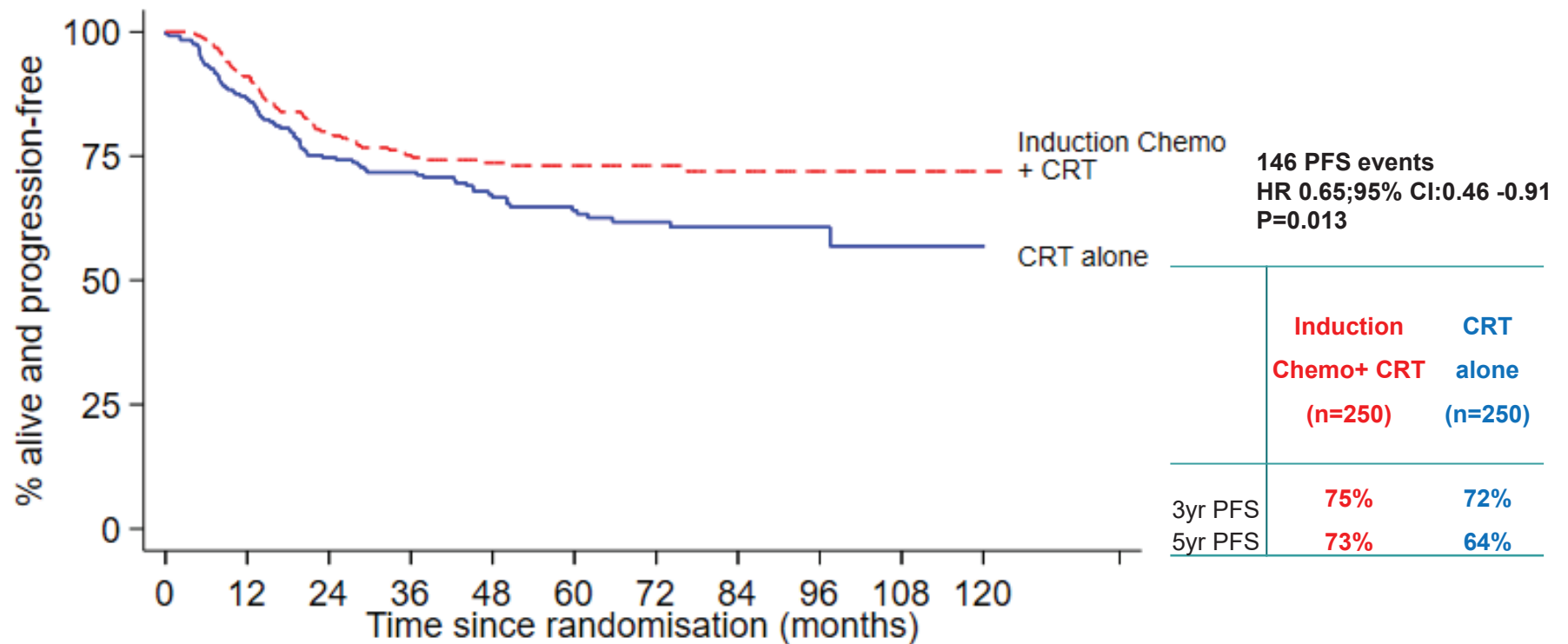
Primary endpoints

- PFS
- OS

Secondary endpoints

- Adverse events
- Pattern of relapse
- QOL
- Time to subsequent treatment

INTERLACE Progression-Free Survival (median FU 64m)



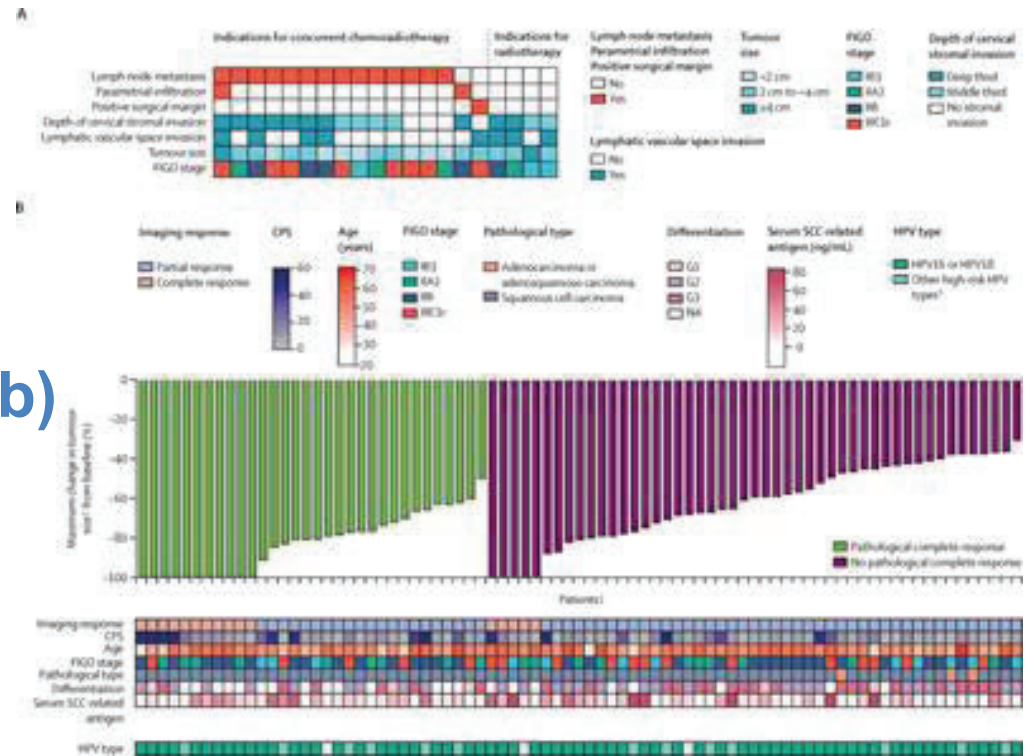
Number at risk	0	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120
CRT alone	250	204	157	140	110	88	63	36	16	5	1
Induction Chemo + CRT	250	220	178	152	132	105	72	40	19	8	1



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NACI study: neoadjuvant IO/chemotherapy

85 pts China
LACC
Chemo and chemo/IO
Cisplatin/nab-paclitaxel
(cycle 2, 3 w camrelizumab)
Surgery
ORR 98% (19% pCR)



No baseline sig feature correlation for pCR

Li K, Chen J, Hu Y, et al: Neoadjuvant chemotherapy plus camrelizumab...
Lancet Oncol 25:76-85, 2024

PACS study: neoadjuvant IO/chemotherapy

Lui et al, ASCO 2024

PACS study

PACS: study design (NCT04799639)

Key eligibility criteria:

- Age: 18-65 years old
- Newly pathologically confirmed adenocarcinoma, adeno-squamous carcinoma, or squamous-cell carcinoma of the cervix
- No previous treatment
- Stage IB3 or IIA2 (FIGO 2018)
- Measurable lesion ≥ 3.5 cm by MRI
- ECOG PS ≤ 1

Statistical design:

Use Simon's two-stage method to estimate sample size. Assuming an increase in pCR rate from 10% (H0) to 25% (H1), one-sided alpha level of 0.05, the first stage enrollment of 18 patients conferred 80% power to rule out the null hypothesis. If two patients reach pCR in the first stage, the second stage continues enrolling up to 47 patients (including 10% dropout rate).

Neoadjuvant therapy

Cisplatin (70mg/m², iv)
+Paclitaxel (150mg/m², iv)
+Sintilimab (200mg, iv)
Q3W 3 Cycles*

* Pts evaluated PD without distant metastases after 2 cycles of neoadjuvant therapy underwent surgery immediately.

Open
radical
surgery
(Type C)

Adjuvant therapy:

- according to NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Cervical Cancer
- If there is no indication for radiotherapy, monotherapy with sintilimab (200mg, iv, Q3W, 3 cycles) was given.

Primary endpoint:

pCR rate

Secondary endpoint:

- Objective response rate (ORR)
- Optimal remission rate (OPR)
- Disease-free survival (DFS)
- 2y DFS rate
- Safety

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Primary endpt: 36% pCR; 57% pPR

**CV2401 (NRG 037) : NEOADJUVANT
PEMBROLIZUMAB AND
CHEMOTHERAPY AND
CHEMORADIATION VS.
CHEMORADIATION FOLLOWED BY
PEMBROLIZUMAB FOR LOCALLY
ADVANCED CERVICAL CANCER**

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N= 280

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Power: 80%

Alpha 10%

- Newly diagnosed histologically confirmed FIGO (2018) stage IIIA (T3aN0), Stage IIIB (T3bN0), Stage IIIC1(T3AN1, T3BN1); IIIC2 (T3AN2,T3BN2); IVA (Stage T4aN0-N2)
- Squamous cell, adenocarcinoma, adenosquamous cervical cancer

Cisplatin 40 mg/m² QW for 6 cycles + EBRT followed by brachytherapy
+
Pembrolizumab 200 mg Q3W for 5 cycles

Pembrolizumab 400 mg Q6W for 15 cycles

Neoadjuvant chemotherapy
carboplatin (AUC 2)+ paclitaxel (80mg/m²) wkly (6 wks) +
pembrolizumab 200mg q 3wks
2 cycles (6 wks)

Cisplatin 40 mg/m² QW for 6 cycles + EBRT followed by brachytherapy
+
Pembrolizumab 200 mg Q3W for 5 cycles

Pembrolizumab 400 mg Q6W for 13 cycles

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Advances in Radiation Therapy

Radiation Advances for Cervical Cancer

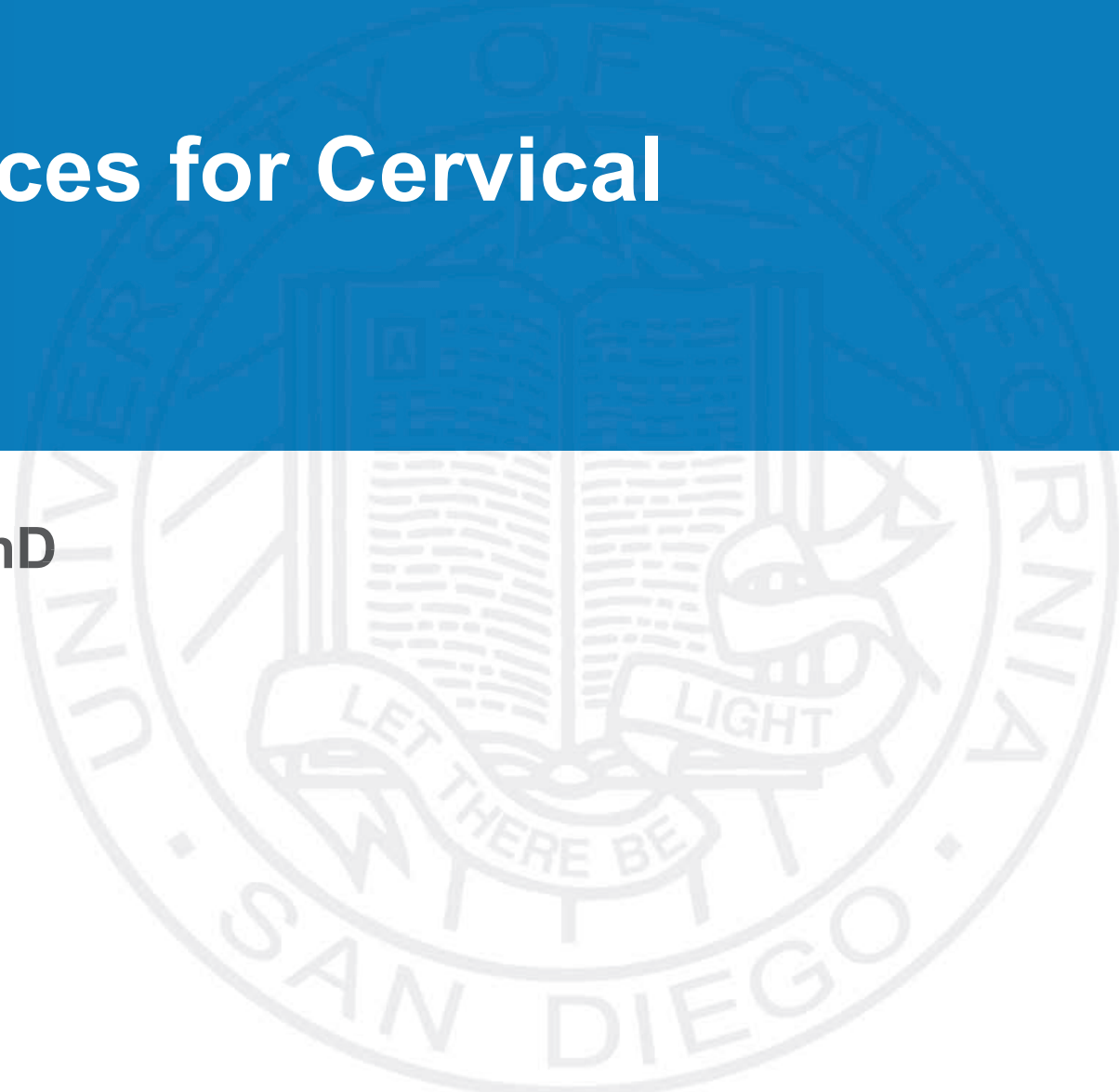
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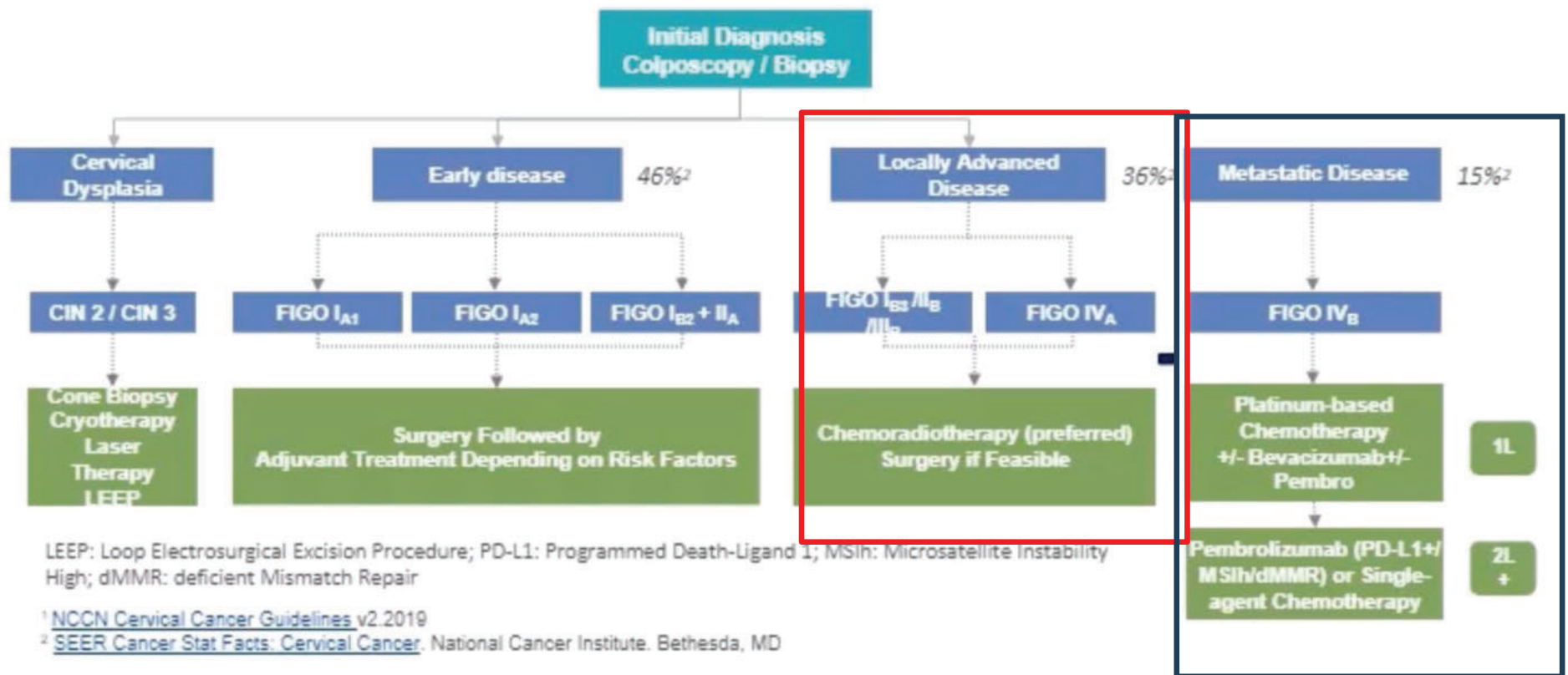
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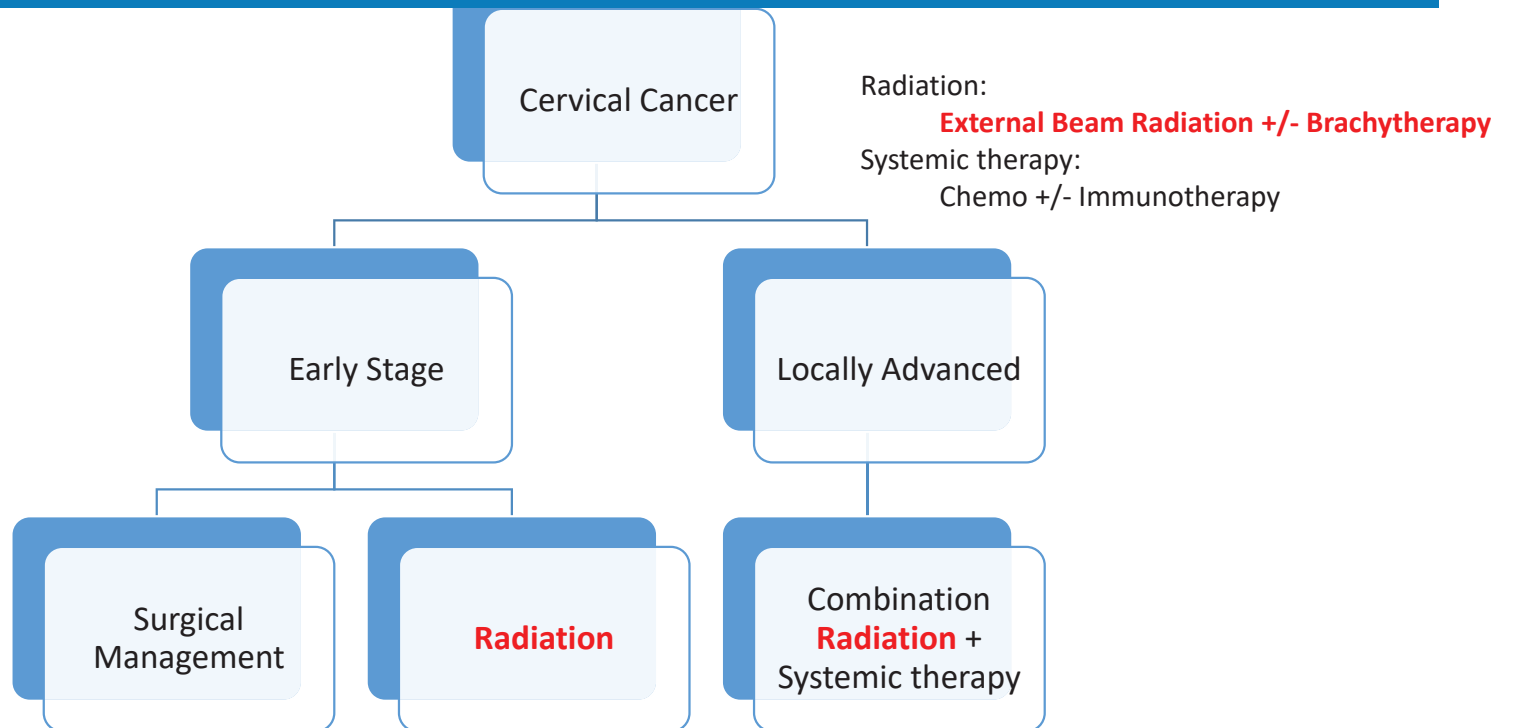
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Cervical Cancer Treatment Summary



General Management of Cervical Cancer



Radiation for Cervical Cancer

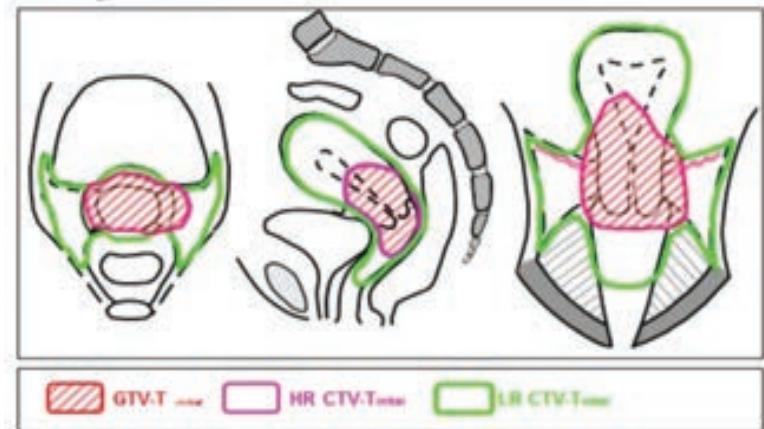
External Beam Radiation Therapy (EBRT)

3-Dimensional Conformal Radiation Therapy (3D-CRT), Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT), Image-Guided Radiation Therapy (IGRT), Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy (SBRT)

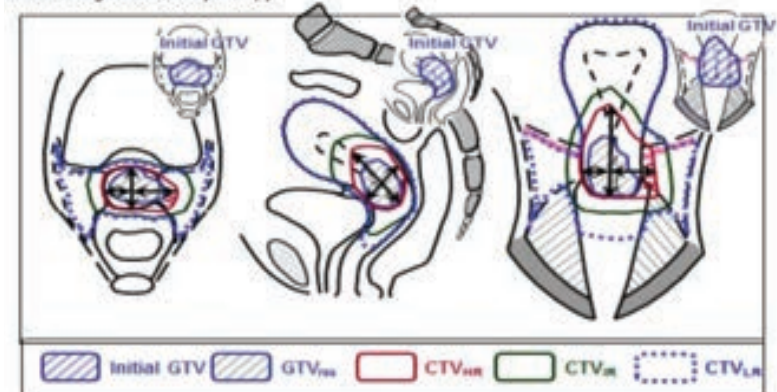
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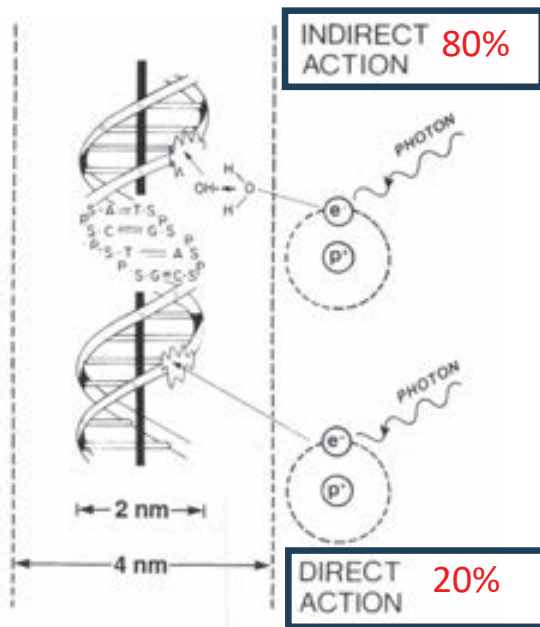
Panel A: Targets for EBRT



Panel B: Targets for brachytherapy



How Radiation Therapy (RT) works



X-rays interact with **water**

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radiolysis

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free radicals

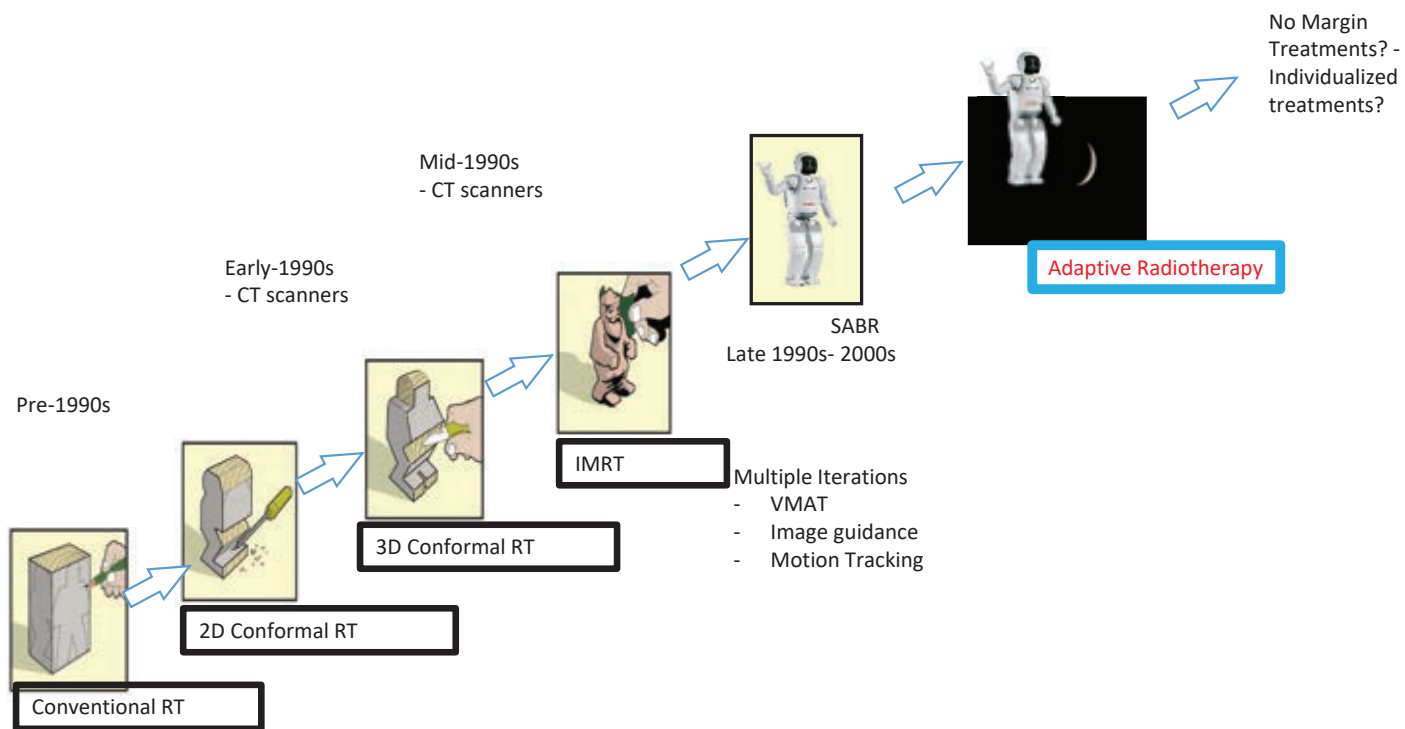
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bind to and damages **DNA**

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mitotic catastrophe

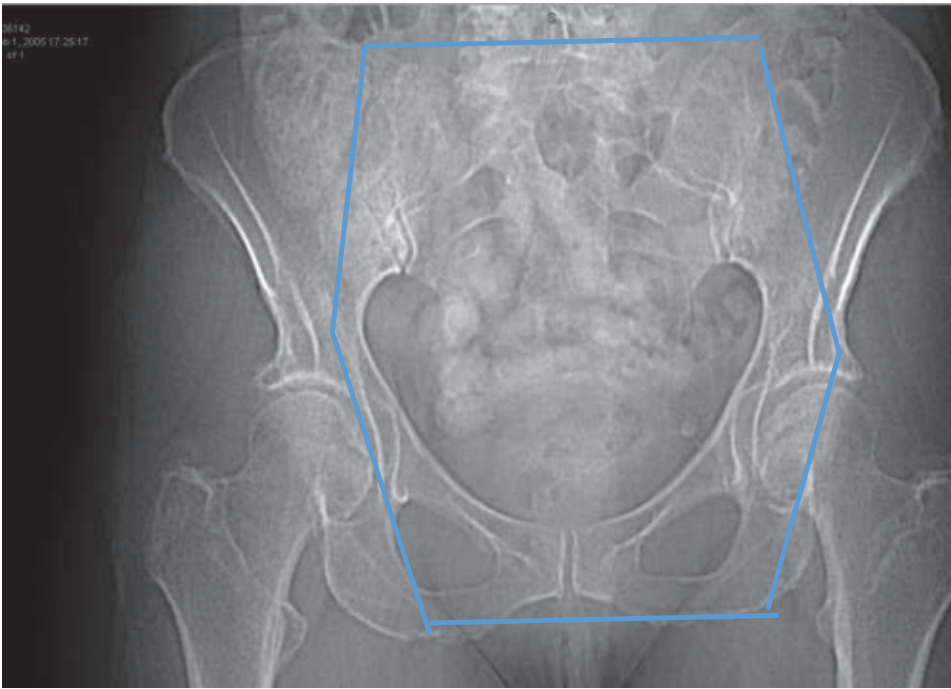
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cell death

Cancer cells are more susceptible to RT due to impaired DNA repair pathways

Milestones in Radiotherapy



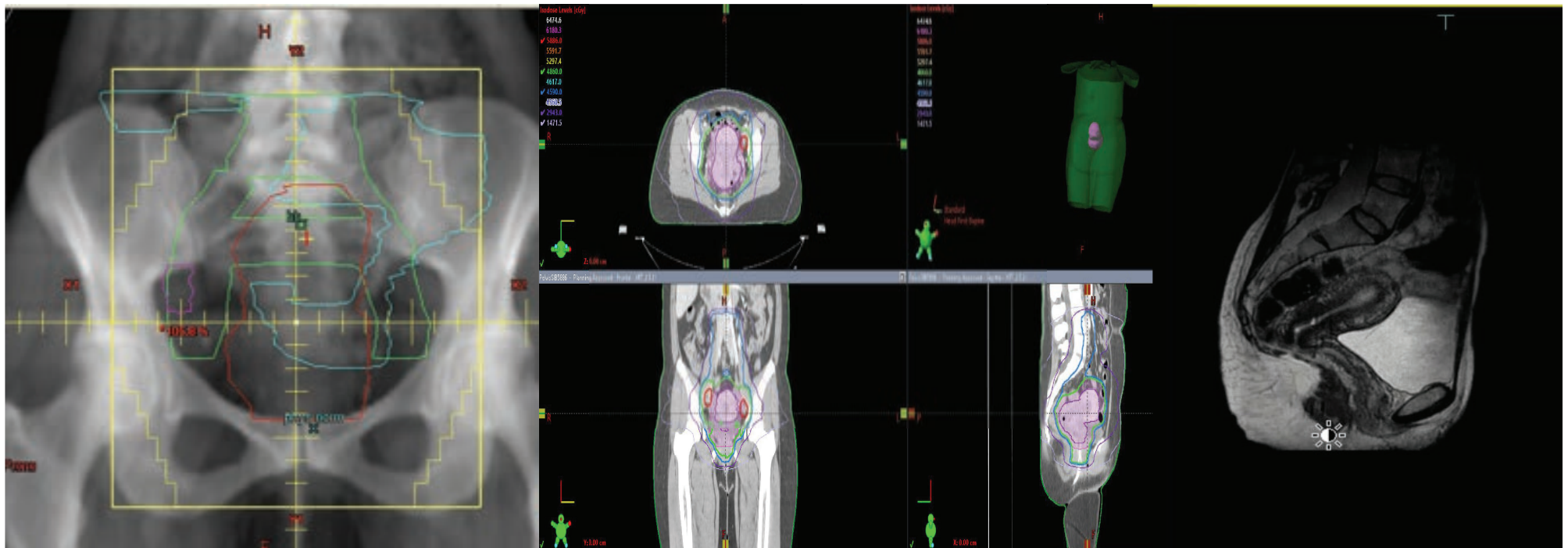
Management of Cervical Cancer in 1980s



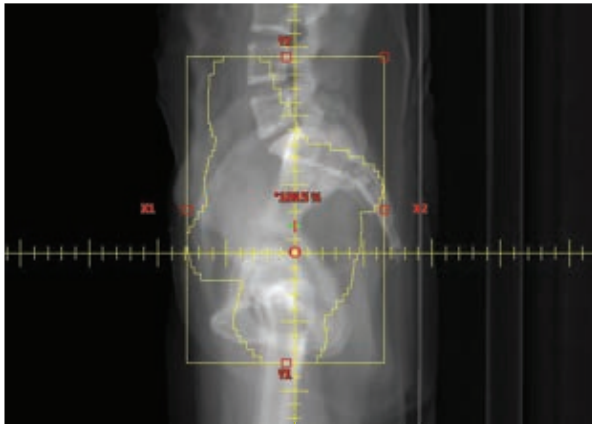
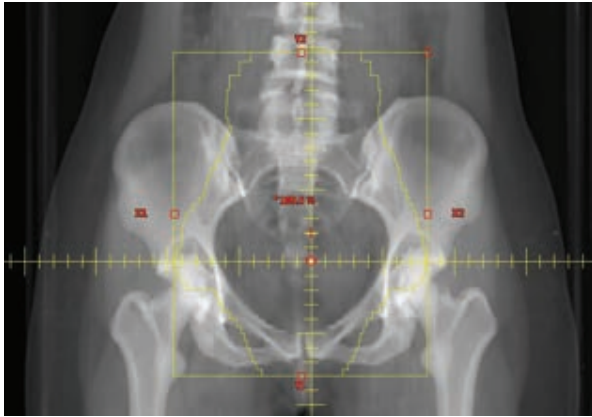
- Dosing: 45-50GY
- Fields : based on bony anatomy
- No routine of PET/CT or high-quality imaging
- No Immunotherapy or targeted therapy

Evolution of Radiation Based on Imaging

2D → 3D → CT based planning → MRI Imaging



Evolution of External Beam Radiation Therapy

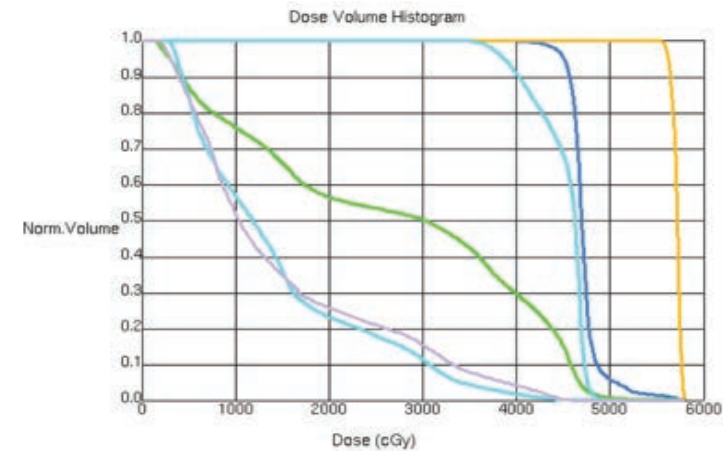
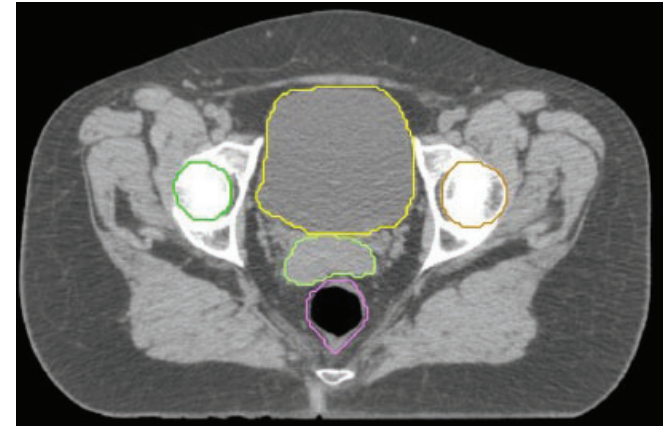


3-D treatment planning using CT scan enables:

1) More accurate delineation of target and normal structures



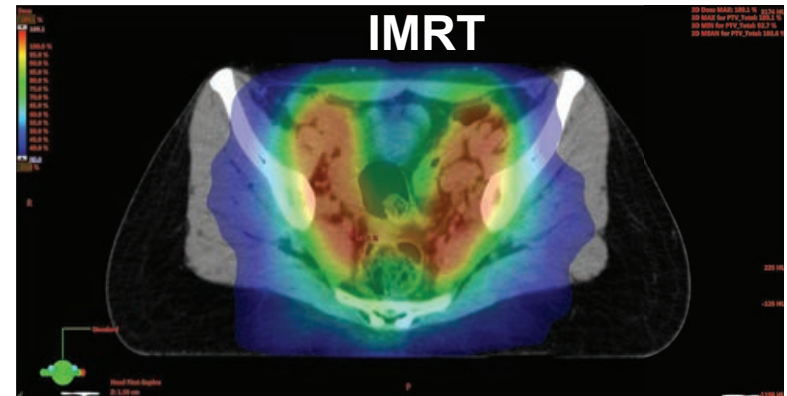
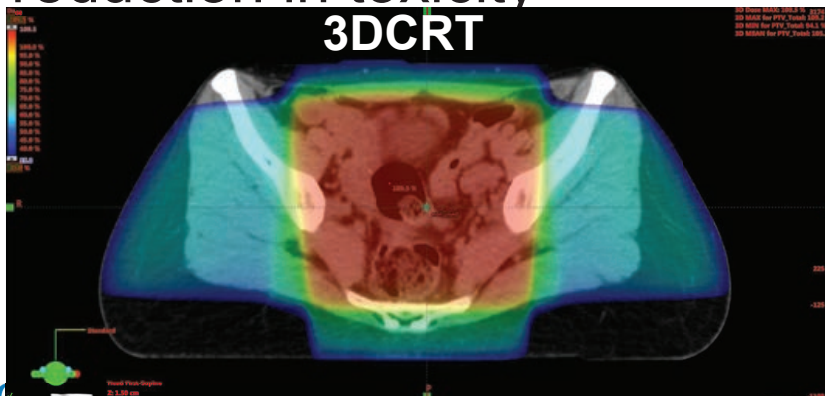
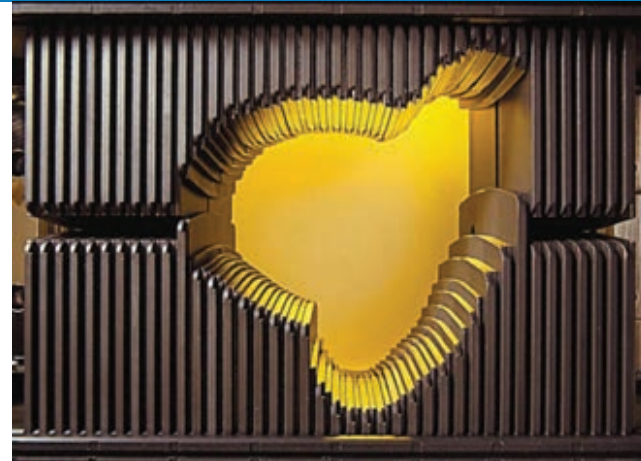
2) Accurate dose calculation to tumor and organs at risk of toxicity so the “quality” of the plan can be evaluated (i.e. probability of cure or toxicity)



Evolution of External Beam Radiation Therapy

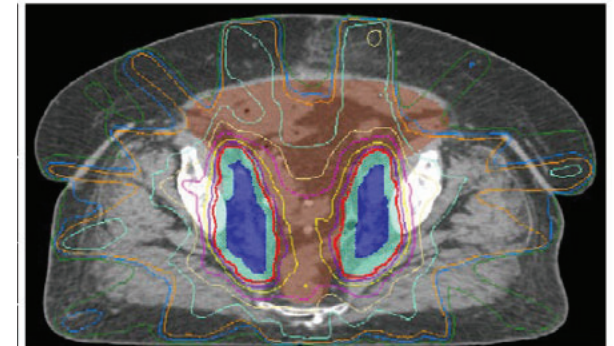
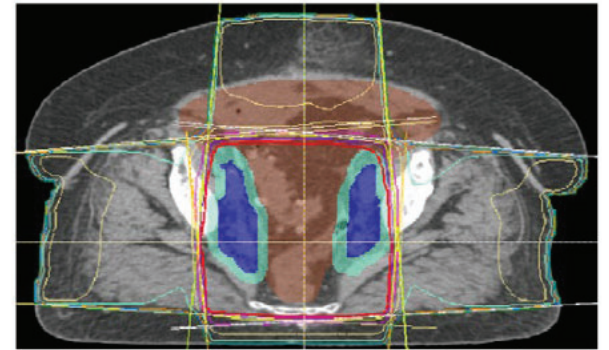
Use of dynamic MLCs to create irregular (non-uniform) radiation from each field and adjust the intensity around a curved target volume

Enables dose escalation or reduction in toxicity



Reducing Radiation Treatment Volumes

- Intensity modulated radiation therapy for cervical cancer
 - Dosimetric studies initially published 2000-2001
 - First clinical series published in 2001
 - By 2009, 18+ retrospective studies published suggesting improved toxicity with IMRT compared to 3DCRT

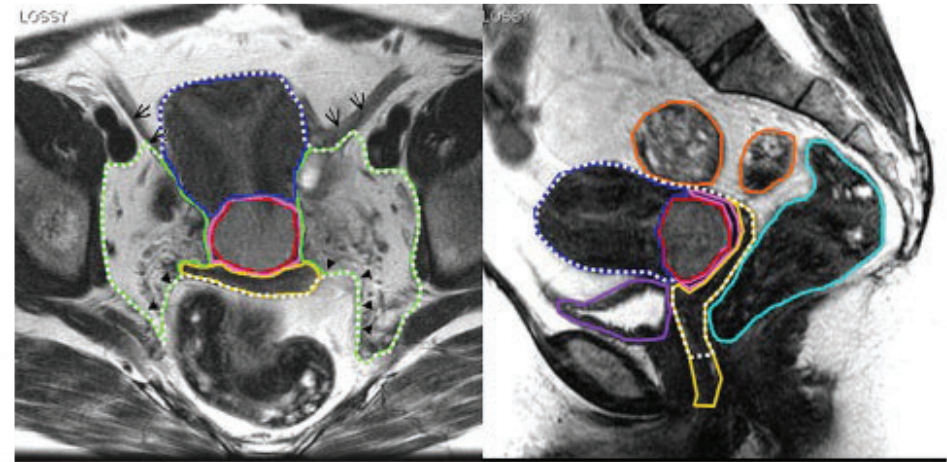
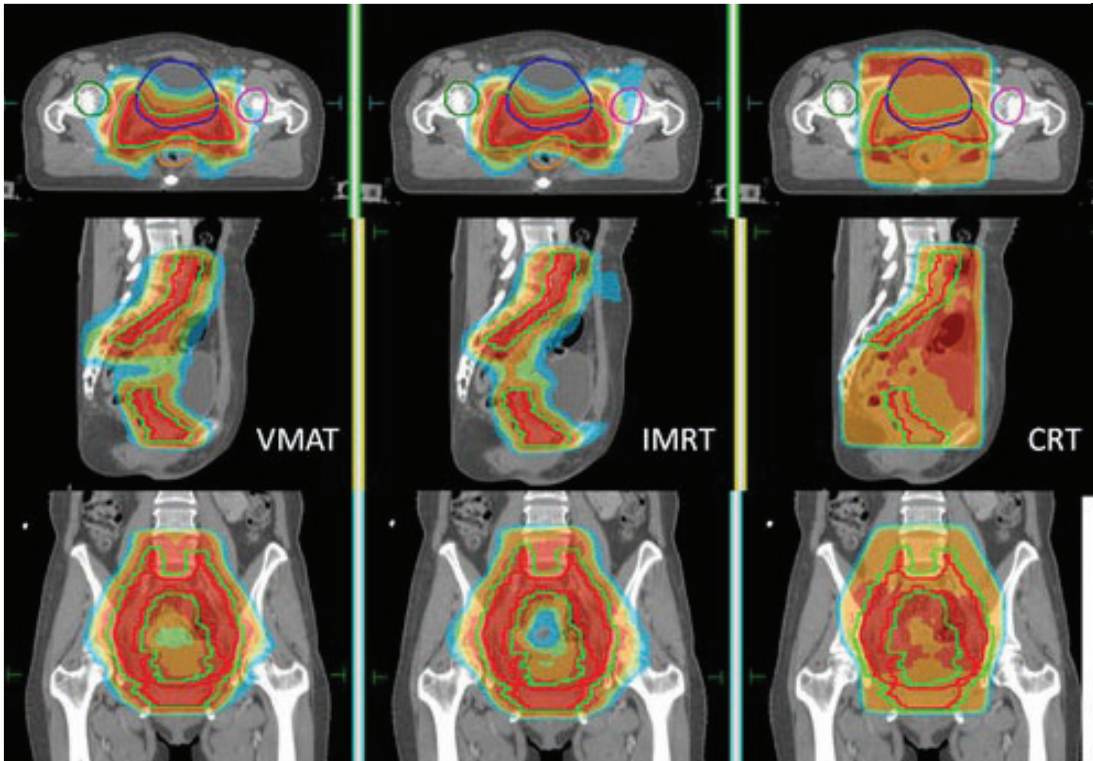


Standard of Care for Cervical Cancer

VMAT

IMRT

3DCRT



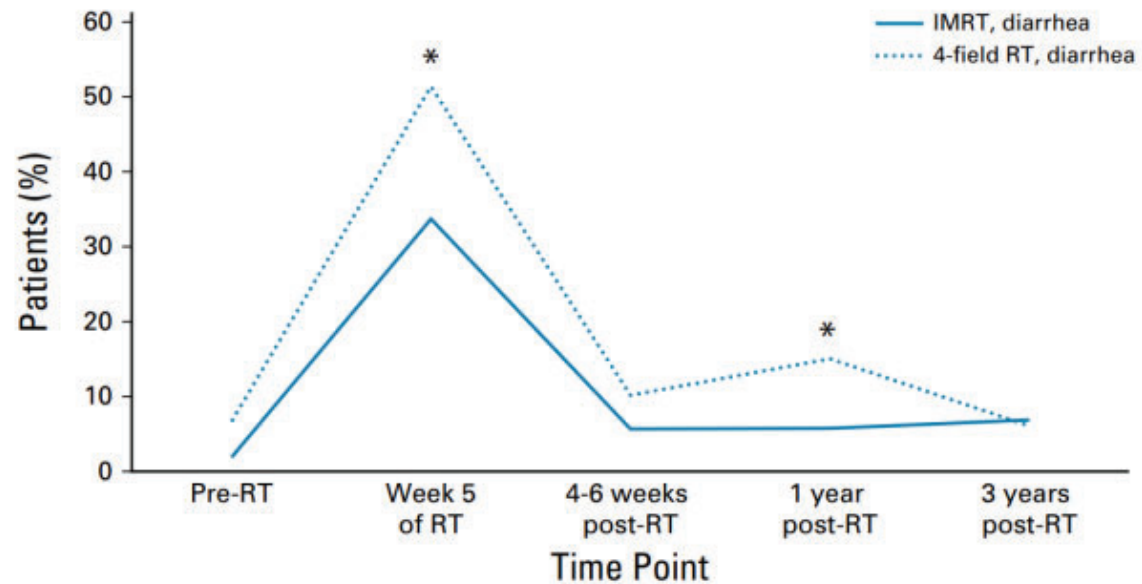
Deng et al Journal of Applied Clinical Medical Physics 2016

Lim et al 2011 IJROBP

IMRT for Gynecologic Malignancies

- IMRT decreases acute grade II diarrhea and late grade 2 anorexia, abdominal bloating, bowel obstruction
- Benefit greatest among pts receiving concurrent chemotherapy
- Image-guided bone marrow sparing IMRT can decrease acute grade III neutropenia: 19% with vs 54% without BM sparing

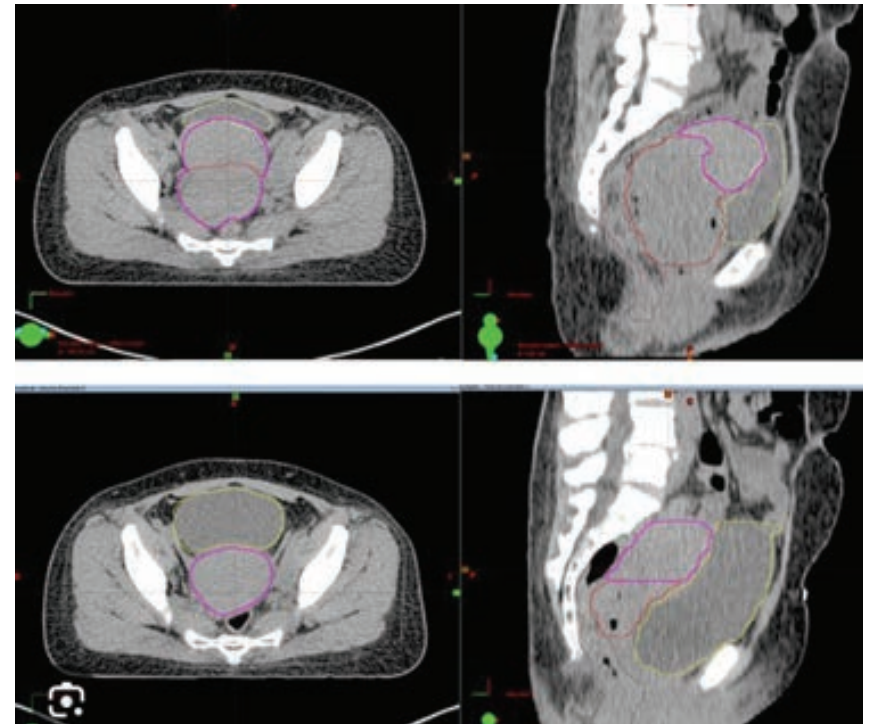
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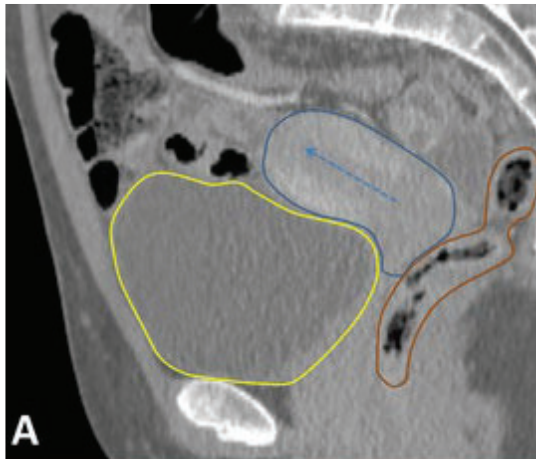
No. at risk:	Pre-RT	Week 5 of RT	4-6 weeks post-RT	1 year post-RT	3 years post-RT
IMRT	106	92	88	87	58
4-field RT	120	109	108	93	66

Reducing radiation treatment volumes

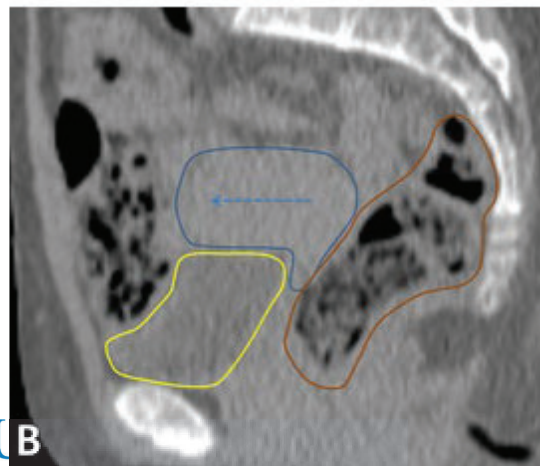
- Cervical cancer presents unique radiation challenge in that uterus and cervix are highly mobile structures
- Changes in target position may arise due to several reasons
 - Bladder filling
 - Rectal filling
 - Tumor shrinkage



Internal Organ motion during simulation and treatment



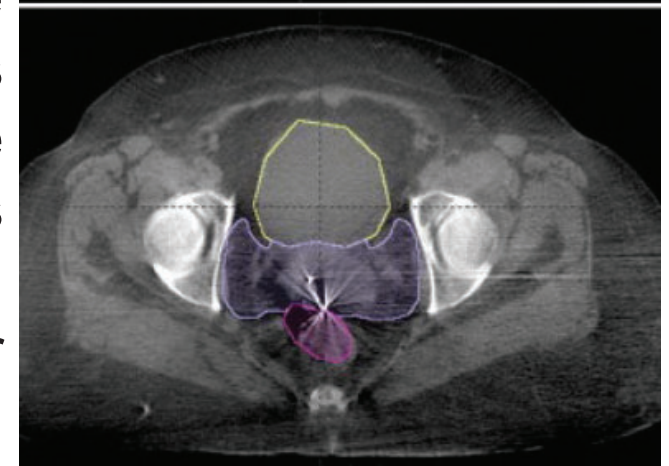
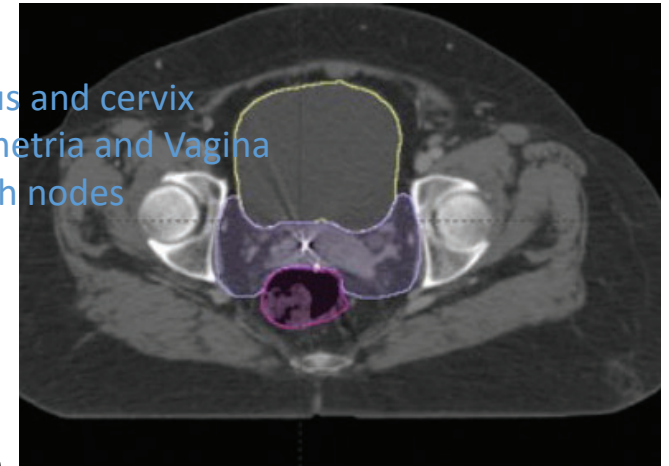
Contour tumor position with empty and full bladder CTs, but treat with full bladder (to push bowel out of the way)



Margins:

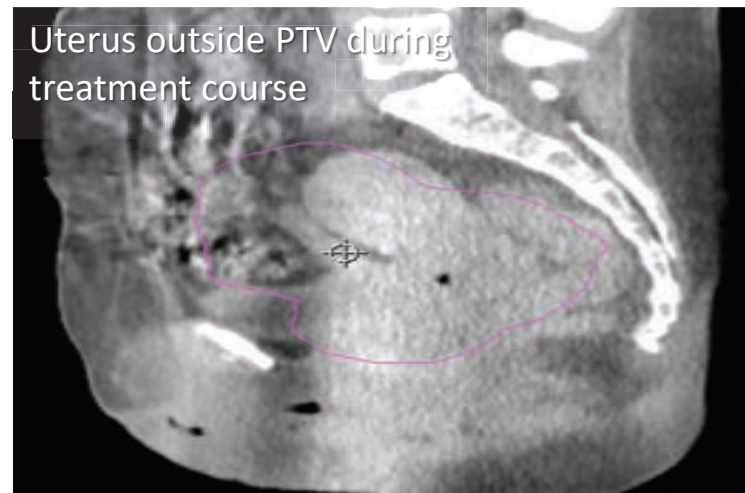
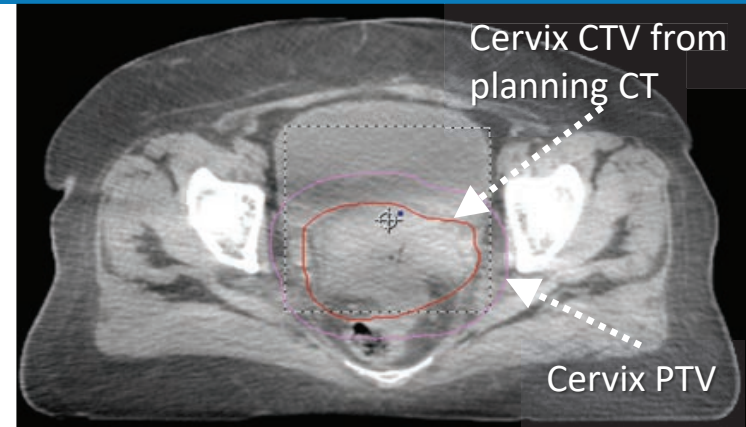
1.5cm- uterus and cervix
1.0cm-Parametria and Vagina
0.7cm- lymph nodes

Daily image guidance (e.g. CBCT) to assess for shifts in soft tissue anatomy enables margin reduction around tumor

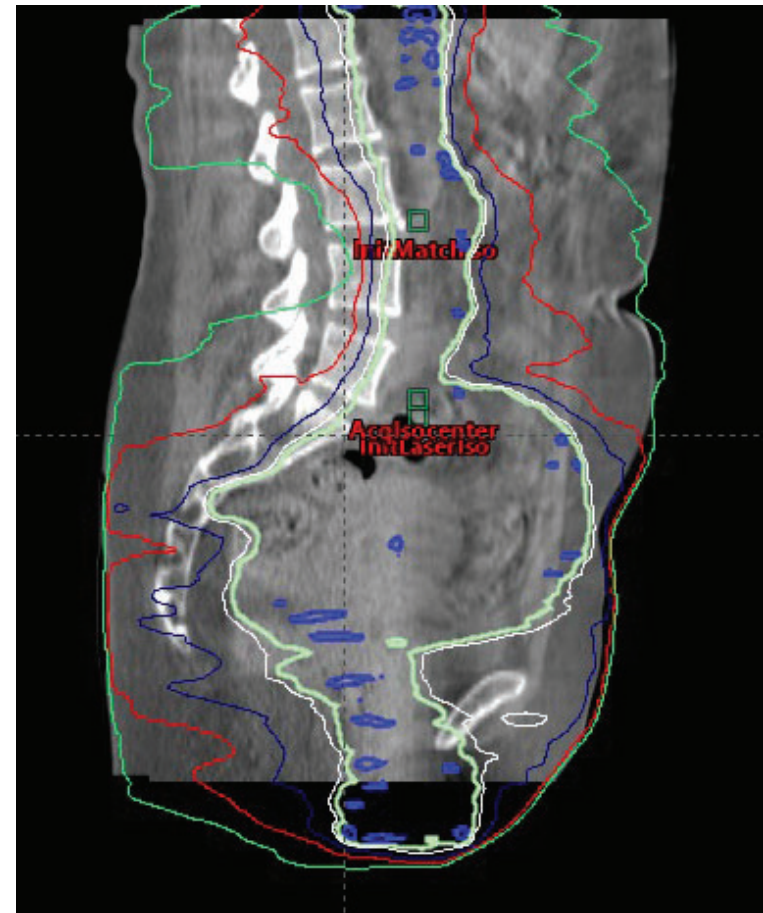


Planning CT is a snapshot of anatomy at beginning of treatment

- Dramatic volume changes of bulky tumors during EBRT
 - Gradual change – infrequent adaptation ok
- Weight changes over treatment course
 - Gradual change – infrequent adaptation ok
- Large variability in day-to-day position of uterus, bladder, rectum (inter-fraction motion)
 - Daily adaptation can significantly reduce CTV-PTV margins and correct for changes from planning CT snapshot
- Changes in bladder filling-/rectal distention during treatment (intrafraction motion)
 - Primary driver of CTV-PTV margins with daily adaptation



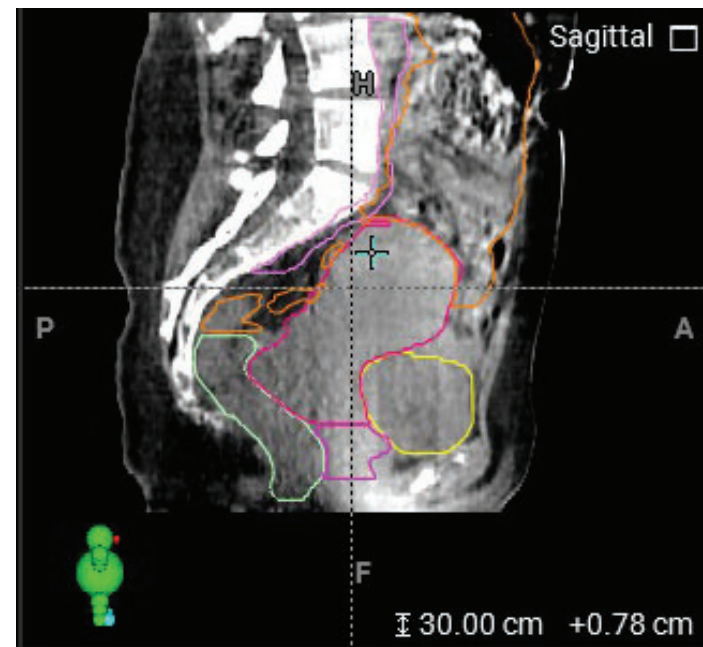
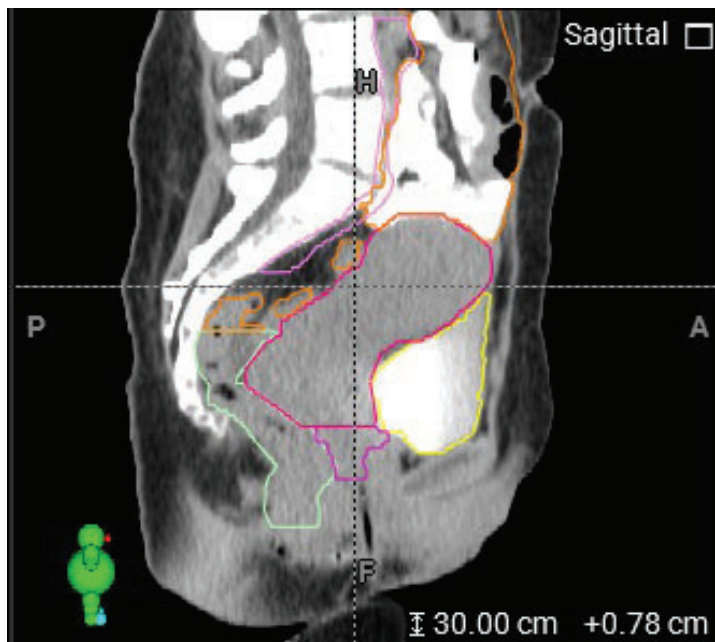
Tumor Shrinkage during treatment



Adaptive Radiotherapy

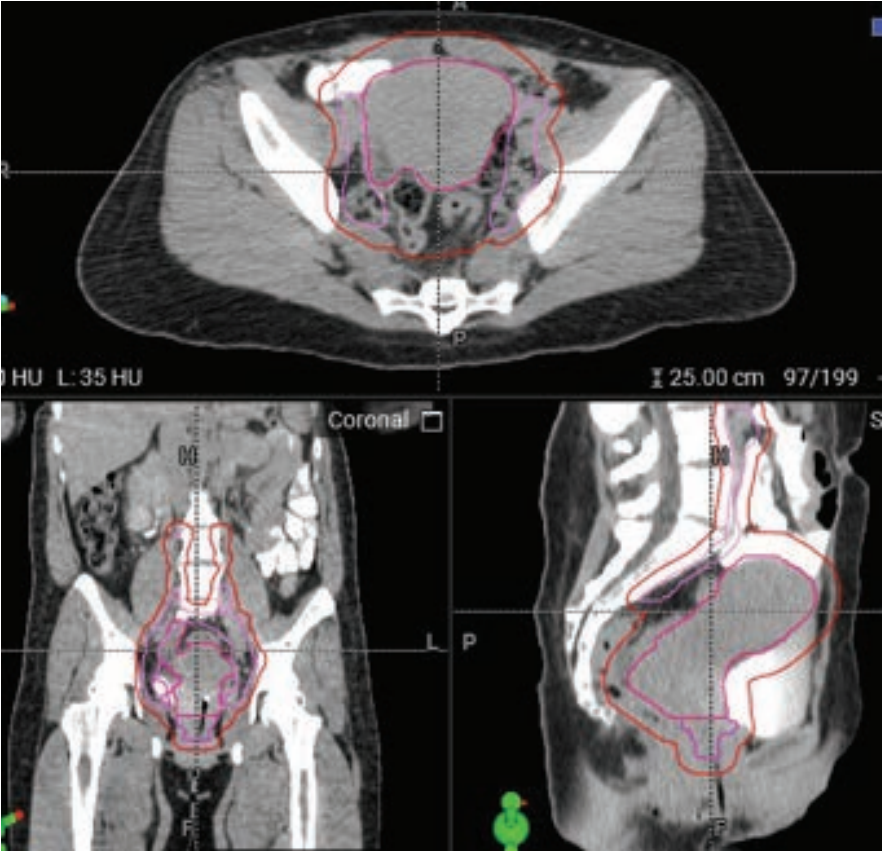
- Adaptation of Treatment Plan to interfraction organ changes
- Adaptation of Treatment plan to interfraction target changes (if/when applicable)
- Adaptation of Treatment plan to tumor or OAR function changes (if/when applicable)
- Visualized tumor and OARs during beam delivery and adapt Treatment plan to intra-fraction changes
- **Adaptive radiotherapy creates a new treatment plan for each daily fraction based on day of imaging**
- **Allow for tighter treatment margins**

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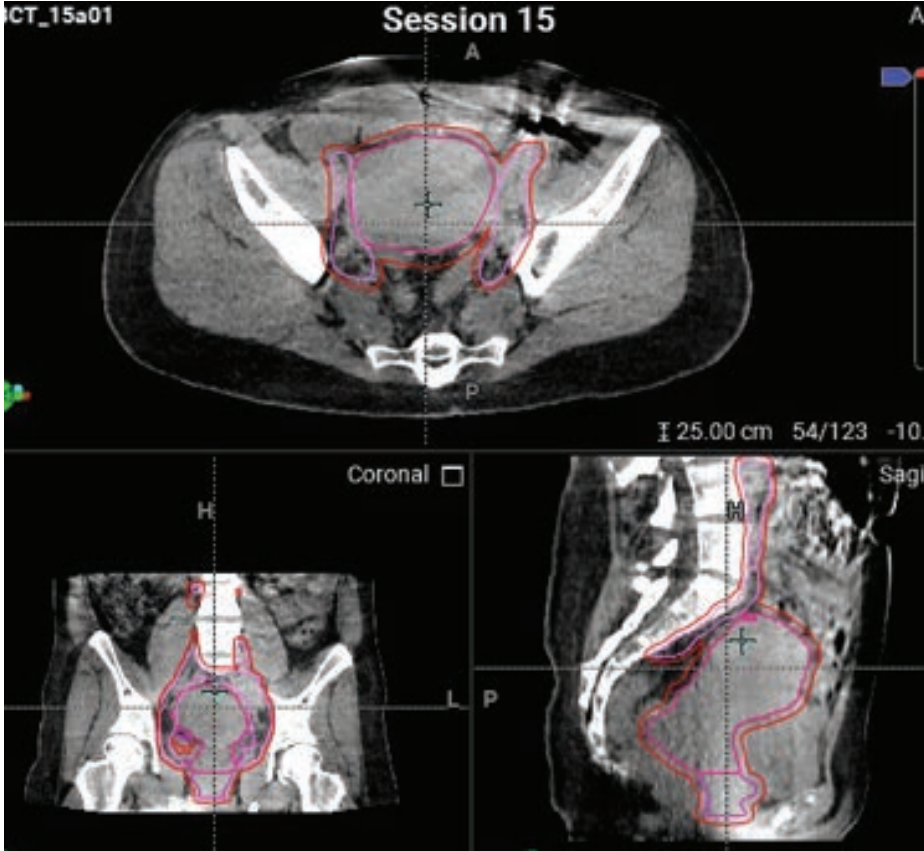


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IMRT Treatment Margins

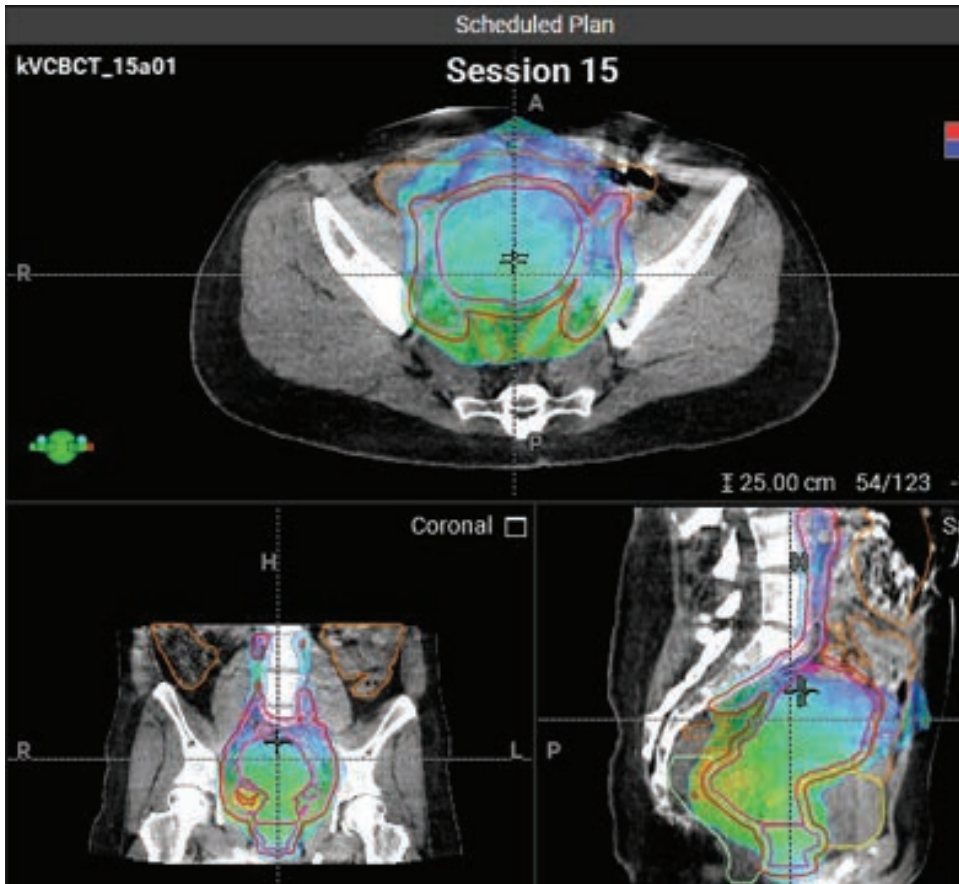


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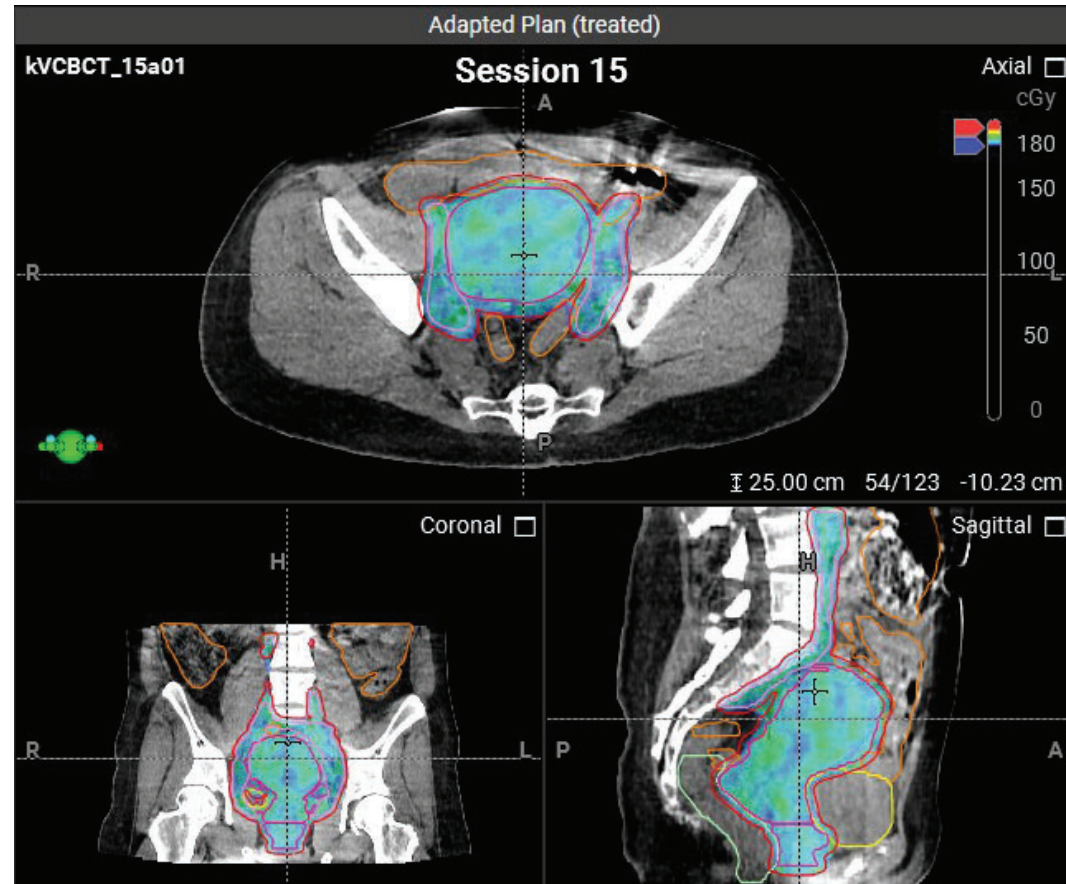


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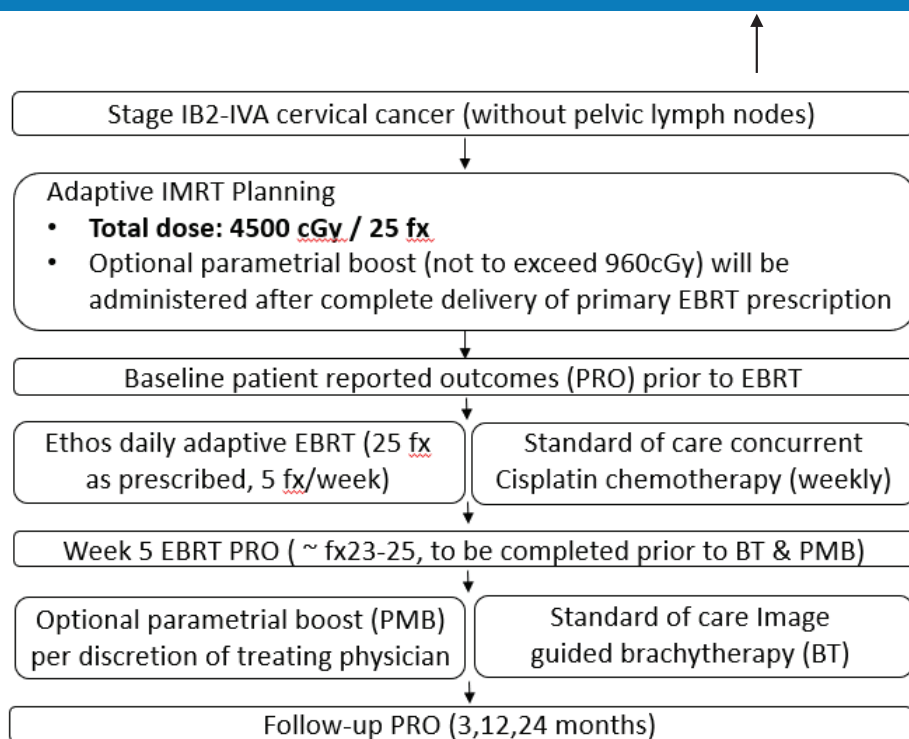
IMRT Treatment Margins



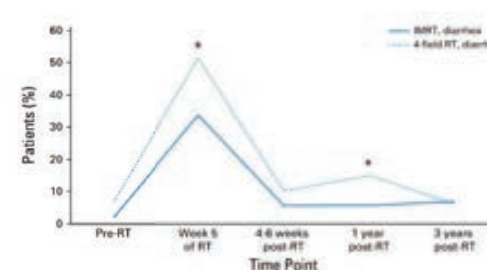
Adaptive Treatment Margins



Current Clinical Trial – Adaptive Radiotherapy



Primary endpoint :Acute Patient Reported Outcome (PRO) GI Toxicity (week 5 of external beam radiotherapy (EBRT))



No. at risk:
 IMRT 106 92 88 87 58
 4-field RT 120 109 108 93 66

Figure 1. Percentage of patients with high-grade (score ≥ 3) diarrhea frequency as reported by RTOG 1203²³. Instrument for toxicity assessment was the PRO-CTCAE (identical to that in this protocol).

Definitions

BT: Brachytherapy
 EBRT: External beam radiotherapy
 IMRT: Intensity modulated radiotherapy
 PMB: Parametrial boost
 PRO: Patient reported outcome

Summary

- Goal of radiation is to treat the tumor and minimize normal tissue toxicity
- Advances in imaging and radiation has allowed improved treatment of cervical cancer while minimizing toxicity
- Adaptive radiotherapy are major advances in treatment of LACC allows us to decrease dose to organs at risk in the pelvis

Thank you

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Screening Strategies



Cytology alone every 3 years



Co-testing every 5 years



Primary HPV testing every 5 years

Age	2020 ACS*	2021 ACOG	2021 USPSTF
21-24	No screening		Cytology Q3
25-29	Preferred: HPV Q5 Acceptable: Co-test Q5 OR Cytology Q3		Cytology Q3 Can consider HPV Q5
30-65	Preferred: HPV Q5 Acceptable: Co-test Q5 OR Cytology Q3		Cytology Q3 OR HPV Q5 OR Co-test Q5
65+	NO screening after adequate prior negative screening		
Hysterectomy with cervix removal	No screening for those who do NOT have a history of CIN2+, ACIS or cancer in the 25 years leading up to hysterectomy		

USPSTF 2025 – In progress...

Population	Recommendation	Grade
Women ages 21 to 65 years	<p>The USPSTF recommends screening for cervical cancer every 3 years with cervical cytology alone in women ages 21 to 29 years and then every 5 years with clinician- or patient-collected high-risk human papillomavirus (HPV) primary screening in women ages 30 to 65 years.</p> <p>As an alternative to HPV primary screening for women ages 30 to 65 years, the USPSTF recommends continued screening every 3 years with cervical cytology alone or screening every 5 years with high-risk HPV testing in combination with cytology (cotesting).</p>	A
Women younger than age 21 years	The USPSTF recommends against screening for cervical cancer in women younger than age 21 years.	D
Women older than age 65 years	<p>The USPSTF recommends against screening for cervical cancer in women older than age 65 years who have had adequate prior screening and are not otherwise at high risk for cervical cancer.</p> <p>See the "Practice Considerations" section for discussion of adequate prior screening and risk factors that support screening after age 65 years.</p>	D
Women with a prior hysterectomy and no cervix	The USPSTF recommends against screening for cervical cancer in women who have had a hysterectomy with removal of the cervix and do not have a history of a high-grade precancerous lesion (i.e., cervical intraepithelial neoplasia [CIN] grade 2 or 3) or cervical cancer.	D

USPSTF Updates



Ages 21-29 – **cytology alone** every 3 years, and THEN...



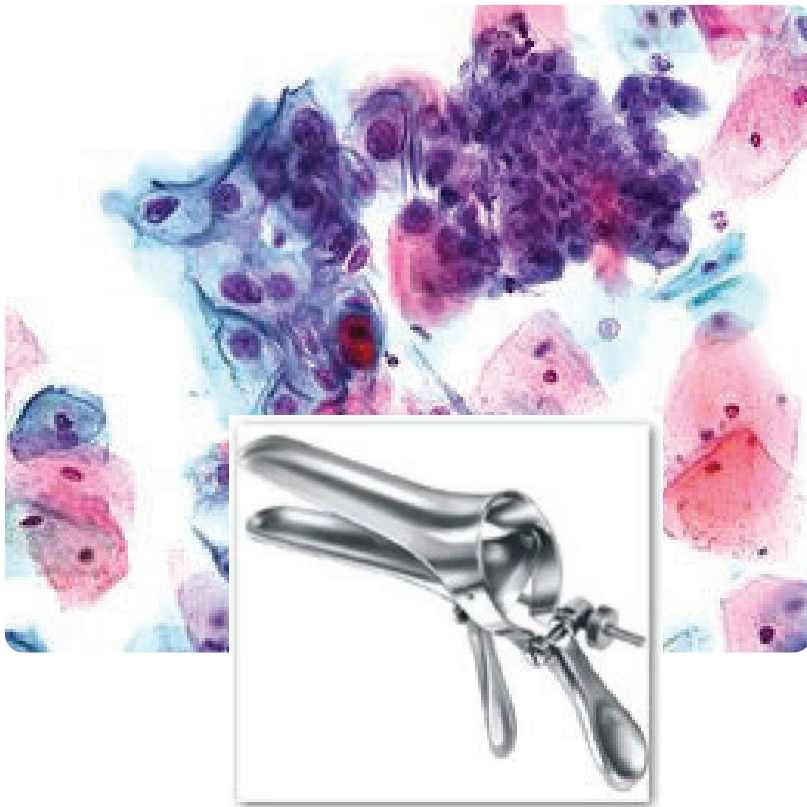
Ages 30-65 – **primary HPV** every 5 years, either clinician-collected or **patient-collected**



Alternative for ages 30-65 is to continue cytology alone every 3 years OR co-testing every 5 years

Barriers to Screening

Cervical cancer screening is not always accessible



- Almost 30% of those eligible in the US can't or don't get screened at recommended intervals
- Far fewer people than recommended getting HPV vaccines
- 11,500 cases diagnosed/yr, HALF not screened or inadequately screened
- Patients experiencing poverty, living in rural areas, racial and ethnic minority populations less likely to be screened
- Healthcare deserts – NO regular health care access
- Preferences, religious or cultural beliefs, trauma history, disabilities/medical conditions prevent some from getting a pelvic exam
- Many providers can't do pelvic exams or don't have the infrastructure to do them

Patient-collected HPV testing



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FDA Approves HPV Tests That Allow for Self-Collection in a Health Care Setting

On May 14, 2024, the FDA expanded the approvals of two tests that detect HPV in the cervix.

People can now be offered the option to collect a vaginal sample themselves for HPV testing if they cannot have or don't want a pelvic exam.

Collection involves a swab or brush, and must be done in a health care setting

The tests included in the approvals are Onclarity HPV and Cobas HPV

FDA Approved Self Collection Devices



Copan FLOQSwabs® (552C.RM)
Used for vaginal specimens for use with the
cobas® HPV or cobas® HPV tests.



Evalyn® Brush – by Rovers Medical Devices

Worldwide use of HPV self-sampling for cervical cancer screening

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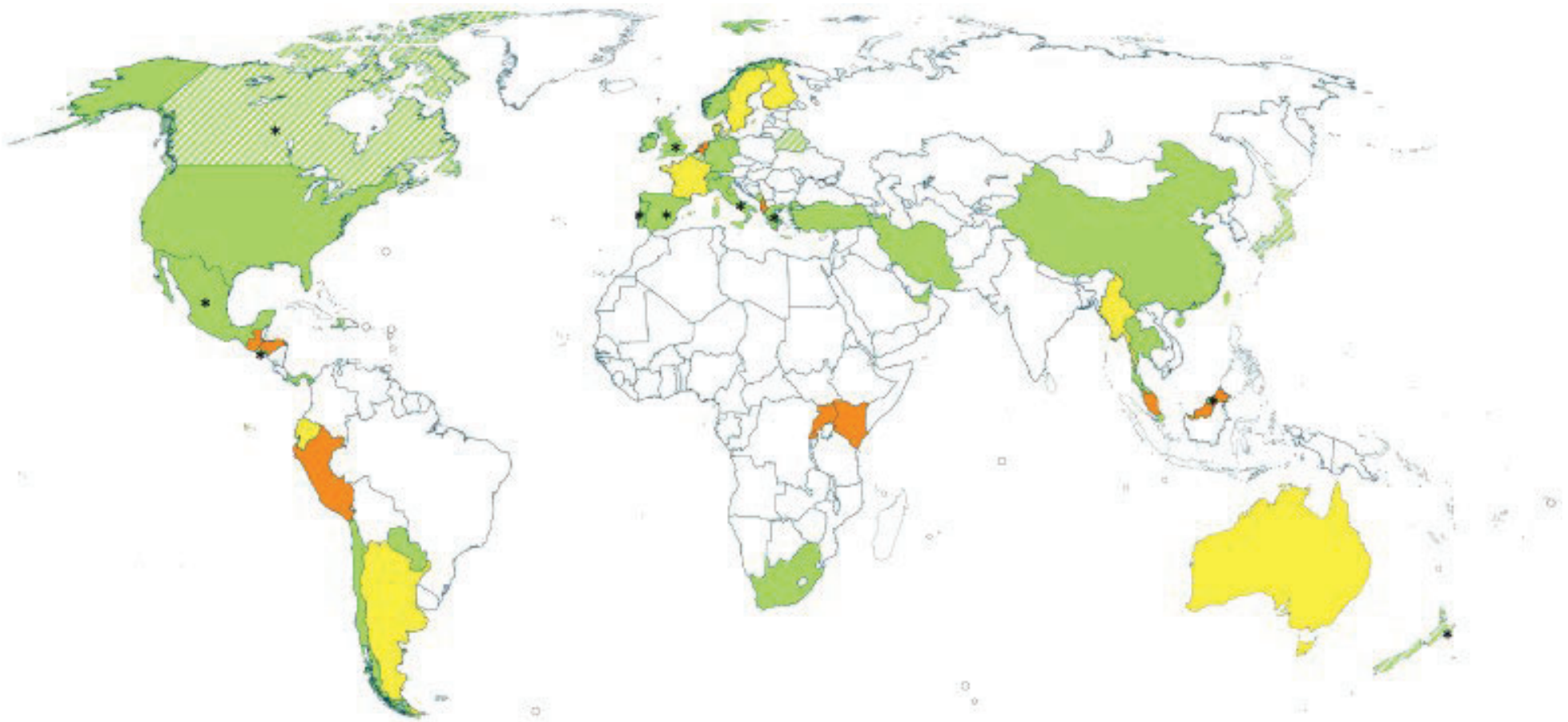
Global use of HPV self-sampling is still limited.

Only 17 (12%) countries with identified screening programs recommend it, 9 as the primary collection method, and 8 to reach under-screened populations.

Official recommendations for cervical cancer screening identified in 139 (69%) countries and territories.

As of February 2021, 48 (24%) countries recommended primary HPV-based screening (primary HPV testing or co-testing)

6 countries (Canada, New Zealand, Belgium, Belarus, Japan and Trinidad & Tobago) reported plans in 2020 for HPV-based screening introduction in the coming 1-2 years. Among the 140, 17% had introduced such screening (three low-, five lower-middle- and 16 upper-middle-income countries), compared to 39% countries among the 62 high-income countries



HPV-based screening

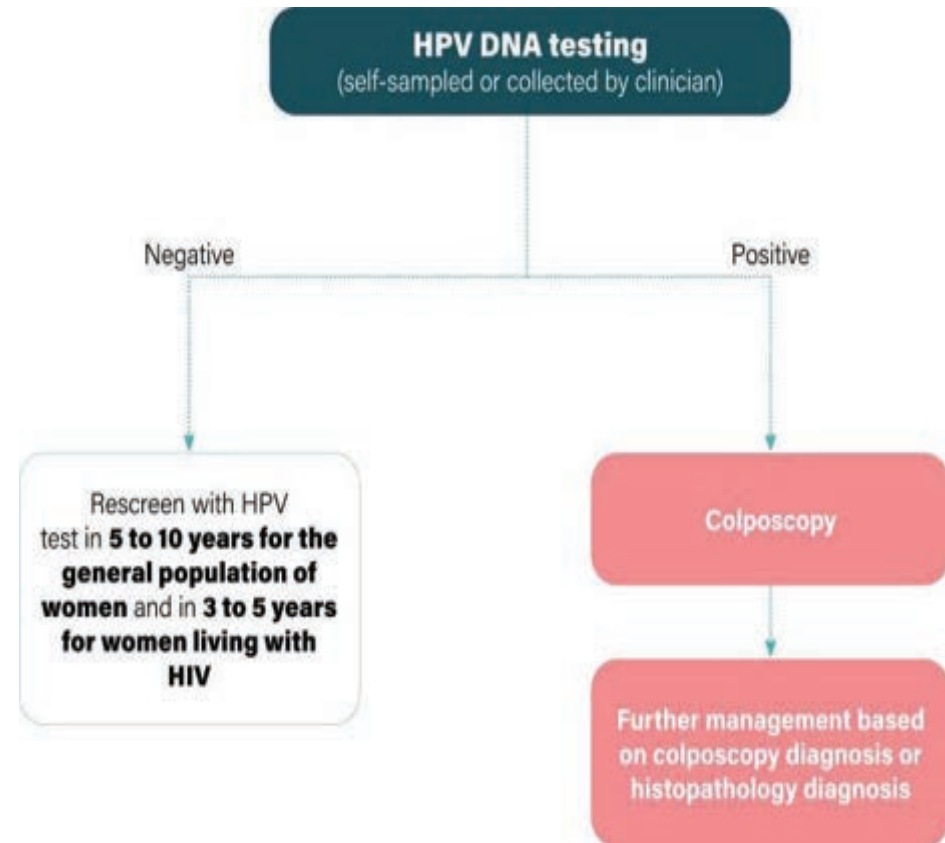
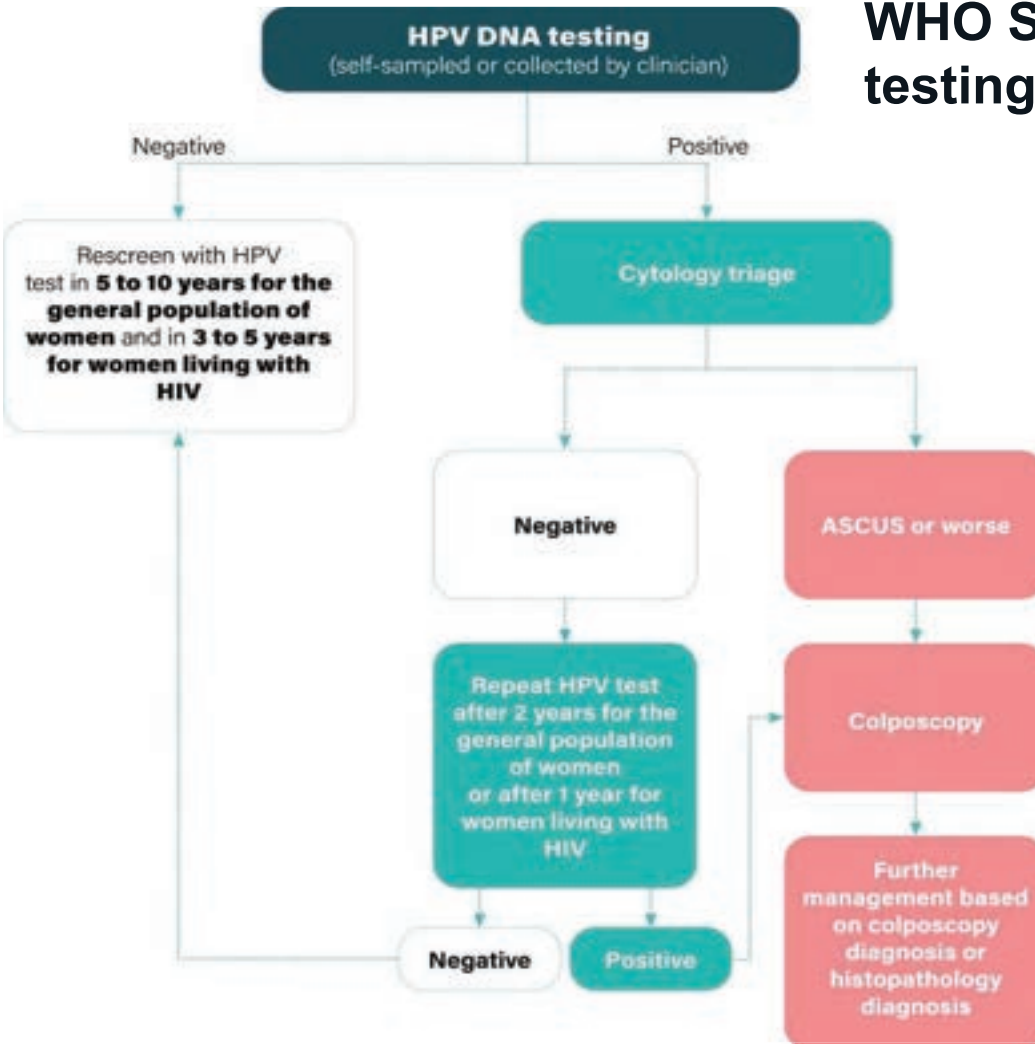
HPV-based screening with self-sampling for ALL women

HPV-based screening with self-sampling for UNDERSCREENED women

Planned HPV-based screening

* Pilot self-sampling study

WHO Suggested algorithms for Primary HPV testing (self or clinician collected)



Checklist for implementing HPV self-collection



Design workflow for the healthcare setting (office, mobile unit, express care clinic)



Patient education materials and instructions



EHR order protocols



Purchase and use FDA approved HPV self-collection swab or brush



Lab receiving and processing workflows (reflex cytology for + tests?)



Result communication and institution of algorithm for follow up and management of positive tests



Tracking system or management team



Insurance issues?
Reimbursement?



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WH Cancer Screening

- [Paps and Colposcopy Notification and Tracking](#)
- [Breast Cancer Screening, Notification, and Tracking](#)

Policies Key Points:

- **Notification:** Normal results are shared via text or letter; abnormal results are communicated by phone with a management plan per guidelines
- **Follow-Up:** Unreachable patients receive multiple contact attempts, including certified letters and chart alerts.
- **Tracking:** Abnormal results and follow-ups are logged in a tracking tool and reviewed daily.
- **Colposcopy:** Appointments are scheduled, reminders sent, and missed appointments trigger additional outreach.

WH Cancer Navigation Team:

- 2 full time WH LVNs
- Comprehensive surveillance and follow-up
- Blend of automation and direct support, education, and outreach
- Addressing barriers to care compliance (e.g., transportation, language, fear)
- Providing a support system for patients at risk of falling out of care
- Closing gaps in the risk mitigation process.



THANK YOU!

CLOSING REMARKS

and next steps!

● CERVICAL CANCER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT LEARNING COLLABORATIVE

- This **collaborative meets quarterly** to discuss action steps and best practices for eliminating the cervical cancer in our San Diego community

● EVALUATION

- Your feedback matters. Please take a moment to complete the survey!

● CANCER EDUCATION 101

- Be sure to reach out to COE at mcccoe@health.ucsd.edu for any presentation or educational needs!

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THANK YOU!

Summit slides, recording and resources coming soon!



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