

# Basisprincipes radiotherapy

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# Basisprincipes

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- Technologie- of biologievoordracht?
- Technologievoordracht omdat
  - Basisprincipes blijven overeind
  - Technologie is basis van meeste vooruitgang
- Biologievoordracht omdat
  - Nieuwe inzichten in kankerbiologie openen mogelijkheden voor radiotherapie
  - De oude basisprincipes zijn ontoereikend

# Ioniserende straling in behandeling van kanker: basisprincipe

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- Straling op gezonde en kankercellen
- Gezonde cellen herstellen schade beter dan kankercellen
- Repetitief stralen – fractionatie
- Resistent -> meer fracties -> meer dosis
- Defecte DNA-repair mechanismen
  - Oorzaak van kanker
  - Kwetsbaarheid van kanker voor straling

# België

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- Kanker nieuwdiagnoses: ~67,000/jaar
- Radiotherapie
  - Bij initiële diagnose: 37-40%
  - Tijdens ziekteverloop: >50%
  - Bijna uitsluitend kankertherapie
  - Tertiaire verwijzing via MOC
- 25 centra, 12 satellieten
- 25,000 volwassenen/j; 100 kinderen/j

# Basisprincipe kan niet verklaren

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- Curatie van resistente tumoren met 1 fractie
- Inefficiëntie van langdurige bestralingen
- Curatie na partiële bestralingen (bystander)
- Effecten op niet-bestraalde tumoren (abscopal)
- Effecten van bestraling gezond weefsel op tumoren

# Cellen -> ecosystemen -> organisme

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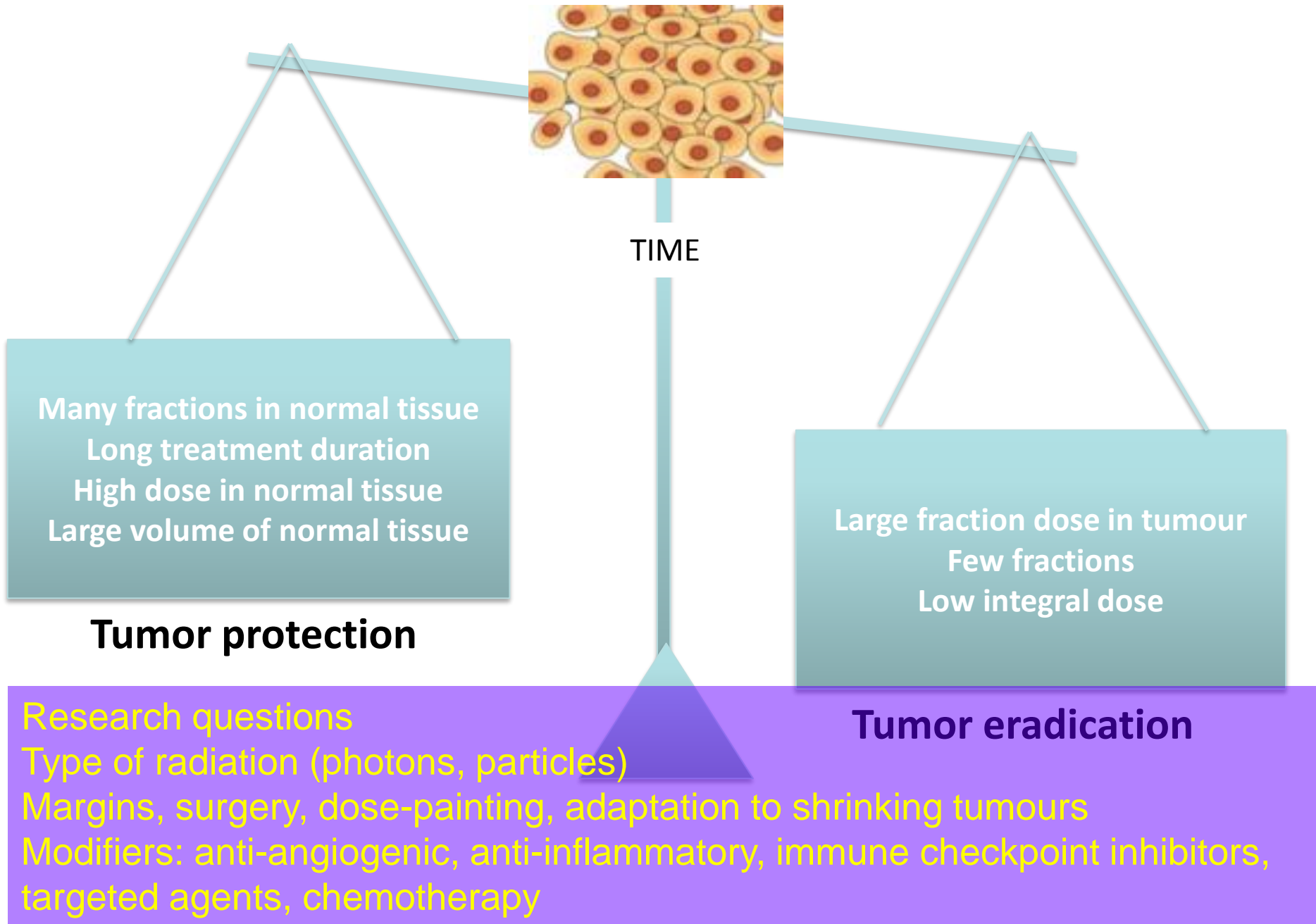
- Radiotherapie heeft zowel anti-kanker als kanker-beschermende effecten via
  - Ecosysteem
  - Het organisme
- Meest aandacht: vasculatuur en immuunsysteem
- Deze inzichten stellen de klassieke fractionatie en grote volume radiotherapie in vraag

# Radiotherapie zelf-modulatie

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- Pro-survival van kanker
  - Vele repetities
  - Kleine fractiedosissen
  - Langdurige behandelingen
- Anti-survival van kanker
  - Weinig fracties
  - Fractiedosis 5-15 Gy
  - Kleine volumes gezonde weefsels

# Radiotherapy modulation of IMMUNOGENIC cell death





# Gelukkig toeval in de technologische evolutie

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- Nieuwe technologie maakt radiotherapie geschikt voor +modulatie
- Verkleining bestraalde regio's
- Hypofractionatie (kort intense radiotherapie)
- Hoge precisie
- Combinatietherapie
  - Chirurgie
  - Systemische therapie

# Illustratie van technologische evolutie

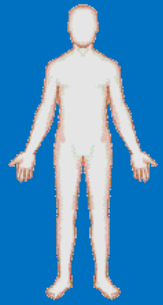
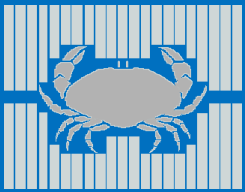
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- MOC -> radiotherapie
- Secretariaat, administratie
- Poliklinisch contact met team
  - Indicatiestelling
  - Informatie, akkoord, afspraken
- Voorbereiding
  - CT-simulatie
  - Planning
- Behandelingsuitvoering
- Opvolging

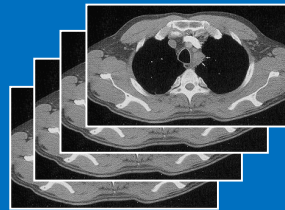
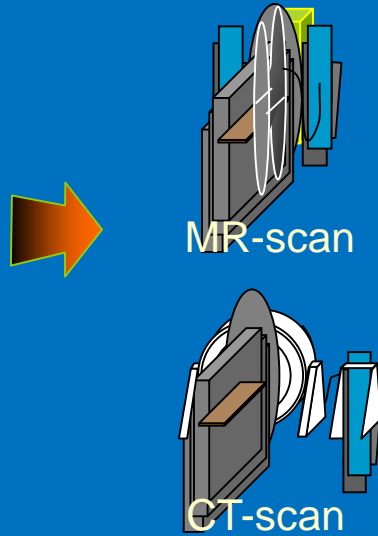
# Radiotherapie CT-simulatie = 3(+)-D-beeldacquisitie



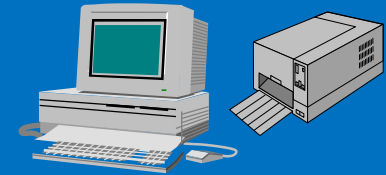
# Radiotherapie planning = in-silico simulatie



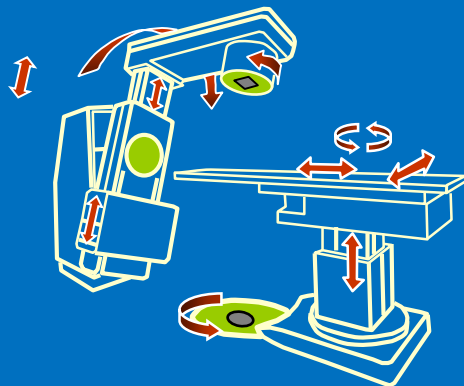
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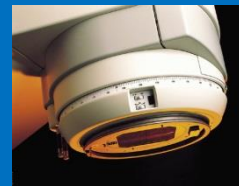
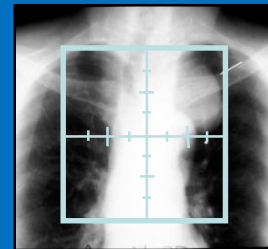
Beeldenset



Computer-planning



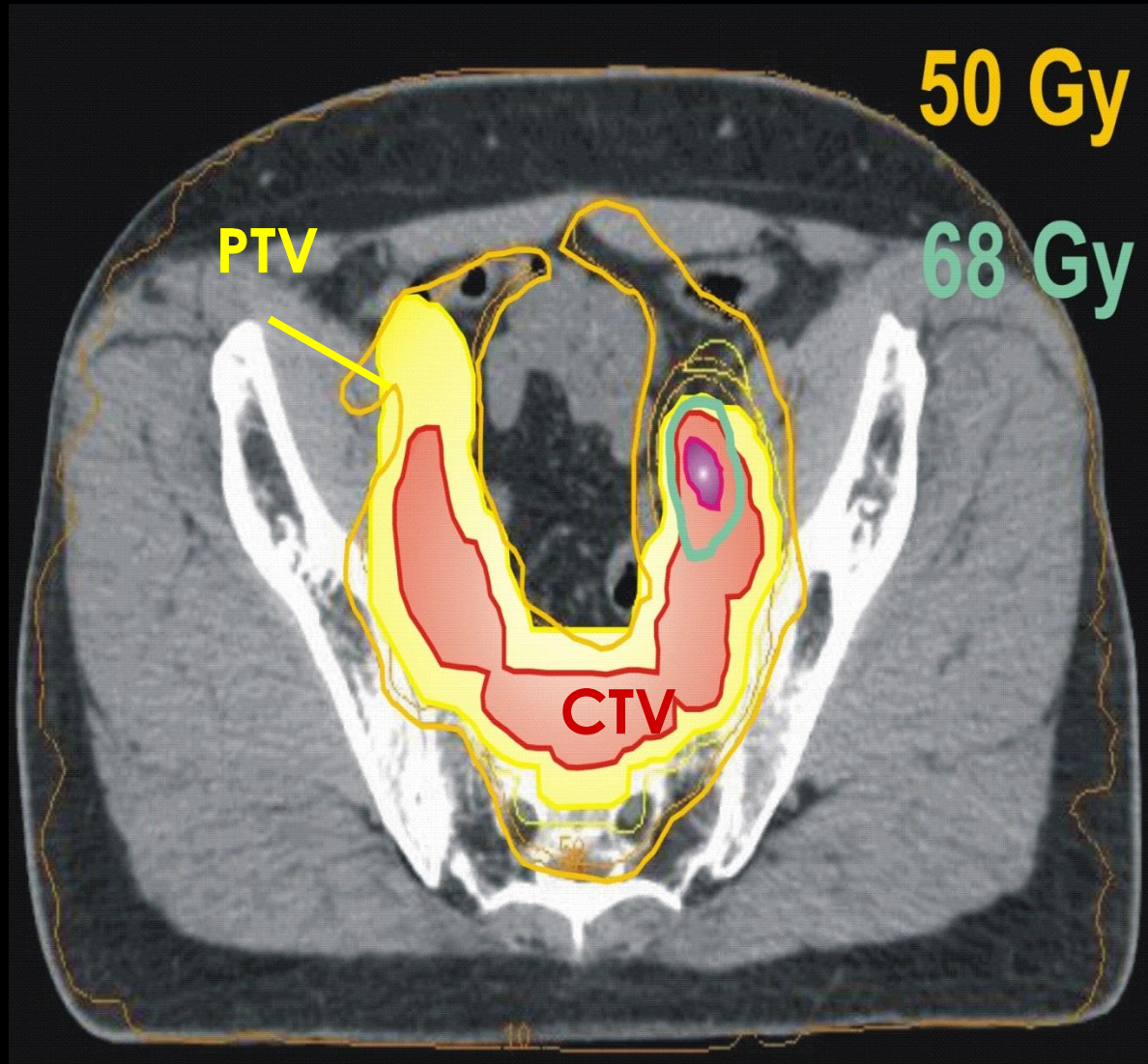
Simulator (verleden)



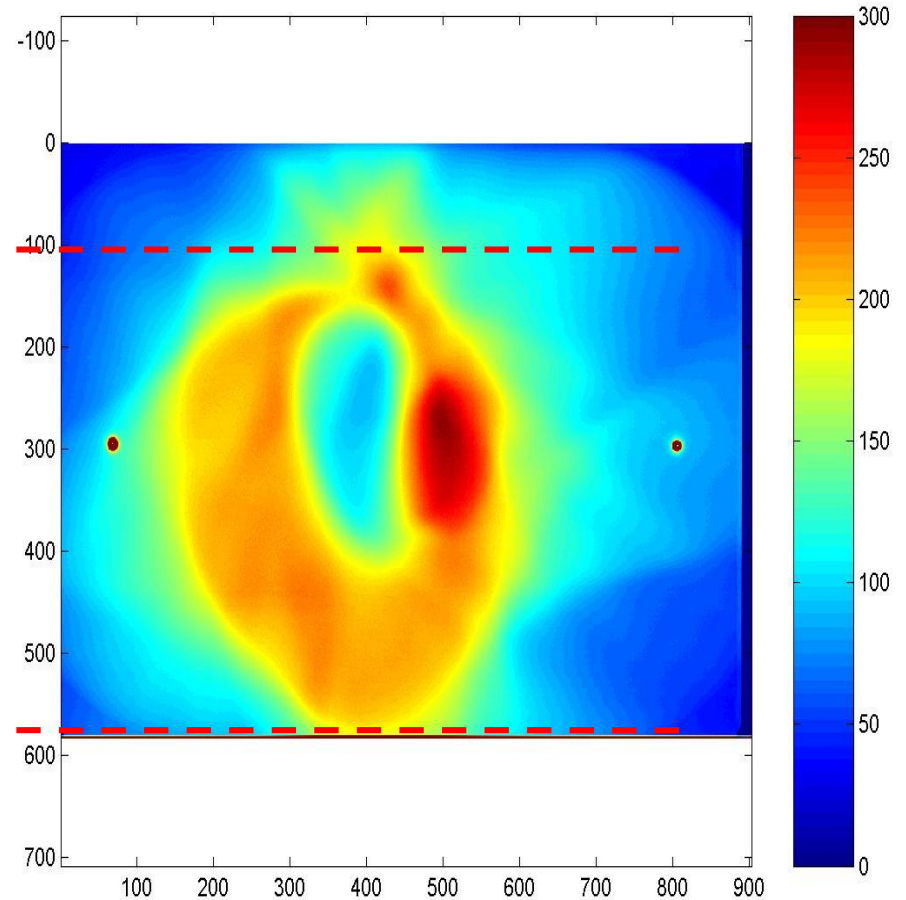
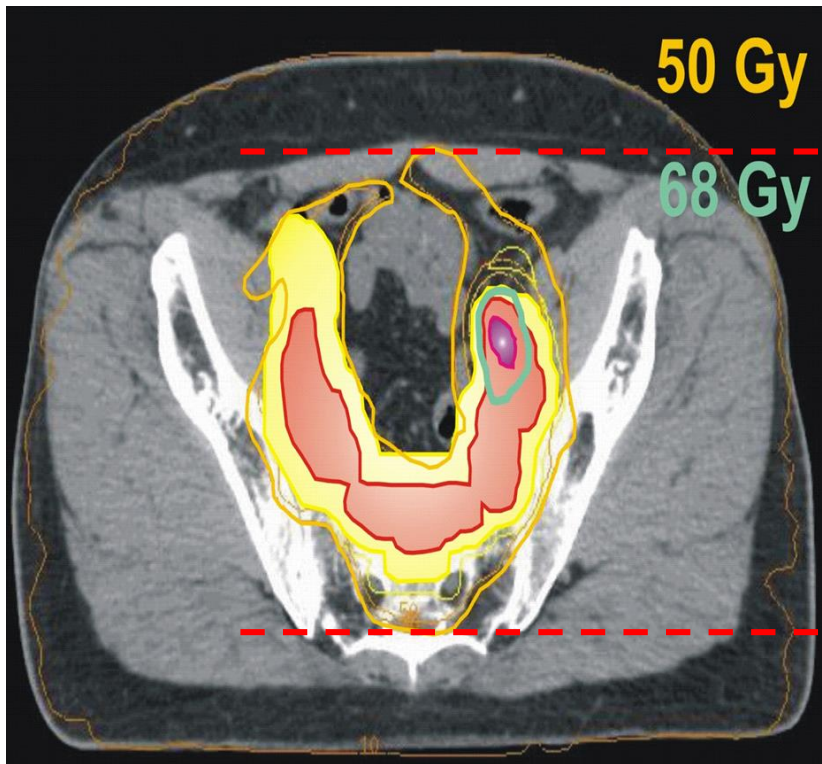
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**Transverse dose distribution through presacral and internal iliac nodes**



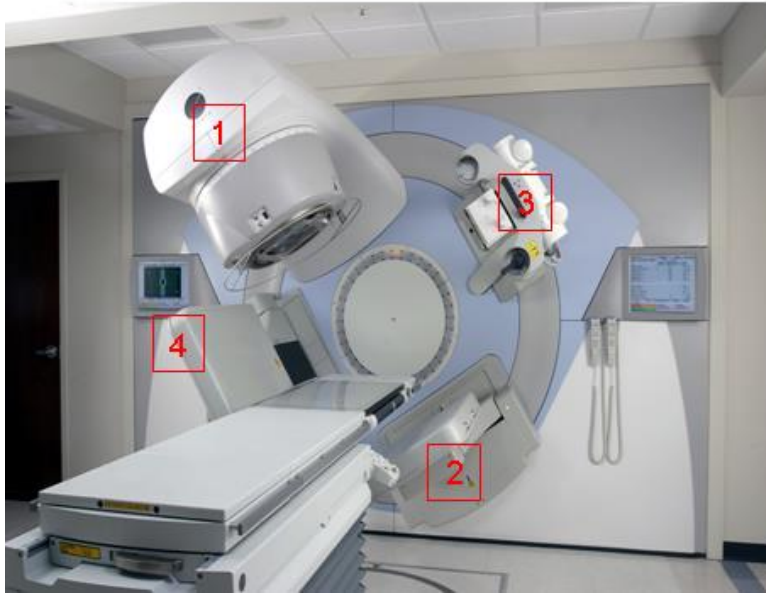
# From virtual to real world: QA Transverse dose film dosimetry



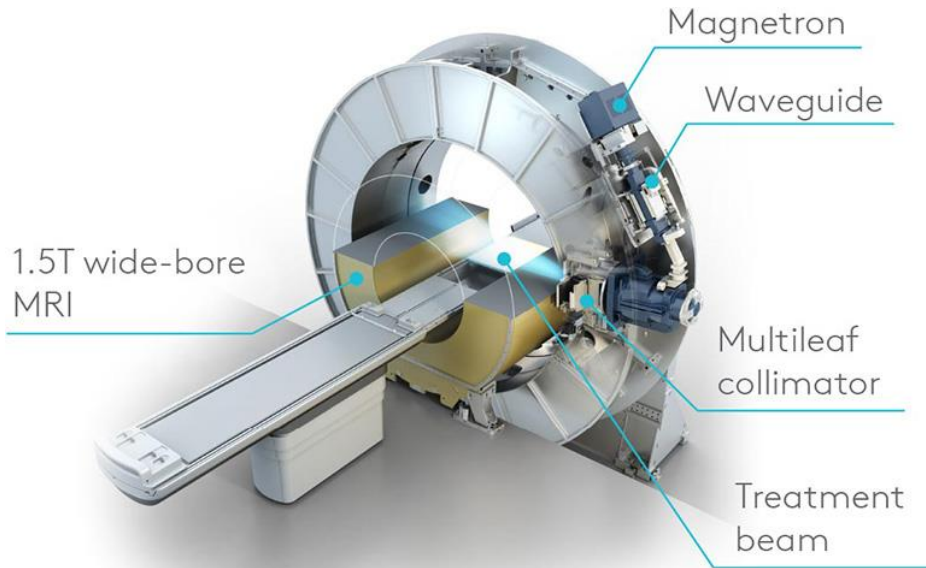


# Bestralingsmachines hebben 3(+)-D-imaging aan boord

A: Elekta Synergy



B: Tomotherapy Hi-ART

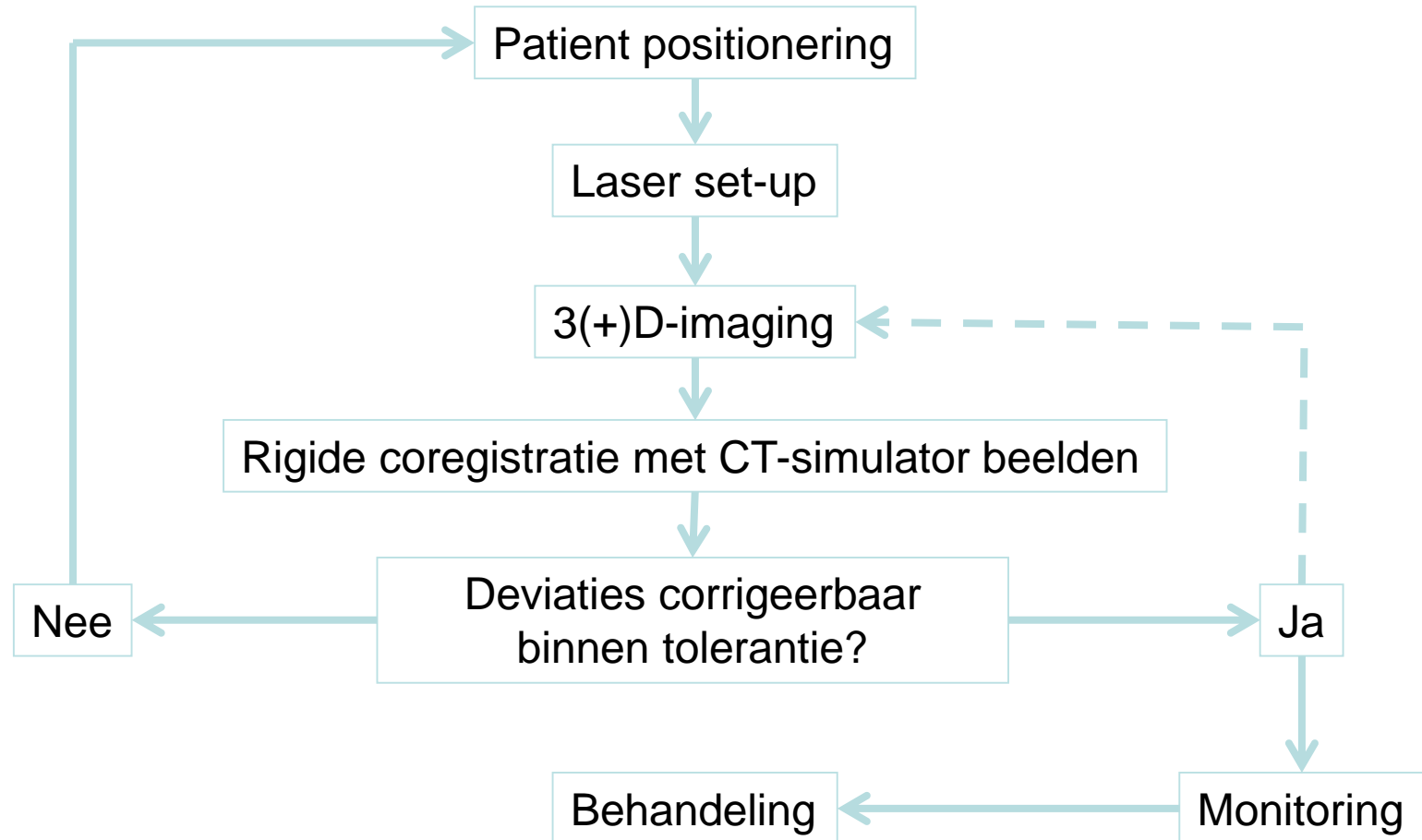


C: Elekta Unity



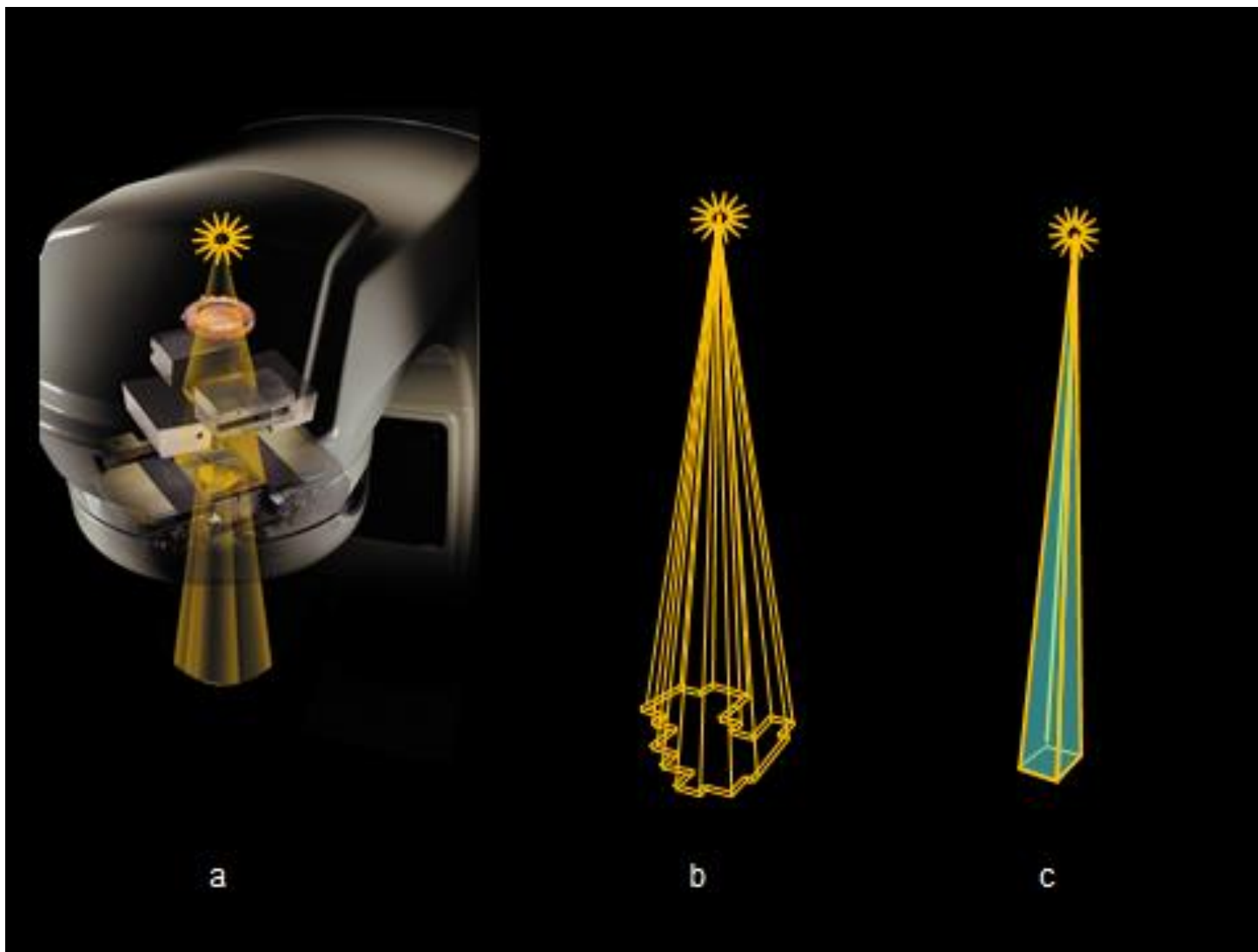
D. IBA Proteus One: UZ-Leuven

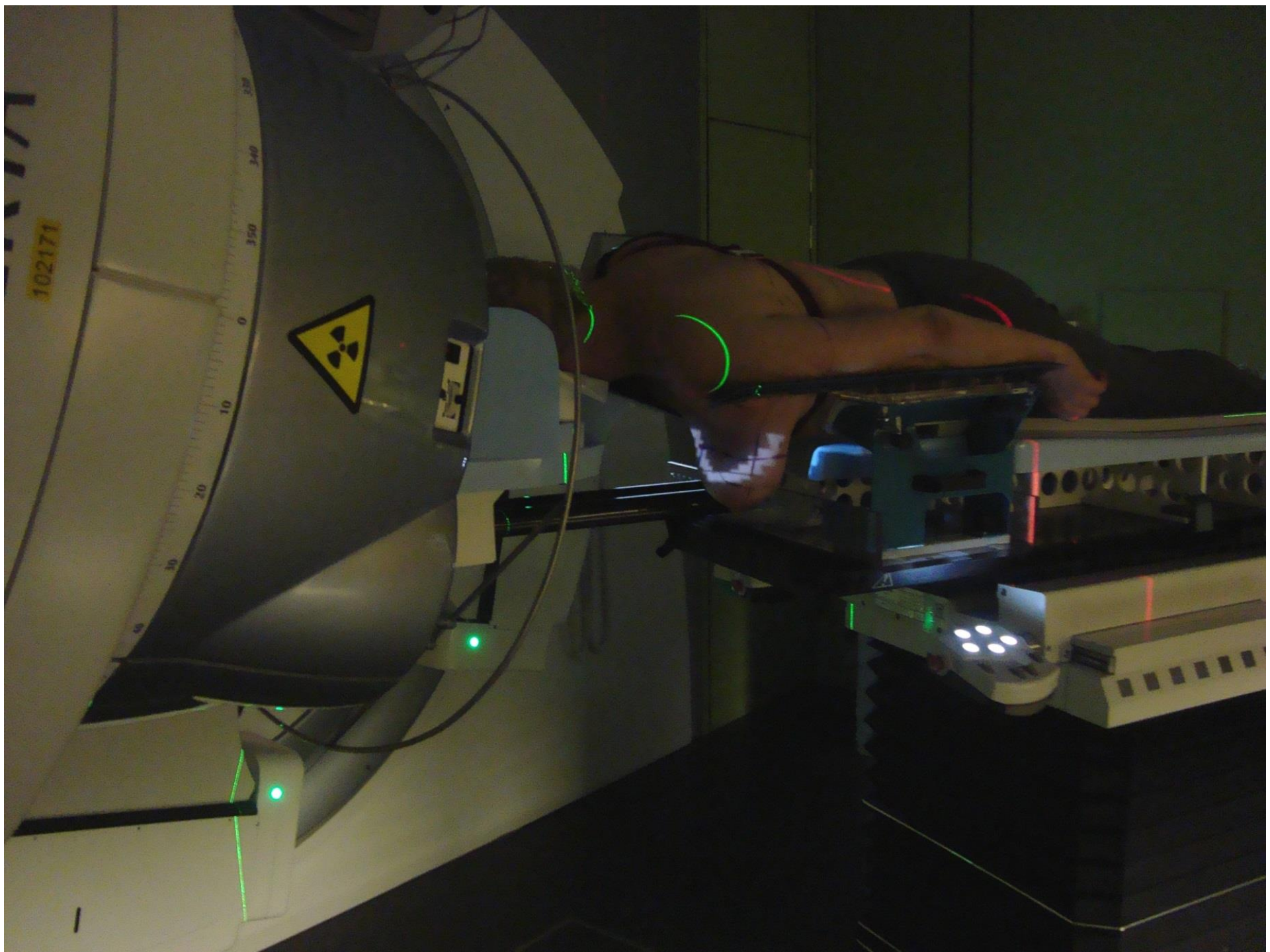
# Behandelingsprocedure

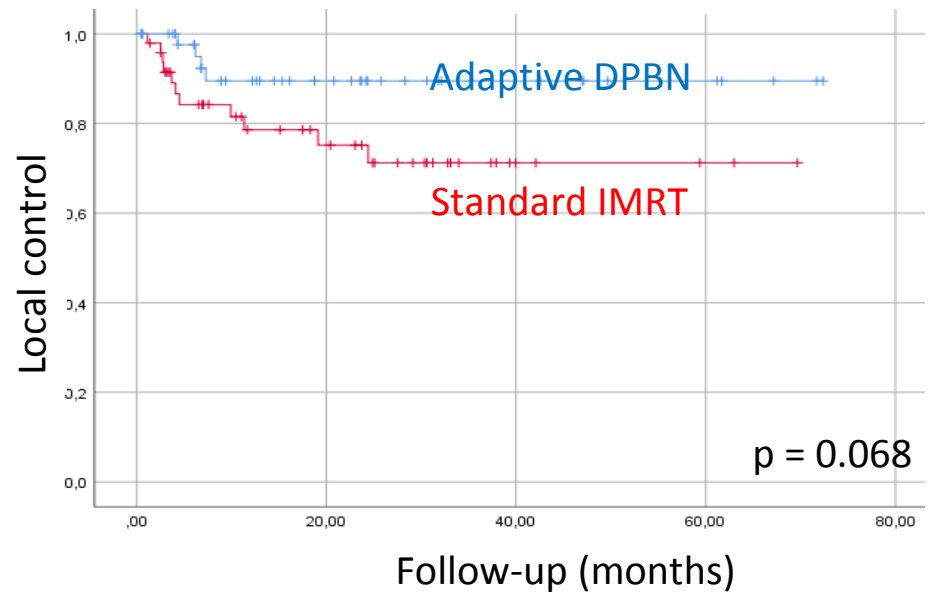
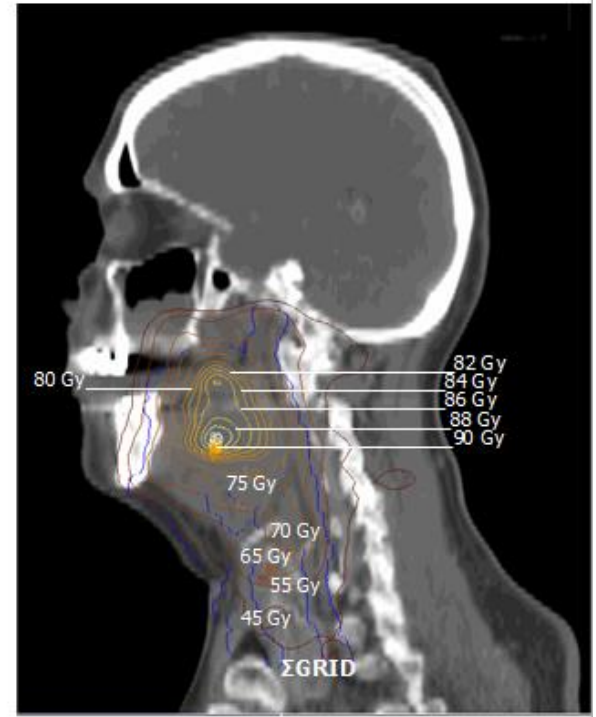
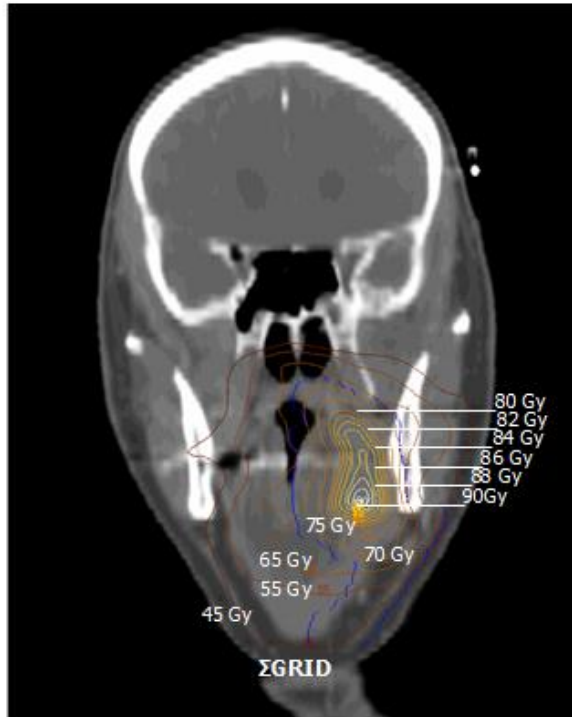
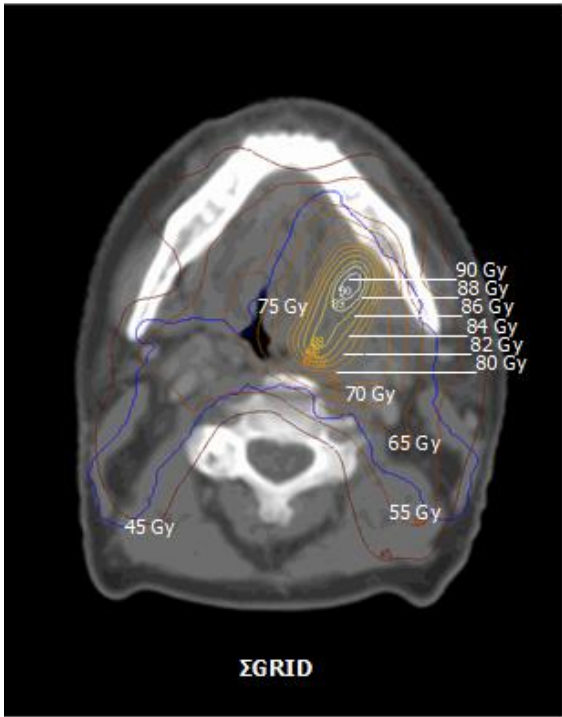




# Dose-painting = 3D-printing van dosis









# Technological progress since 1970s

Cerrobend blocks

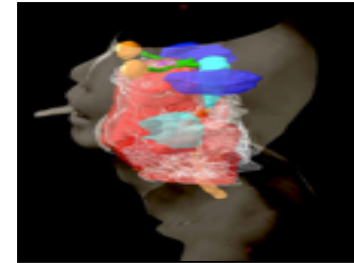
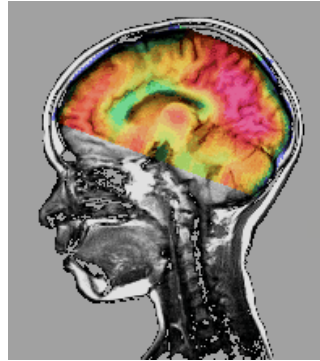
Image Fusion

Multileaf collimator

IMXT dose-painting

MRI-linac

First Linac



1960

1970

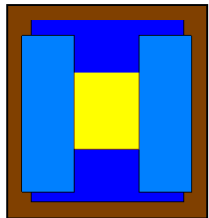
1980

1990

2000

2010

2015



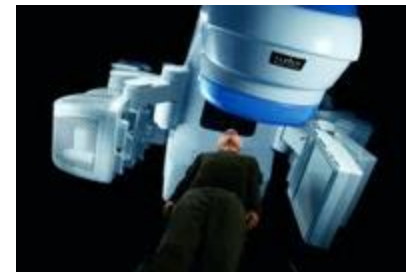
Standard collimator



Shaped electron fields



Computerized 3D CT treatment planning



High resolution IGRT/gating



Robotic XT/tracking

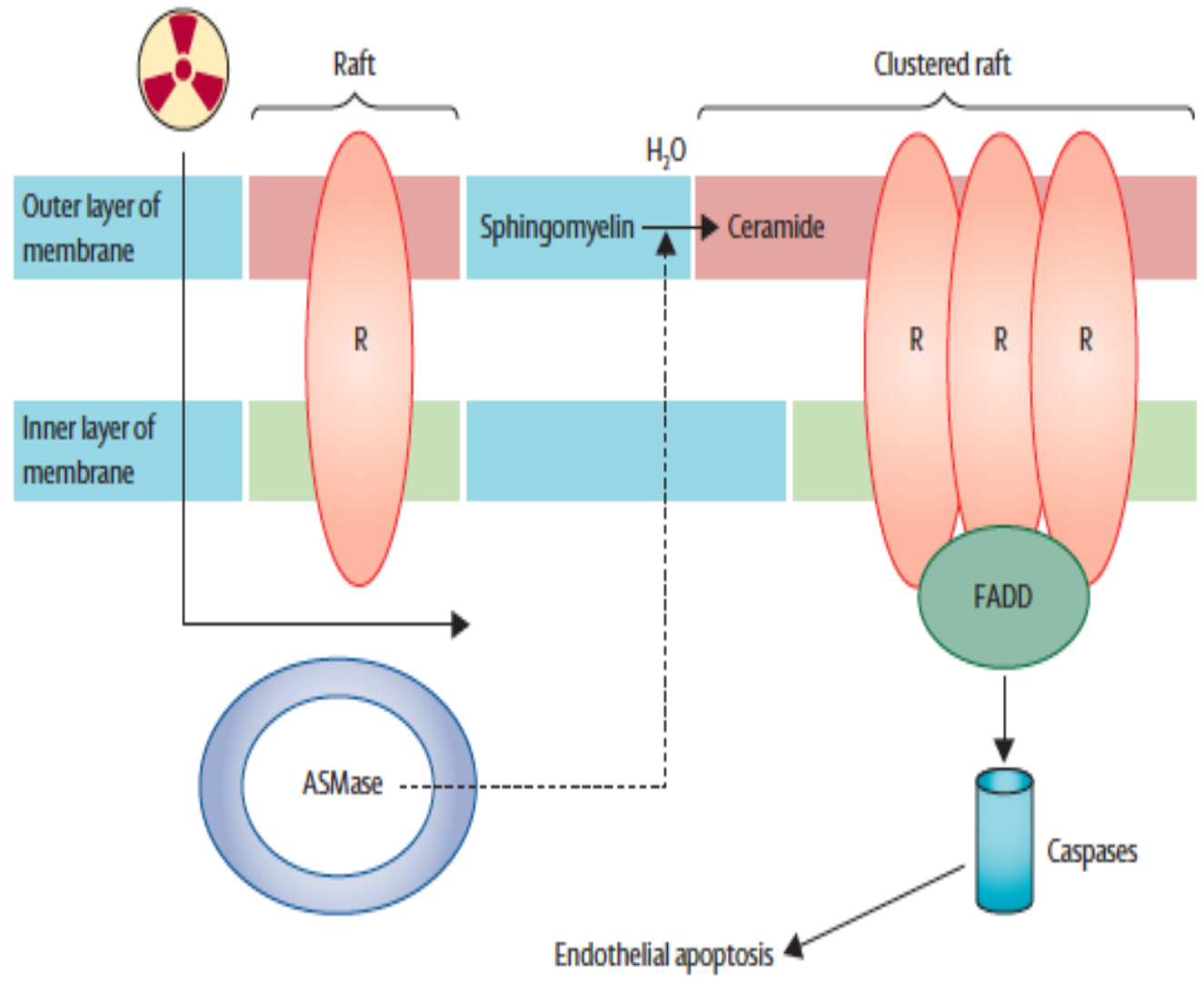
# Conclusies

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- Technologie en Biologie in harmonie
- Top 3 implementies van korte atoxische flexibele efficiënte behandelingen
  - Long, borst, rectum, prostaat?
  - Oligo-metastatische ziekte
  - Radio-immunotherapy
- Relevant eindpunt: toxiciteit-vrije overleving

**Additional slides**

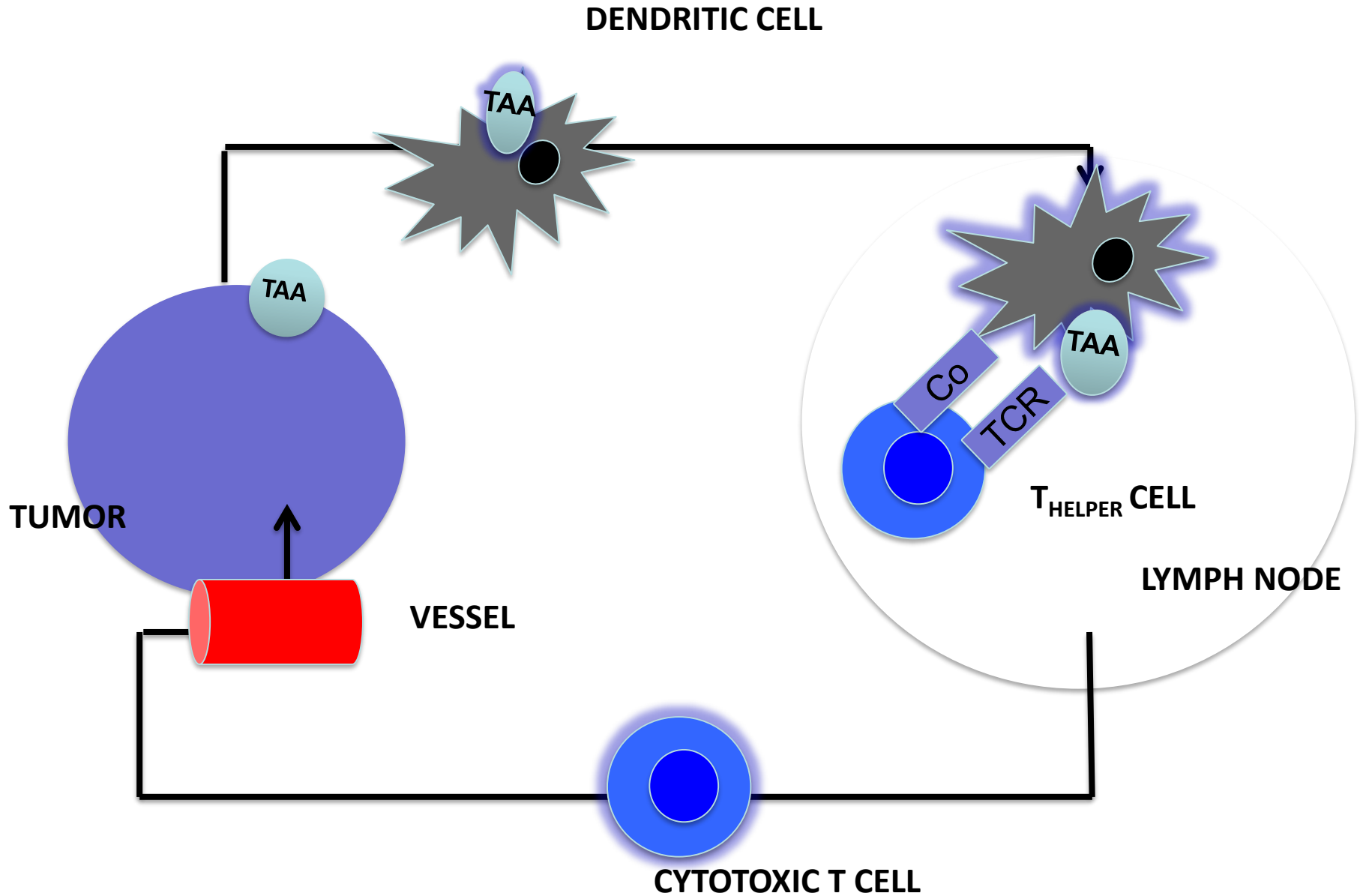
Single-fraction high-dose irradiation



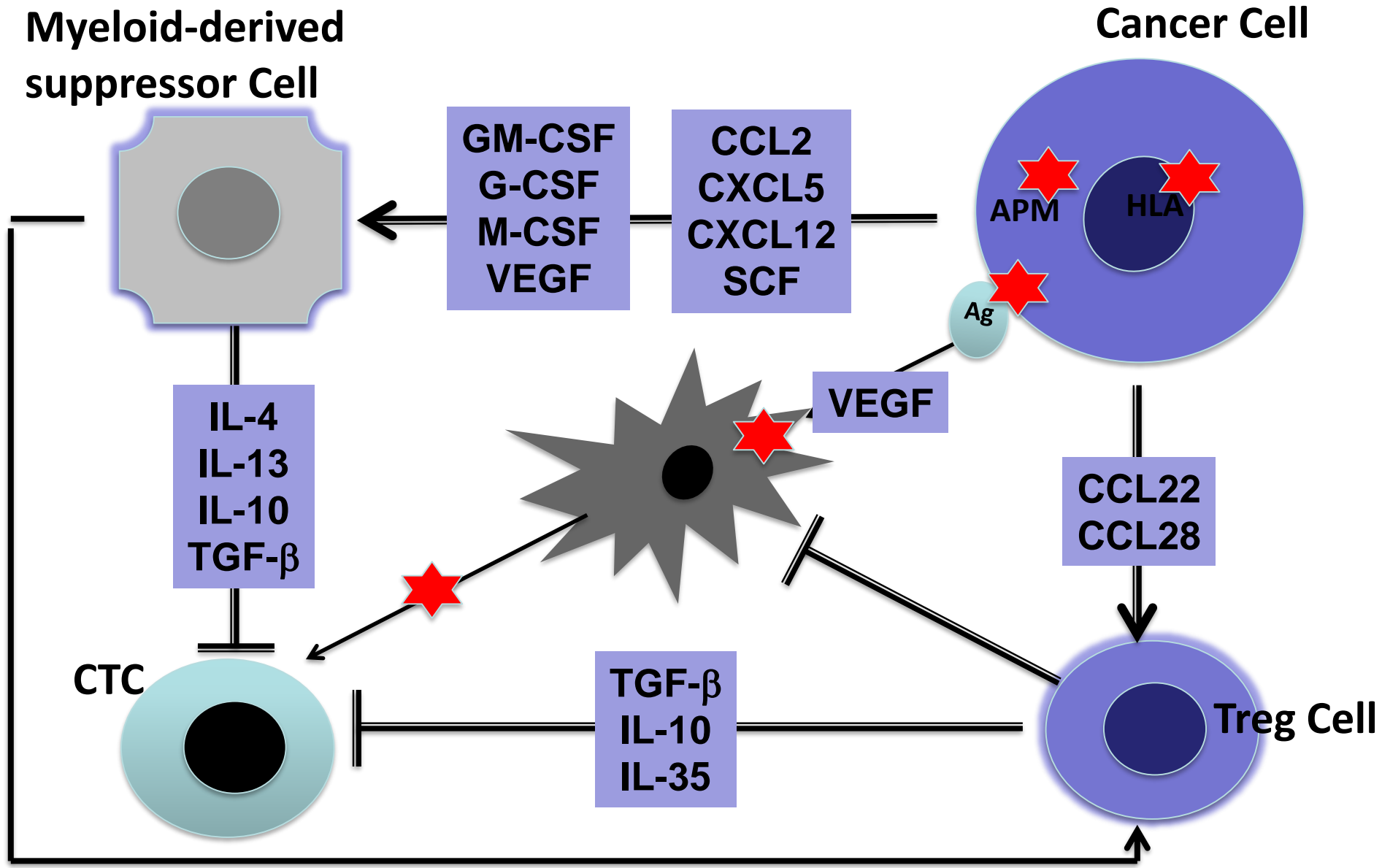
Indirect cancer cell death  
Immunogenic



# MALIGNANT TUMORS ARE IMMUNOGENIC



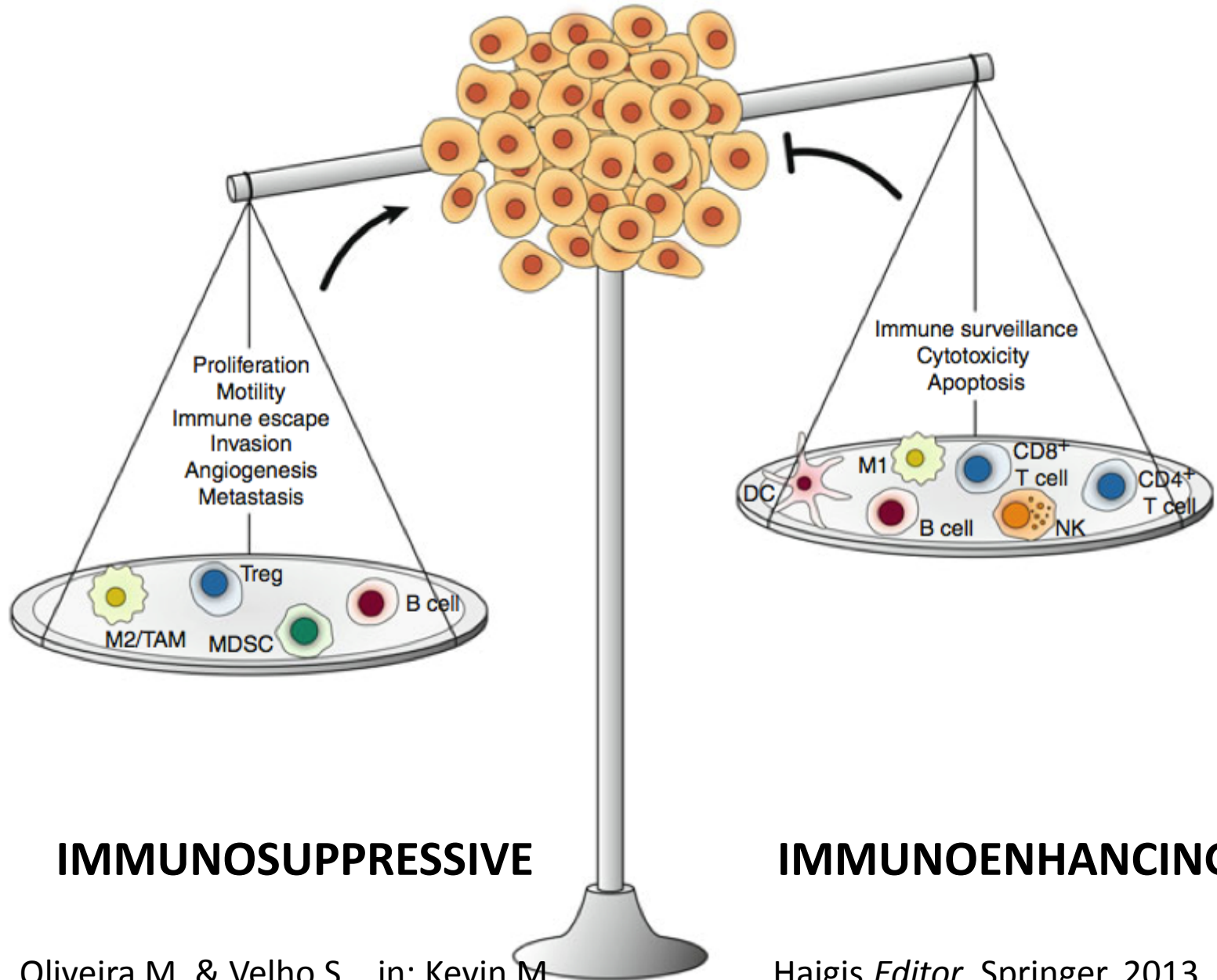
# MALIGNANT TUMORS INHIBIT IMMUNE RESPONSES



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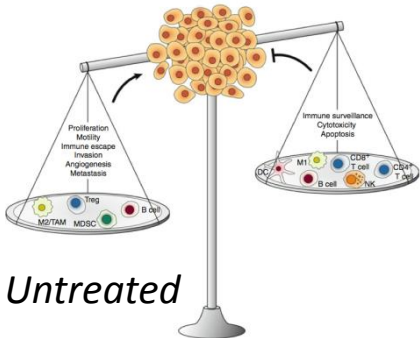
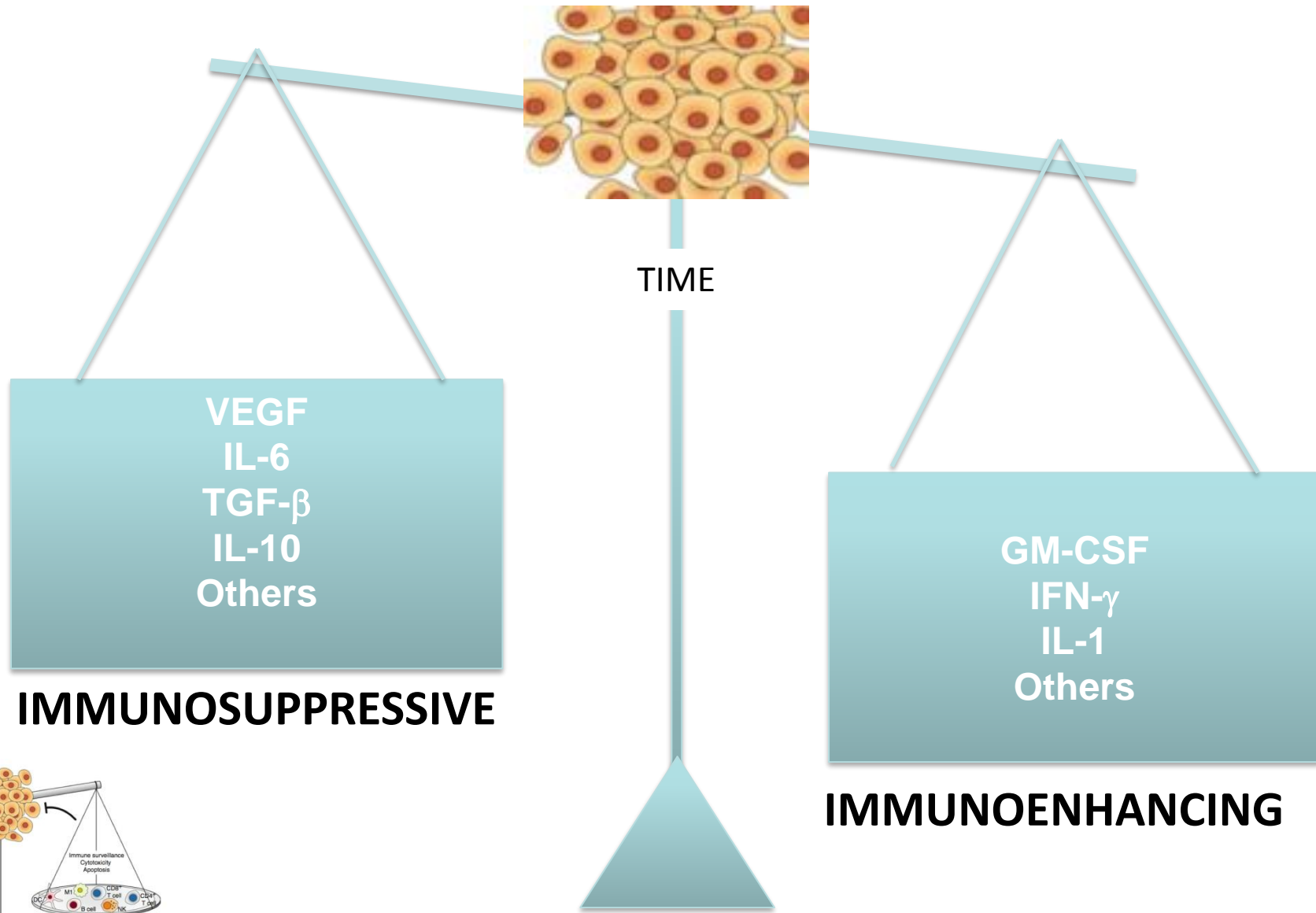
# THE IMMUNE BALANCE IN UNTREATED MALIGNANT TUMORS



Oliveira M. & Velho S., in: Kevin M.

Haigis *Editor* Springer, 2013  
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# IONIZING RADIATION REVERSES THE IMMUNOSUPPRESSION

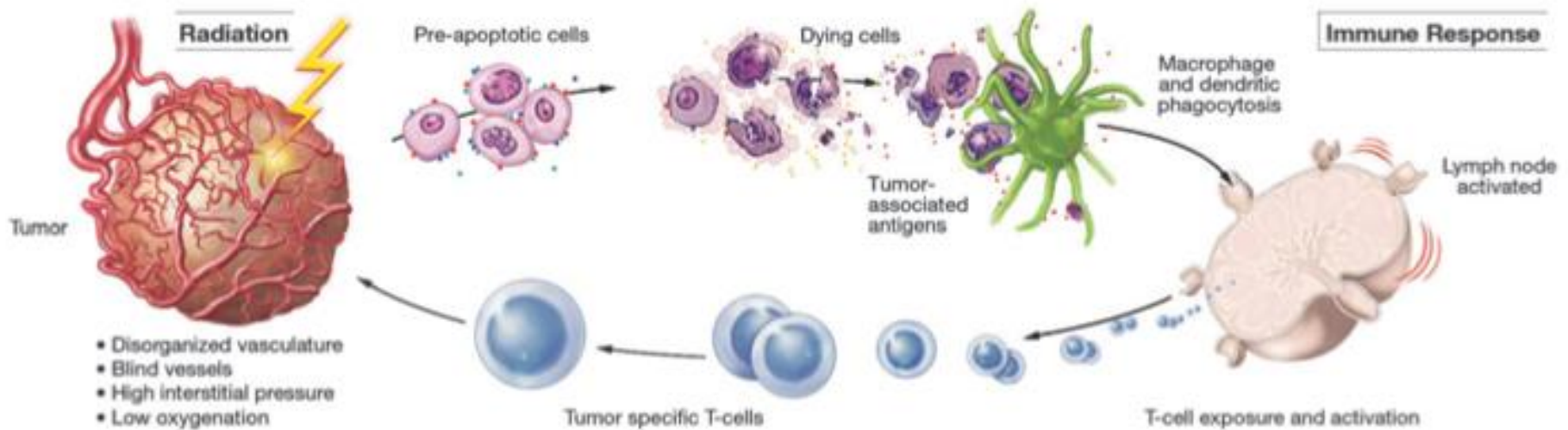


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# IRRADIATED TUMORS ELICIT CANCER-SPECIFIC IMMUNE RESPONSES



Kamrava M., Mol. Biosyst. 5: 1262, 2009

## **RADIATION-INDUCED IMMUNOGENIC CANCER CELL DEATH**

*-Strongest induction at large dose/fraction*

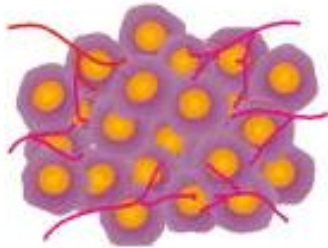
*-A few fractions may be more efficient than single fraction*

*Demaria & Formenti. Frontiers in Oncology, Oct. 2012*

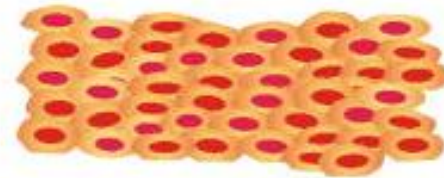
Radiation



Tumor tissue



Normal tissue



**Pro-inflammatory cytokines**

Acute reaction (IL-1 $\beta$ , TNF- $\alpha$ )

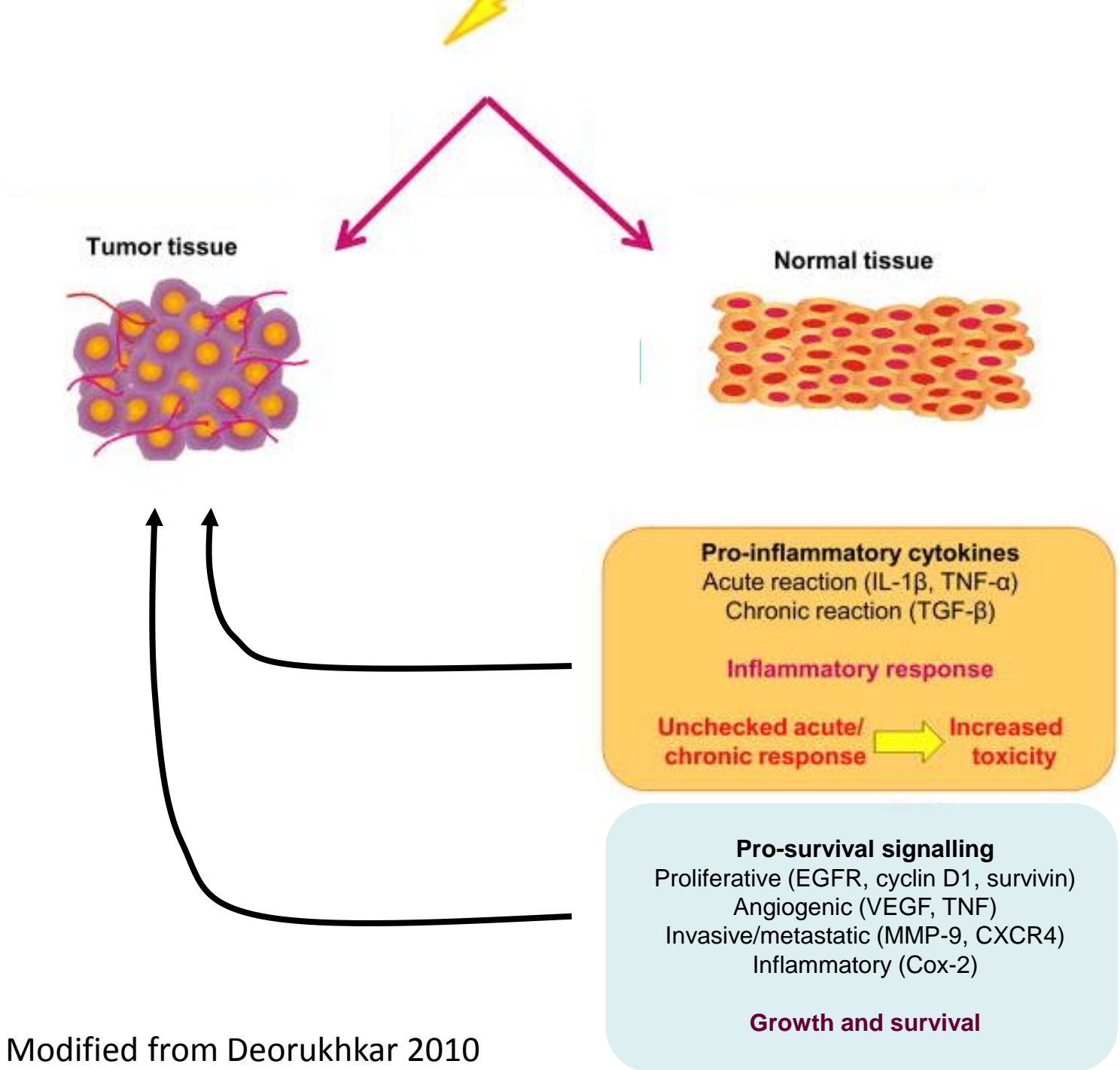
Chronic reaction (TGF- $\beta$ )

**Inflammatory response**

Unchecked acute/  
chronic response

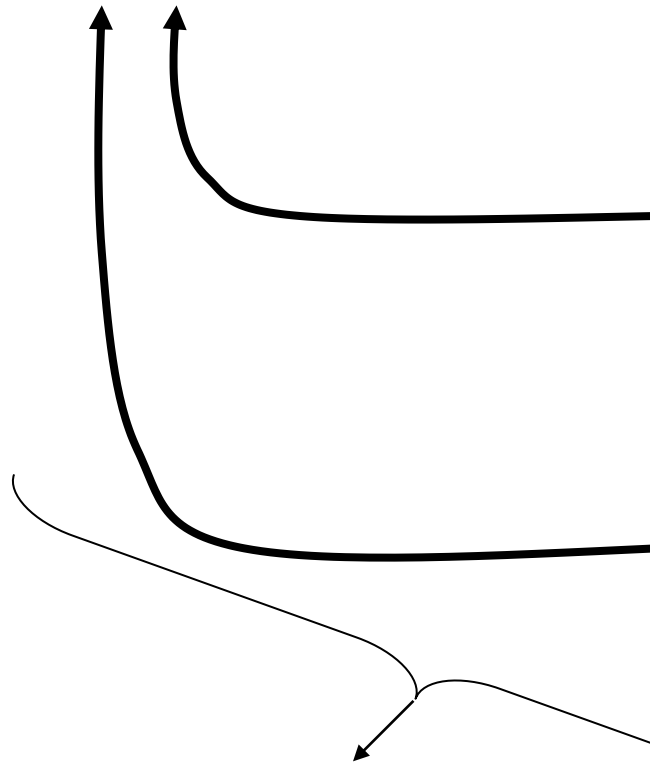
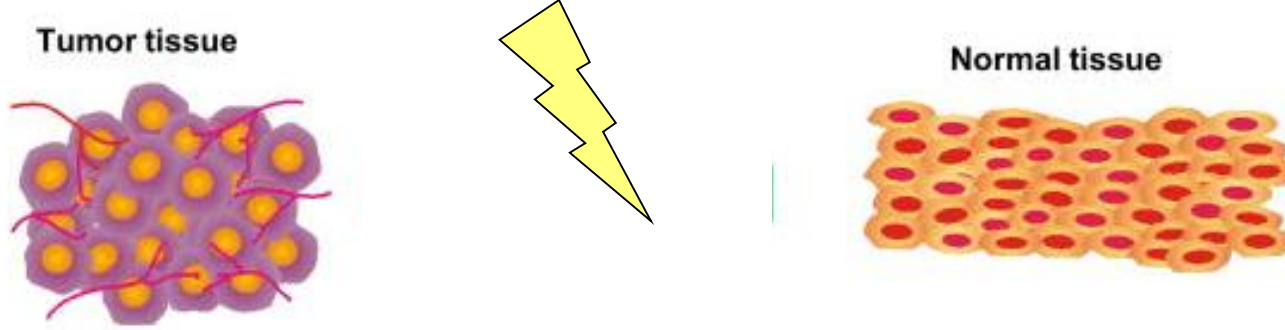


**Increased  
toxicity**



Modified from Deorukhkar 2010





**Pro-inflammatory cytokines**  
 Acute reaction (IL-1 $\beta$ , TNF- $\alpha$ )  
 Chronic reaction (TGF- $\beta$ )

**Inflammatory response**

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 chronic response  $\rightarrow$  Increased  
 toxicity

**Pro-survival signalling**  
 Proliferative (EGFR, cyclin D1, survivin)  
 Angiogenic (VEGF, TNF)  
 Invasive/metastatic (MMP-9, CXCR4)  
 Inflammatory (Cox-2)

**Growth and survival**

Increases with dose and volume

Fractionation triggers waves of signalling

Time on radiation treatment: decreases factors of immunogenic cell death  
 increases pro-survival factors



# Journal of Clinical Oncology, 2013 ASCO Annual Meeting Abstracts.

Vol 31, No 15\_suppl (May 20 Supplement), 2013: RTOG 0617

Bradley et al.

**Background:** The first objective of RTOG 0617 was to compare the overall survival(OS) of patients(pts) treated with standard-dose(SD)(60Gy) versus high-dose(HD)(74Gy) radiotherapy with concurrent chemotherapy(CT).

**Methods:** This Phase III Intergroup trial randomized 464 pts with Stage III NSCLC to the SD(60Gy) vs. HD(74Gy) arms prior to closure of the HD arm. Concurrent CT included weekly paclitaxel(45 mg/m<sup>2</sup>) and carboplatin(AUC=2). Pts randomized to cetuximab received a 400 mg/m<sup>2</sup> loading dose on Day 1 followed by weekly doses of 250 mg/m<sup>2</sup>. All pts were to receive consolidation CT. We are reporting the final results on radiation dose.

**Results:** 464 pts were accrued prior to closure of the HD arm in 6/11, of which 419 were eligible for analysis. Median follow up was 17.2 months. There were 2 and 10 grade 5 treatment-related adverse events(AEs) on the SD and HD arms, respectively. Grade 3+AEs were 74.2% and 78.2% on SD and HD arms, respectively (p=0.34). The median survival times and 18-month OS rates for the SD and HD arms were 28.7 vs 19.5 months, and 66.9% vs 53.9% respectively (p=0.0007). The primary cause of death was lung cancer (72.2% vs 73.5%)(p=0.84). Local failure rates at 18 months were 25.1% vs 34.3% for SD and HD patients, respectively(p=0.03). Local-regional and distant failures at 18 months were 35.3% vs 44%(p=0.04) and 42.4% vs 47.8%(p=0.16) for SD and HD arms, respectively. Factors predictive of less favorable OS on multivariate analysis were higher radiation dose, higher esophagitis/dysphagia grade, greater gross tumor volume, and heart volume >5 Gy.

**Conclusions:** In this setting of chemoradiation for locally-advanced Stage III NSCLC, 60 Gy is superior to 74 Gy in terms of OS and local-regional control. The effect of the anti-EGFR antibody (cetuximab) awaits further follow up. This project was supported by RTOG grant U10 CA21661, CCOP grant U10 CA37422, and ATC U24 CA 81647 from the National

# Conclusions

- Dose painting
  - IMXT vs. IMPT
    - Equal in tumor
    - OARs
      - Sparing IMPT > IMXT
      - Difference increases with distance from PTV
    - Integral dose: over 3-fold lower for IMPT in H&N cancer
- Indirect cancer cell death
  - Particle therapy >> photon therapy
    - Healthy tissue dose
  - NIRS protocols tuned for vasculogenic and immunogenic cell death
    - High fraction size
    - Few fractions (few waves of pro-survival triggers)
    - Short (favourable) overall time
    - Combination with modulating substances
  - Proton protocols not so well tuned
    - Normofractionation
    - Large margins
  - Role of dose-painting and adaptive measures