

# Deep Inspiration Breath Hold for breast cancer patients

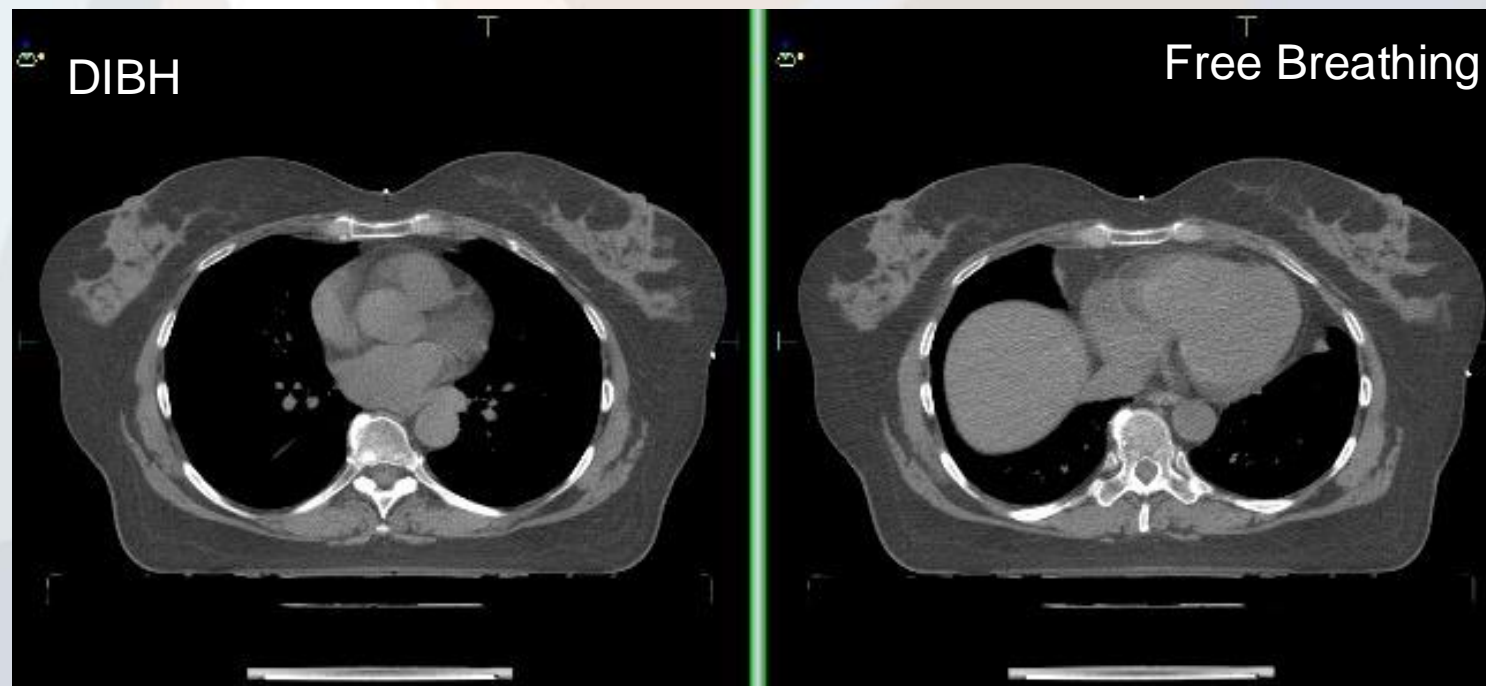
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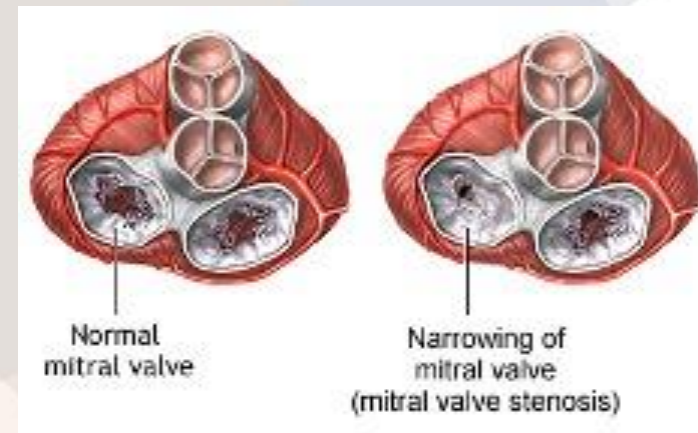
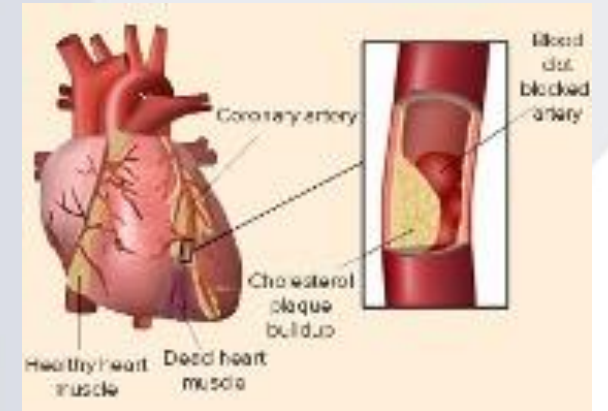
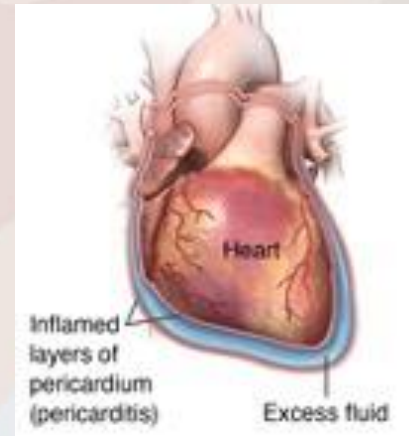
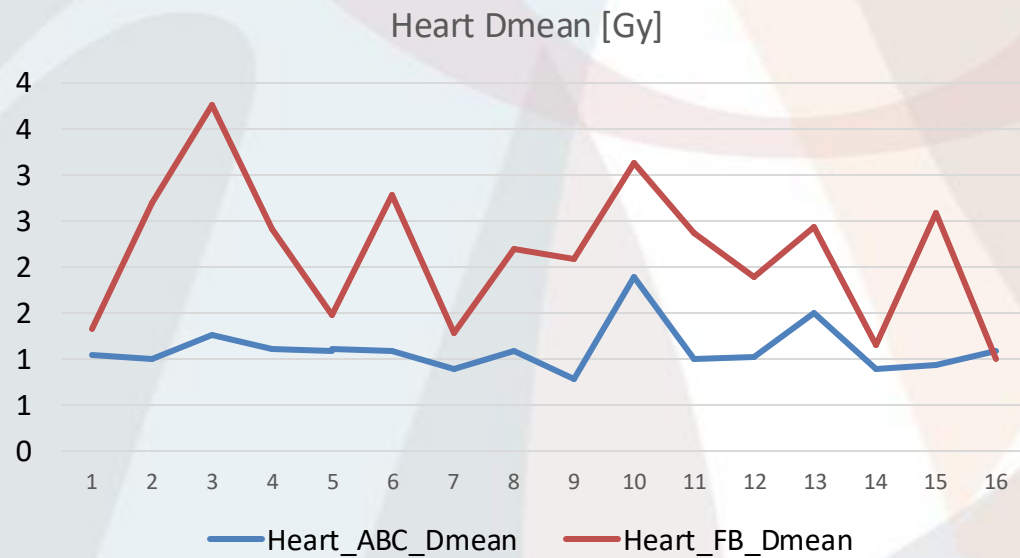


# Deep Inspiration Breath Hold - DIBH

- Flattens diaphragm
- Expands lungs
- Heart shift
- Increases target to OAR distance.



# DIBH - why

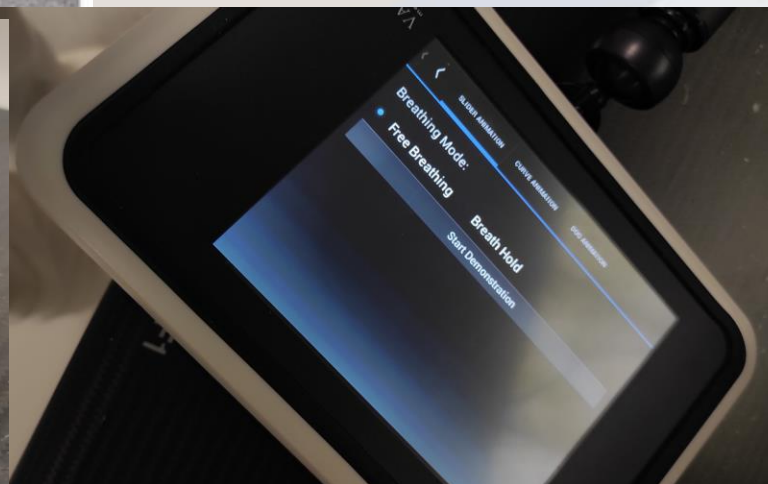
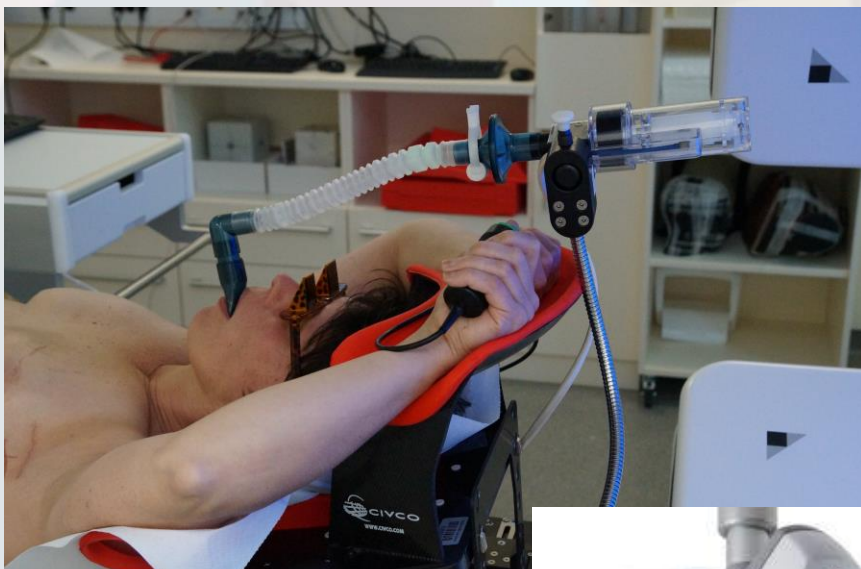


	Breath-hold with ABC, mean ± SD	Free-breathing, mean ± SD	p-value
<b>HEART</b>			
Dmean, Gy	1.1 ± 0.26	2.16 ± 0.77	0.00001
V40, %	0.00 ± 0.01	0.65 ± 0.77	0.004
V20, %	0.04 ± 0.09	1.69 ± 1.46	0.0004
V10, %	0.15 ± 0.27	2.70 ± 2.02	0.0001
Volume, mL	547.99 ± 104.25	640.92 ± 102.81	0.0008
<b>LADCA</b>			
Dmean, Gy	3.15 ± 1.47	11.23 ± 7.70	0.0008
Dmax, Gy	8.86 ± 7.78	32.08 ± 16.56	0.0001
V20, %	0.69 ± 2.02	19.57 ± 20.53	0.002
<b>LEFT LUNG</b>			
Dmean, Gy	6.64 ± 1.17	8.93 ± 2.36	0.0002
V30, %	9.28 ± 2.00	13.96 ± 5.05	0.001
V20, %	11.92 ± 2.24	16.84 ± 5.56	0.002
V5, %	26.57 ± 4.94	33.15 ± 10.09	0.001
Volume, mL	2742.52 ± 329.42	1471.72 ± 296.02	<0.00001
<b>RIGHT LUNG</b>			
Dmean, Gy	0.44 ± 0.08	0.47 ± 0.10	0.007
<b>RIGHT BREAST</b>			
Dmean, Gy	0.74 ± 0.46	0.78 ± 0.69	0.55
Dmax, Gy	7.57 ± 11.79	6.64 ± 11.74	0.61
<b>PTVeval</b>			
Volume, mL	1026.71 ± 674.59	1011.17 ± 639.29	0.43
Coverage, %	95.67 ± 1.69	96.66 ± 1.76	0.20





# DIBH - how



# SGRT



VRT <sub>cm</sub>	-0.01		
LNG <sub>cm</sub>	-0.01		
LAT <sub>cm</sub>	-0.03		
MAG <sub>cm</sub>	0.03		
YAW°	0.4		
ROLL°	-0.4		
PITCH°	1.1		

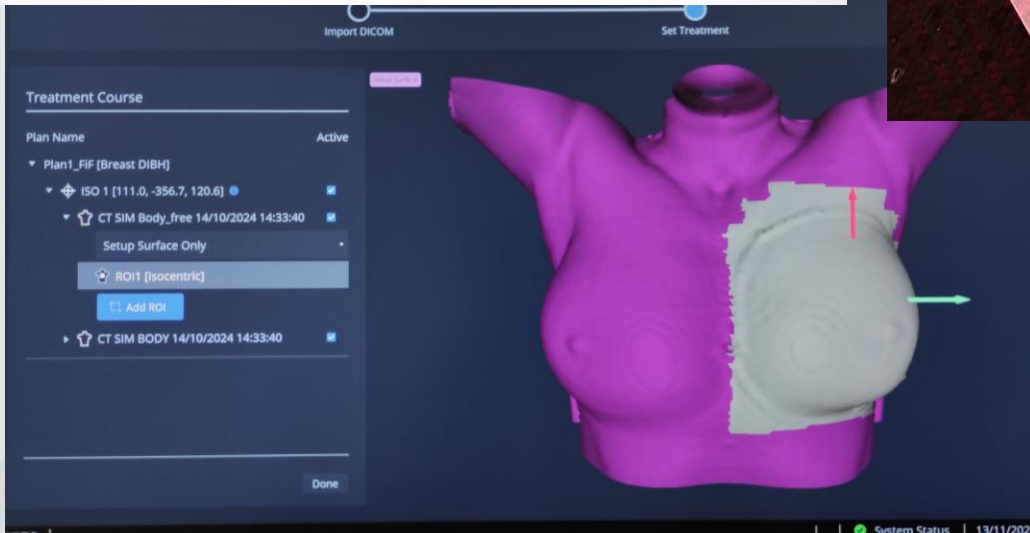




# Align RT



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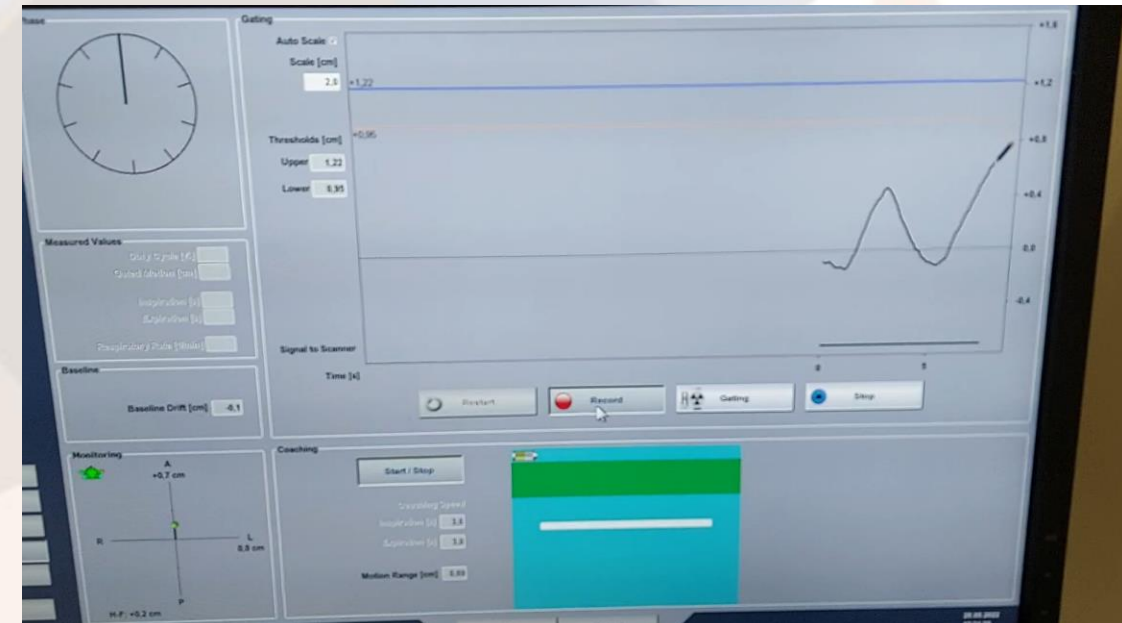
# Workflow

- Selecting the patients who are suitable for DIBH
- Selecting the patients who are capable to perform DIBH technique.
- Ability to undergo irradiation in DIBH is assessed on depth and duration of their breath hold.



# Simulation

- Immobilization
  - The process is explained to the patient,
  - The practise is performed before the scan.
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- Two sets of CT images are taken:
    - Free breathing set (CT\_FB)
    - DIBH set (CT\_DIBH)



# Contouring and planing

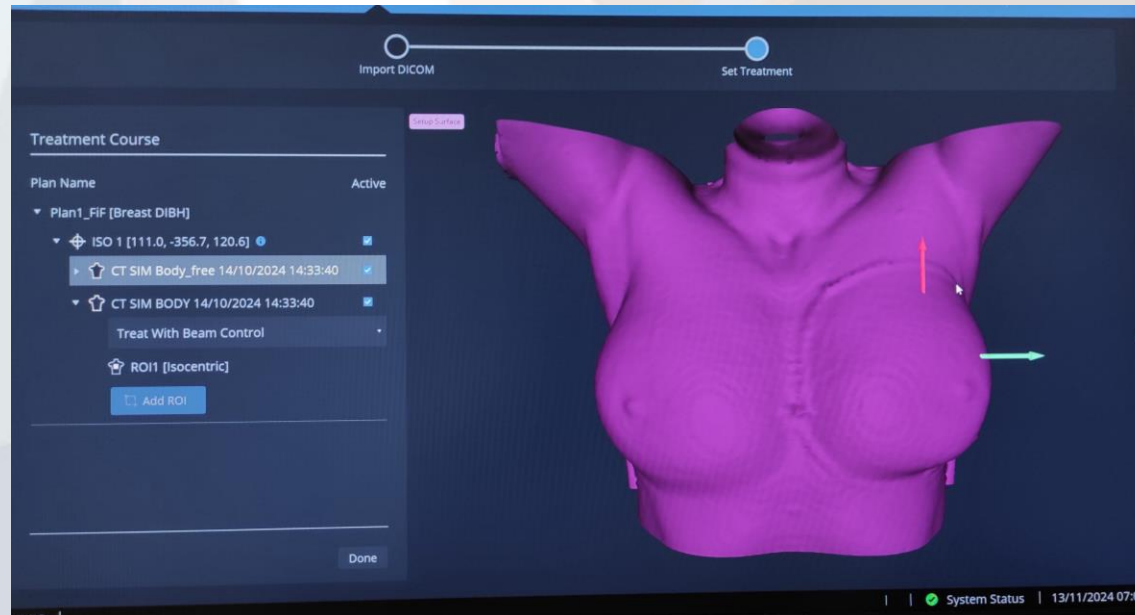
- Both sets are exported to the planing system.
- Treatment volumes and OAR are contoured on CT\_DIBH set.
- Treatment plan is calculated on CT\_DIBH set.





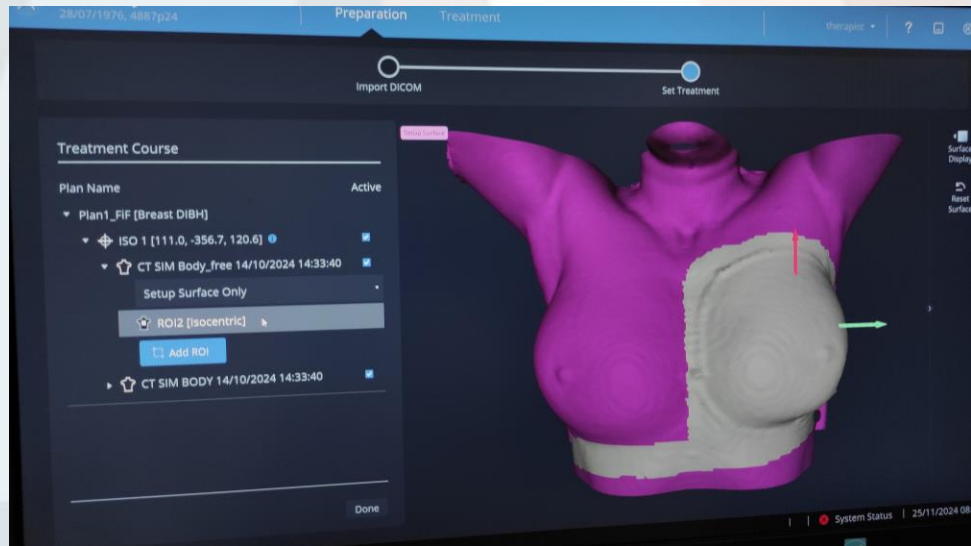
# Treatment - ROI

- On the treatment site reference surface image in free breathing and reference surface image in DIBH are imported from DICOM into AlighRT OSMS system.
- Registration of the current daily and reference surface is performed only in the selected region of interest – ROI.



# ROI

- It is recommended that the ROI include the breast, sternum, and the strip of skin under both breasts.
- The same ROI is marked on both surfaces.



- The free-breathing surface is only used for the initial patient setup,
- while the DIBH surface is used for IGRT and treatment.
- Patient track their breathing throu real time couching device.



- Good communication between the patient and RTT is key for successful irradiation with DIBH treatment technique:
  - patients monitor their breathing visually using a coaching device
  - while the RTTs guide the irradiation process with simple instructions.





Free Breathing

DIBH

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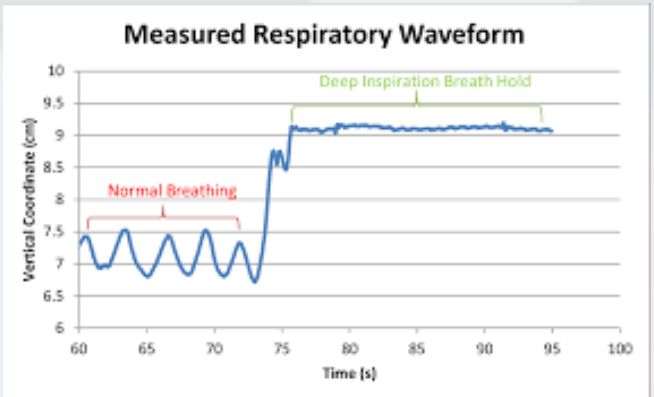
Image captures

Image review

Treatment table movement

Adjustment of treatment fields

Irradiation



**Plan1\_FIF ISO 1** | **SGRT BODY** | **DIBH**

VRT <sub>cm</sub>	-0.92	[Red bar]
LNG <sub>cm</sub>	1.19	[Red bar]
LAT <sub>cm</sub>	0.20	[Green bar]
MAG <sub>cm</sub>	1.52	[Red bar]
YAW <sup>°</sup>	0.7	[Green bar]
ROLL <sup>°</sup>	1.0	[Green bar]
PITCH <sup>°</sup>	2.1	[Green bar]

Beam Control: **ON**  
BEAM: **HELD**

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# Experiences - difficulties

- Belly breathers
- Uncapable of breath hold
- Maintaining a stable breath hold
- Not understanding or unable to read coaching device
- Subsequent use of bolus material
- Privacy



# Experiences – advantages

- Reduce preparation time
- Simplifies patient setup
- Technically and functionally user-friendly for both RTTs and patients
- Tattooless
- Monitoring in all six directions
- comfortable





# Conclusion

- SGRT is super suitable technique for DIBH:
  - Easy to use
  - Precise
  - Trecking in all directions
  - Tatoonless
- SGRT should not be used without IGRT
- The dose to the OAR is reduced
- Satisfaction



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