



Over 10 years with SGRT; from single system to every linac

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Presentation Outline

- History of SGRT at Guy's and St. Thomas'
- Implementation
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- Use Cases
 - Breast DIBH
 - Lymphoma DIBH
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 - PM free for breast and Lymphoma
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 - Cardiac SABR
- Postural Video 2024
- Future Developments
- Summary

Guy's and St Thomas' Radiotherapy

- **Serving a total population of 2.6 million**
- **2 Hospital sites**
 - Guy's
 - Queen Mary's (satellite)
- **9 Varian TrueBeam linacs**
- **9 AlignRT systems**
- **1 Flexitron HDR**
- **1 Xstrahl**
- **3 GE CT scanners**



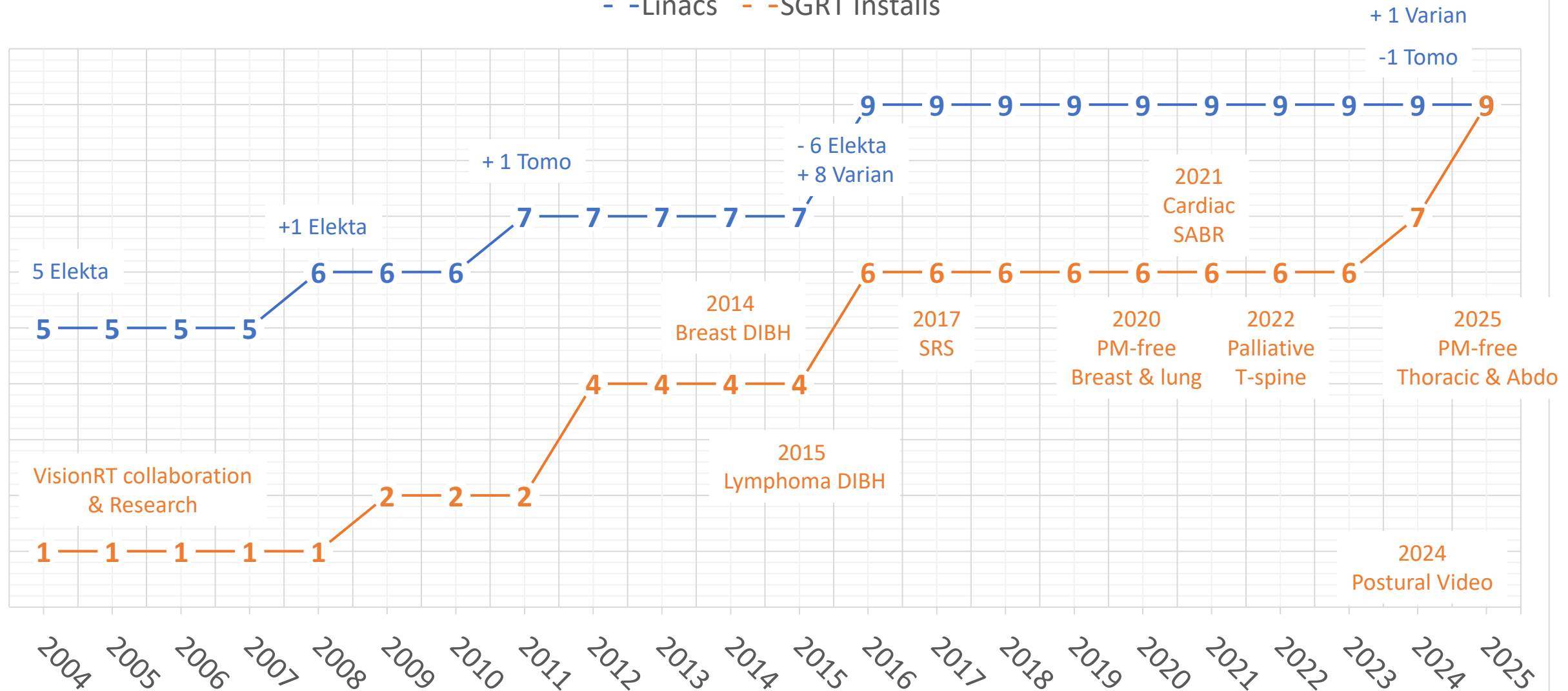
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A Brief Timeline.....

SGRT PROVISION @ GSTT

- -Linacs - -SGRT Installs



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Implementation

Governance
Finance
Documentation
Training
Roll out to SoC



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Acceptance, commissioning , QC

Install

- 3 x cameras, cabling, power
- Ancillary equipment, server, user workstation

Connectivity

- Treatment planning system, treatment unit
- Server, UPS

User Configuration

- User accounts (clinical, admin, physics ..)
- Skin tone settings, lighting, clinical site tolerances

Acceptance

- VisionRT User Acceptance Testing
- Connectivity

Commissioning

- Spatial accuracy, temporal accuracy, gating accuracy
- full end to end test

Routine QC (@ GSTT)

Daily

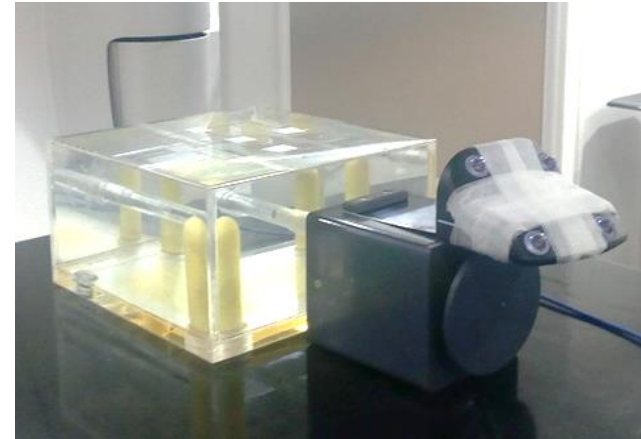
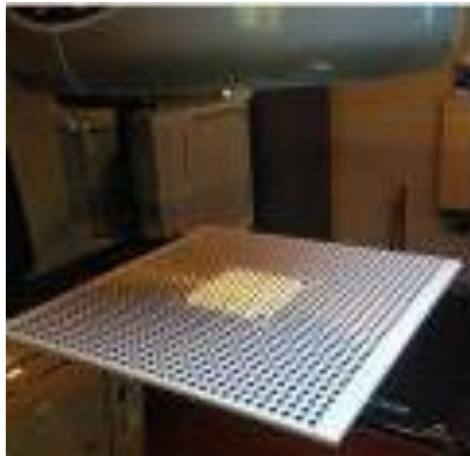
- System run-up (camera switch-on)
- Calibration check

Fortnightly

- AlignRT to MV isocentre verification (SRS machine)

Quarterly

- Gating and Monitoring
- Spatial accuracy and shifts



Breast DIBH

Clinical in 2014 at St Thomas

One of the first centres to treat with DIBH

2 linacs had clinical SGRT

2 sets of data

- At set up position in free-breath.

- At ISO in DIBH.

Changed process with experience and confidence

Individual site specific training and competencies

No MMI (no automated beam-hold)



Lymphoma DIBH

Clinical in 2015 at St Thomas'

2 linacs had clinical SGRT

Changed process moving to the cancer centre

Butterfly Lymphoma technique

Individual site specific training and competencies



Lymphoma DIBH – PTV reduction and OAR position



DIBH

- allows stable anatomy
- allows OARs to move away from target region

SGRT

- Allows accurate DIBH setup due to good correlation between surface and internal anatomy
- Allows confident DIBH monitoring

DIBH and SGRT

- allowed PTV margin reduction from 10mm to 5mm
- gives reduction of OAR doses

Stereotactic Radiosurgery

Motion monitoring

Sub-millimetre accuracy

Challenges

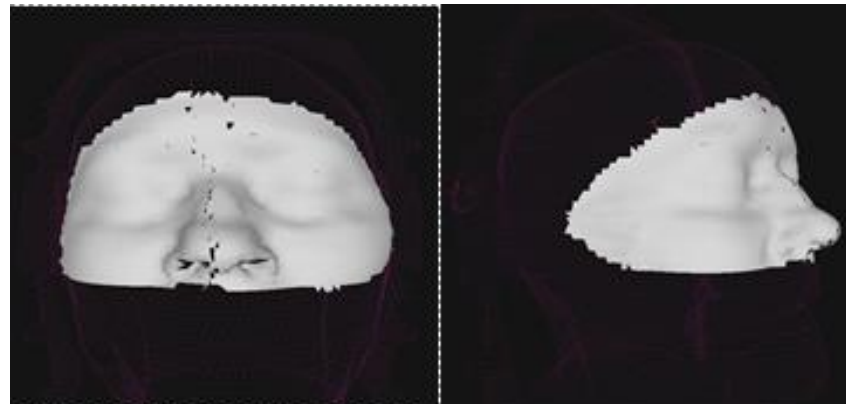
Couch rotation

Small ROI

Blocked cameras

Solutions

No MMI on G6
(no auto beam-hold)



Benefits:

Patients

Accurate treatment delivery

Less set up issues=less time on the couch

Staff

Faster set up

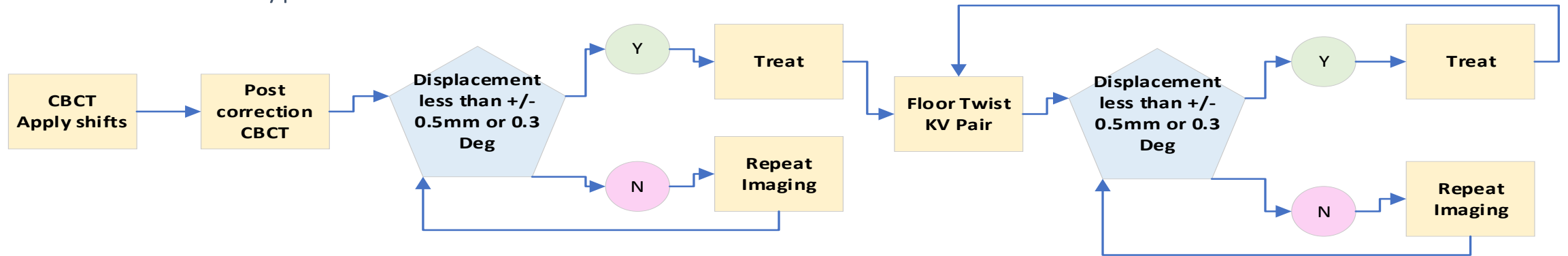
Reassurance of accurate treatment delivery

Stereotactic Radiosurgery

220 SRS patients in past year

13 day pathway

Recent move to Hyperarc treatment



No additional imaging on the last treatment field for 60% patients

Case Study

Patient with Parkinson's disease

Made shell then monitored movement on Align RT prior to any pre-treatment imaging

Patient unsuitable of radiotherapy as moving too much.

Improved workflow, reduced unnecessary workload and improved patient outcome.

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From DIBH to PM Free

Opening of the Cancer Centre → Processes Evaluated

Considerations

- Couch movements for CBCTs

- Interruption of CBCT

- PM free set ups

- Butterfly Lymphoma Technique

Governance processes for implementation

Training process revisited and optimised

Documentation

- Consent

- Patient Information Leaflets

- Work Instructions, Training and Competencies Separated



From DIBH to PM Free – Patient Benefit

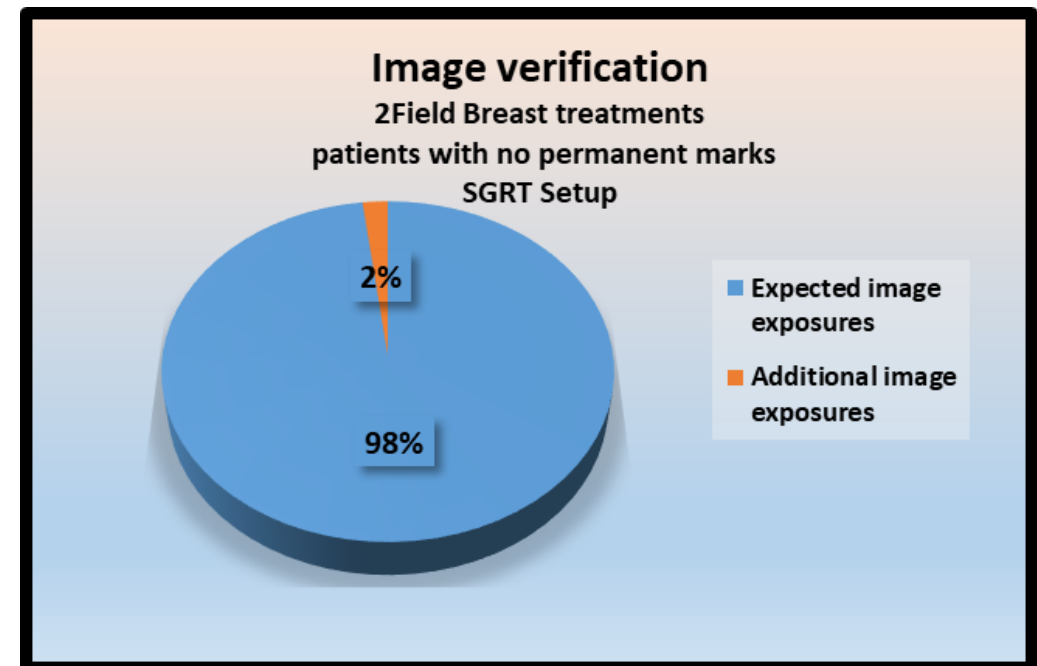
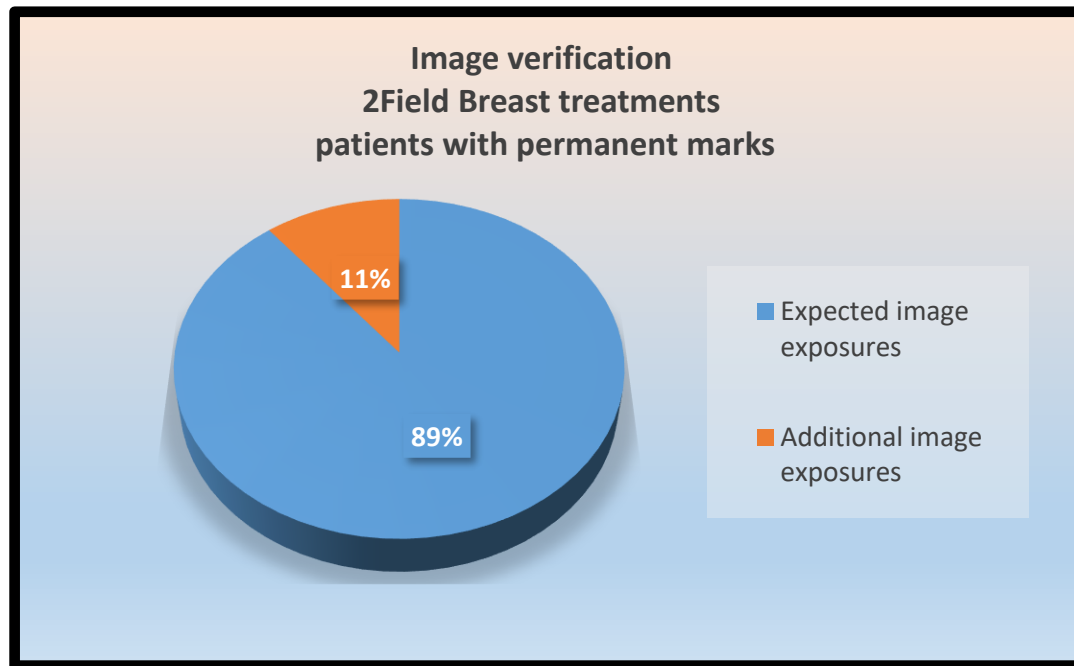
- No permanent marks as a reminder
- Reduced cardiac toxicity
- Fewer set up issues = less time on the couch
- Less dose from imaging



“I was really pleased to find out I wouldn’t be left with tattoo marks as the last thing you want is to be reminded of your cancer all the time. When lots of women have radiotherapy they have already undergone chemotherapy and may be struggling with hair loss and other side effects so this is one less thing to worry about.”

From DIBH to PM Free – Benefits to the Patient

Reduced on-set Imaging



From DIBH to PM Free – Benefits to the Staff

Less manual handling

Reduced paperwork (fewer/no systematic corrections)

Faster set up

Problem solving tool

Contour change

Efficiency Savings at
Guys Cancer Centre

Treatment code	Average PM technique (Mins)	Average PM Free technique (mins)	Difference
CT Breast	34.12	25	9.12
CT DIBH Breast	40.5	39.6	0.9
breast Tans	14.77	13.09	1.68
DIBH breast Tans	16.94	16.93	0.01
Breast + SCF & +/- Post axilla	18.17	16.88	1.29
DIBH Breast + SCF & +/- Post axilla	23.26	22.78	0.48
Breast 5# + CBCT	24.37	18.9	5.47
DIBH Breast 5# + CBCT	27.67	20.35	7.32
Photon Boost	20.1	15.58	4.52
DIBH Photon Boost	23.56	27.03	-3.47

From DIBH to PM Free – Benefits cont. – staff survey

	Yes	No	No different / undecided
Do you find setting Patients up using Align RT easier than a conventional set up with tattoos?	22 (84 %)	2 (8%)	2 (8%)
Do you find setting Patients up using Align RT quicker than a conventional set up with tattoos?	24 (92%)	2 (8%)	0
Do you think setting Patients up using Align RT is more accurate than a conventional set up with tattoos?	20 (77%)	3 (11.5%)	3 (11.5%)
Would you be happy to treat DIBH patients without Align RT?	6 (23%)	17 (65%)	3 (12%)

From DIBH to PM Free – Reproducibility Lung Volume

UCLH

University College London Hospitals **NHS**
NHS Foundation Trust

Reproducibility of Lung Volume with the Varian RPM for Deep Inspiration Breath Hold (DIBH)

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UCLH presented a Poster at ESTRO 2015
study used the RPM[®] system on 15 staff volunteers

CONCLUSION

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FUTURE WORK

A patient cohort study to evaluate the impact of V_{insp} when performing DIBH with the Varian RPM on dose to the heart, lung and PTV is currently in trial set-up. Treatment plans will be recalculated on CT data acquired at specific fractions during a course of breast RT. Variation in dose will be correlated against variation in V_{insp} measured with the SDx8 DynR spirometer.

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From DIBH to PM Free – Reproducibility Lung Volume

Original Research Article

Reproducibility of surface-based deep inspiration breath-hold technique for lung

ORLAM's group published paper presented in phiRO 2021

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Conclusions

Lung SBRT in DIBH with the ring-mounted SGRT system proved reproducible. The surface monitoring provided by SGRT was found to be a reliable surrogate for internal target motion. Moreover, the implementation of DIBH technique helped reduce target volumes and lung doses.

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tumour within 1.5 mm and 1.5°

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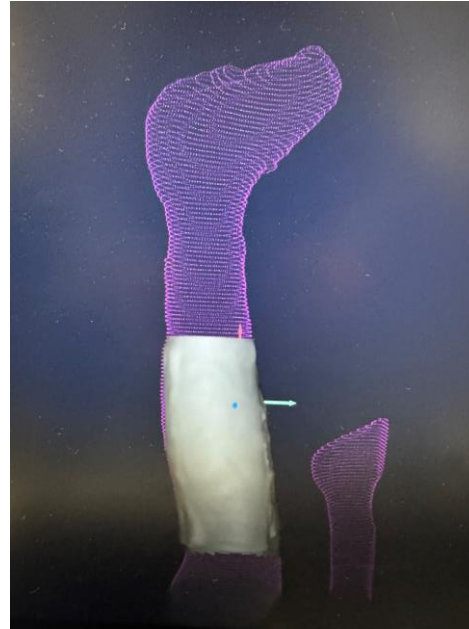
Limbs

Often challenging to set up

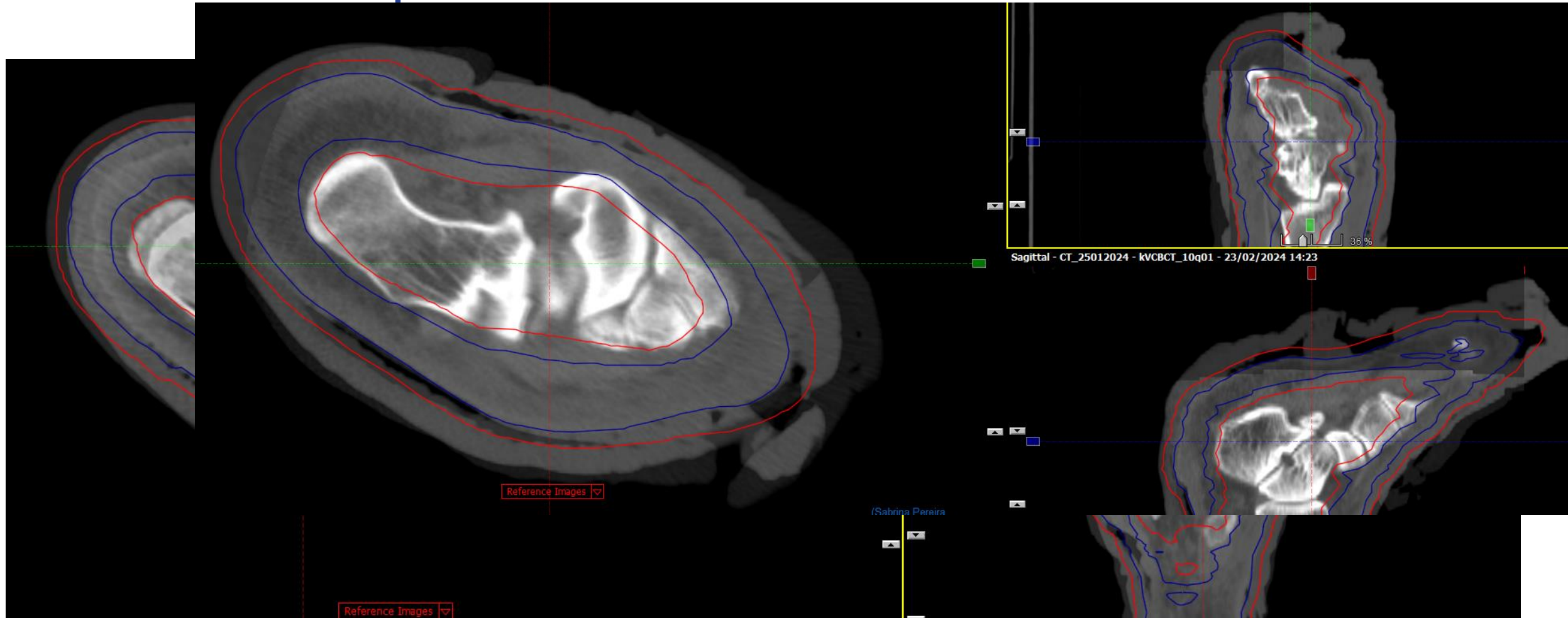
Lengthy PTVs

Have been using AlignRT sporadically for limbs since 2016

Always improves set up



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Cardiac SABR

Set Up

Motion Monitoring

Re-set up

Used RPM for gating

Initial challenge

Mosaiq & TrueBeam Interface

No online 4D-CBCT

Benefits to the patient

Accurate treatment delivery

Less time on the couch (patients with limited mobility and high performance status)

Benefits to the staff

Faster set up

No need to reset up

Less manual handling

Reassurance of accurate treatment delivery

Palliative Spine Set Ups

Started with T-Spine

Aid set up

Motion monitoring

Eliminate potential geographical miss

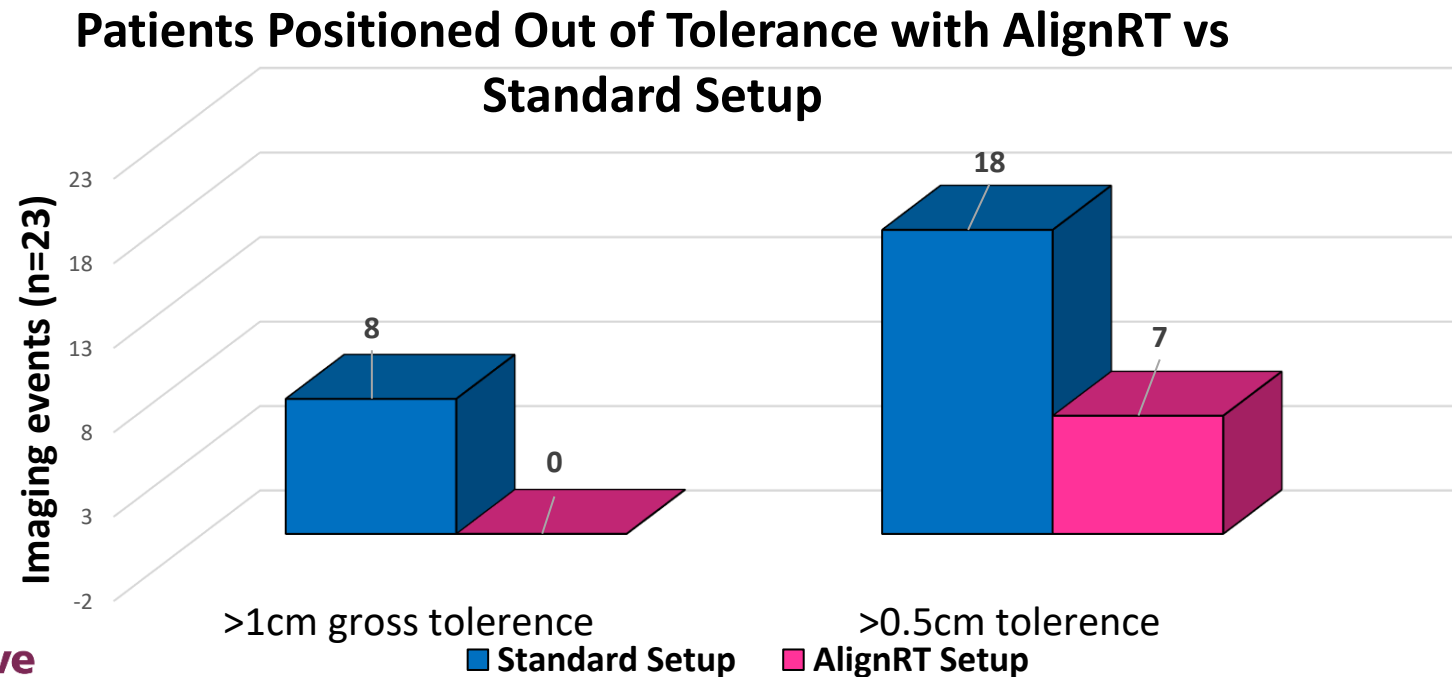
Moving to PM free

Benefits to the patient

Accurate treatment delivery

Less set up issues = Less time on the couch

Improved safety – automatic interruption.



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Lung Social Distancing

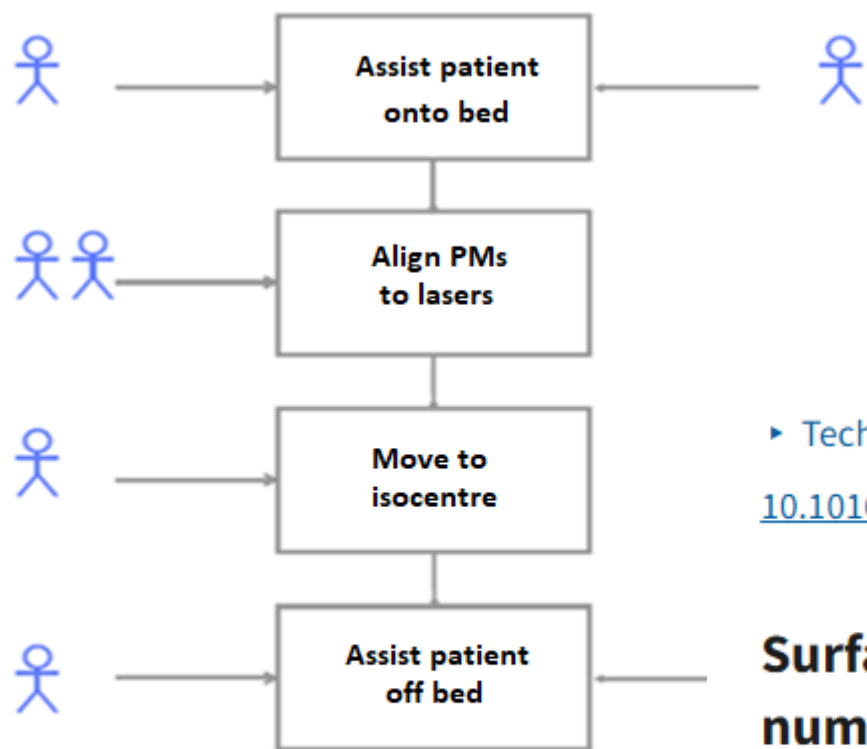


Diagram showing the number of close contacts in the conventional protocol (left) and the Lung Social Distancing protocol (right).

Used at the beginning of the pandemic to improve social distancing for lung patients

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Surface-guided radiotherapy for lung cancer can reduce the number of close patient contacts without compromising initial setup accuracy

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DIBH for non-English speaking patients

Delivering Deep Inspiration Breath Hold Radiotherapy to Non-English Speaking Patients

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Introduction

The UK 2021 census (Office for National Statistics, 2021) states the proportion of people from minority

Results

From April 2023 to April 2024, 21 non-English speaking patients were referred for breast DIBH (Figure 3). Different languages were spoken.

Patients were successfully scanned and treated for IMC cancer using the translator app or three were scanned and treated using English (Figure 4). The translator app at the planning CT scan for a further five ever, they were unable to achieve DIBH.

Pages were available on the translator app patient was unable to access this service.



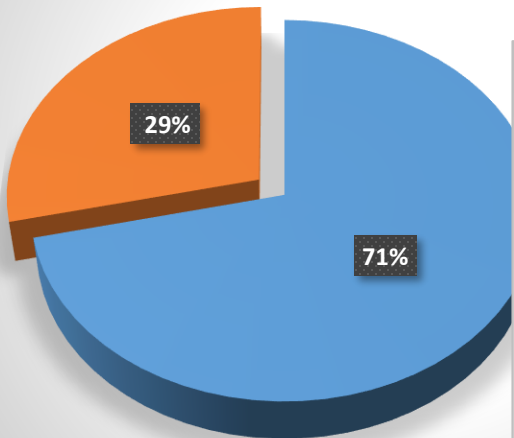
availability to DIBH has improved with additional staff input and cost to the department. The app on a media device is now being used to translate live DIBH instructions for non-breast patients.

The treatment and treatment teams worked together to ensure that the instructions were used in both the CT scanner and linear. Continuous feedback between the teams to enable improvements to be made to the future patients.

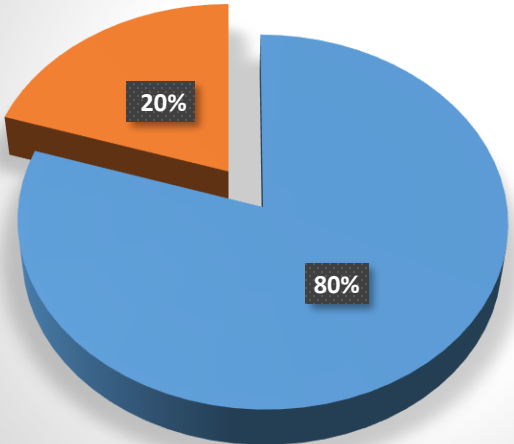
Patients and their family members have responded well and feedback has been positive. The department is looking to expand the use of the translator app for end-expiration breath hold (EEBH) radiotherapy and DIBH lymphoma patients.

If the patient was able to achieve DIBH, the correct language protocol was selected for the CT scan, their treatment was planned in DIBH and the media device was used to translate instructions for treatment delivery.

Non-English Speaking Patients Referred for DIBH



Patients scanned in DIBH using the translator app or English



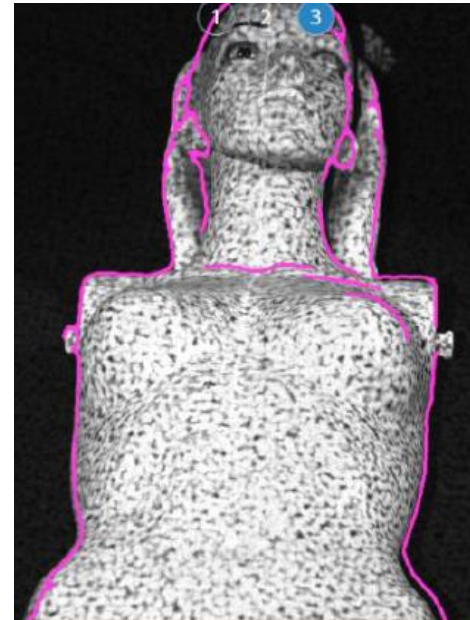
- Translator App
- English



Postural Video

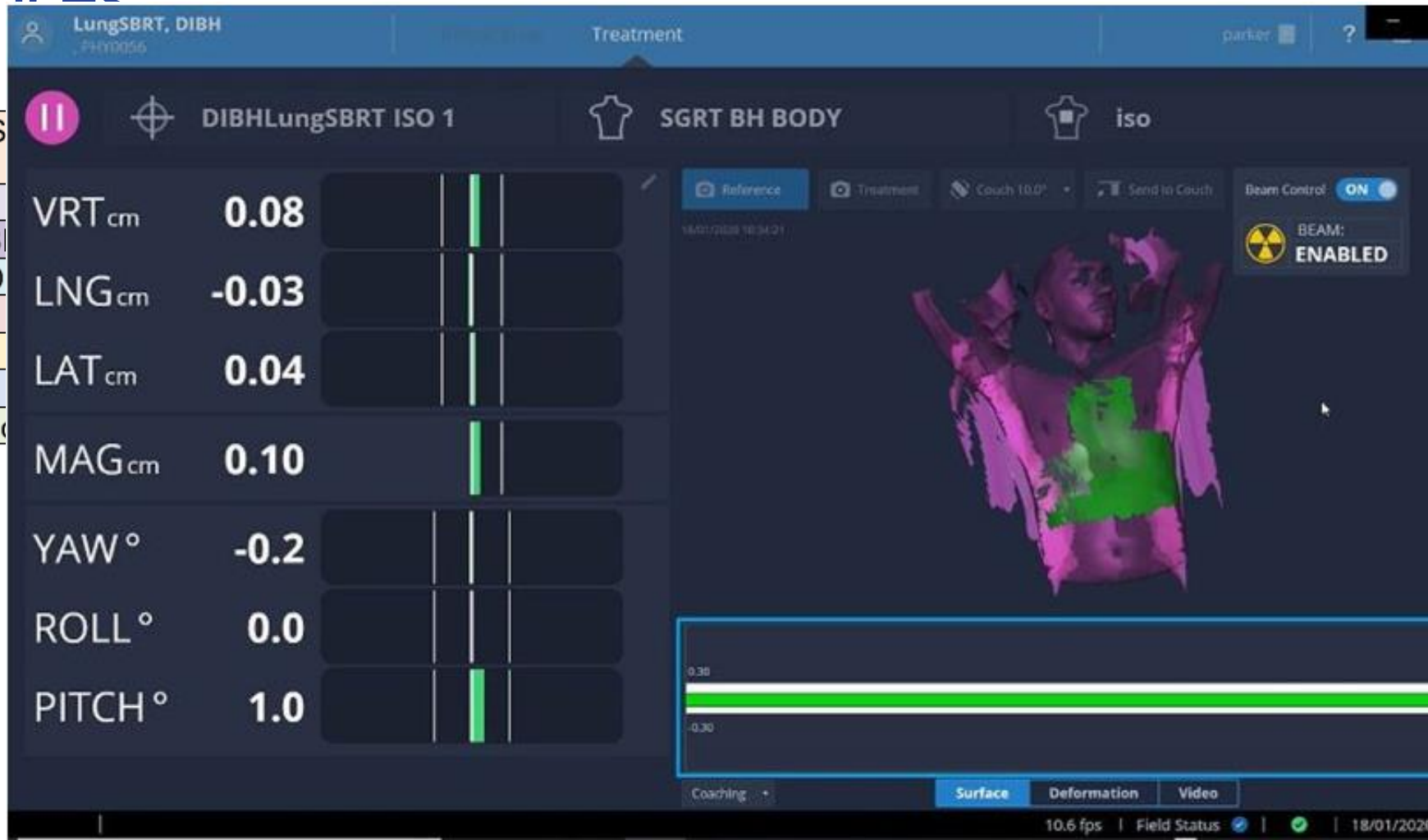
Helps improve set up using real time camera

Set up is more efficient as you can see where the patient should be



Tolerances

Treatment S
Breast
Breast DIB
Lymphoma D
SRS
SABR
Pelvis
Other (Ad-H)



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Future Development

PM-free for all treatment sites

Respiratory Module

End Exhale Breath hold with the Respiratory Module

Maskless H&N and Neuro

Summary

Key Functions of SGRT

Patient set-up
Patient monitoring
3D non-invasive imaging

Benefits

Allows sub-millimetre accuracy for setup and monitoring
Facilitates breath-hold treatments
Brings efficiency & time-savings
Assists with difficult setups
Acts as a visual problem-solving tool
Delivers better patient experience (quick set-up, no tattoos, maskless treatment)

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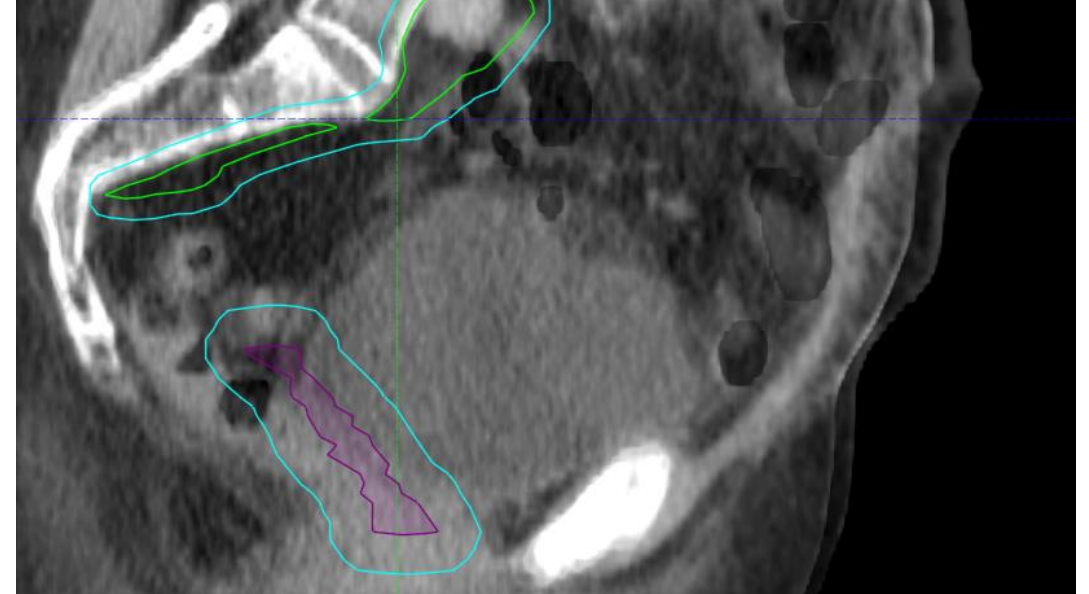
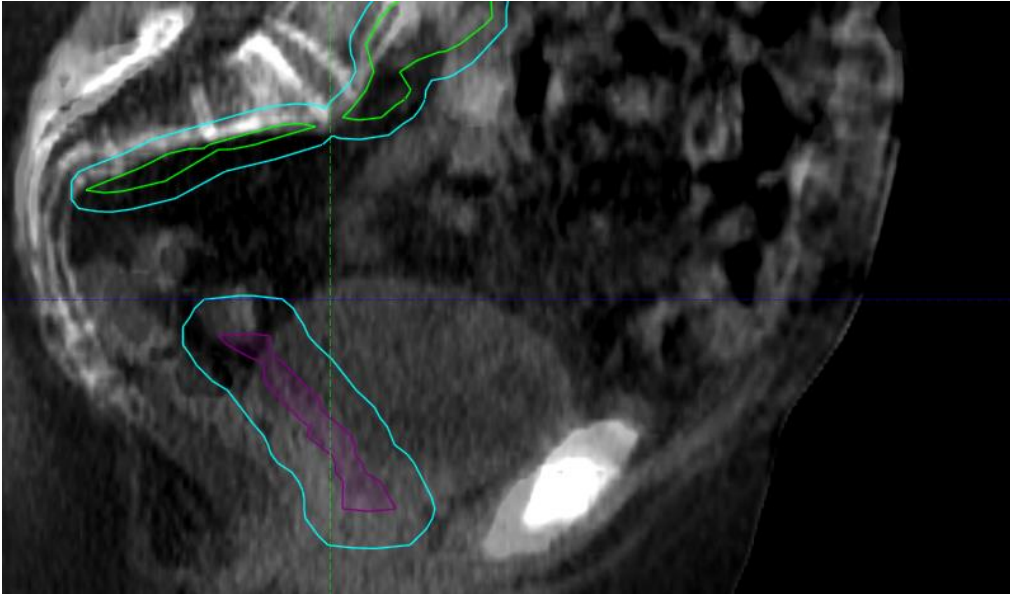
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