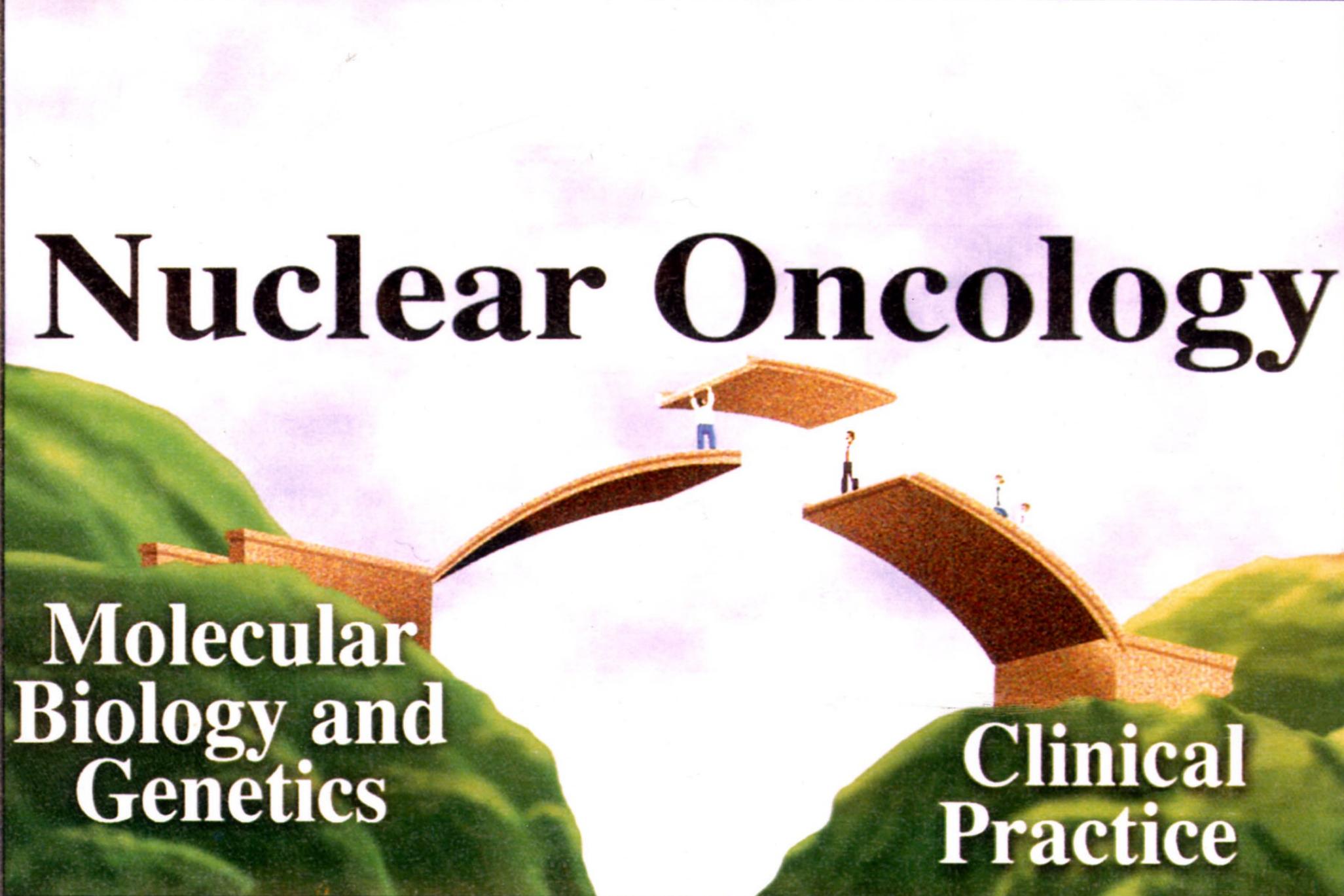


# The Avidin-Biotin pretargeting system for molecular radiotherapy in cancer patients

*Giovanni Paganelli - Meldola, Italy*

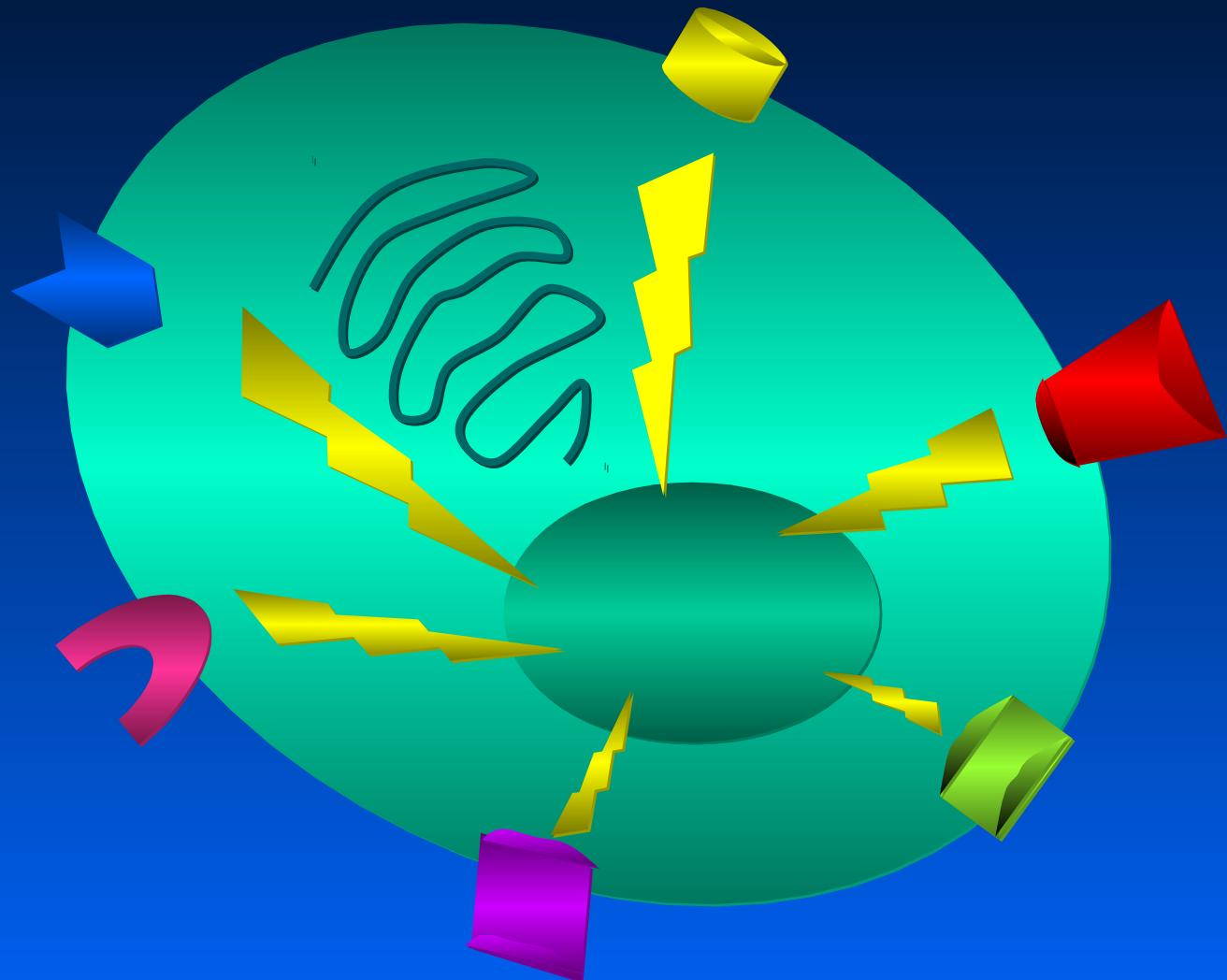
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# Possibili bersagli per radioterapia mirata



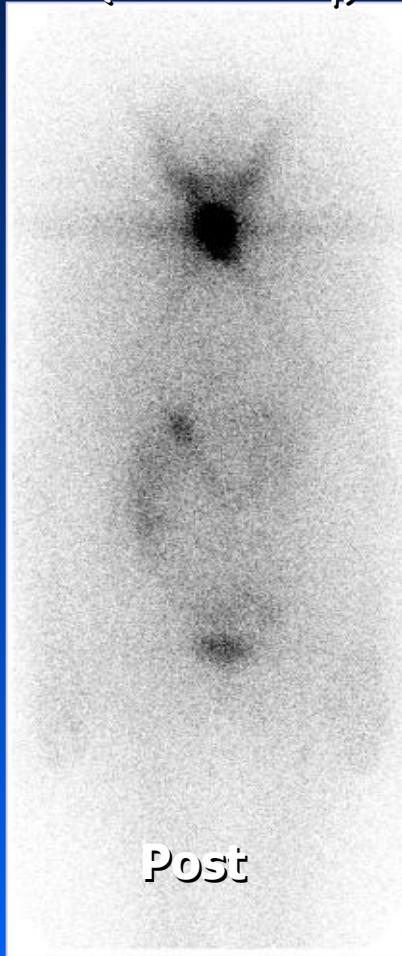
- ▲ **TAA-MAb**
- **Somatostatin-R**
- ◆ **avidin**
- **bombesin**
- **PSMA ...**

# The Model: Radionuclide therapy with $^{131}\text{I}$ in differentiated thyroid carcinoma

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ablative therapy WBS (2295 MBq)

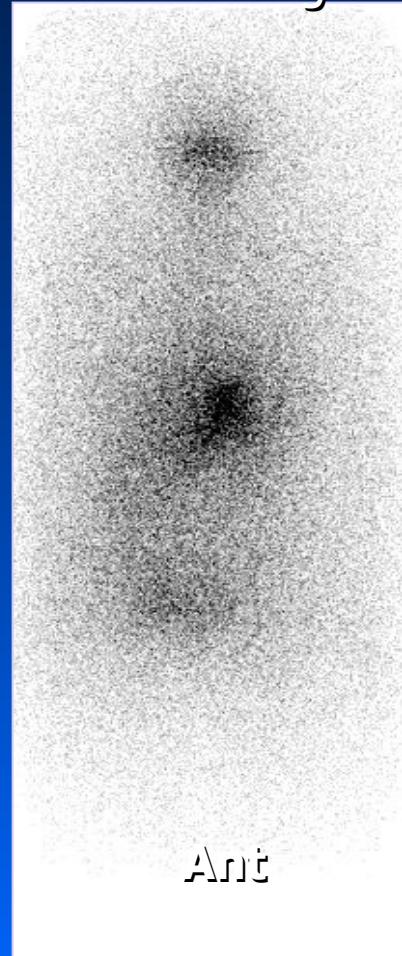


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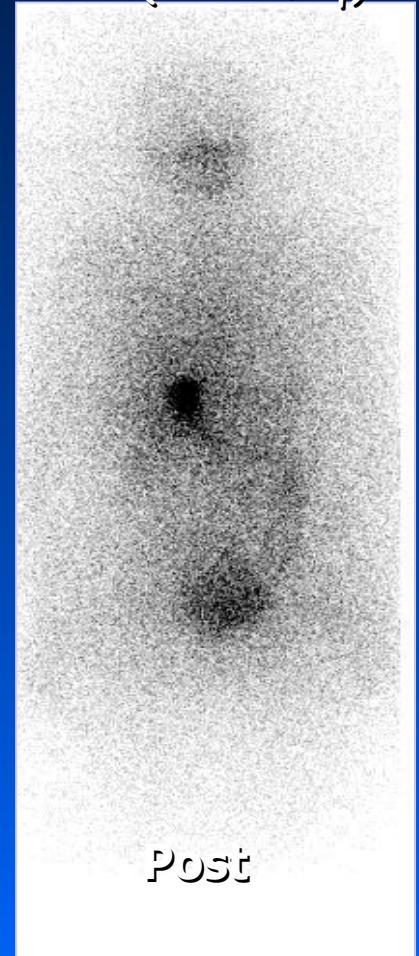


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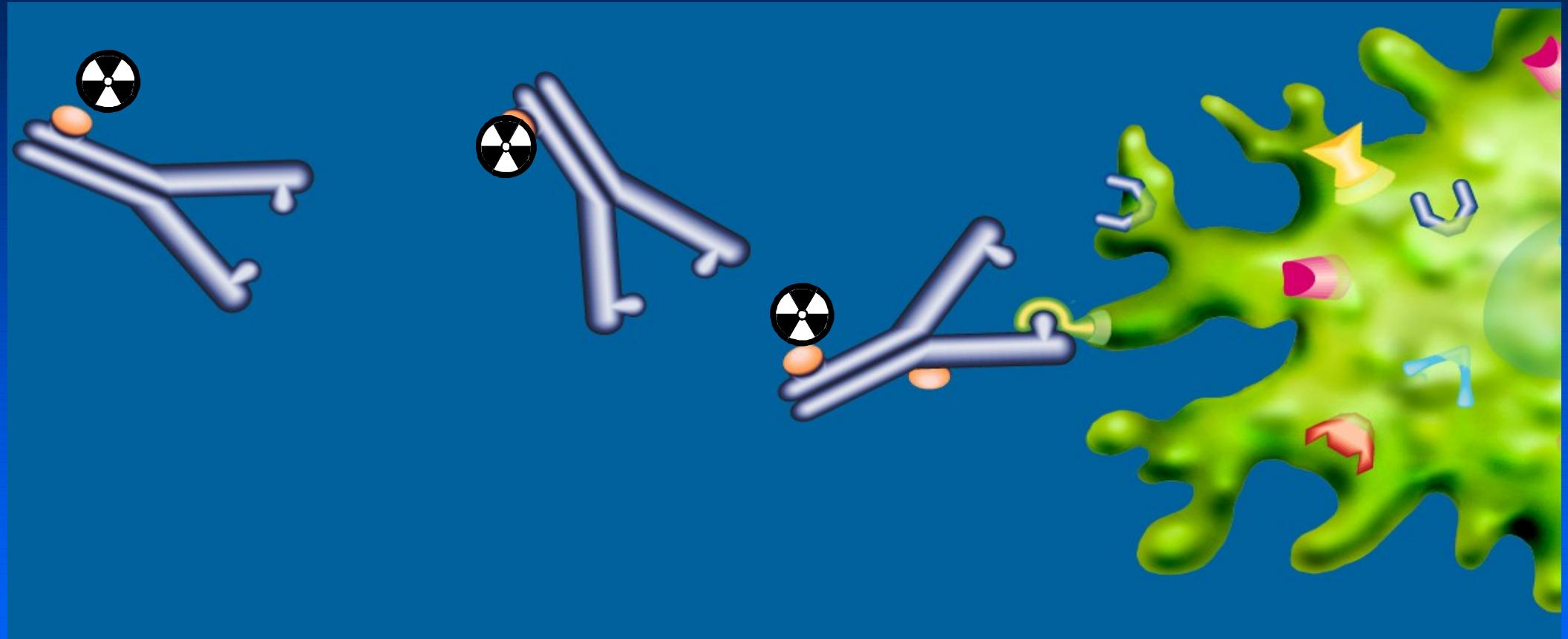


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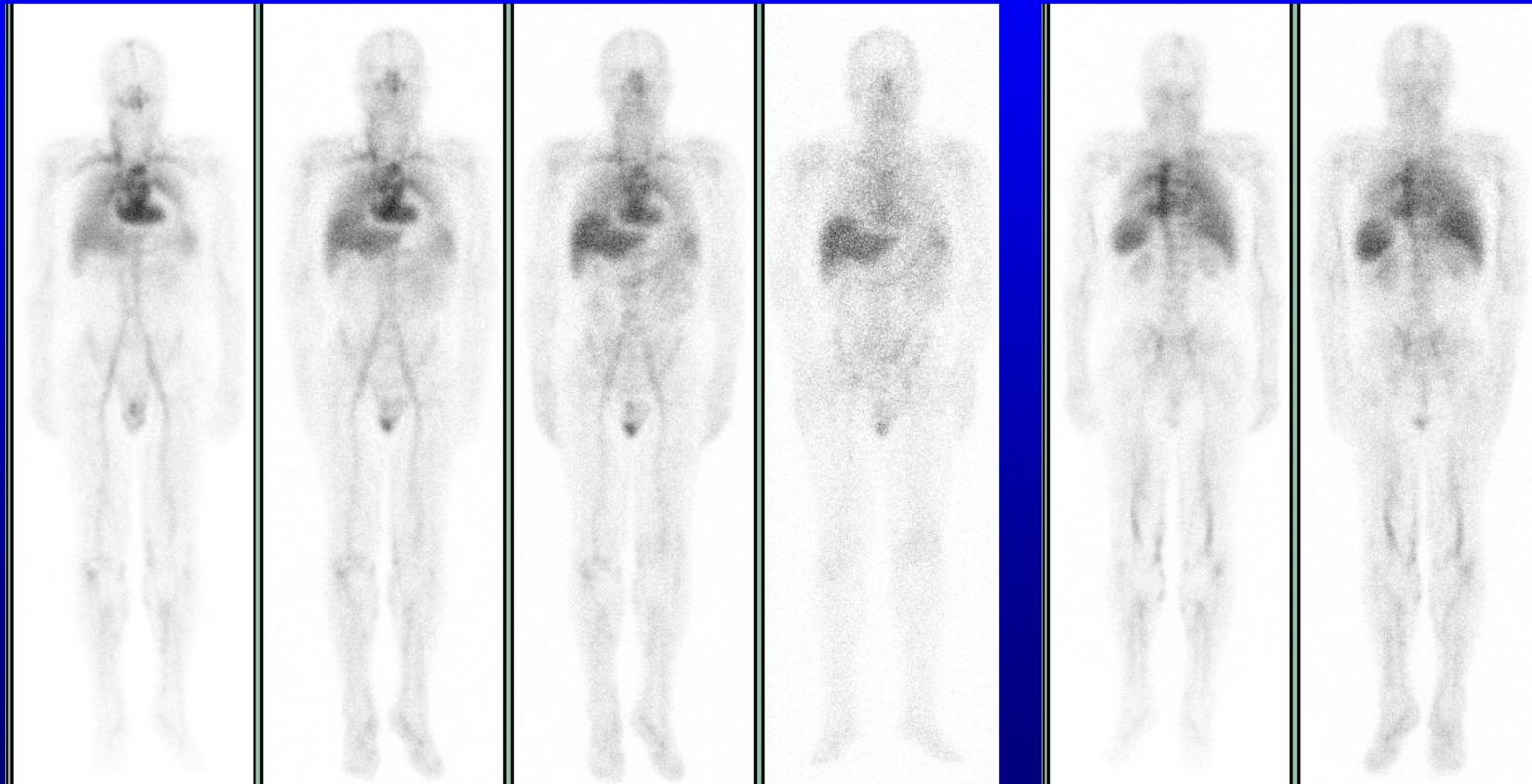
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# Antibody guided Tumor Targeting



Anti CD20 MoABs

# Biodistribution

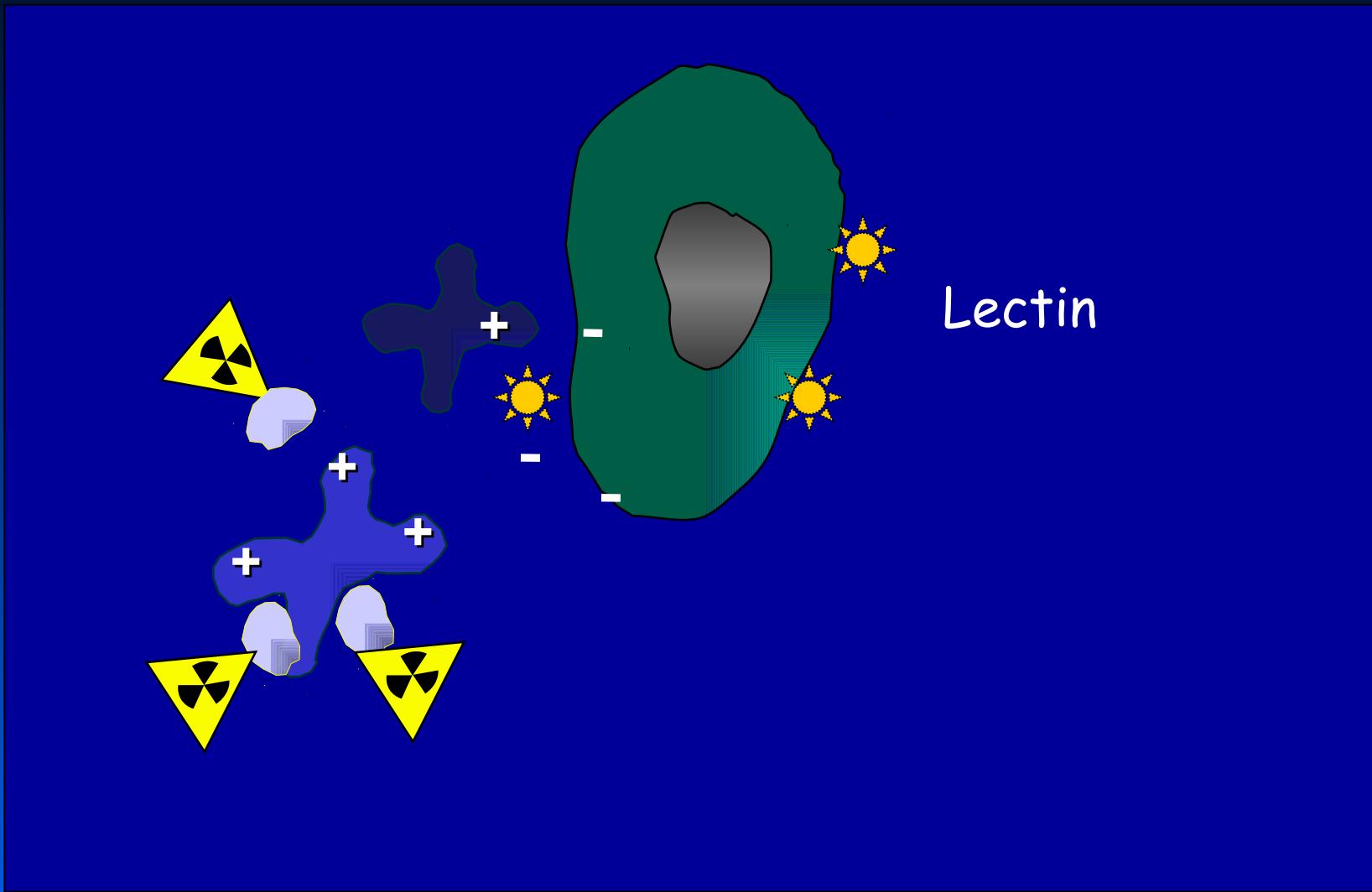


# The Pretargeting

# Molecular properties of avidin

Molecular weight	~65 000
Number of subunits	4
Subunit molecular weight	~16 000
Binding sites for biotin/mole	4
$K_D$ of the complex with biotin	~10 <sup>-15</sup>
Oligosaccharide units/subunit	1
Mannose/subunit	4.5
Glucosamine/subunit	3
Isoelectric point	~10.5

# Tumor avidination

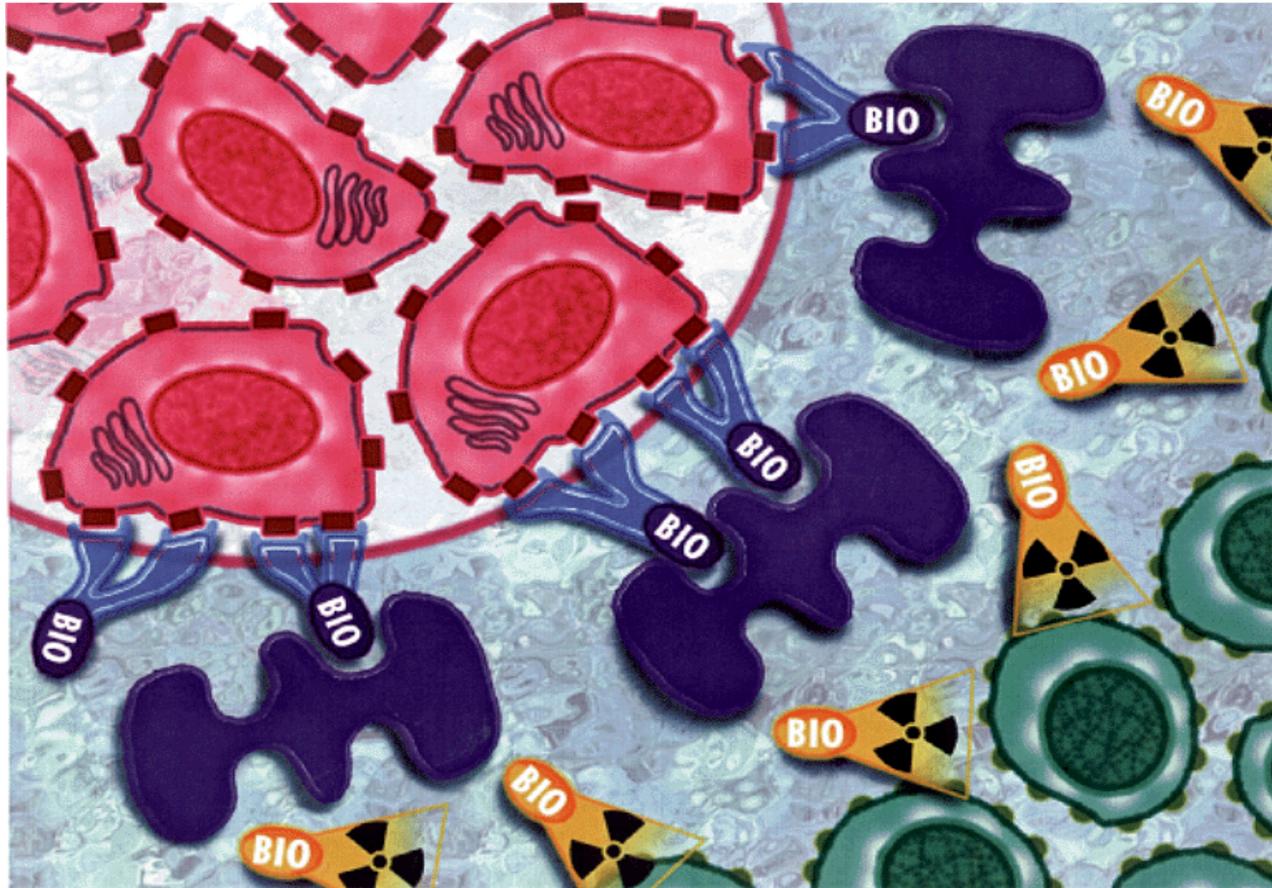


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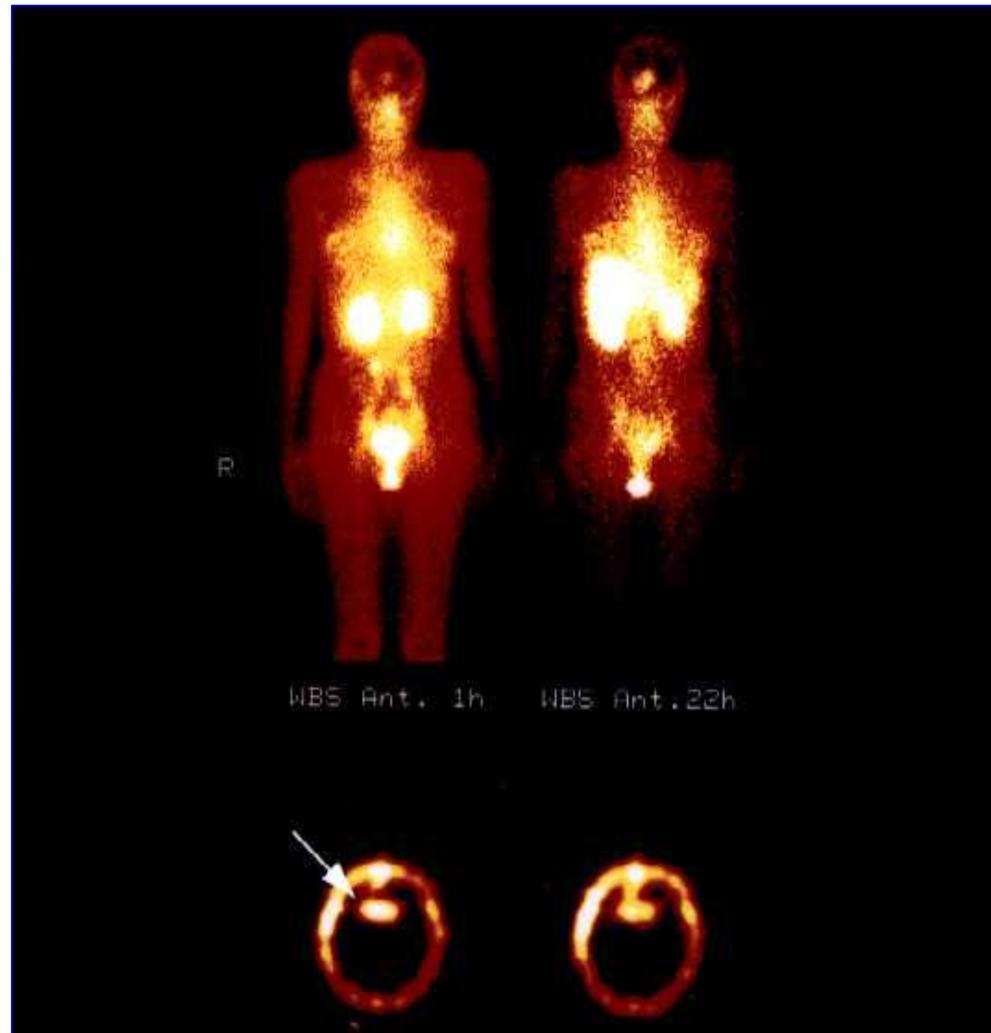
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# CLINICAL APPLICATION

Brain

Breast

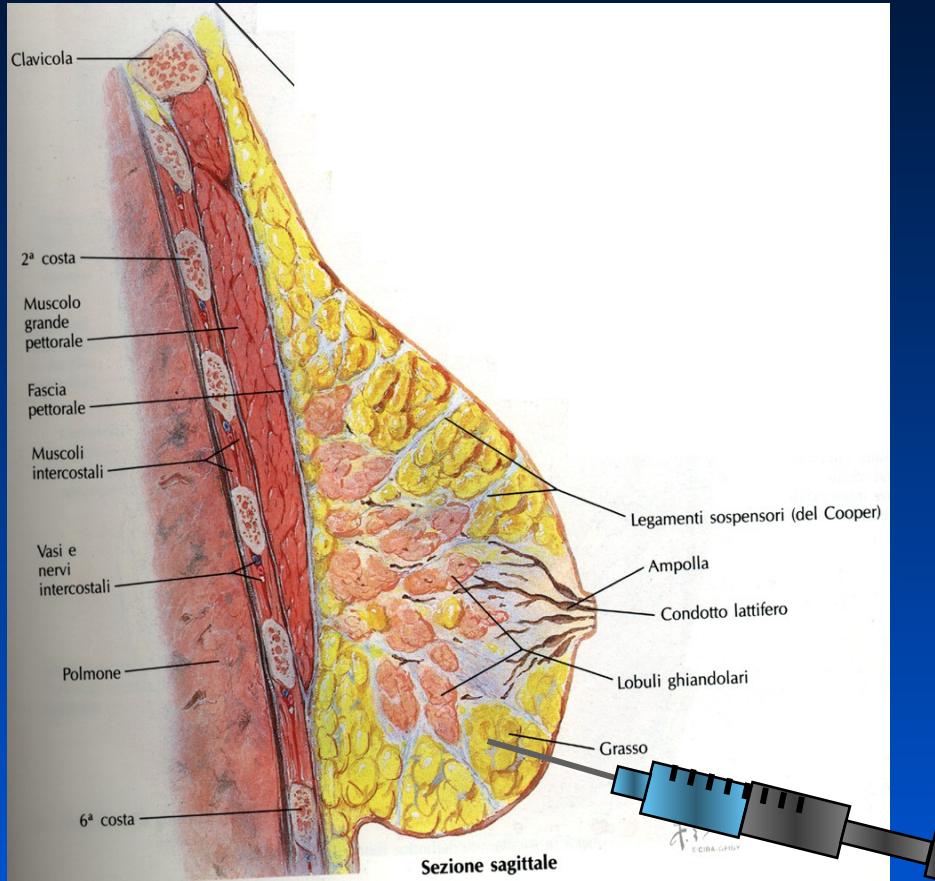
Prostate

Peritoneum

Bladder

etc...

# I.A.R.T.®



Avidin

Avidin injection during surgery into  
the tumour bed area

**Quadrantectomy +  
SNB + EBRT**

**represent the standard  
therapy in  
Early Breast Cancer**

The challenge of  
the 21<sup>st</sup> century

Can we modify EBRT in  
early breast cancer?

# Open problems with EBRT

- EBRT post-quadrantectomy requires 6 - 7 weeks to be completed
- EBRT may cause side effects and complications (lung - heart)
- The radiation centres are often not easy accessible

## The Future of Radiation Oncology in the United States From 2010 to 2020: Will Supply Keep Pace With Demand?

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### A B S T R A C T

#### Purpose

Prior studies forecasted an incipient shortage of medical oncologists as a result of the aging US population, but the radiation oncology workforce has not been studied. Accordingly, we projected demand for radiation therapy and supply of radiation oncologists in 2010 and 2020 to determine whether a similar shortage may exist for this specialty.

#### Methods

Demand for radiation therapy in 2010 and 2020 was estimated by multiplying current radiation utilization rates (as calculated with Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results data) by population projections from the Census Bureau. Supply of radiation oncologists was projected using data from the American Board of Radiology inclusive of current radiation oncologists and active residents, accounting for variation in full-time equivalent status and expected survival by age and sex.

#### Results

Between 2010 and 2020, the total number of patients receiving radiation therapy during their initial treatment course is expected to increase by 22%, from 470,000 per year to 575,000 per year. In contrast, assuming that the current graduation rate of 140 residents per year remains constant, the number of full-time equivalent radiation oncologists is expected to increase by only 2%, from 3,943 to 4,022. The size of residency training classes for the years 2014 to 2019 would have to double to 280 residents per year in order for growth in supply of radiation oncologists to equal expected growth in demand.

#### Conclusion

Demand for radiation therapy is expected to grow 10 times faster than supply between 2010 and 2020. Research is needed to explore strategies to enhance capacity to deliver quality radiation therapy despite increased patient loads.

**Table 1.** Projected Estimates of Patients Receiving Radiation Therapy in 2010 and 2020

Tumor Site	No. of Patients Receiving Radiation Therapy		% Increase in Demand for Radiation Therapy From 2010 to 2020
	2010	2020	
Total	470,000	575,000	22
Breast (invasive)	103,000	119,000	15
Prostate	91,000	123,000	35
Lung	77,000	96,000	25
Oral cavity and pharynx	21,000	25,000	18
Breast (in situ)	20,000	23,000	15
Colorectum	19,000	23,000	22
Esophagus	19,000	23,000	22
Thyroid	15,000	16,000	10
CNS	12,000	14,000	16
Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma	11,000	13,000	18
Uterus	11,000	13,000	22
Larynx	9,300	12,000	24
Cervix	7,000	8,100	16
Pancreas	6,000	7,500	25
Stomach	5,300	6,800	27
Myeloma	4,700	5,800	25
Bladder	3,200	3,900	24
Hodgkin's lymphoma	3,200	3,300	6
Testis	3,000	3,000	2
Kidney	2,500	3,100	21

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sites (excluding nonmelanoma skin cancers) and in situ breast cancers.

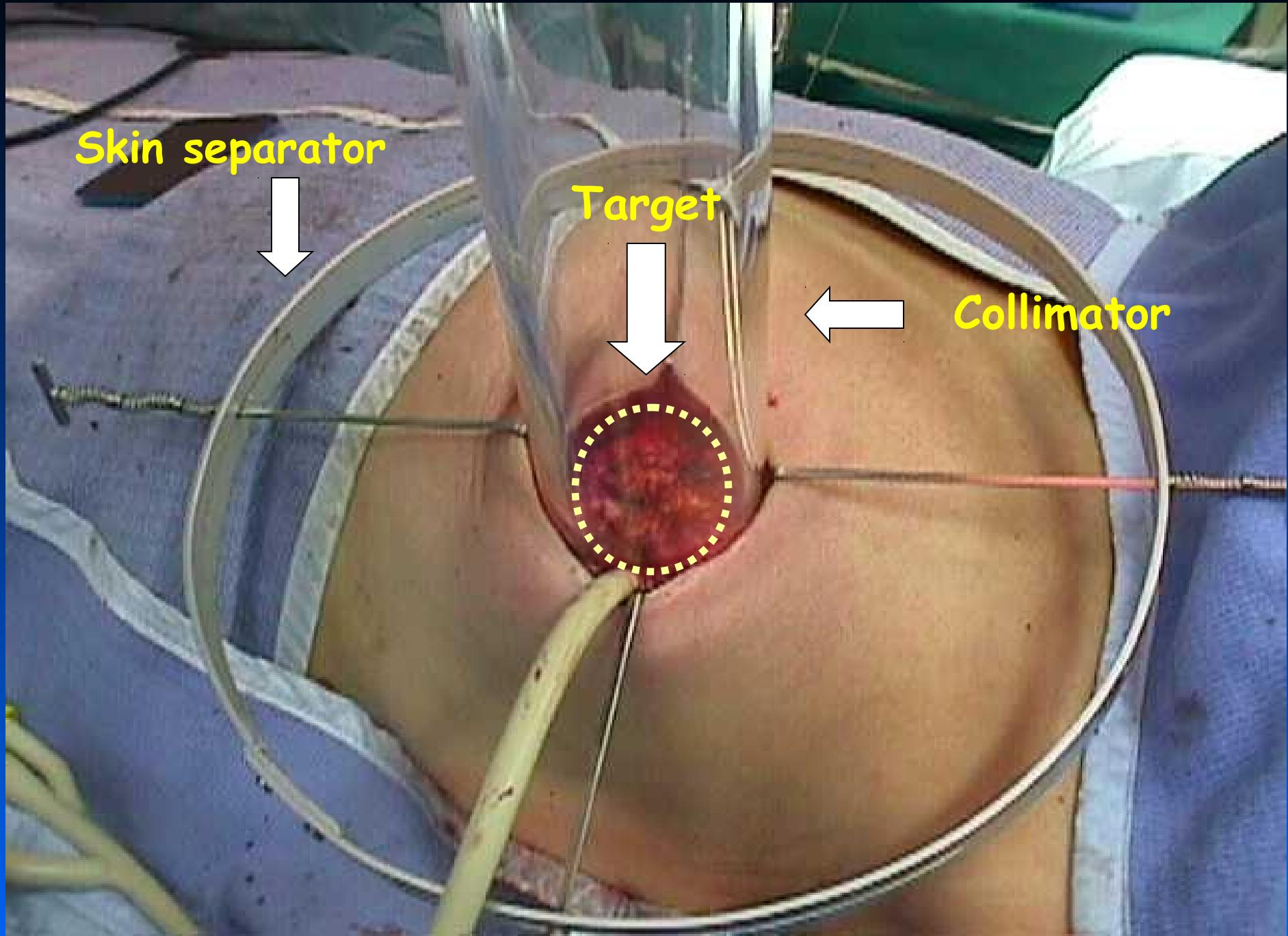
# Methods under investigation for accelerated radiotherapy in breast cancer

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- MammoSite
- 3D Conformal EBRT
- TARGIT System
- IORT - ELIOT

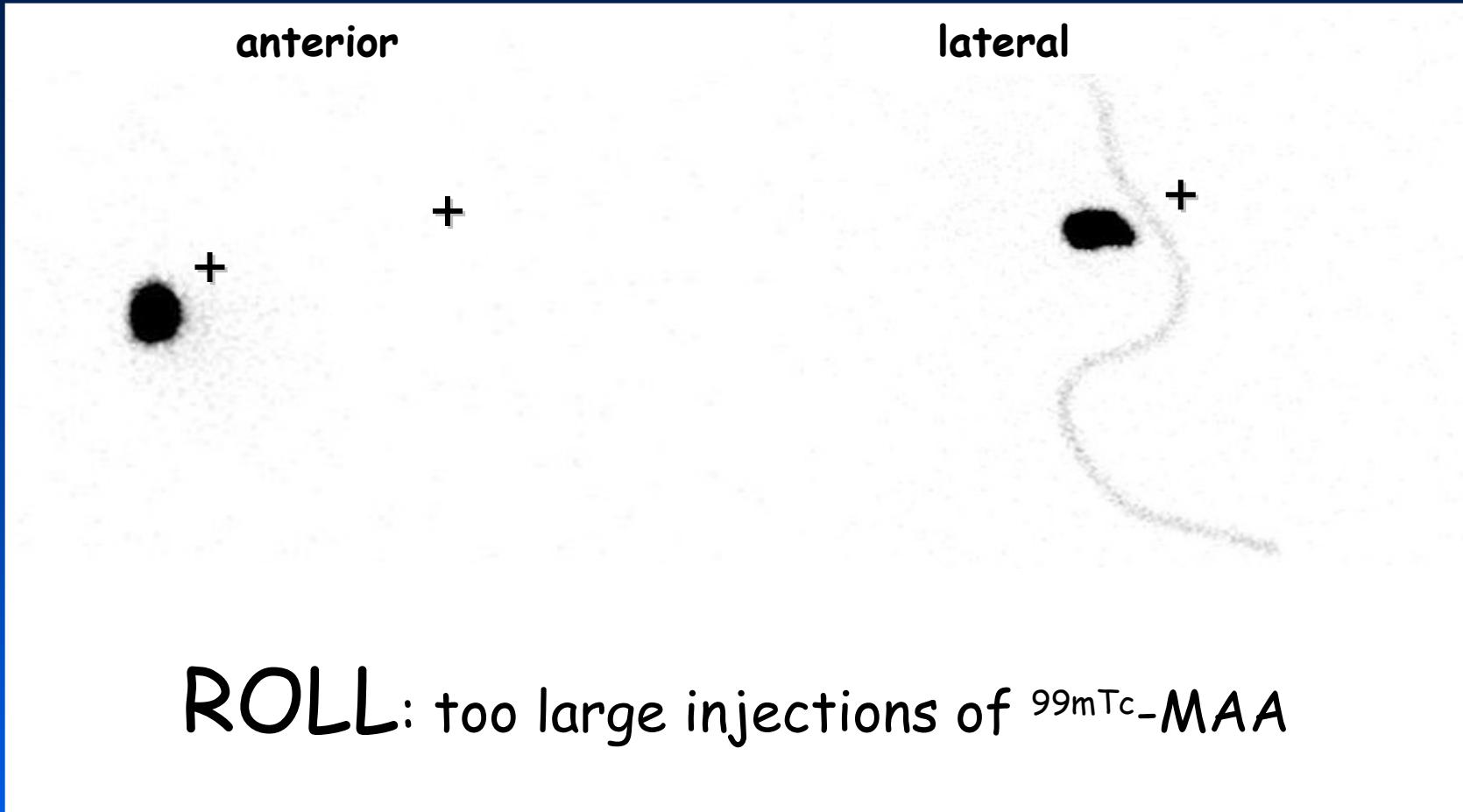
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Irradiation  
**PBI**



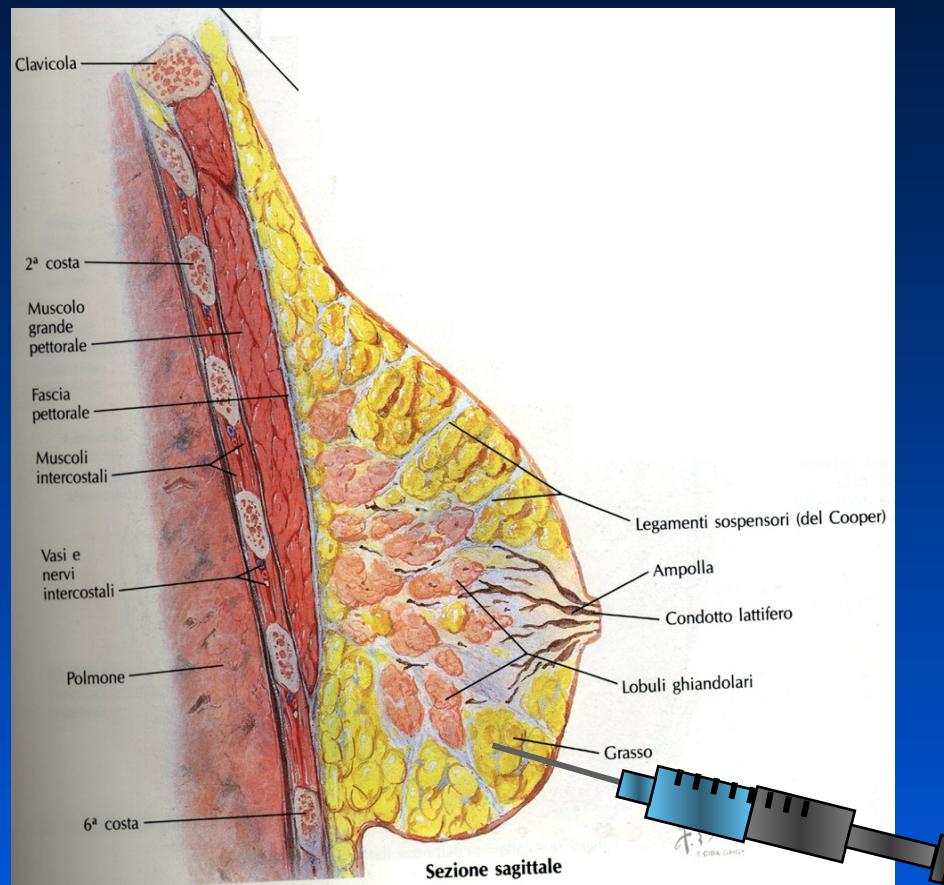
Intraoperative  
Radiotherapy  
**IORT / ELIOT**



# Are there other methods to deliver electrons in the operated breast?



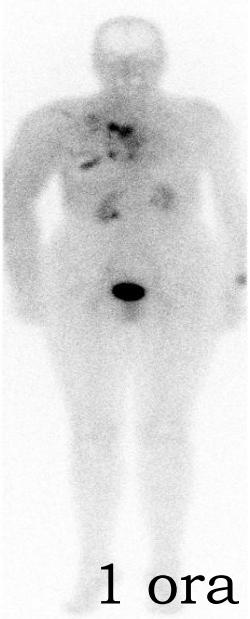
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Avidin

Avidin ( Guided) Radio THerapy

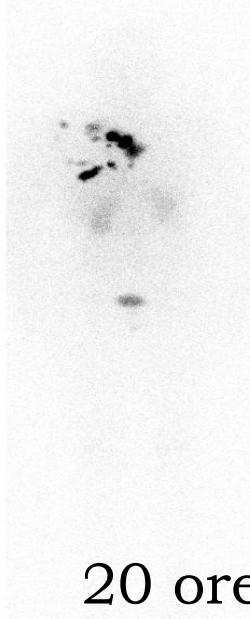
# **"The proof of principle"**



1 ora



4 ore



20 ore



26 ore



48 ore



96 ore



**February  
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# In the operative room...





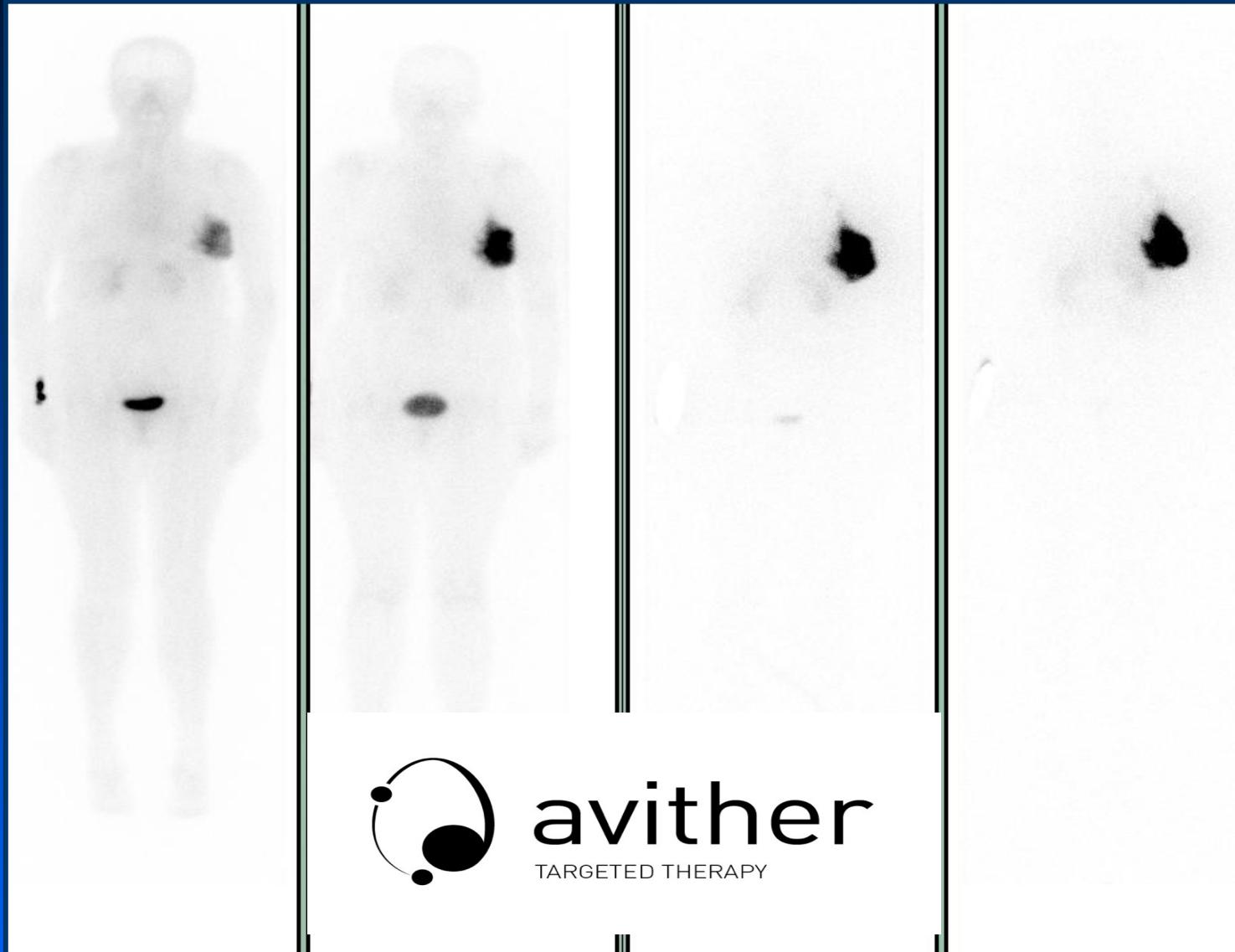
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Fig. 7

16 to 48 hrs post-surgery  $^{90}\text{Y}$ -Biotin i.v. injection

# Total Body anterior view - pt no 25



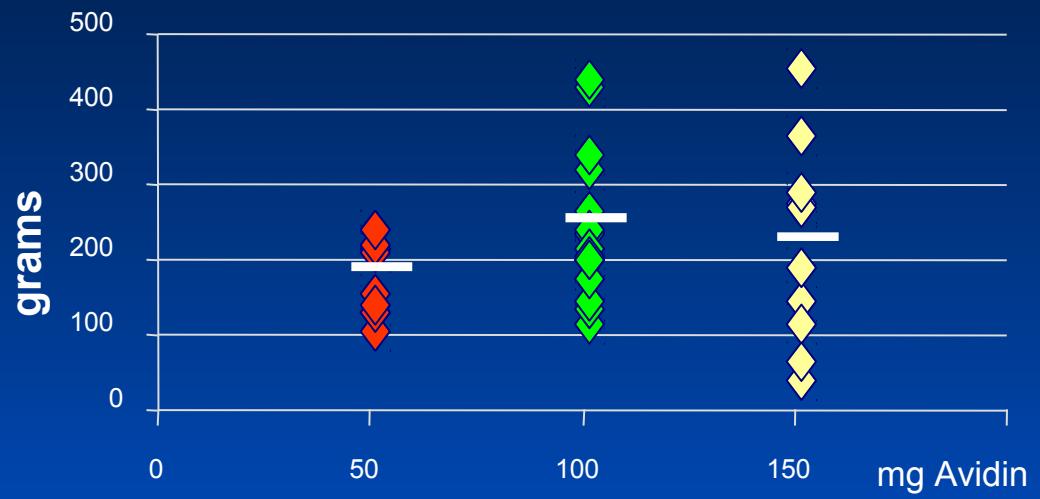
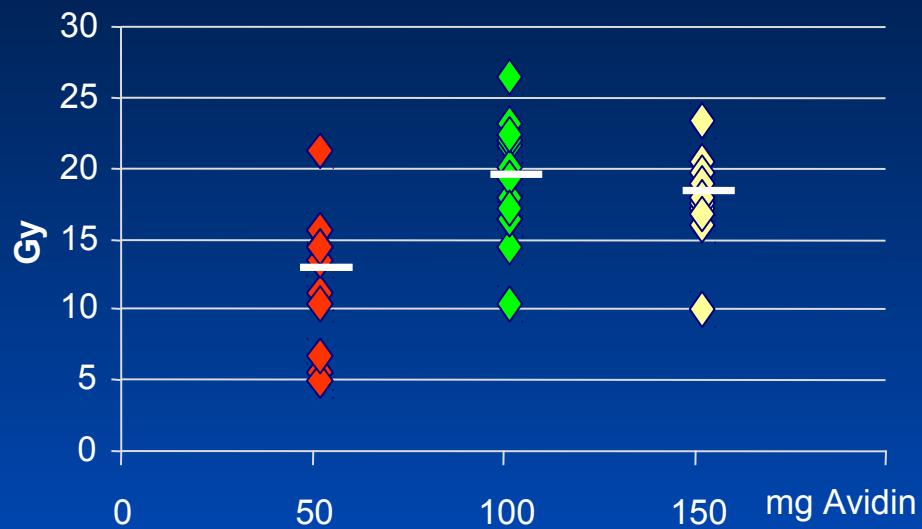
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TARGETED THERAPY

# **3D dosimetry in early breast cancer patients undergoing Intraoperative Avidination for Radionuclide Therapy (IART) combined with External Beam Radiation Therapy**

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# Mean dose (BED) and mass distribution for high uptake region in the three cohorts



Cohort 100 mg

dose (Gy)

$19.5 \pm 4.0$

mass (g)

$254 \pm 99$

Cohort 50 mg

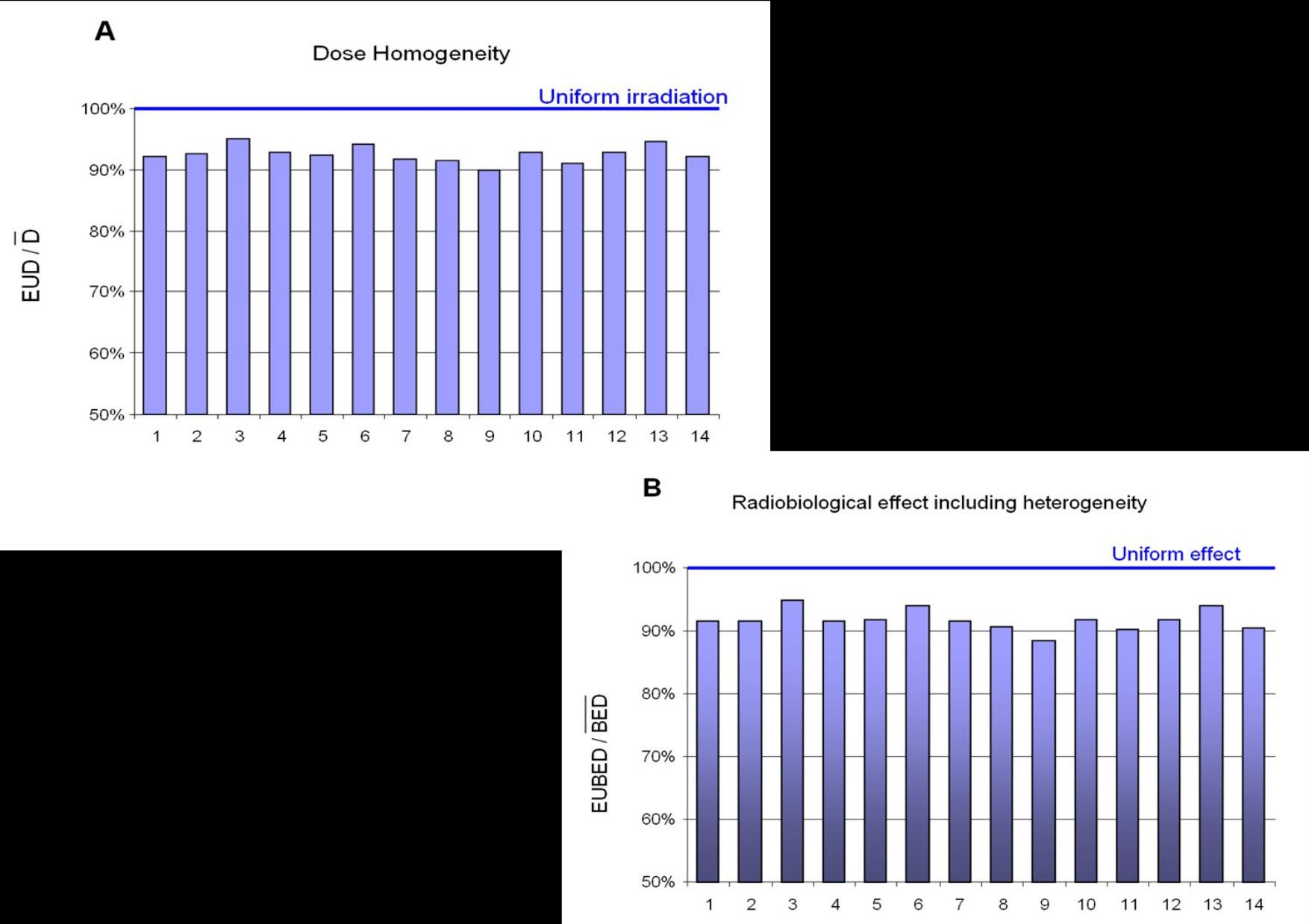
$13.0 \pm 5.1$

$188 \pm 52$

Cohort 150 mg

$18.4 \pm 3.5$

$230 \pm 133$



# **Local Toxicity post-IART® (3-4 w)**

**evaluated by RTOG Scale\* on 34 pts**

<b>G0</b>	<b>G1</b>	<b>G2</b>	<b>G3</b>	<b>G4</b>
<b>pts</b>	<b>pts</b>	<b>pts</b>	<b>pts</b>	<b>pts</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

\* Radiation Therapy Oncology Group, evaluation scale starting from G0 to G4



Pre surgery



Post surgery



3 weeks after IART



Pre surgery



Post surgery



3 weeks after IART



6 month

# Conclusions

- 100 mg of avidin seems to be the optimal dose
- IART<sup>®</sup> toxicity is negligible
- IART<sup>®</sup> + accelerated RT is feasible

# The IRST "S.A.R.A". Study Standard -vs -Accelerated- Radio-nuclide Avidinated therapy

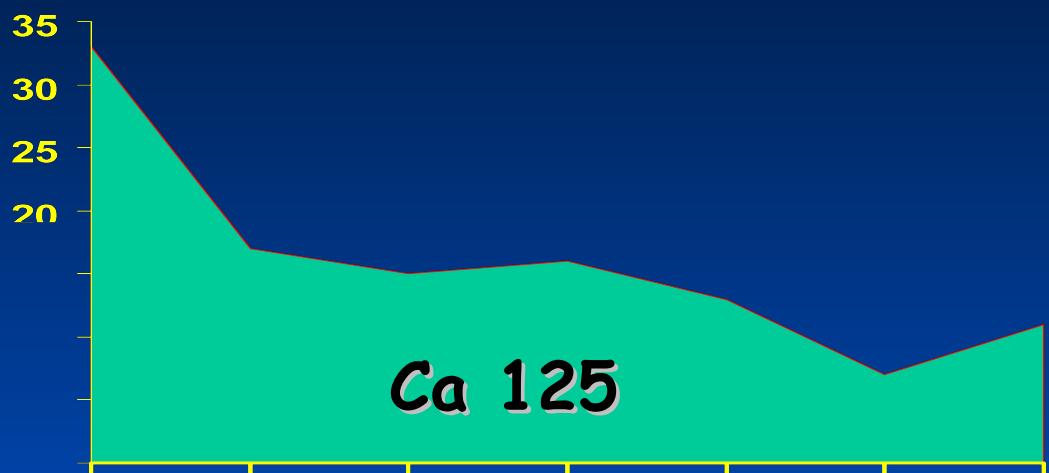
Phase III, multicenter, randomized, clinical trial to evaluate IART with 90Y-Biotin compared to Standard RT in patients with breast cancer candidate to RT after conservative surgery



# Further Applications

- Superficial bladder cancer
- Head and neck cancer
- Pancreatic cancer
- Prostate cancer
- Peritoneal carcinomatosis



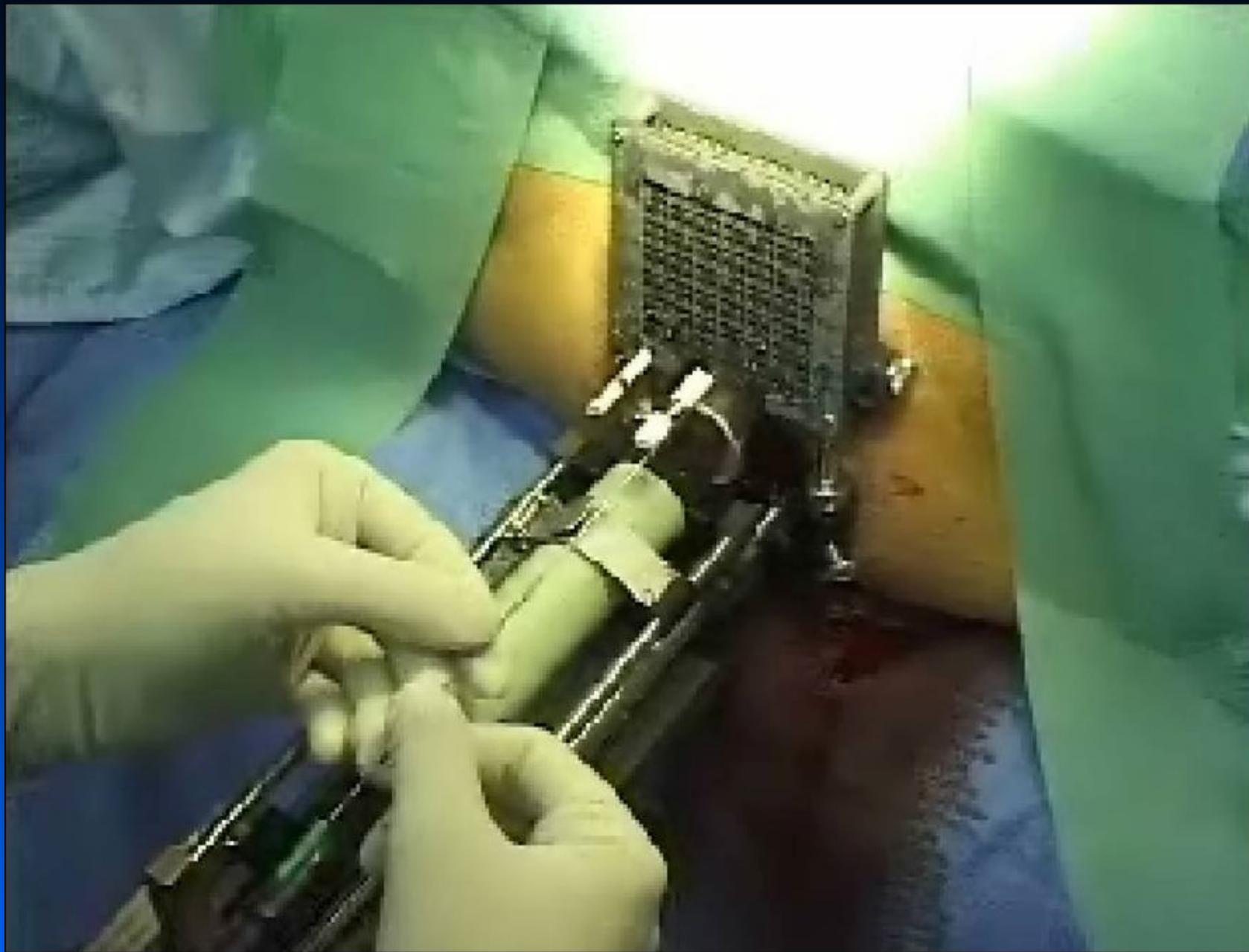


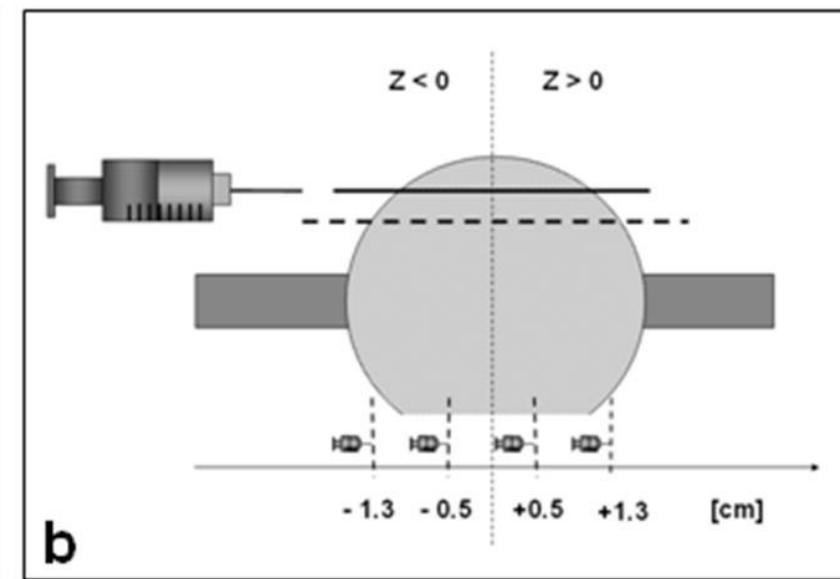
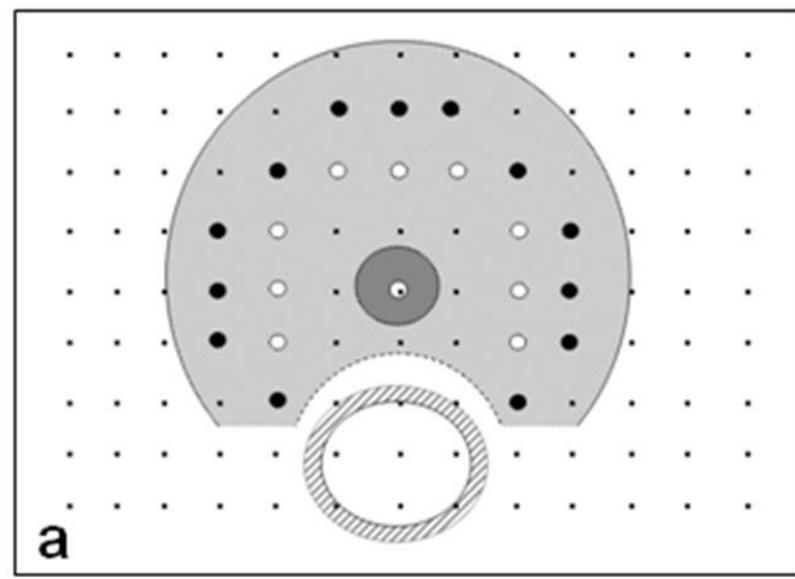
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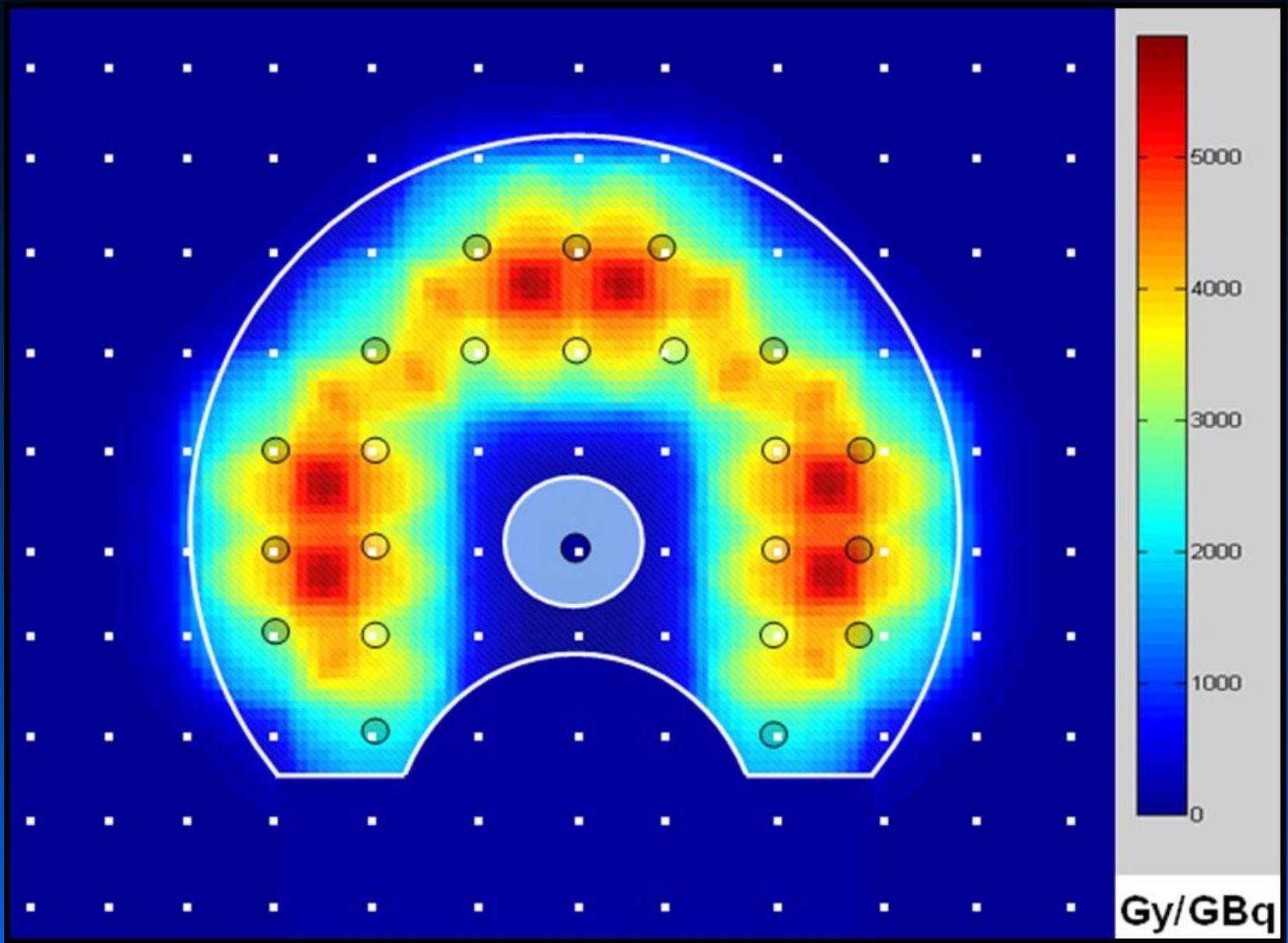
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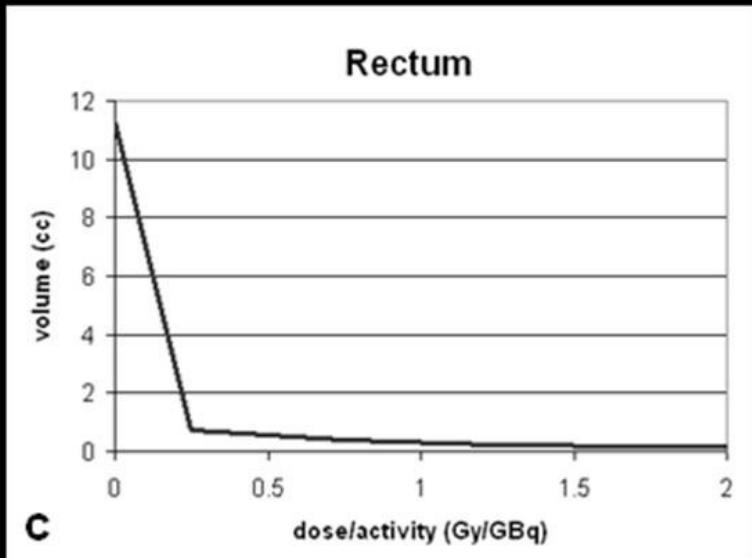
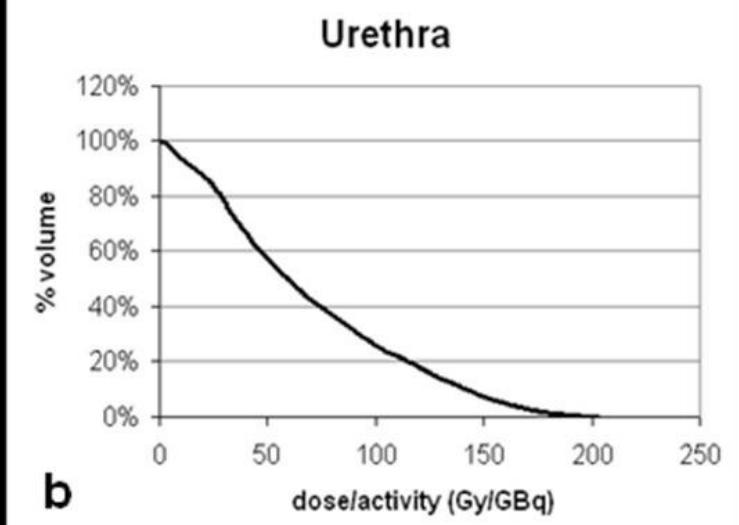
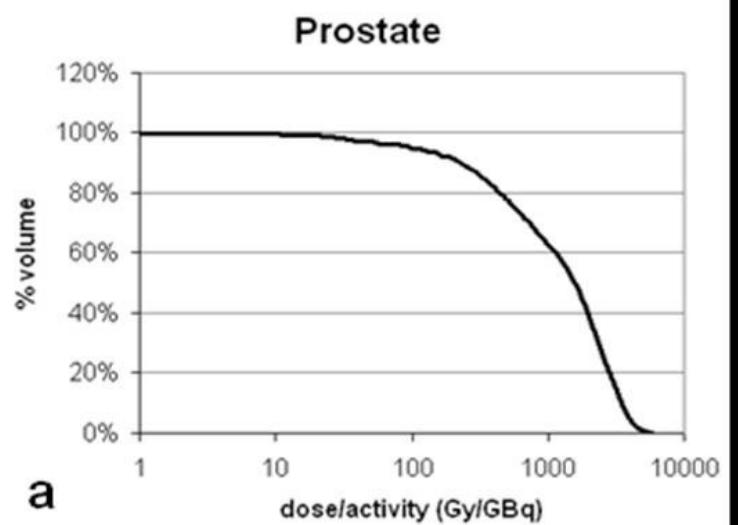
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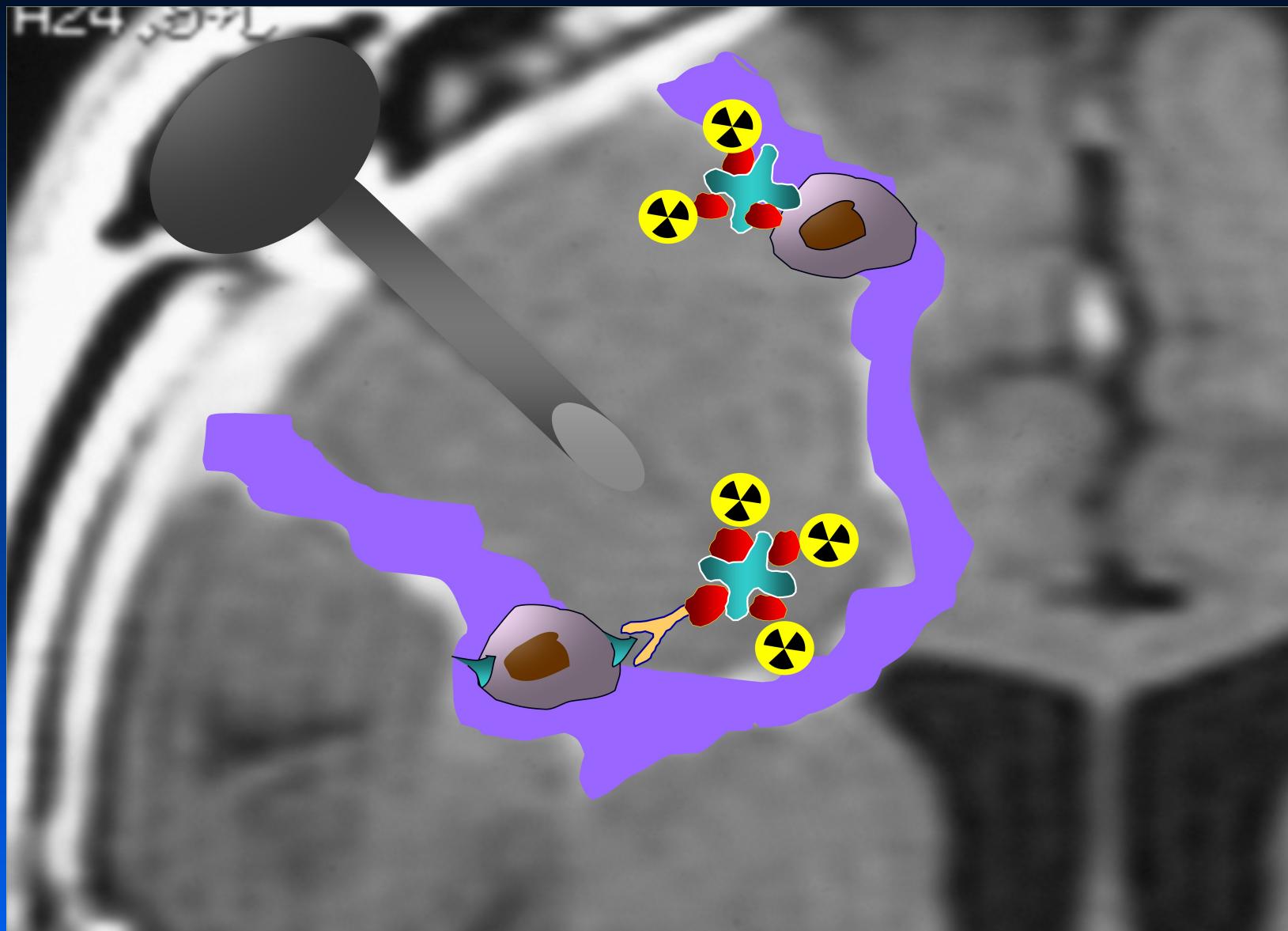


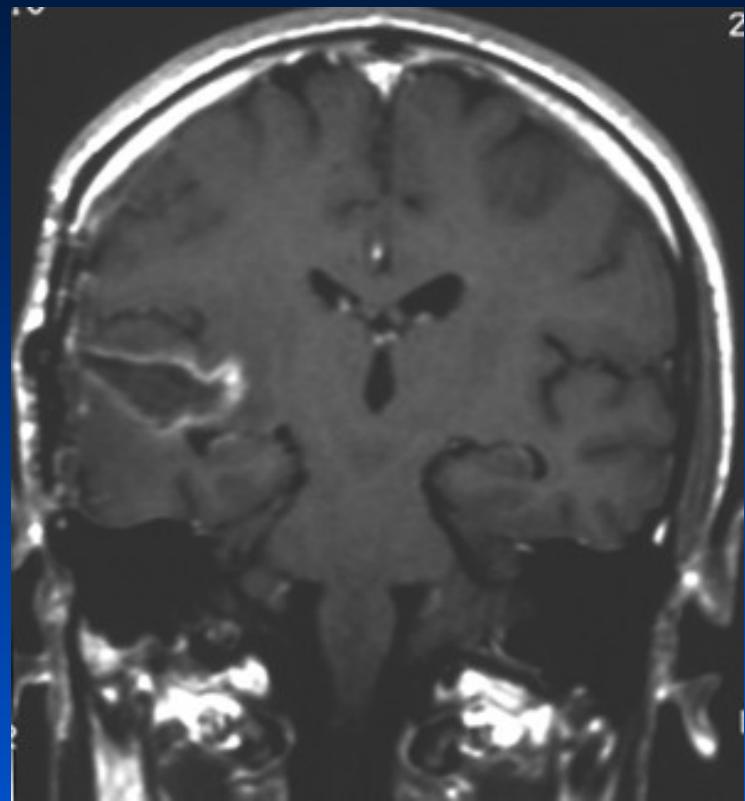




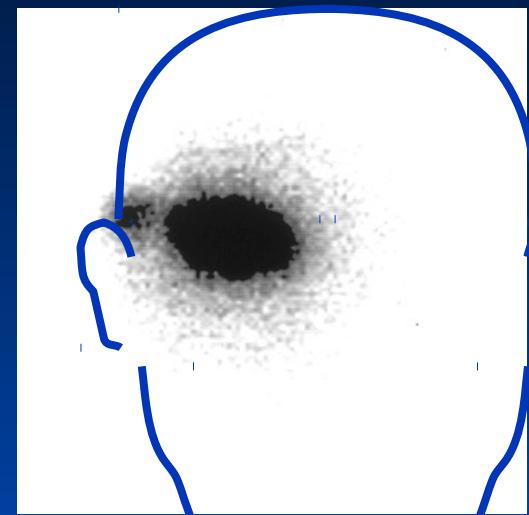
# IART in Brain Cancer







**dx**



**15 min p.i.**

# **Recurrent GBM PTs**

**Group A**

**38 pts**

**LR-RIT**



**Group B**

**35 pts**

**LR-RIT + TMZ**



## Overall Survival and Treatment Groups

