

Stereotactic Ablative Body Radiotherapy for Locally Advanced (unresectable) non metastatic Pancreatic Cancer

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Outline of session

- Principles of Stereotactic Ablative Body Radiotherapy (SABR)

- Future developments on the horizon
Promise of newer technologies



Principles of radiation therapy in Pancreatic tumours

Therapeutic Index

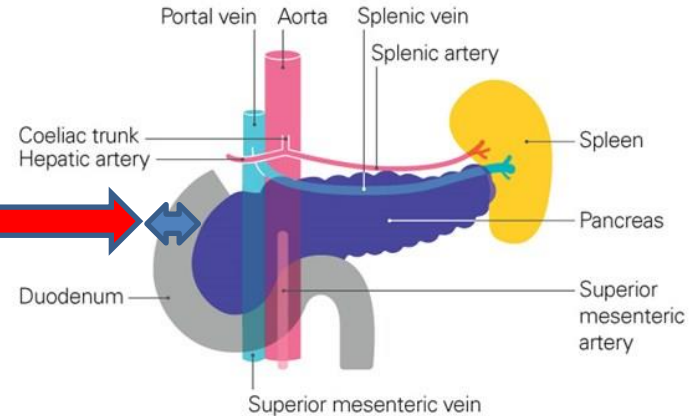
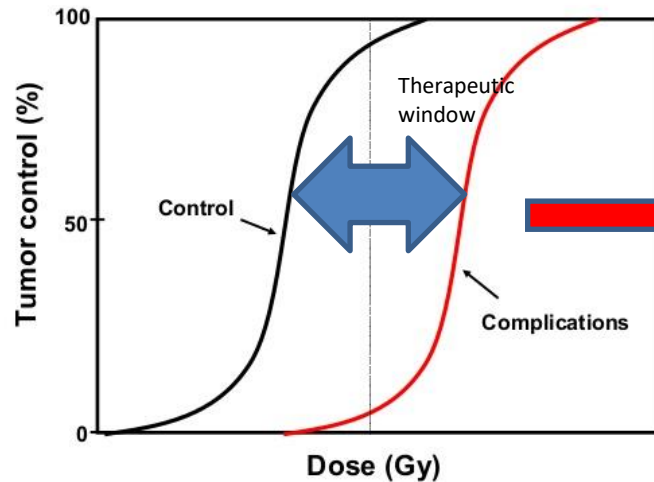


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Linear Accelerators



SABR

Stereotactic ablative body radiotherapy (SABR) refers to the precise irradiation of an image-defined extra-cranial lesion with the use of high radiation dose in a small number of fractions

UK SABR Consortium guidelines 2013



Core principles

- Image Guided RT = IGRT
 - Patient derived treatment volumes (personalised)
 - Adaptive Treatment (on line imaging)
 - Motion management
- High Dose to Target Volume
 - Increasing Biological effective doses (BED)
 - dose per treatment higher than conventional regimes (e.g. SABR)
- Maximal sparing of normal tissue
 - Dose sculpting



Pancreatic RT challenges

- Target Volume delineation

 - Difficult to visualise

 - Imaging underestimates tumour

- Organs at Risk

 - Close proximity

 - Narrow therapeutic index

- Motion



Potential benefits of SABR

- Longer freedom from treatment time / PFS
Suker et al. EClinicalMed 17(2019)
- Improved tolerability / trend to improved OS
CRISP metanalysis, Tcehelebi et al 2020
- Reduction in number of treatment visits
Jones, C.M., *et al.* 2020
- Improved local control / symptom control
Tangible benefit in reduction in pain
Herman et al. Cancer April 2015
- Effects of SABR beyond primary disease control
Griffin et al. IJROBP 2020. 107(4); 766-778



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Clinical Commissioning Policy Statement: Stereotactic ablative body radiotherapy for patients with locally advanced, inoperable, non-metastatic pancreatic carcinoma

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Stereotactic ablative body radiotherapy (SABR) is recommended to be available as a treatment option through routine commissioning for adults with locally advanced, inoperable, non-metastatic pancreatic carcinoma (LANPC) within the criteria set out in this document.



NHS E criteria

Effectively patients currently receiving chemo RT over 6 weeks of treatment will be eligible

- Already established expertise in precision RT for HPB cancers
- Already established patient pathway

Key criteria

- Locally advanced non metastatic
- Minimum 3 months induction chemo and / or unable to tolerate SACT
- Who PS < 2
- Patients are suitable for pancreas SABR as determined by SABR and / or specialist HPB MDT



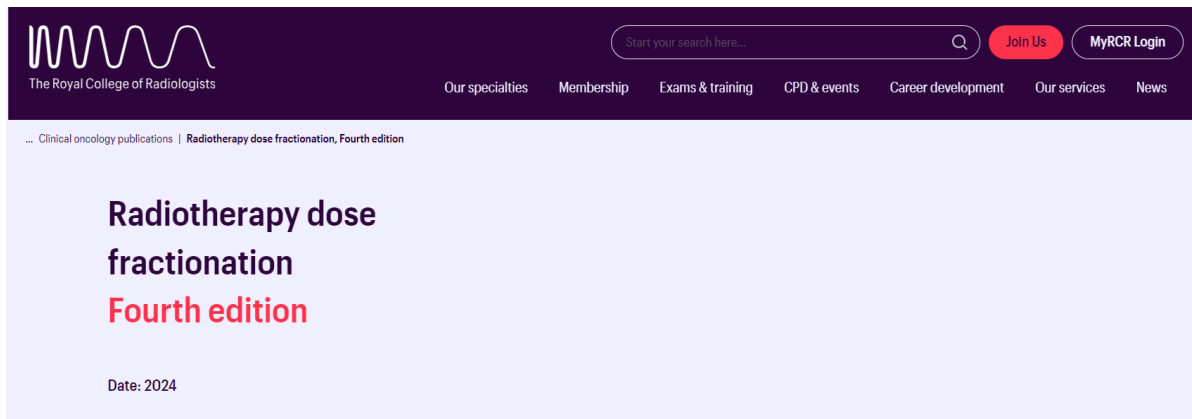
Roll out

• NHS E approval process

- Approved protocol and workshops by RCR-SABR_C-RTTQA
- Test case reviewed for outlining and plan by RTTQA team (2 clinicians and physics independently).
- Benchmarked against a pre defined standard
- First case treated in centre independently peer reviewed by RTTQA team
- Ongoing review as indicated
- 7 centres completed or partial approval



Guidelines



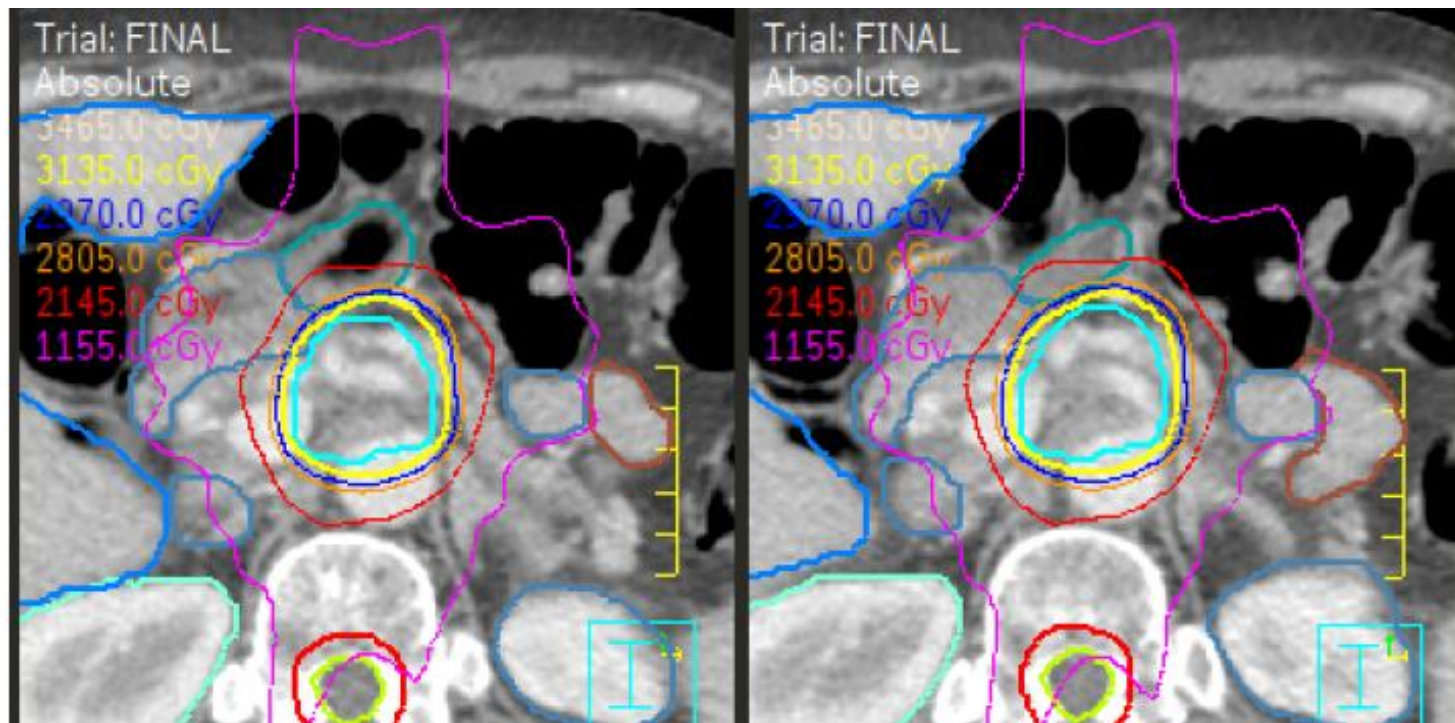
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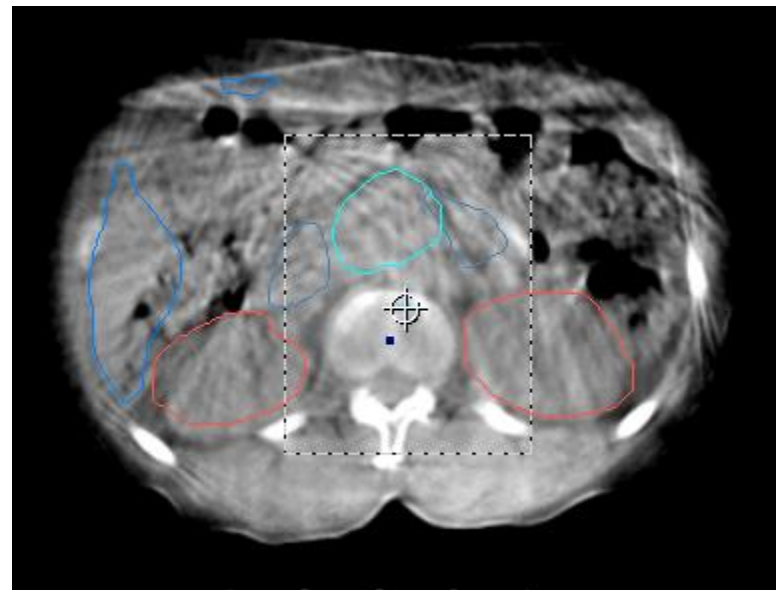
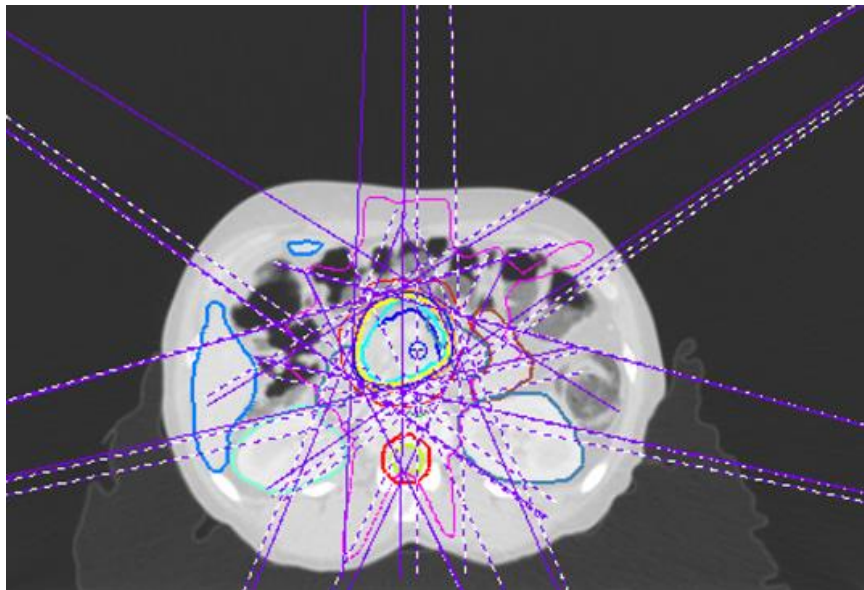
In progress
SABR-C guidelines update this year



SABR pancreas



SABR plan and on treatment verification



MR Guided Adaptive RT

IMPROVING THE THERAPEUTIC INDEX

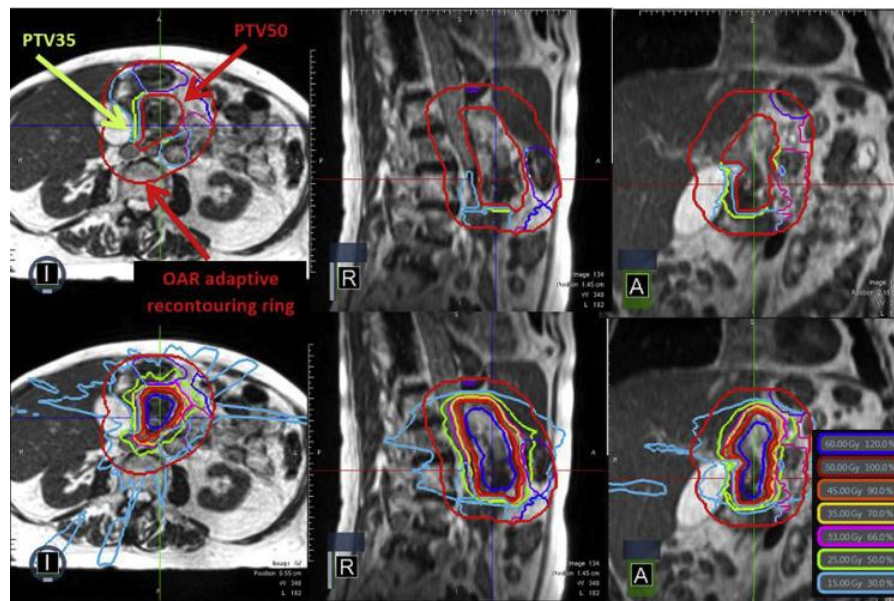


MR_Linac



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- Stereotactic MR Image guided Adaptive Radiation Therapy



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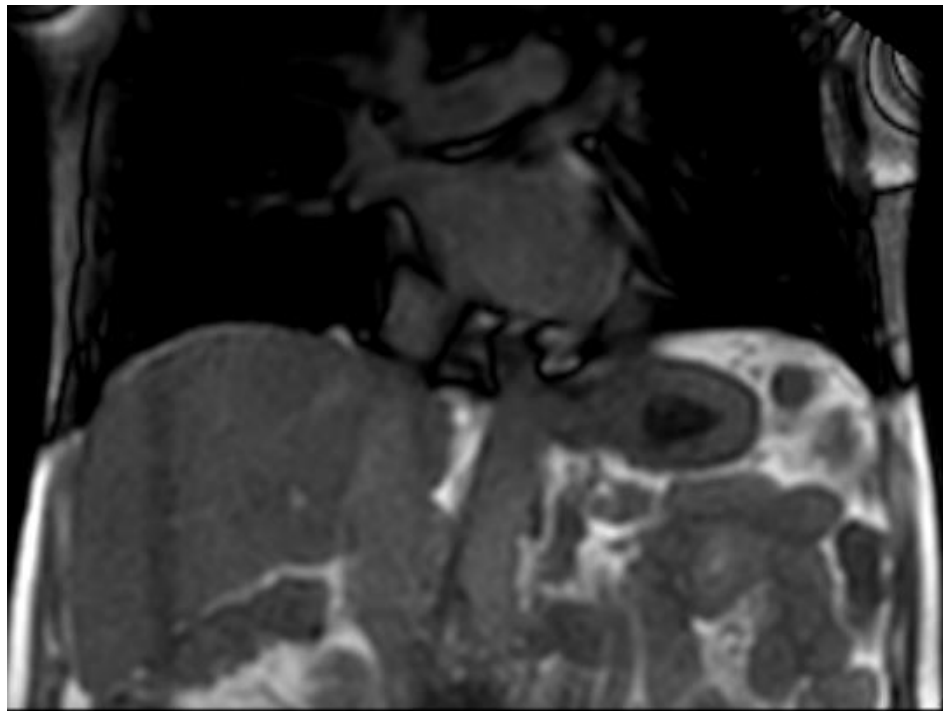
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Respiratory motion GIF

bFFE coronal
cine in free-
breathing (FB)



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Physiological motion in BH GIFs



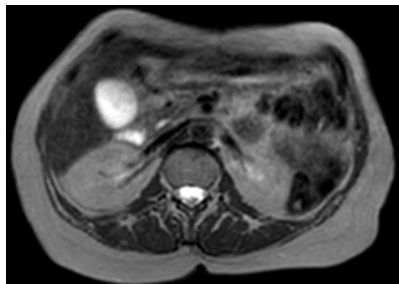
bFFE coronal cine in EEBH showing large peristaltic motion of pylorus and duodenum (fasted 2+hrs patient)

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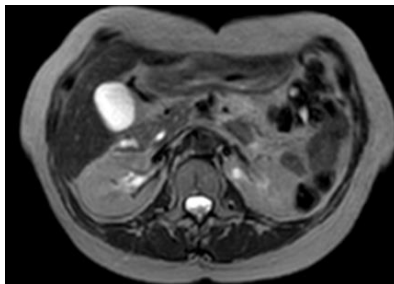


Impact of motion and MR acquisition protocol on image

Imaging modalities



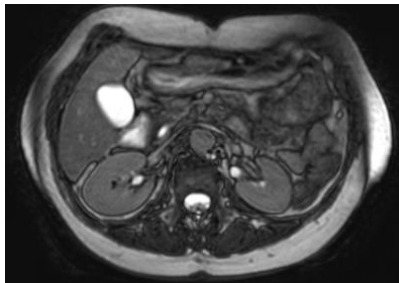
T2 3D Tra – free breathing



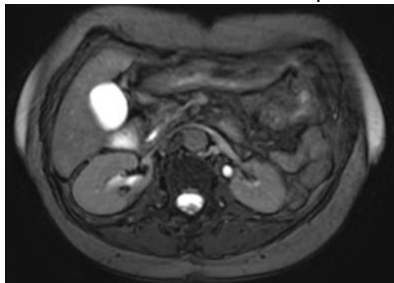
T2 3D Tra – abdominal compression



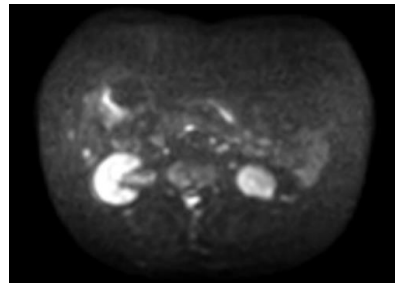
3DCT + IV contrast in EEBH



T2 3D Tra – bFFE 3D VANE



bFFE 3D VANE SPAIR



DWI

FB is more 'fluffy'



CLINICAL INVESTIGATION

A Multi-Institutional Phase 2 Trial of Ablative 5-Fraction Stereotactic Magnetic Resonance-Guided On-Table Adaptive Radiation Therapy for Borderline Resectable and Locally Advanced Pancreatic Cancer



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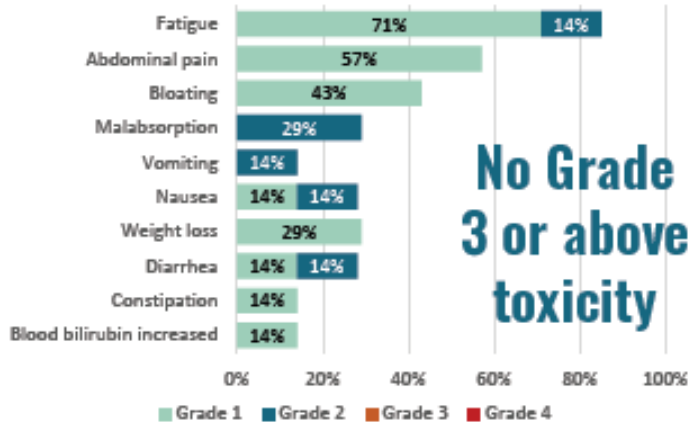
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- Grade 3 toxicity = 0
- 1 year (from diagnosis) PFS= 80.1%; LC = 90%; OS = 93.9%



MRg ART in practice

Presence of symptoms at 3 months (CTCAE v5)



60%

Improved Pain

of patients showed improvement in EDQ5 Score and EORTC pain scores

40%

Less disruption from symptoms

reported less intrusion in ADLs due to pain, improved sleep and less irritability. (EORTC)

40%

Improved Quality of Life

40% reported an improved overall quality of life, 40% had no change and 20% a deterioration (EORTC).



Brocklehurst et al. The Royal College of Radiologists Open

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Current SABR trials

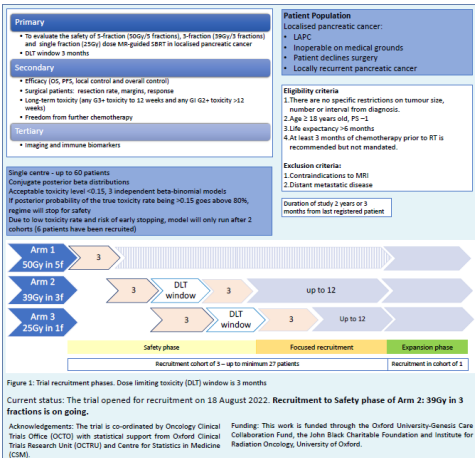


Evaluation of adaptive radiotherapy using the MR Linac in localised pancreatic cancer – EMERALD Pancreas

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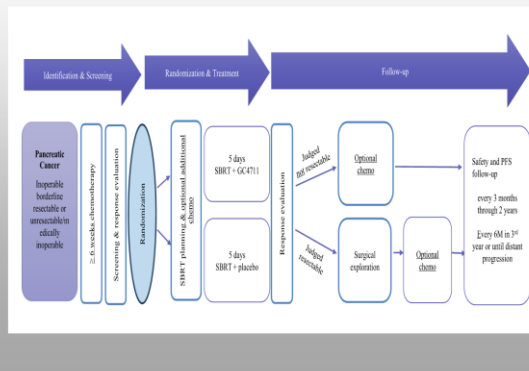
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EMERALD trial is a single centre three-arm phase 1 non-randomised study assessing safety of delivering five-, three- and single fraction MR-guided online adaptive stereotactic ablative radiotherapy (SABR) to the pancreas.

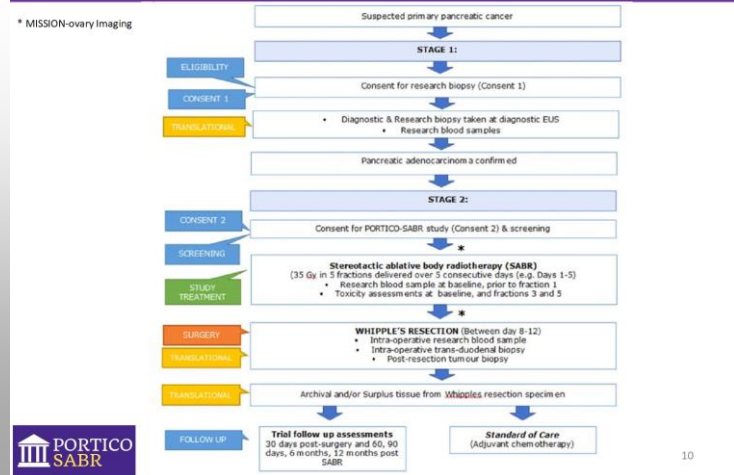


GRECO-2 Study Design

- Subjects must have nonmetastatic unresectable, borderline resectable pancreatic cancer (PC), or refuse or be medically unfit for surgery for PC.
- Newly diagnosed subjects receiving at least 6 weeks of (m)FOLFIRINOX or gemcitabine-doublet, prior to SBRT



Study Flow Chart



Schema courtesy Somnath Muyherjee – CI EMERALD trial Oxford
and A Thankamma –CI PORTICO SABR Cambridge
GRECO-2 UK CI – James Good/ Rob Owen



Trials Update

- EMERALD – closed and in analysis. Patients recruited to all fract schedules
- GRECO 2 – futility end point reached so stopped early and not for further drug BUT continue SABR
- PORTICO – completed full recruitment. Analysis in progress. Translational analysis in AZ labs – Boston US



Summary

- SABR is safe, convenient and efficacious
- Should be available to all patients – consider referral pathways in your network
- SABR requires further study with meaningful end points to refine its role in the patient pathway



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