

# Adaptive Radiotherapy and Pancreatic Cancer

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# Declaration

- I have been named on grants for research and project work from:

Cancer Research UK

Pancreatic Cancer UK

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- I am a clinical co lead for

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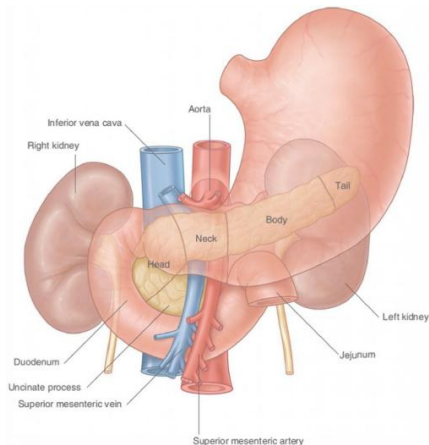
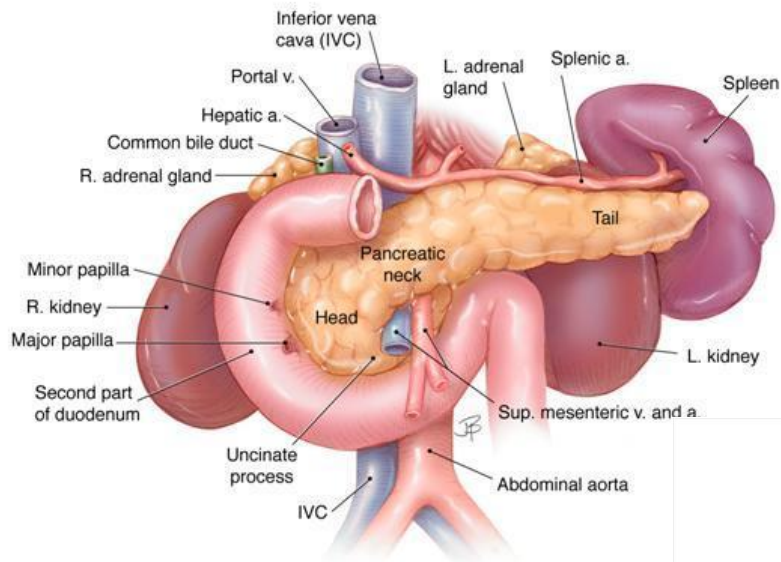
- I have received honoraria from Servier and MSD in 2024.



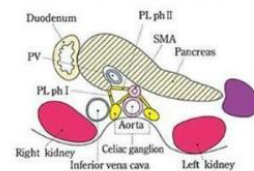
# Outline of session

- Principles of precision (adaptive) Radiotherapy practice in the UK & ART = Adaptive RT
  - Chemo-Radiation – Neoadjuvant (+ LAPC)
  - SABR – Locally advanced non metastatic and oligometastatic
  - Hypofractionated schedules for Palliation
- Future developments on the horizon  
Promise of newer technologies

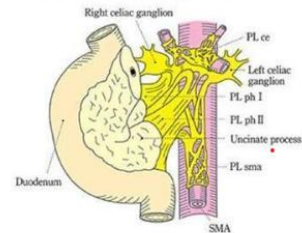




A. Pancreatic nerve plexuses (cross-sectional diagram)



B. Extrapancratic nerve plexuses



- PL ph I: Pancreatic head plexus I
- PL sma: Superior mesenteric arterial plexus
- PL hdl: Plexus within the hepato-duodenal ligament
- PL ce: Celiac plexus
- PL ph II: Pancreatic head plexus II
- PL cha: Common hepatic artery plexus
- PL sp: Splenic plexus

**Figure 10. Nerves (yellow) serving the pancreas.** The cross sectional image (A) emphasizes the location of the celiac ganglia of the autonomic system lateral to the aorta while (B) emphasizes the rich nerve plexus that connects these ganglia to the pancreas. **SMA** (superior mesenteric artery). **PL** (plexus). (Figure used with permission of the Japan Pancreas Association and the Kanehara publishers).



# Pancreatic RT challenges

- Target Volume delineation

Difficult to visualise

Imaging underestimates tumour

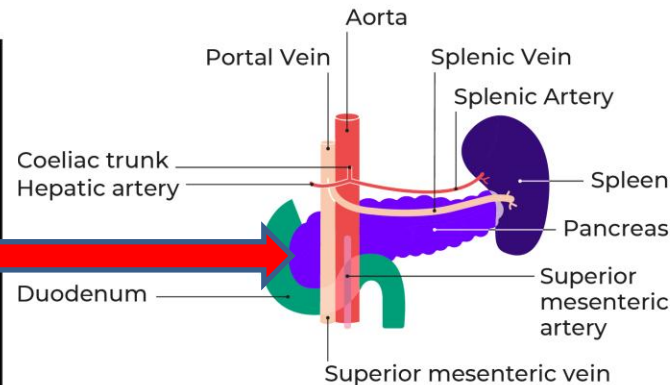
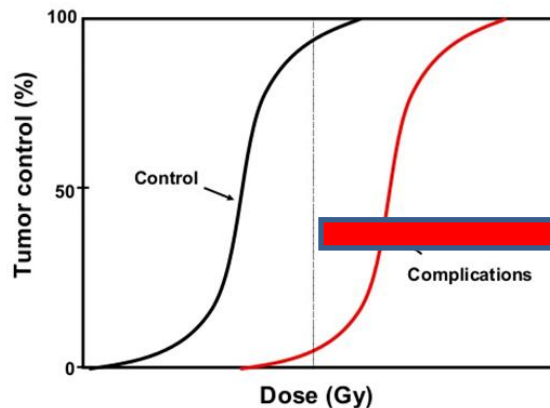
- Organs at Risk

Close proximity

Narrow therapeutic index

- Motion

Therapeutic Index

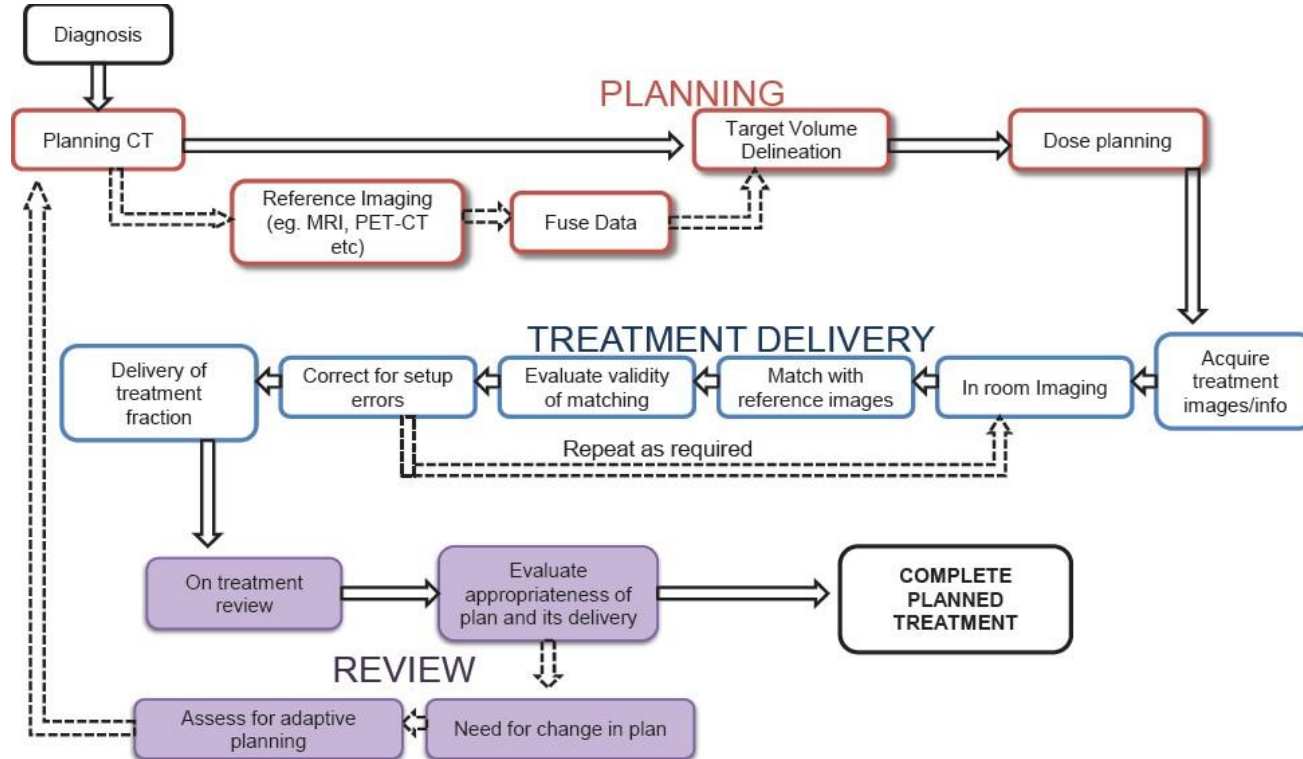


# Linear Accelerators



# Patient pathway

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Neoadjuvant treatment

# NEOADJUVANT RT



# Role of NAT

| Clinical Trial/<br>Phase                      | Clinical<br>Stage | Intervention                                                                                      | Comparator                                                                      | Settings    | No. of<br>Patients | Median<br>Follow-Up | Outcomes                         |                                  |                                                          |                                                                                      | AE ≥ 3          |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
|                                               |                   |                                                                                                   |                                                                                 |             |                    |                     | RO Rate                          | mPFS                             | mOS                                                      | OS Rate (year)                                                                       |                 |
| PREOPANC,<br>2020 <sup>19</sup> /II           | RPC               | Neoadjuvant three cycles of Gem + 36 Gy RT followed by surgery then followed by Gem × four cycles | Upfront surgery followed by Gem × four cycles                                   | Neoadjuvant | 246                | 27 months           | 66% v 59%<br>(OR 1.33, P = .54)  | 9.3 v 9.2<br>(HR 0.88, P = .52)  | 15.6 v 14.6 mo (HR 0.96, P = .83)                        |                                                                                      | All (52% v 41%) |
|                                               | BRPC              |                                                                                                   |                                                                                 |             |                    |                     | 79% v 13%<br>(OR 24.2, P < .001) | 6.3 v 6.2<br>(HR 0.59, P = .013) | 17.6 v 13.2 mo (HR 0.62, P = .029)                       |                                                                                      |                 |
|                                               | All               |                                                                                                   |                                                                                 |             |                    |                     | 71% v 40%<br>(OR 3.61, P < .001) | 8.1 v 7.7<br>(HR 0.73, P = .032) | 16.0 v 14.3 mo (HR 0.78, P = .096)                       |                                                                                      |                 |
| PREOPANC,<br>2022 <sup>14</sup> /III          | RPC/<br>BRPC      | Neoadjuvant CRT (GEM) followed by surgery then followed by Gem                                    | Upfront surgery then followed by Gem                                            | Neoadjuvant | 246                | 59 months           | 72% v 43%<br>P < .001            |                                  | 15.7 v 14.3 (HR 0.73, P = .025)                          | 27.7% v 16.5%<br>(3 years)<br>20.5% v 6.5%<br>(5 years)                              |                 |
| Alliance<br>021101,<br>2016 <sup>29</sup> /II | BRPC              | Neoadjuvant four cycles of mFOLFIRINOX + CAP-CRT                                                  | None                                                                            | Neoadjuvant | 23                 |                     | 93% (14/15)                      |                                  | 21.7 mo<br>(95% CI, 15.7 to not reached)                 | 77% (95% CI, 0.62 to 0.97;<br>12 months)<br>55% (95% CI, 0.37 to 0.80;<br>18 months) | All 64%         |
| Alliance<br>021501,<br>2021 <sup>29</sup> /II | BRPC              | Eight cycles of neoadjuvant mFOLFIRINOX + surgery + four cycles of mFOLFOX6                       | Seven cycles of mFOLFIRINOX + SBRT or HIGRT + surgery + four cycles of mFOLFOX6 | Neoadjuvant | 126                | 27 or 31 months     | 42% v 25%                        |                                  | 31 mo (95% CI, 22.2 to NE) v 17.1 (95% CI, 12.8 to 24.2) | 67.9% v 47.3%<br>(18 months all)<br>93.1% v 78.9%<br>(18 months, s/p pancreatectomy) |                 |
| ESPAC-5F,<br>2020 <sup>30</sup> /II           | BRPC              | Neoadjuvant GEMCAP or FOLFIRINOX or CRT (cap-50.4 Gy)                                             | Upfront surgery                                                                 | Neoadjuvant | 90                 |                     | 23% v 15%<br>(P = .721)          |                                  |                                                          | 77% v 40% (1 year, HR 0.27, P < .001)                                                |                 |



# Neoadjuvant FOLFIRINOX versus neoadjuvant gemcitabine-based chemoradiotherapy in resectable and borderline resectable pancreatic cancer (PREOPANC-2): a multicentre, open-label, phase 3 randomised trial

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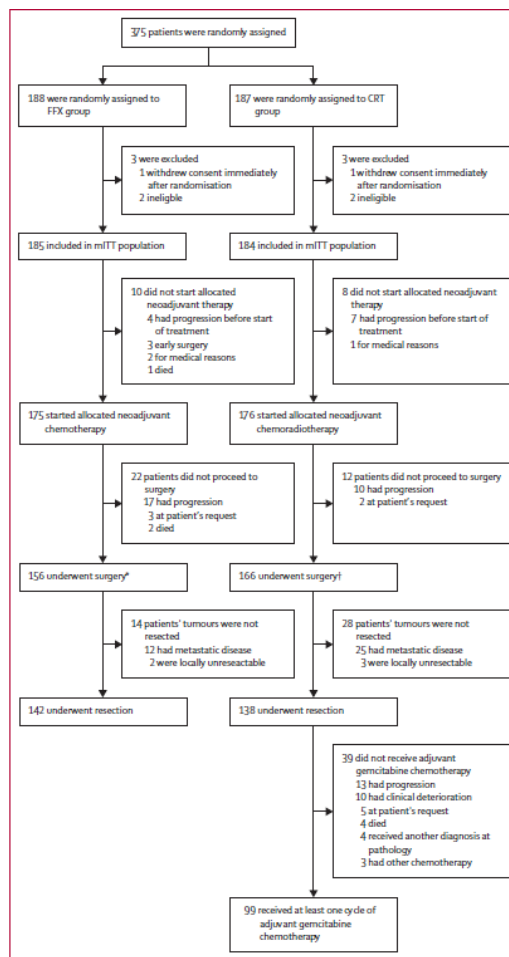
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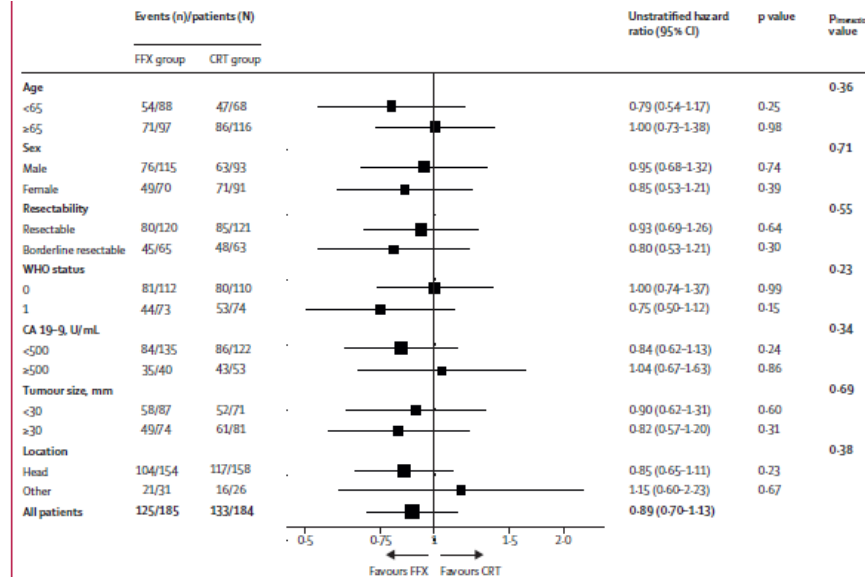
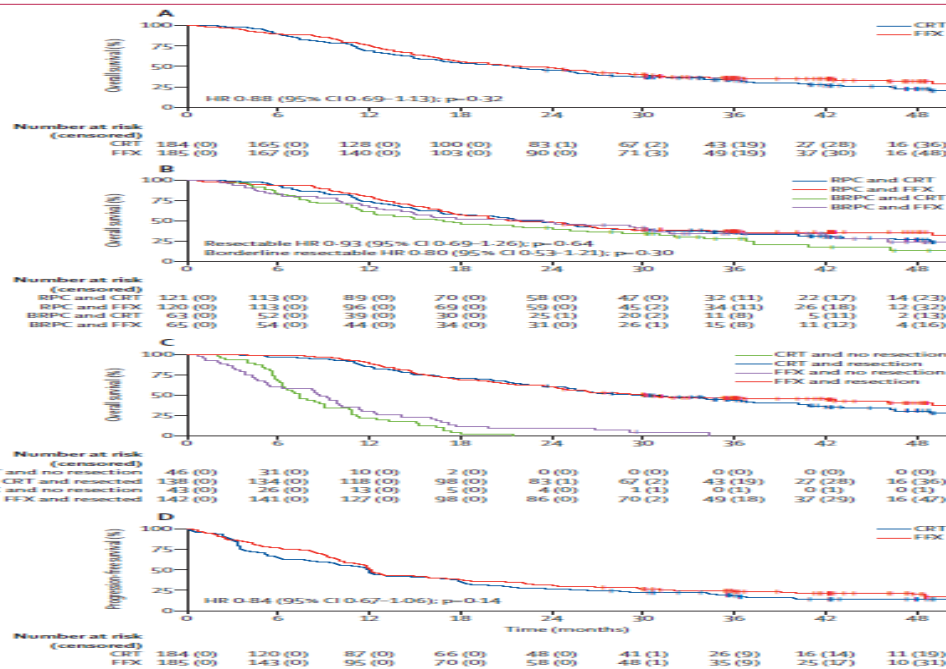
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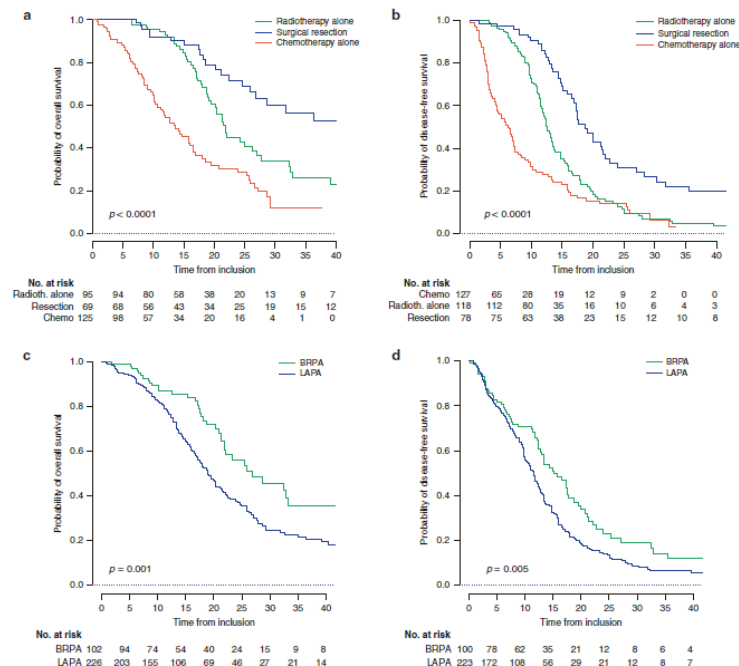
# Role of FOLFIRINOX and chemoradiotherapy in locally advanced and borderline resectable pancreatic adenocarcinoma: update of the AGEO cohort

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**Table 3.** Response rate and treatments after induction FOLFIRINOX chemotherapy.

|                                                     | N (%)          | Whole population<br>N = 330 | BRPA N = 102 | LAPA N = 226 | p       |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| Objective radiological response (RECIST 1.1)        |                |                             |              |              | 0.18    |
| Complete response                                   |                | 11 (3.7)                    | 1 (1.1)      | 10 (4.8)     |         |
| Partial response                                    |                | 77 (25.8)                   | 27 (30.3)    | 50 (24.2)    |         |
| Stable disease                                      |                | 152 (51.0)                  | 48 (53.9)    | 102 (49.3)   |         |
| Progression                                         |                | 58 (19.5)                   | 13 (14.6)    | 45 (21.7)    |         |
| Treatment after FOLFIRINOX                          |                |                             |              |              | 0.20    |
| Yes                                                 |                | 201 (61.5)                  | 69 (66.7)    | 129 (57.1)   |         |
| Chemoradiotherapy alone                             |                | 120 (36.4)                  | 26 (25.5)    | 94 (41.6)    | <0.0001 |
| Surgery                                             |                | 79 (23.9)                   | 43 (42.1)    | 35 (15.5)    |         |
| With radiotherapy                                   |                | 33 (41.8)                   | 17 (39.5)    | 15 (42.9)    | 0.77    |
| Without radiotherapy                                |                | 46 (58.2)                   | 26 (60.5)    | 20 (57.1)    |         |
| Surgical exploration with no resection              |                | 12 (3.6)                    | 6 (5.9)      | 6 (2.6)      | 0.14    |
| Post-FOLFIRINOX radiotherapy                        |                | 153 (46.6)                  | 43 (42.6)    | 109 (48.4)   | 0.34    |
| Dose (Gy)                                           | Median (range) | 50 (49–54)                  | 50 (50–54)   | 50 (48–54)   | 0.85    |
| Post-FOLFIRINOX surgical resection                  |                | N = 79                      | N = 43       | N = 35       |         |
| R0 resection                                        |                | 59 (74.7)                   | 32 (74.4)    | 25 (71.4)    | 0.90    |
| ypT0N0                                              |                | 7 (8.9)                     | 3 (7.0)      | 4 (11.8)     | 0.69    |
| Post-operative complication                         |                | 30 (40.5)                   | 17 (39.5)    | 12 (40)      | 0.97    |
| With radiotherapy                                   |                | 12 (38.7)                   | 6 (35.3)     | 5 (38.5)     |         |
| Without radiotherapy                                |                | 18 (41.9)                   | 11 (42.3)    | 7 (41.2)     |         |
| Recurrence                                          |                |                             |              |              | 0.03    |
| After radiotherapy alone (n = 120)                  |                | 76 (63.3)                   | 12 (46.1)    | 64 (68.1)    |         |
| After surgery (n = 79)                              |                | 36 (45.6)                   | 22 (51.2)    | 14 (40.0)    |         |
| With radiotherapy                                   |                | 10 (30.3)                   | 6 (35.3)     | 4 (26.7)     |         |
| Without radiotherapy                                |                | 26 (56.5)                   | 16 (61.5)    | 10 (50.0)    |         |
| Missing                                             |                | 166                         | 43           | 123          |         |
| Metastatic recurrence after consolidation treatment |                | 70 (61.9)                   | 22 (62.8)    | 48 (61.5)    | 0.51    |

BRPA borderline resectable pancreatic adenocarcinoma, LAPA locally advanced pancreatic adenocarcinoma.



# Surgical Outcomes Following Neoadjuvant Treatment for Locally Advanced and Borderline Resectable Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma

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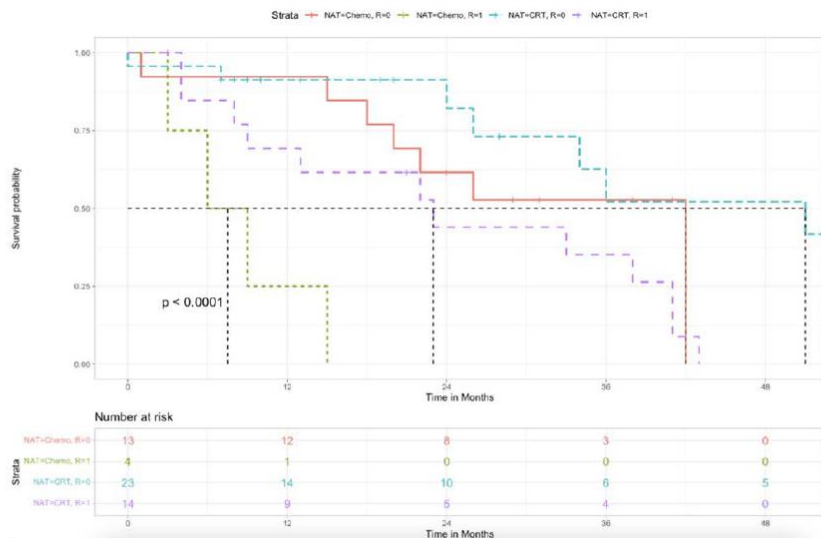


FIGURE 2. Kaplan-Meier plot: R0 versus R1 median overall survival: chemo R1 (green) 7.5 months versus CRT R1 (purple) 23 months versus Chemo R0 (red) 42 months versus CRT R0 (blue) 51 months,  $P < 0.0001$ .



# Neoadjuvant (c)RT

- NAT for borderline resectable disease

Need for consistent radiological assessment

PACT – UK Project

- Precision Oncology

Refining patient selection for benefit for RT



Locally advanced non metastatic unresectable

# **CONSOLIDATION RT**



| Clinical Trial/Phase                                         | Clinical Stage | Intervention                                                                                                                                                                 | Comparator                                | Settings                  | No. of Patients | Median Follow-Up |                                                        |                                            |                                               |                                                  |                                                                                                                                                 |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
|                                                              |                |                                                                                                                                                                              |                                           |                           |                 |                  | Surg. (rate)                                           | mPFS                                       | mOS                                           | OS Rate (year)                                   | AE ≥ 3                                                                                                                                          |  |
| LAP-07, 2016 <sup>31</sup> /III                              | LAPC           | Gem or Gem/erlotinib followed by CRT (Cap): 54 Gy in 30 fractions with Cap 800 mg/m <sup>2</sup> twice a day                                                                 | Gem or Gem/erlotinib                      | Induction chemo-RT        | 269             | 36.7 months      | N = 18 (4%; RO = 8)                                    | 9.9 v 8.4 months (HR 0.78, <i>P</i> = .06) | 15.2 v 16.5 months (HR 1.03, <i>P</i> = .83)  |                                                  | Hematologic toxicity (3.9% v 10.4%)<br>Nonhematologic toxicity (23.1% v 19.8%)                                                                  |  |
|                                                              |                | Gem/erlotinib<br>Gem: 1,000 mg/m <sup>2</sup> once every 4 weeks once daily (3-week on/1-week off) × four cycles<br>Erlotinib 100 mg daily.<br>Maintenance 150 mg once daily | Gem                                       | Induction chemotherapy    | 442             | 35.9 months      |                                                        | 6.5 v 7.8 months (HR 1.12, <i>P</i> = .26) | 11.9 v 13.6 months (HR 1.19, <i>P</i> = .09)  |                                                  | Hematologic toxicity (40.3% v 34.1%): anemia (6.2% v 2.3%)<br>Nonhematologic toxicity (41.0% v 40.0%): diarrhea (6.6% v 1.4%), acne (3.3% v 0%) |  |
| SCALOP, 2013, 2013, <sup>32</sup> and 2017 <sup>33</sup> /II | LAPC           | Gem-Cap × three cycles followed by CAP-RT                                                                                                                                    | Gem-Cap × three cycles followed by Gem-RT | Induction chemotherapy-RT | 114             | 10.9             | N = 5 (4%; CAP-RT = 2, Gem-RT = 3), all RO             | 12 v 10.4 (HR 0.6, <i>P</i> = .12)         | 17.6 v 14.6 months (HR 0.68, <i>P</i> = .185) |                                                  | All (12% v 37%)<br>Hematologic (0% v 18%)<br>Nonhematologic (0% v 26%)<br>GI (0% v 16%)                                                         |  |
| LAPC-1, 2020/II                                              | LAPC           | Eight cycles of FOLFIRINOX followed by SRBT (40 Gy, five fractions)                                                                                                          | Eight cycles FOLFIRINOX                   | Induction chemotherapy-RT | 50 (SRBT = 39)  | 39 months        | N = 7 (14%), all RO                                    |                                            | 18 v 5 months ( <i>P</i> < .001)              | 43% v 6.5% (3 years, <i>P</i> = .03)             | SRBT group 10%                                                                                                                                  |  |
| LAPACT, 2020 <sup>34</sup> /II                               | LAPC           | Gem/NabP × six cycles followed by investigator's choice: continue chemotherapy, CRT, or surgery                                                                              | None                                      | Induction                 | 106             |                  | N = 17 (16%) RO = 7, R1 = 9                            | 10.9 months (90% CI, 9.3 to 11.6)          | 18.8 months (90% CI 15.0 to 24.0)             |                                                  | Neutropenia: 33%<br>Anemia: 11%<br>Fatigue 10%                                                                                                  |  |
| NEOLAP-AIO-PAK-0113, 2020 <sup>35</sup> /II                  | LAPC           | Two cycles of Gem/Nab followed by four cycles of FOLFIRINOX                                                                                                                  | Four cycles of Gem/NabP                   | Induction                 | 130             | 24.9 months      | 43.9% (29/66) v 35.9% (23/64), OR 0.72, <i>P</i> = .38 | 9.5 v 7.7 months (HR 0.75, <i>P</i> = .18) | 20.7 v 18.5 months (HR 0.86, <i>P</i> = .53)  | 34.6% v 7.1% (2 years, resection v no resection) | ALL: 53% v 55%<br>Neutropenia: 24% v 28%<br>Nasua/vomiting: 12% v 3%<br>Cholangitis: 11% v 9%                                                   |  |

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



# 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



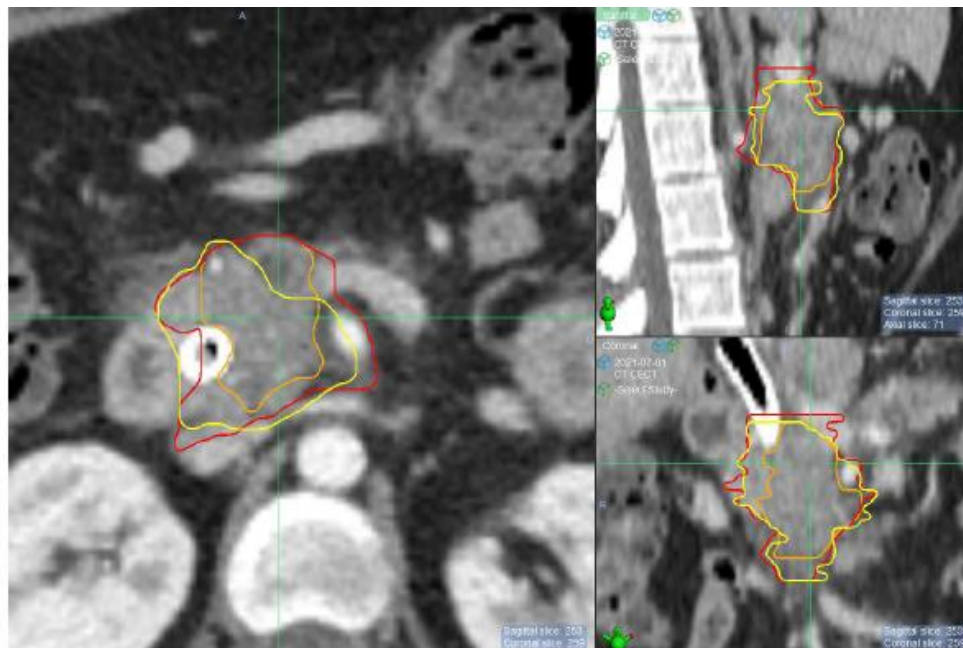
# Roll out

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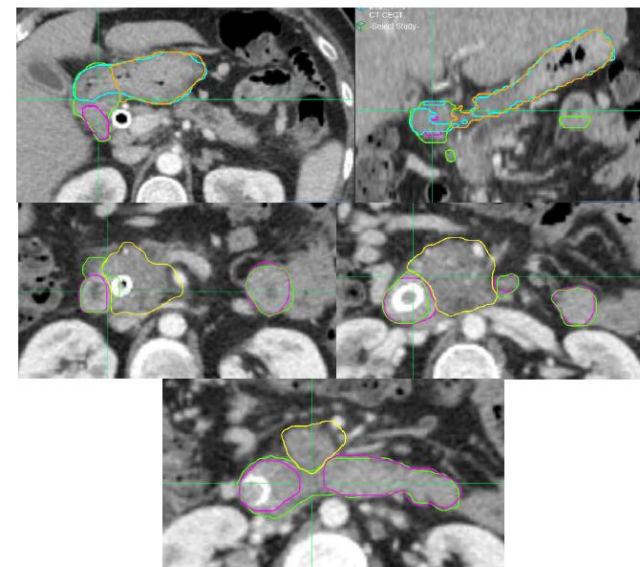
- Approved protocol and workshops by RCR-SABR\_C-RTTQA
- Test case reviewed for outlining and plan by RTTQA team (2 clinicians and physics independently).
- Benchmarked against a pre defined standard
- First case treated in centre independently peer reviewed by RTTQA team
- Ongoing review as indicated
- Mentoring
- > 10 centres completed or partial approval



# QA process



*Figure 1: The maximum and minimum accepted GTVp in red and orange, respectively; in yellow the corresponding submission. In magenta the submitted duodenum*



*Figure 5: In green and orange the Duodenum and Stomach gold standards, respectively; in magenta and cyan the corresponding submission. In yellow the submitted GTVp*

### 3. Conclusion

Overall outlining review decision: **Acceptable variation from the required specification\***



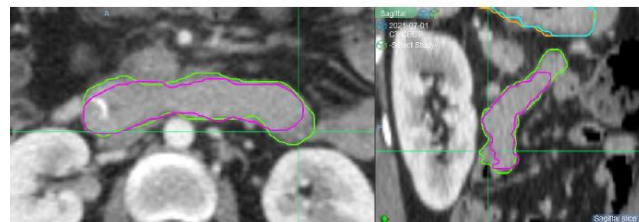
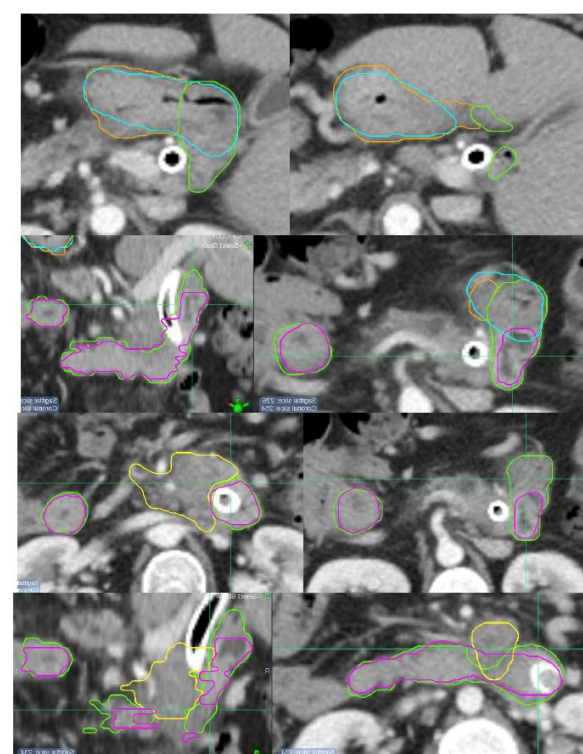
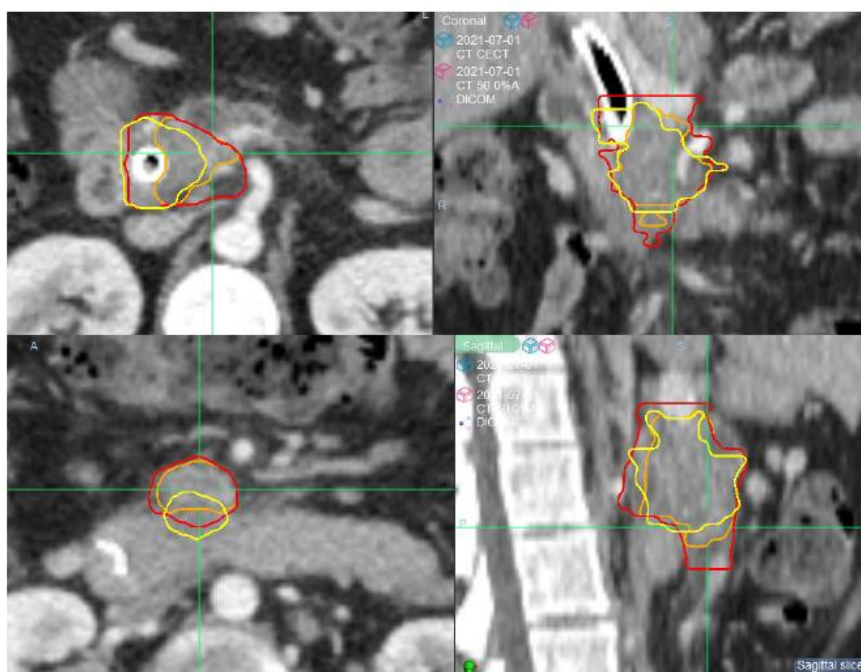


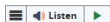
Figure 6: In green and orange the Duodenum and Stomach gold standards, respectively; in magenta and cyan the corresponding submission. In yellow the submitted GTVp

### 3. Conclusion

Overall outlining review decision: **Unacceptable variation from the required specification\*\***

Patty Diez – RTTQA





## Farmer David first person in Wales to receive high-tech cancer treatment



Some of the team who worked on introducing SABR for cancer of the pancreas. L-r: Sophie Jenkins, interim head of service, radiotherapy; Mark Stewart, CT radiographer lead; Anna Iles, interim Head of service – radiotherapy; Adam Selby, SABR lead radiotherapy physics scientist; Owen Nicholas, consultant clinical oncologist; Rhys Jenkins, head radiotherapy physics technologist; Lucy Faulkner, deputy head, radiotherapy physics technologists; and Tracy Lewis, pre-treatment radiotherapy lead.

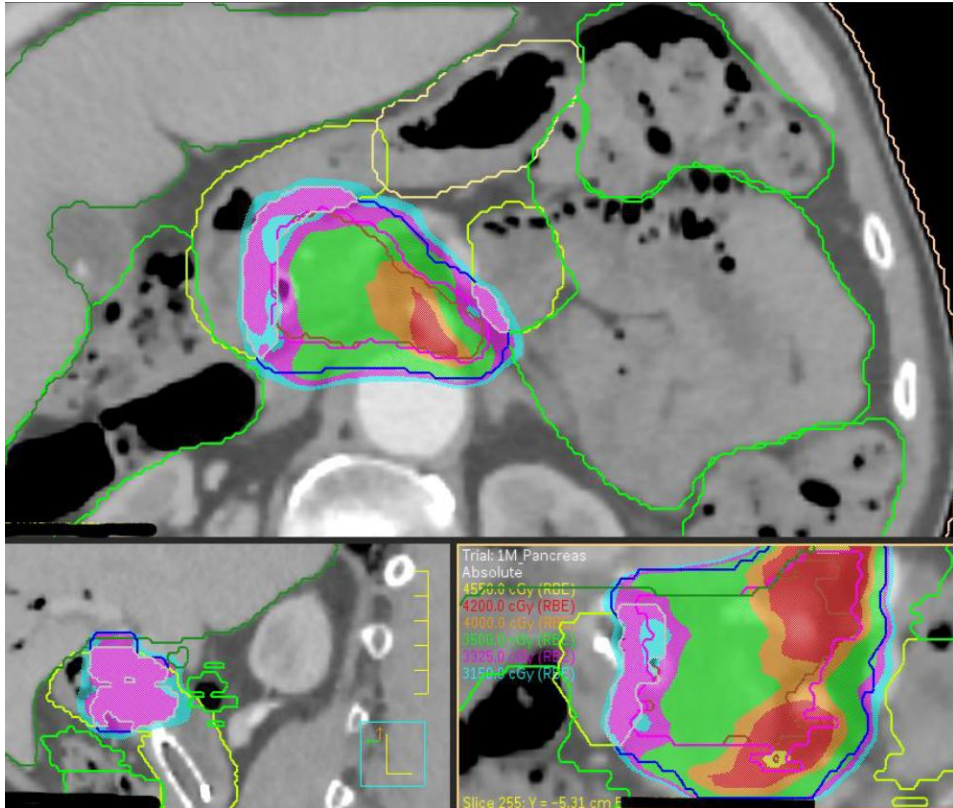
"We've been working on it for a number of years, and we are now comfortable we can deliver this treatment safely and effectively," said Dr Nicholas. "This is really complex radiotherapy, so it has been a huge team effort to get to this point."

Advanced radiotherapy physics technologist Lucy Faulkner said that as part of its preparations, the SWWCC had been mentored by The

Christie, which provided advice and feedback.



# SABR plan



|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
|  | 4550.0cGy (127%) |
|  | 4200.0cGy (120%) |
|  | 4000.0cGy (114%) |
|  | 3500.0cGy (100%) |
|  | 3325.0cGy (95%)  |
|  | 3150.0cGy (90%)  |



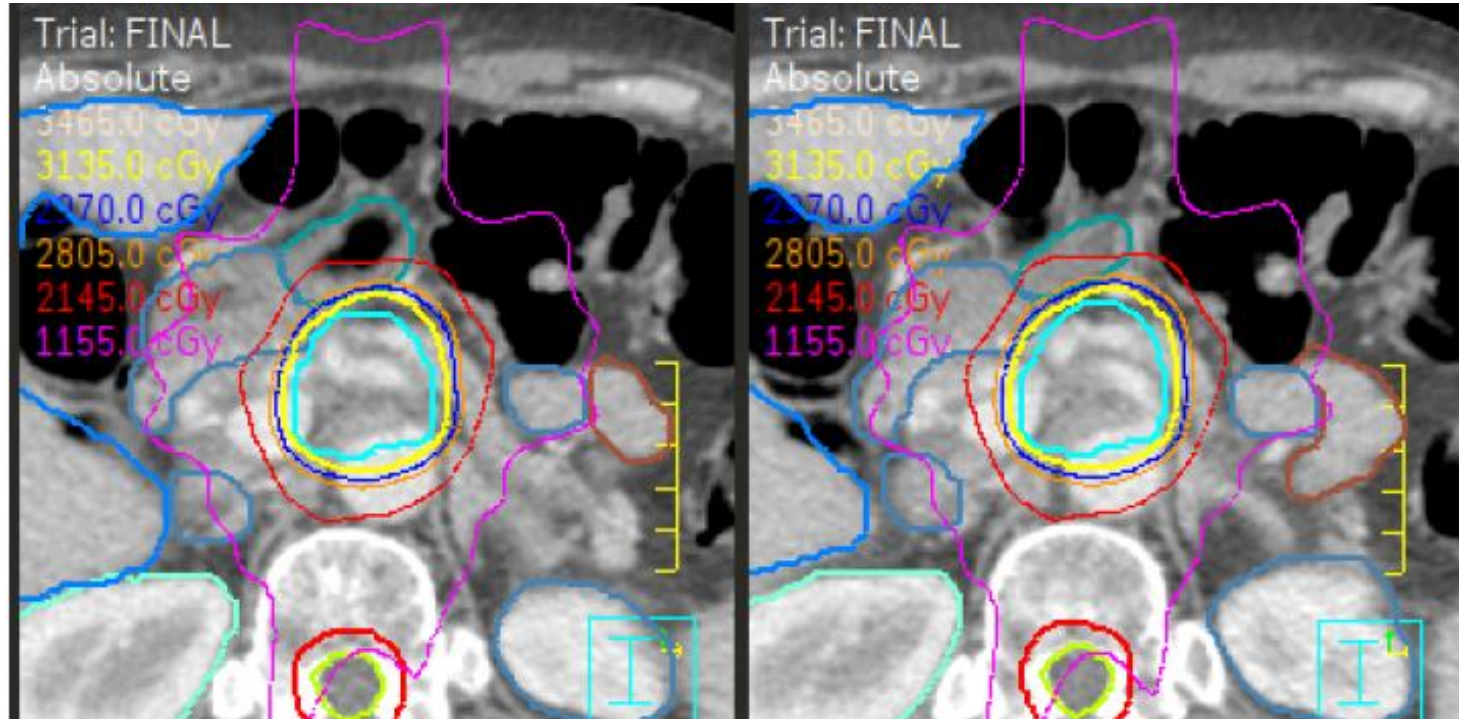
Slide courtesy Dr. Owen  
Nicholas, Swansea

Pancreatic SABR

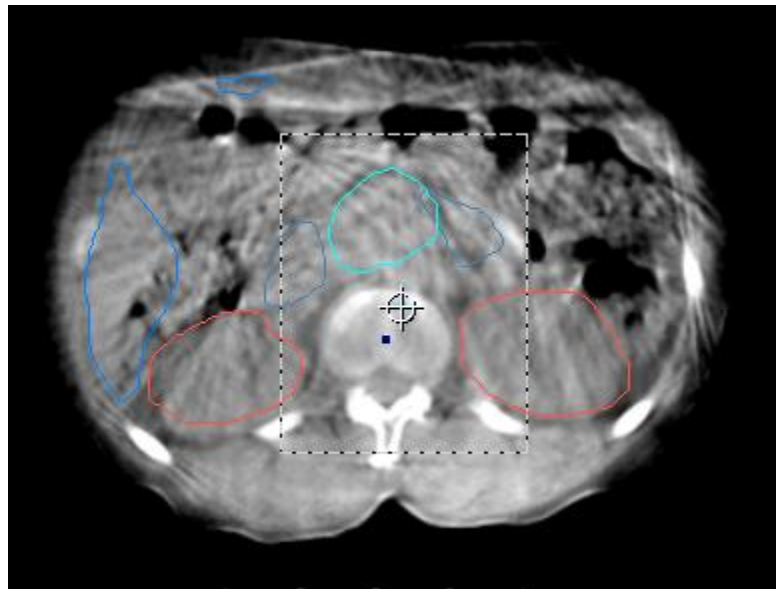
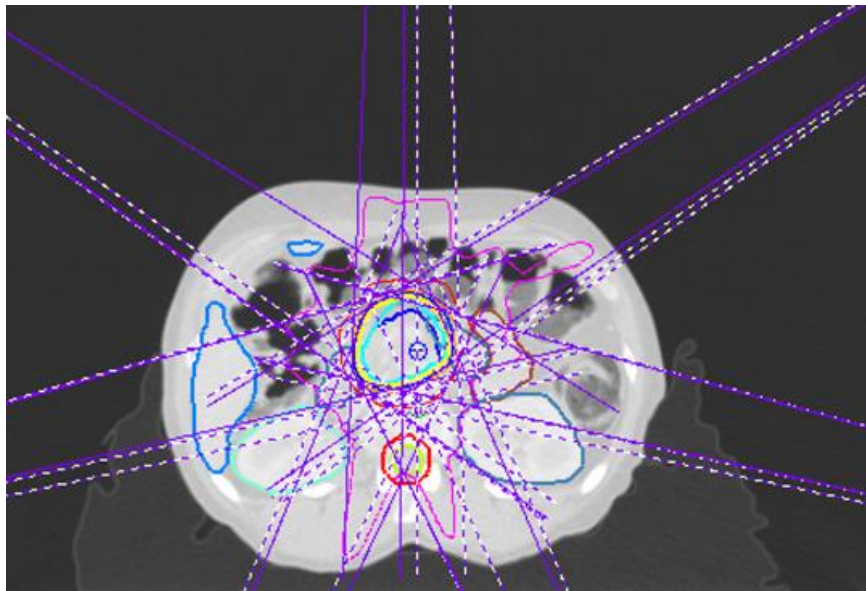
# ADAPTIVE RT (ART)



# SABR pancreas



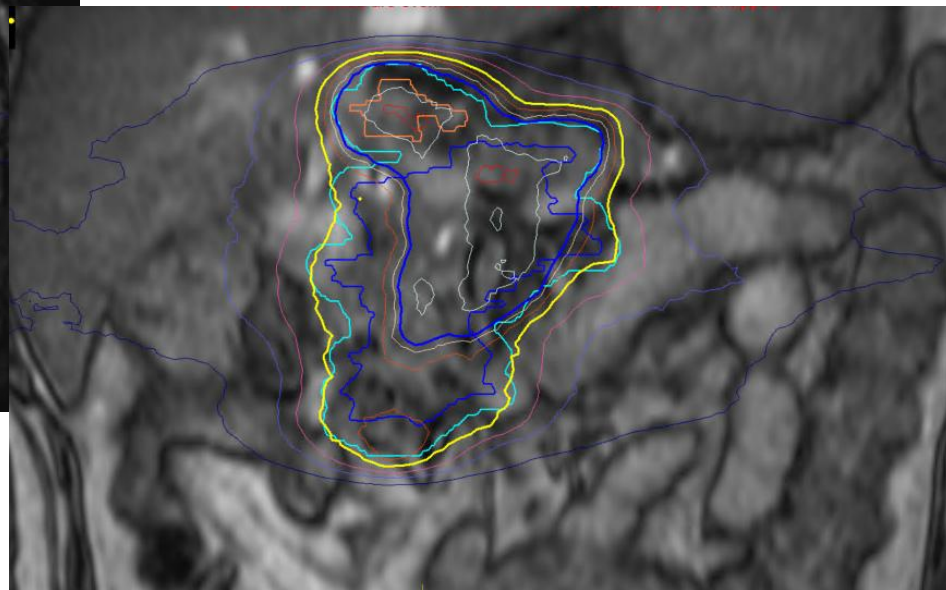
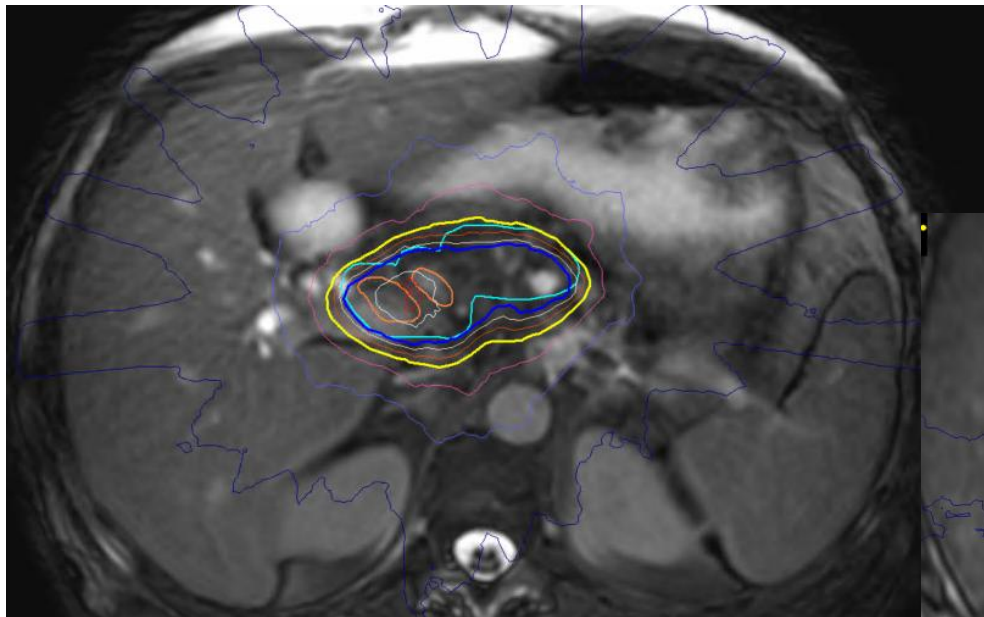
# SABR plan and on treatment verification



# MR\_Linac



# Node and primary pancreas SABR



# Physiological motion in BH GIFs



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

Courtesy Mairead Daly



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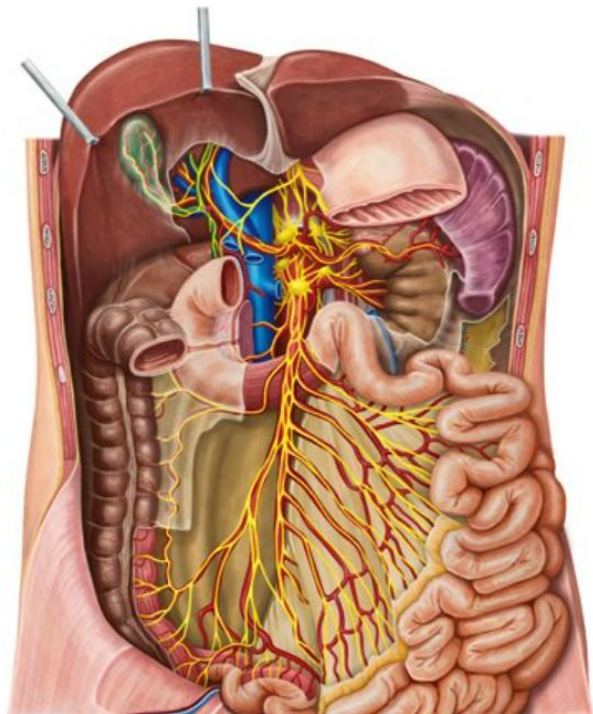
- Grade 3 toxicity = 0
- 1 year (from diagnosis) PFS= 80.1%; LC = 90%; OS = 93.9%



# PALLIATIVE (A)RT



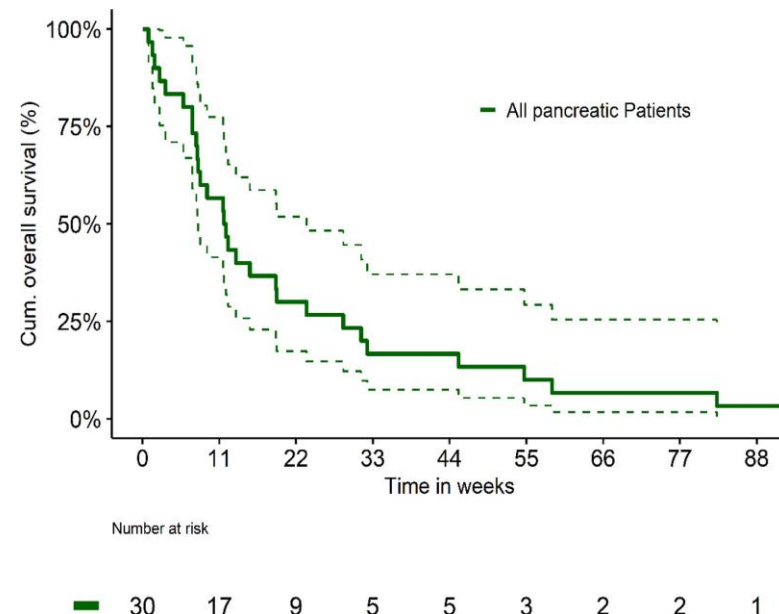
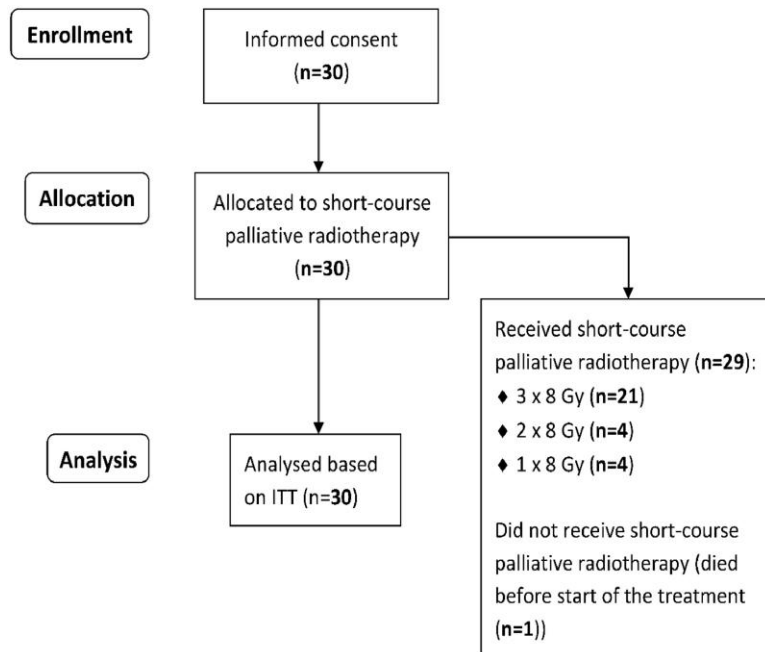
# Palliative radiotherapy for coeliac plexus pain

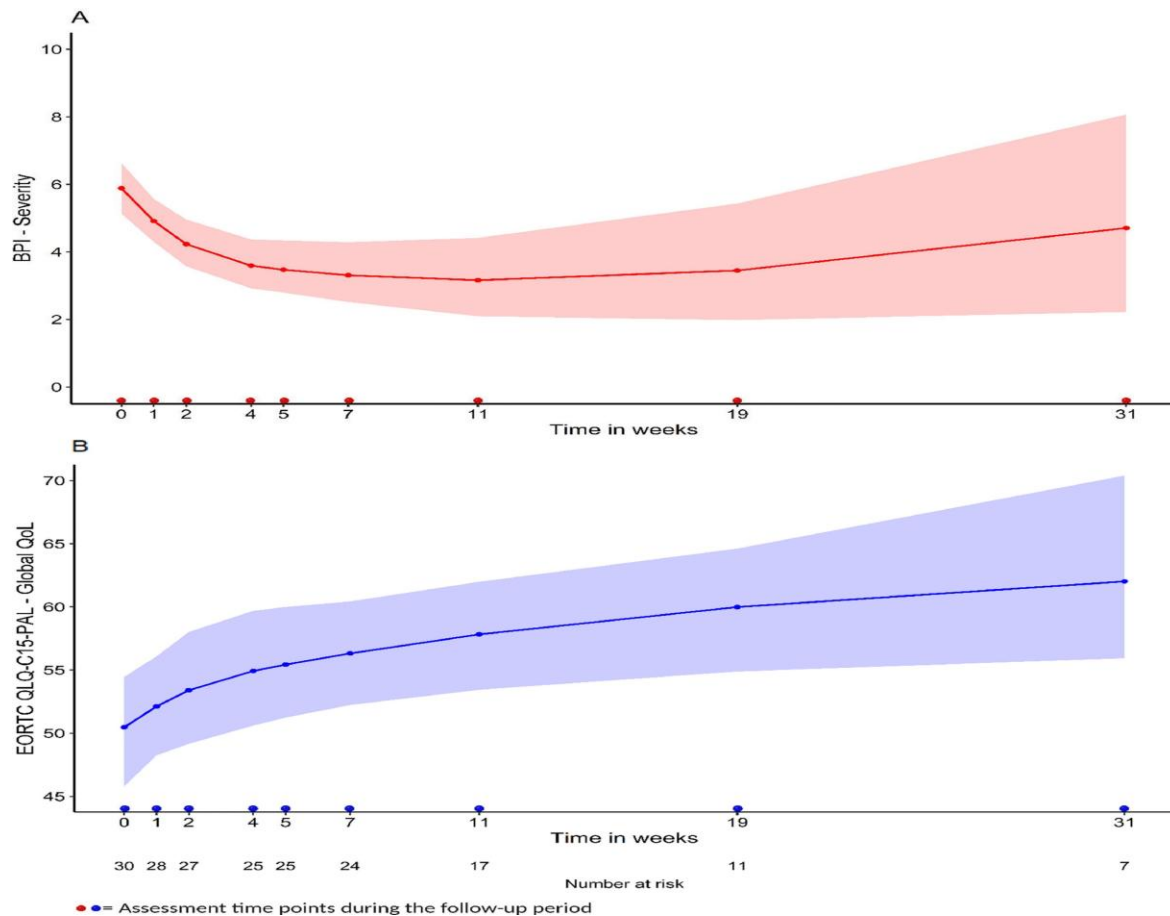


- 70% of patients with pancreatic cancer experience severe pain often due to coeliac plexus involvement
- The coeliac plexus is a nerve network attached to the abdominal aorta
- Major detriment on quality of life and often refractory to standard analgesia
- Current options for pain control include analgesia (typically high doses of opiates) or coeliac plexus block/neurolysis for refractory pain
- Small trials have suggested radiotherapy may be effective in improving pain but this is not currently frequently used in the UK



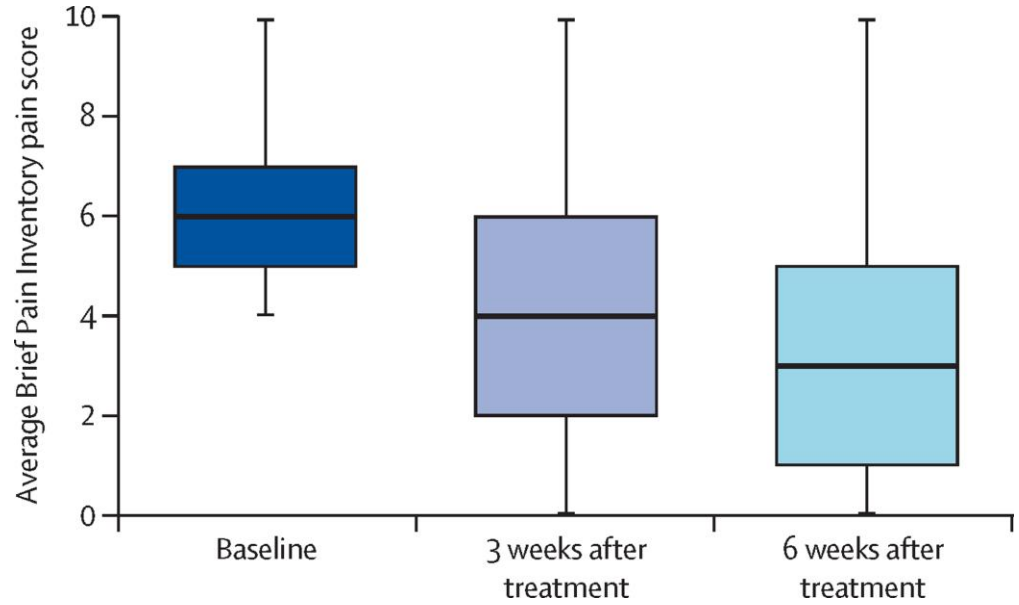
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# Celiac plexus radiosurgery for pain management in advanced cancer: a multicentre, single-arm, phase 2 trial

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|                                                                         | Mean (SD)                                    | Median (IQR)           | p value |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------|
| Opioid use on day of treatment, intravenous morphine equivalent, mg * † | 54.0 (68.9); n=90                            | 30.0 (11.6 to 65.4)    | ..      |
| Opioid change at 3 weeks compared with baseline                         | 0.15 (31.98); 95% CI -6.74 to 7.05; n=86     | 0.00 (-10.38 to 8.85)  | 0.965   |
| Opioid change at 6 weeks compared with baseline                         | -16.67 (48.69); 95% CI -28.45 to -4.89; n=69 | -5.00 (-22.30 to 5.00) | 0.006   |



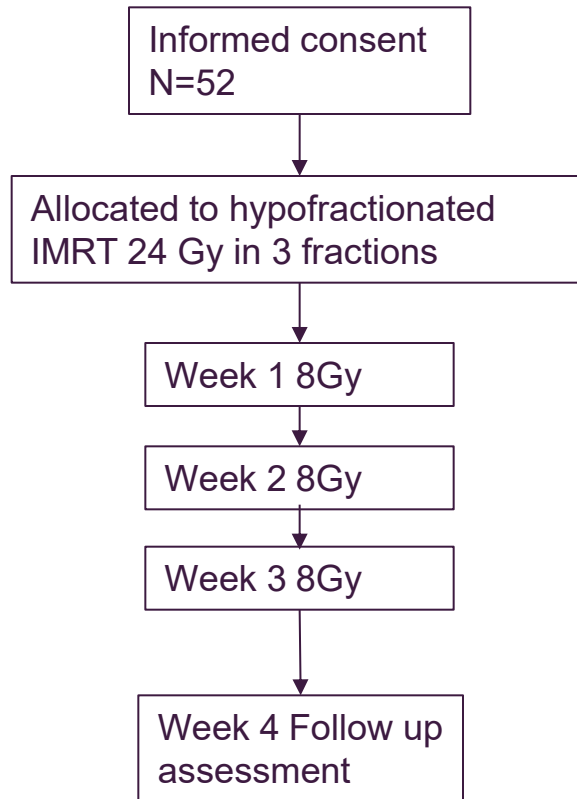
## Single arm Phase 2

### Primary endpoint

- Proportion of patients with a reduction in pain  $\geq 2$  points (BPI score) at 4 weeks

### Secondary endpoints

- Mean reduction in morphine milligram equivalents
- Change in Patient's Global Impression of Change Score (PGIC)
- Acute toxicity
- Overall survival

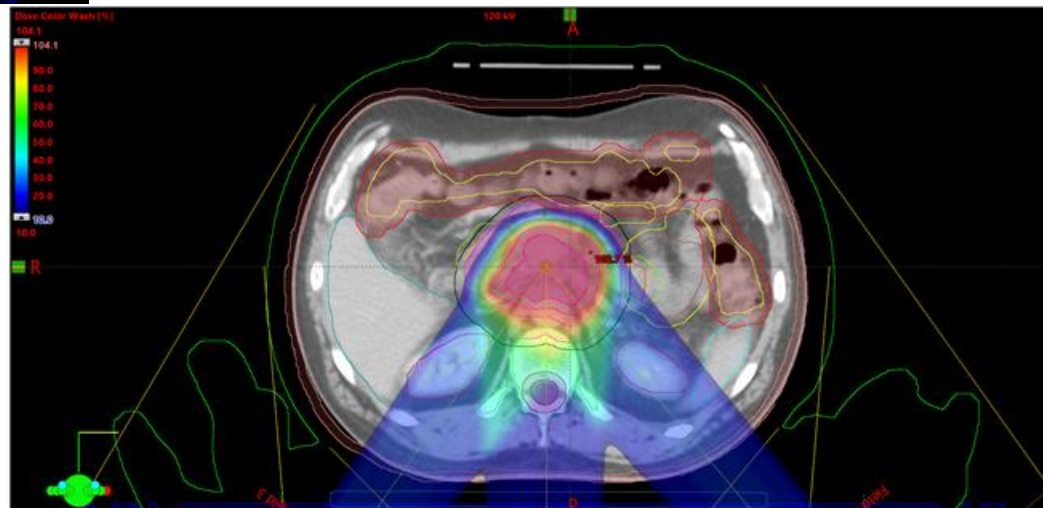
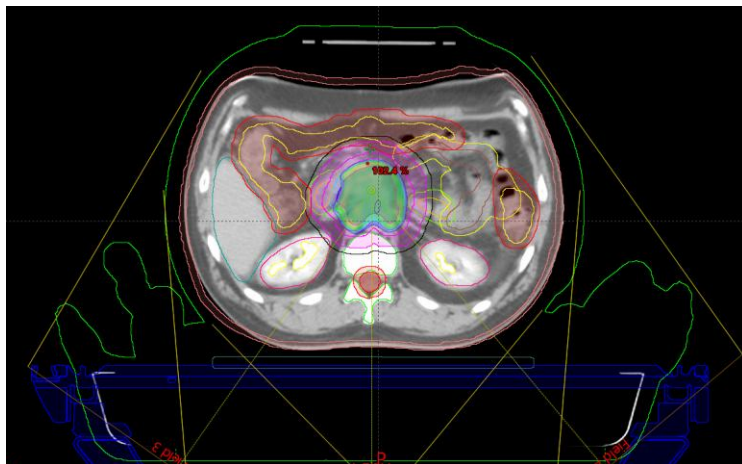


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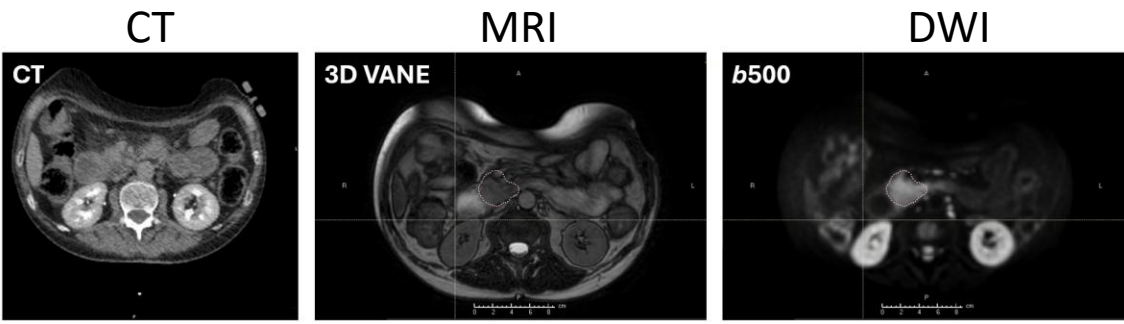
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# FUNCTIONAL ART

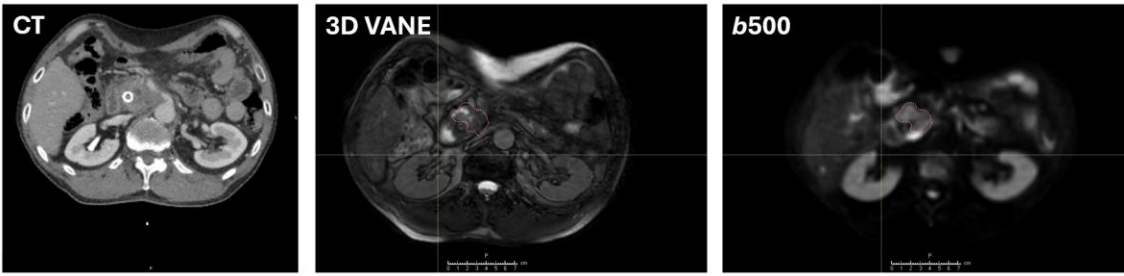


# Improving Tumour Conspicuity with Diffusion Weighted Imaging for MR-guided Radiotherapy

Patient 1



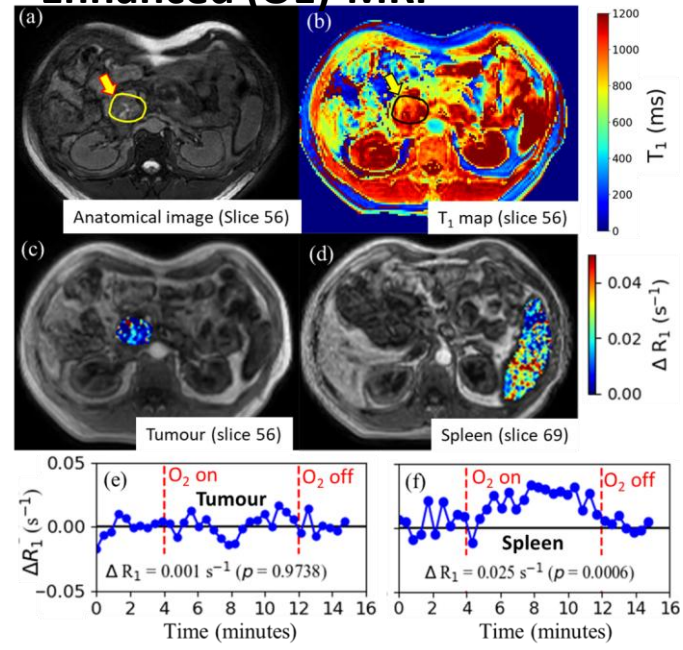
Patient 2



Examples showing that Diffusion weighted imaging (DWI) could provide improved definition of lesion to improve contouring confidence for treatment planning and adaption.



OE MR – CI Laura Forker , Michael Dubec



**$\Delta R_1$  proportional to OE-MRI oxygen delivery:**

Example shows increased oxygen in spleen compared to pancreas tumour suggesting poorly oxygenated tumour.

# During pancreatic cancer RT, changes on MRI correlate to changes in gut microbiome



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1. Evaluate MR imaging developed to detect surrogates of microbiome changes during RT
2. Correlate changes in the gut microbiome to treatment vs dietary changes
3. Correlate (sustained) changes in the gut microbiome to patient outcomes following pancreatic RT (incl toxicity)
4. Generate data to propose a study of dietary changes to support improved gut health (and outcomes) over RT

Tan B, et al. Clinical-radiological characteristics and intestinal microbiota in patients with pancreatic immune-related adverse events. Thorac Cancer. 2021 Jun;12(12):1814-1823



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# Summary of key points

- Recognise the role and indications of radiotherapy for PDAC
- Consider radiotherapy as treatment option
- Awareness of radiotherapy innovation and future research



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