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Hypofractionation for Cervical Cancer Anuja Jhingran, MD



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Definitive Treatment: Hypofractionation EBRT

- 45-50.4 Gy, Is this optimal?
- Dose per fraction: 1.8-2.0 Gy?
- Guiding principle: Mitigating late toxicity

Advantages and Concerns

- Shortening fractionation raises concerns
 - Late toxicity in bowel = esp with long term survival
 - Conventional fractionation might be better at reducing local recurrences – especially nodal
- Inherent advantages
 - More convenient
 - Less expensive
 - With intact cervix could shorten treatment time



Hypofractionated WBI

START B



Haviland et al, Lancet Oncol 14:1086-94, 2013

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	Number of events/patients		Hazard ratio (95% CI)
Age (years)			
<40	60/343 —		0.79 (0.47–1.34)
40-49	116/1046		0.88 (0.60–1.28)
50–59	154/2226		1.03 (0.74–1.44)
≥60	114/2246		- 1.11 (0.75-1.63)
Primary surgery			
Breast conservation surgery	409/5348		0.97 (0.80–1.19)
Mastectomy	35/513 —		0.91 (0.46–1.81)
Axillary nodes (pN)			
Negative	289/4318	-	1.10 (0.86–1.40)
Positive	149/1421		0.80 (0.57-1.11)
Tumour grade			
1	41/1213		0.96 (0.51–1.82)
2	108/2398		- 1.07 (0.72–1.59)
3	114/1272		0.86 (0.59–1.25)
Tumour bed boost radiothe	rapy		
No	199/2749		0.99 (0.74–1.32)
Yes	241/3071		0.99 (0.76–1.29)
Adjuvant chemotherapy			
No	303/4346		1.09 (0.86–1.38)
Yes	139/1480		0.81 (0.57-1.14)
	0.4		·6 1·82·0
	Favours f	raction sizes >2.0 Gy Favours frac	tion size 2∙0 Gy

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	Number of events/patients	Hazard ratio (95% CI)	
Age (years)			
<40	97/269	• 0.85 (0.56-1.28)	
40-49	322/812	 1.09 (0.86–1.37)	
50-59	764/1798	0.78 (0.68-0.91)	
≥60	810/1793	──● ─── 0.80 (0.69–0.92)	
Breast size*			
Small	117/302	• 0.96 (0.65–1.42)	
Medium	1064/2272	0.77 (0.68–0.87)	
Large	278/476	• 0.91 (0.72–1.15)	
Tumour bed boost	radiotherapy		
No	753/2087		
Yes	1234/2565		
Adjuvant chemoth	nerapy		
No	1603/3662	── 0.83 (0.75–0.91)	
Yes	387/994		
Tamoxifen			
No	424/906	0.83 (0.68–1.02)	
Yes	1566/3750	── 0.84 (0.76–0.93)	
	0.4	0.6 0.8 1.0 1.2 1.4	
	Favours f	raction sizes >2.0 Gy Favours fraction size 2.0 Gy	

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Haviland et al, Lancet Oncol 14:1086-94, 2013

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	Dose to Whole Breast/ # Fractions	Dose to Tumor Bed Boost/ #Fractions	Total Days of RT
CF- WBI	50G MD Anderson trial/25fx	10Gy/5fx Margin ≥2mm 14Gy/7fx Margin <2mm	30-32
HF- WBI	42.56Gy/16fx	10Gy/4fx Margin ≥2mm 12.5Gy/5fx Margin <2mm	20-21

6 Month Patient FACT-B Scores

Fe	bru	ary	201	5		
	1	2	1	1	*	
×	+	×	+	-	e	*
•	4	,	•	e	2	3
•	-	*			2	-

	CF-WBI	HF-WBI	p-value
Mean Physical Wellbeing Score	24.7	25.4	0.07
Q1. Lack of energy: somewhat or worse	38.8%	23.0%	<0.001

Patient Reported somewhat or worse lack of energy



6 Month Patient FACT-B Scores



	CF-WBI	HF-WBI	p-value
Mean Physical Wellbeing Score	24.7	25.4	0.07
Q3. Somewhat or worse trouble meeting family needs	38.8%	23.0%	<0.001

Patient Reported somewhat or worse trouble meeting family needs



Shaitelman et al., JAMA Oncology 94:338-48, 2016

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Summary

- For women who need whole breast irradiation without addition of a third field to cover the regional nodal basins, hypofractionated-whole breast irradiation should be the preferred standard of care
 - Evidence is robust
 - Less expensive and more convenient
 - Less acute toxicity
 - Less fatigue a benefit that lasts through at least 6 months post-treatment
 - With 40 Gy in 15 fractions, better cosmetic outcome and soft tissue toxicity
- An acceptable standard of care for nearly all patients with early breast cancer treated with breast conserving surgery.

Phase III Randomized Trials – Moderate Hypofx 2.4- 4 Gy per day, 52-72 Gy, 19-30 txs

Study	Median FU, mo	Risk, GS, or NCCN	Technique	Regimen	BED, Gy	n	Outcor	ne	Toxicity
Lukka et al. [15]	68	60% GS ≤6 31% GS 7 9% GS 8–10	3DCRT No IGRT	52.5 Gy/20 fx	62	466	5 yr FFBF 44 (NS)	0%	$Gr \ge 3.2\%$ (NS)
				66 Gy/33 fx	66	470	5 yr FFBF 43	3%	Gr ≥3 1%
Yeoh et al. [17]	90	n.s.	2D/3DCRT No IGRT	55 Gy/20 fx	66.8	108	7.5 yr FFBF (p < 0.05)	53%	Late GU; HR: 1.58 (95% CI, 1.01–2.47) favoring
		Outcor	nes and	l compli	cati	on r	ates	34%	hypofractionation
Dearnaley et al. [18]	51	"sin	nilar" to	o conver	ntior	nal f	x		Gr ≥2 GU 0% (NS) Gr ≥2 GI 1% (NS)
		8!	5-90+ %	PSADF	LR,	/IR			$Gr \ge 2 GU 2\%$ $Gr \ge 2 GI 4\%$ $Gr \ge 2 GU 2\%$ $Gr \ge 2 GI 4\%$
Kuban et al. [14]; Hoffman et al. [19]	60	I	RTOG 04	4 15- 11 1	L5 pt	ts		*	5 yr Gr ≥2 GU 16% (NS) 5 yr Gr ≥2 GI 10% (NS)
		Non-in	ferior B	F, sl↑co	mpl	icat	ions	1%	5 yr Gr ≥2 GU 17% 5 yr Gr ≥2 GI 5%
Arcangeli et al. [12,13]	70				-			1 %	3 yr Gr ≥2 GU 16% (NS) 3 yr Gr ≥2 GI 17% (NS)
			100% 9 mo ADT				*p ss for GS	<u>≥</u> 4 + 3	
				80 Gy/40 fx	80	85	5 yr FFBF 79	9%	3 yr Gr ≥2 GU 11% 3 yr Gr ≥2GI 14%
Pollack et al. [16]	68	34% GS ≤6 47% GS 7 19% GS 8–10	IMRT IGRT	70.2 Gy/26 fx	84	151	5 yr BCDF 2 (NS)	3%	5 yr Gr ≥2 GU 13% (p=0.16) 5 yr Gr ≥2 GI 9% (NS)
				78 Gy/36 fx	78	152	5 yr BCDF 2	1%	5 yr Gr ≥2 GU 13% 5 yr Gr ≥2 GI 9%

Koontz, Eur Urol 68:683, 2015

Hypofraction: BED and EQD2

Dose	Dose per fraction	Alpha/Beta	BED	EQD2
45	1.8	3	72.0	43.2
44	2.0	3	73.2	44.0
37.5	2.5	3	68.8	41.3
30	3.0	3	60.0	36.0
45	1.8	10	53.1	44.3
44	2.0	10	52.8	44.0
37.5	2.5	10	46.9	39.1
30	3.0	10	39.0	32.5
Brachy				
30	6.0	3	90.0	54.0
28	7.0	3	93.3	56.0
24	8.0	3	88.0	52.8
18	9.0	3	72.0	43.2
30	6.0	10	48.0	40.0
28	7.0	10	47.6	39.7
24	8.0	10	43.2	36.0
18	9.0	10	34.2	28.5

45/1.8 + 30/6 = **97.2 EQD2** vs 37.5/2.5 + 24/8 = **94.1 EQD2** for alpha/beta 3 <u>30 fractions vs 18 fractions</u>

Definitive Trial: Phase II - No brachytherapy



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- Surgery:
 - Radical hysterectomy 4 -6 weeks after radiation with removal of only abnormal nodes at that surgery and sampling of pelvic and para-aortics
 - If positive para-aortics treatment with radiation therapy
 - No surgery if progression of disease

Definitive Trial: No brachytherapy

- Chemotherapy:
 - Weekly cisplatin will give 5 courses only in the standard arm
- Endpoints:
 - Primary: PRO –EORTC and Cervix Subscale from FACT
 - Secondary: relapse free survival, overall survival, complications: including days in hospital after surgery and blood transfusion, pathological response

Definitive Trial: No brachytherapy

Time Point	Purpose
Before RT	Baseline
2 weeks after RT start	Compare early acute toxicity
End of RT/chmotherapy (at 5 weeks in both arm)	Maximum difference in acute toxicity
4-6 Weeks after RT (before surgery)	Compare resolution of acute toxicity
6 months after RT	Compare toxicity after surgery
1 year from the start of RT	Early chronic toxicity
2 years from the start of RT	Long term toxicity

Definitive Trial: No brachytherapy

- Early stopping rules after 10 enrolled patients/per center and then every 20 enrolled patients
- If increase toxicity seen then terminate trial

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Hypofraction Trial in Mexico

Start of recruitment 11/20/2017

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Hypofractionation Trial – Mexico Data

Age	Mean (min-max)	45 (24-69)
Clinical Stage	IB2	5
	IIA2	2
	IIB	2
Histology	Squamous Cell carcinoma	9
Grade	2	6
	3	3
LVSI	NO	7
	Yes	2
Treatment	Standard	4
	Hypofraction	5

Hypofractionation Mexico

	Pain	Dermatitis	Cystitis	Colitis	Trans- rectal Bleeding
0		0			0
1	1 (11%)	0	1 (11%)	2 (22%)	0
2		0		1 (11%)	0
3		0			0
4		0			0
5		0			0

Definitive CRT: Phase II Randomize

45 Gy/25 fractions + weekly cisplatin

Versus

37.5 Gy/15 fractions+ weekly cisplatin

Brachytherapy schedule per institution protocol

ENDPOINT: PRO

Definitive Trial: brachytherapy

- Chemotherapy: weekly cisplatin?
- Endpoints:
 - Primary: PRO Expanded prostrate cancer index composite (EPIC) and Cervix Subscale from FACT Secondary: relapse free survival and overall survival and chronic complications

However – can we make it even shorter????

Long term results of randomized trial of preop short course vs conventional Bujko K et al Polish Colorectal Study group: *Br J Surg* 2006;93:1215

- Randomized trial, n=316 with median f/u 48 months
 - chemoradiation (FU/leucovorin) 50.4 Gy in 28 fractions
 preoperatively vs 25Gy in 5 fractions
 - TME 7 days after short course and 4-6 weeks post long course
- cT3T4, treatment goal was sphincter preservation with secondary survival. LR, DM, and late toxicity
- Fields were low pelvis standard bony landmark fields
- If outback chemotherapy was given it was 4 months for standard fractionation and 6 months for short course
- Q 6 month exams and CT X 3 years then yearly
- LR was any recurrence in the RT field

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• Acute effects

	Short course	Standard
Gr3/4 acute	3.2	18.2

	Short course	Standard
compliance	97.9	69.2

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	Actuarial LR (%) ₄	Severe late complication S
Short course	10.6	10.1
Stnd	15.6	7.1

Association b/w path response in metastatic nodes after preop therapy and risk of DM – Polish study Bujko K et al *JROBP* 2007;67:369

- N=316 randomized b/w 5Gy X 5 followed by 6 months chemo vs 1.8 Gy X 28 followed by 4 months chemotherapy. Surgery 1 week after short course and 4-6 weeks post standard
- RT four or three filed prone 1 cm above sacral promontory
- DFS, LC and DM similar in both arms
- ypN only independent prognostic factor for DFS
- ypN0 DFS similar
- ypN(+) DFS worse in standard arm 51% vs 25%
 - Same group LR 14% vs 27%
- More favorable path prognostic factors observed in chemoRT group but no difference in long term outcomes



Light blue – 20Gy Dark blue – 25 Gy

Myerson RJ *IJROBP* 2014;88:829

Thought provoking Trial



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