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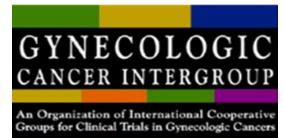
An Organization of International Cooperative Groups for Clinical Trials in Gynecologic Cancers

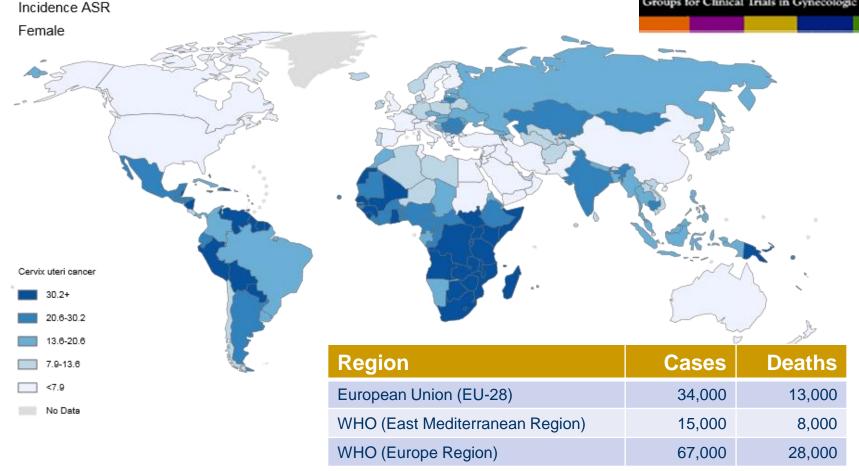
BRACHYTHERAPY EMERGING MARKETS

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Director, Varian Brachytherapy

Cervix Cancer Education Symposium, February 2018, Bucharest, Romania





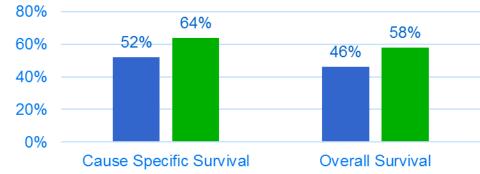


Source: GLOBOCAN 2012 (IARC)



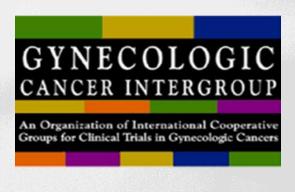
Favorable results with HDR brachy and EBRT

- ✓ 4-year Cause Specific Survival increased from 52% to 64% (p <.001)
- ✓ 4-year Overall Survival increased from 46% to 58% (p <.001)
- ✓ Brachytherapy utilization rate <u>decreased</u> from 83% to 58% (p<.001)



■ Brachytherapy + EBRT

■ EBRT



Cervical Cancer Overall Survival at 3 Years:

51% for conventional brachytherapy

86% for image guided brachytherapy

Great quality, modern brachytherapy makes a BIG difference.



Brachytherapy?

This is what the oncologists say

"At present, it would be inappropriate to routinely replace brachytherapy with any of the EBRT techniques to boost the cervix in patients with locally advanced cervical cancer who have no contraindications to brachytherapy."

Al-Feghali, K. and Elshaikh, M., "Why brachytherapy boost is the treatment of choice for most women with locally advanced cervical carcinoma?," Brachytherapy, 2016: 15(2):191-199.



Brachytherapy?

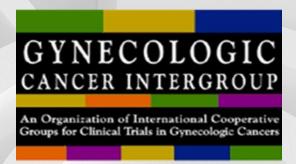
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"Future research efforts should focus on exploring the connection between financial incentives and physician behavior for cervical cancer radiation therapy, and future policy efforts should aim to incentivize quality care, such as through more equitable reimbursement for BT."

Bauer-Nilsen, K et al. Evaluation of Delivery Costs for External Beam Radiation Therapy and Brachytherapy for Locally Advanced Cervical Cancer Using Time-Driven Activity-Based Costing. *Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys* 2018:100:88-94.



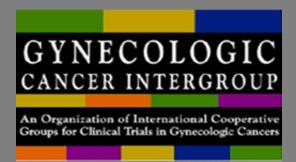
Challenges



- Brachytherapy expertise
- Guidelines for imaging, contouring, applicator reconstruction & planning
- Lack of infrastructure
- Access to required equipment & tools
- Level of reimbursement for GYN standards of care



Varian Focus







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- Oncology Summits
- Varian & Brachytherapy User Meetings
- Regional Roadshows
- Advisory Boards
- Reference Site Programs
- Teaching Courses

Australasian Oncology Summit 2018

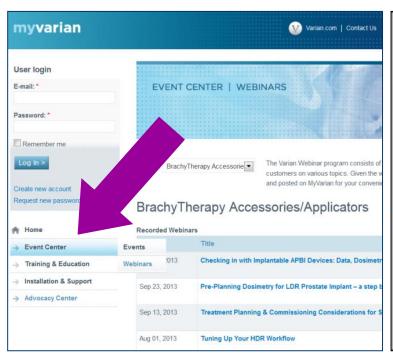
February 23 - 24, 2018
Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, Australia

Varian Oncology Summit 2018

March 2-3, 2018
The St. Regis Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

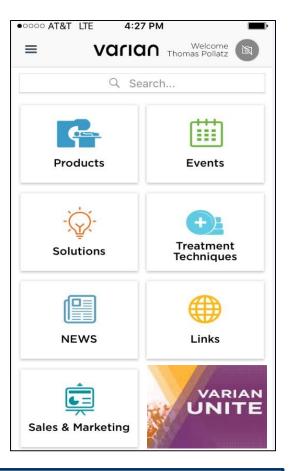
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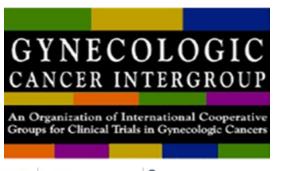


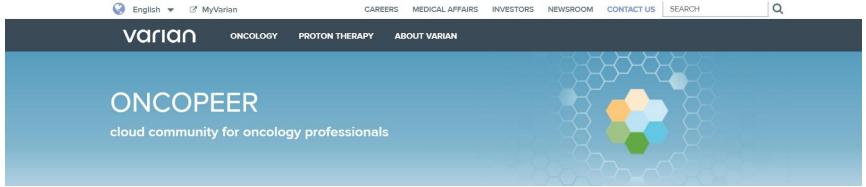






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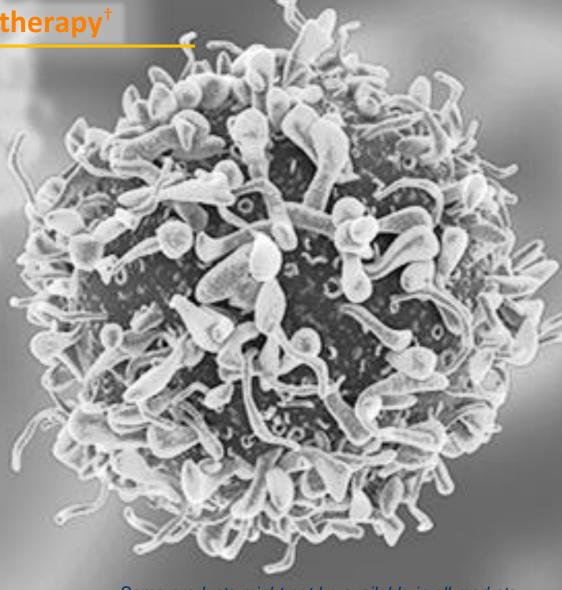


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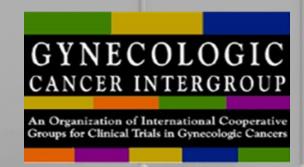
Recent Releases in Brachytherapy[†]

VOCION brachytherapy solutions

- BrachyVision™ 15.5
- Vitesse[™] 4.0
- VariSeed™ 9.0 with VariPath™* biopsy module
- Kelowna GYN Template
- Universal Cylinders with Cervix Probes (interchangeable parts)
- Interstitial Ring & Tandem with PEEK needles



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BRACHYTHERAPY OPPORTUNITIES

- Brachytherapy should be a treatment option at all cancer clinics
- There is an unmet patient need for brachytherapy globally
- Brachytherapy is under utilized globally
- Clinical trial data is important



