

The Prostate Cancer Treatment Nurses Aren't Talking About, But Should Be: LDR Brachytherapy



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The Prostate Cancer Treatment Nurses Aren't Talking About, But Should Be!

LDR Brachytherapy

- Nurses role in patient choice
- What is brachytherapy?
- Does it work?
- Outcomes compared to other NICE approved treatment options?
- Quality of Life?
- Where is it available!
- Questions

Brachytherapy?



Low Dose-Rate

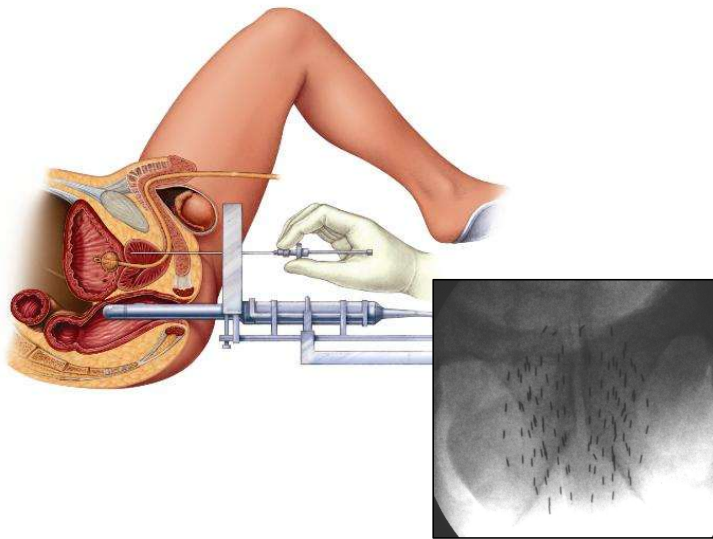
High Dose-Rate



Types of Brachytherapy

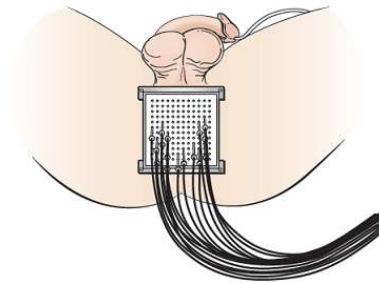
LDR

- I-125 permanent implanted seeds



HDR

- Temporary iridium - 192 bead passing through catheters



Prostate Brachytherapy



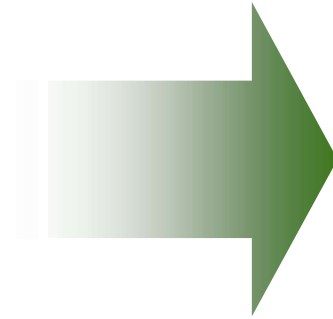
Low Dose-Rate

- High Dose
- Permanent seed implant
- Stand alone therapy or with EBRT
- For Low, Intermediate & High risk prostate cancer
- Longest follow up
- Established dose

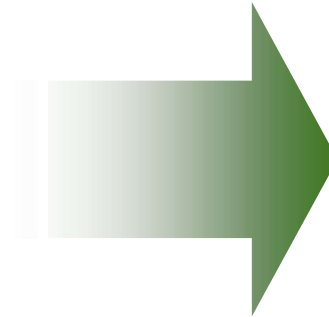
High Dose-Rate

- Lower Dose
- Temporary implant
- Normally in combination with EBRT
- For High risk prostate cancer esp. T3b
- Shorter follow up
- Multiple protocols & doses

Video



Who is suitable?



Patients selection: *urological issues*

Prostate size <60-75g

Hip flexion to 90°

Patients size...

No *recent* unplanned TURP

IPSS<15

Treatment possible in pts

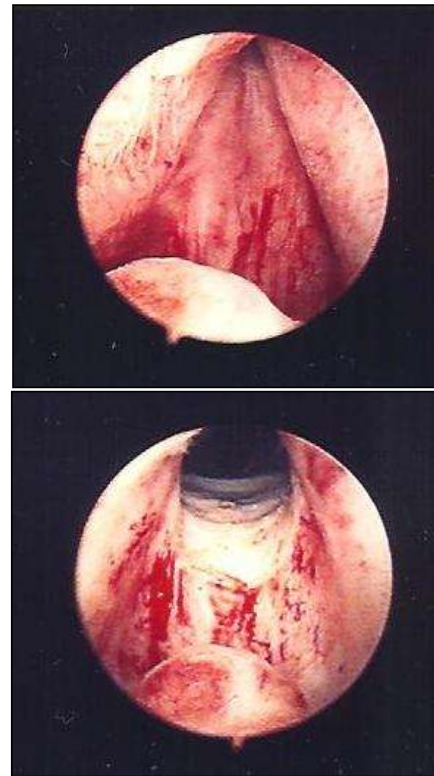
with: Diverticulosis

IBS

Ant Resection

Bil THR

Partial Bladder
Neck Resection



Patients selection: *cancer issues*

BXT

- T1-T2c, PSA <15
- Gleason 6, 3+4 <50% cores +ve

Hormones + BXT

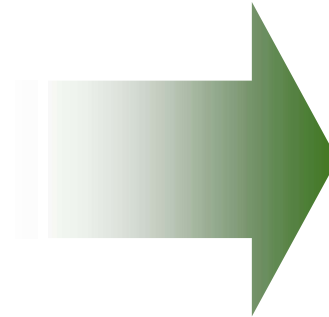
- T1-T2c, PSA <15
- Gleason 3+4 >50% cores +ve, or 4+3

Hormones + EBRT + BXT(boost)

- T3a, PSA>15
- Gleason >4+3



Does it work?



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Table 1 Demographics of the patients aged ≤ 60 years at time of brachytherapy.

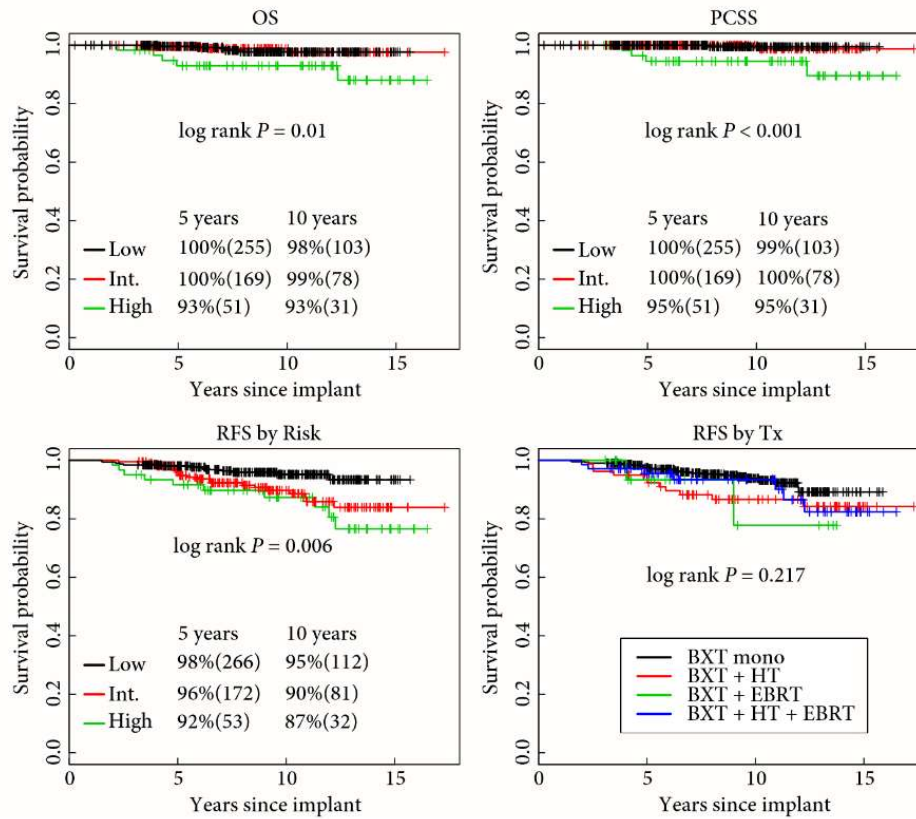
Variable	Value		Value
Number of patients	597		
Median (range)			
Age, years	57 (44–60)	Gleason score	
Follow-up*, years	8.9 (1.5–11.1)	≤ 6	434 (73)
PSA follow-up†, years	5.9 (0.8–11.1)	$= 7$	154 (26)
iPSA level, ng/mL	6.3 (1–33)	≥ 8	9 (1)
N (%)		Risk category	
iPSA level, ng/mL		Low	316 (53)
< 10	485 (81)	Intermediate	220 (37)
10–20	102 (17)	High	61 (10)
> 20	10 (2)	Treatment type	
Stage		BXT monotherapy	430 (72)
T1a–T2a	469 (79)	BXT + HT	80 (13)
T2b	80 (13)	BXT + EBRT	18 (3)
T2c–T3b	48 (8)	BXT + HT + EBRT	69 (12)

BXT, LDR brachytherapy. *Time from brachytherapy to data download date; †Time from brachytherapy to the last PSA level date.

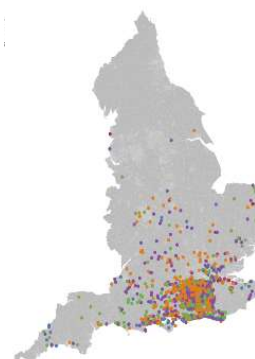
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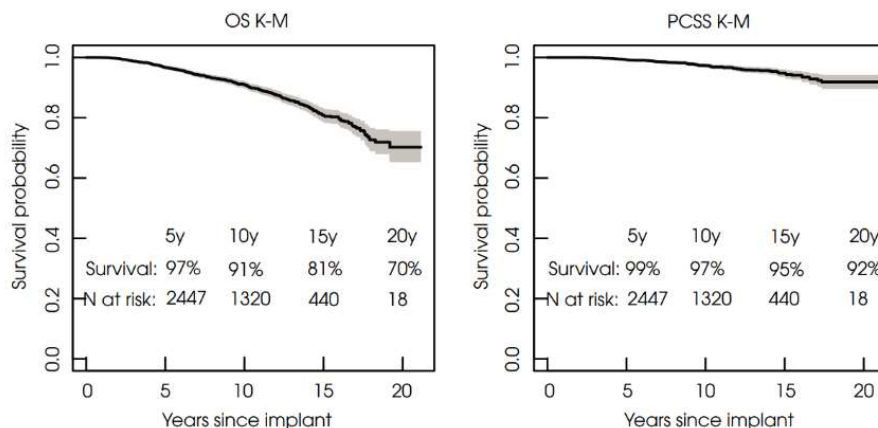
Long-term survival after low-dose-rate brachytherapy for prostate cancer: the Royal Surrey experience

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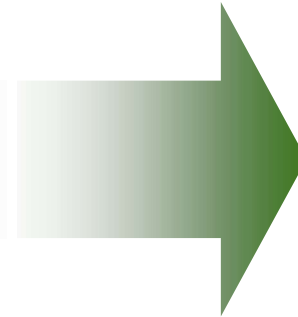
Variable	
Number of cases	2936
Median (Q1–Q3) age at implant, years	66 (60–70)
PSA, n (%)	
<10 ng/mL	2242 (76)
10–20 ng/mL	633 (22)
>20 ng/mL	61 (2)
Clinical stage, n (%)	
T1a-T2a	2071 (71)
T2b	585 (20)
T2c-T3b	280 (10)
Gleason score, n (%)	
<7	1582 (54)
=7	1249 (43)
>7	105 (4)
Relapse risk, n (%)	
Low	954 (32)
Intermediate	1592 (54)
High	390 (13)
Treatment type, n (%)	
LDR prostate brachytherapy	1910 (65)
ADT+LDR prostate brachytherapy	608 (21)
ADT+EBRT+LDR prostate brachytherapy	418 (14)

ADT, androgen deprivation therapy; EBRT, external beam radiotherapy; LDR, low-dose-rate; Q1–Q3, first and third quartile.

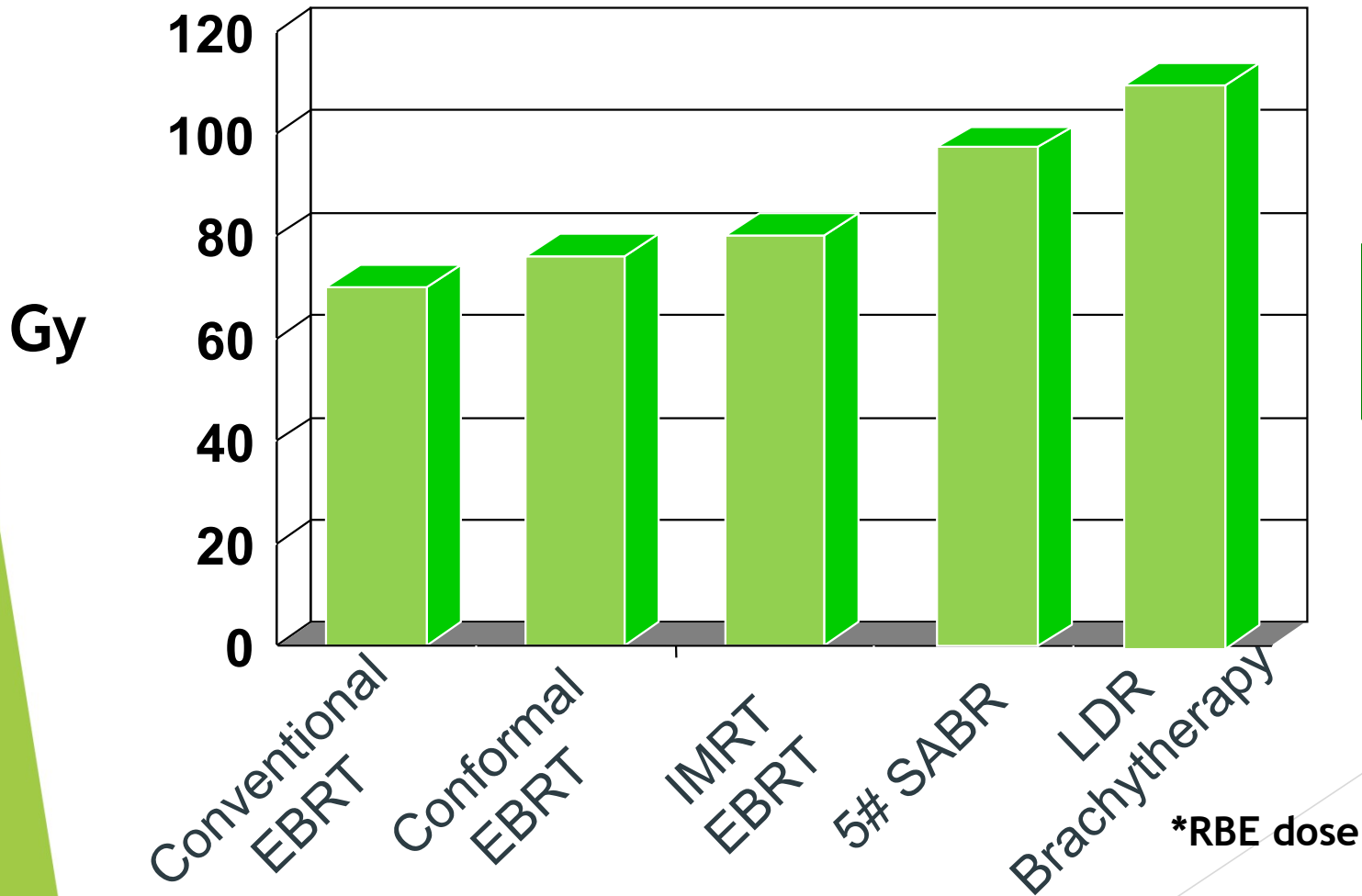


	15-year		
	OS, %	PCSS, %	Number at risk
Risk of relapse			
Low	87	97	179
Intermediate	79	95	198
High	71	88	63

**How does it
compare to EBRT?**

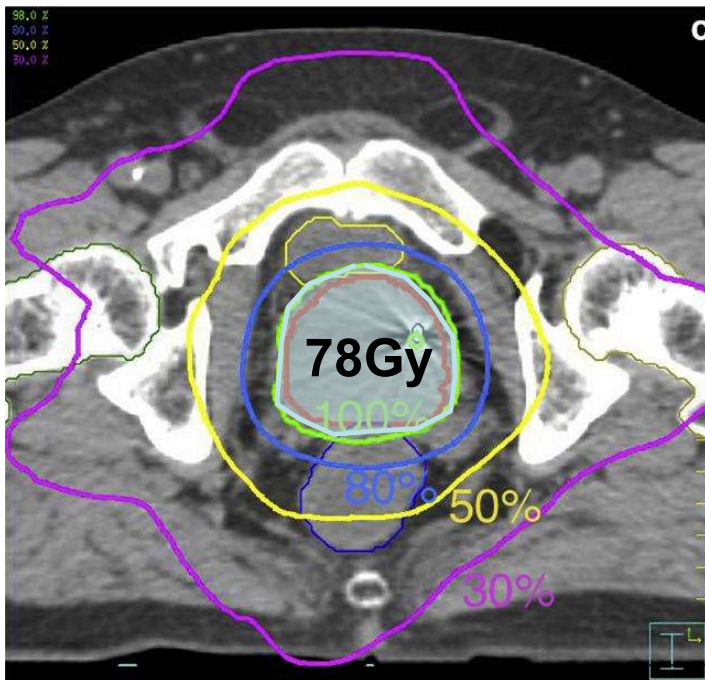


Radiation Doses by Modality

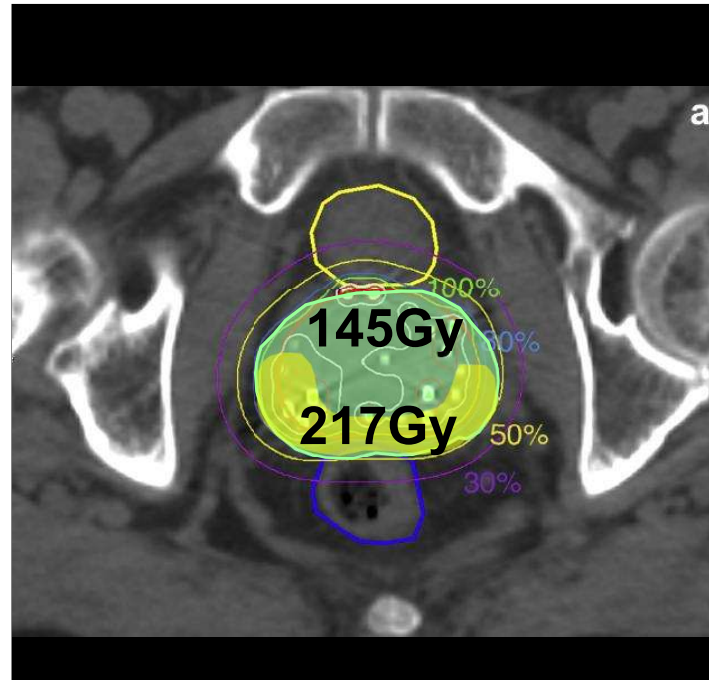


LBR BXT dose unchanged in 25 yrs!

Dose Escalation



IMRT 4mm margin



LDR Brachytherapy

EBRT vs LDR BXT

SBRT / PACE B

- Clinical review
- Gold marker & gel insertion transperineally by LA
- Planning CT & MRI with rectal enema & full bladder
- 5 visits for SBRT with rectal enemas & full bladder
- 8/9 hospital visits

LDR BXT

- Clinical review & TRUS (or use pre-Bx MRI)
- BXT with gel insertion, day case under GA/spinal with bowel prep.
- 2 hospital visits

Is it patient's or healthcare provider's convenience that's improved with SBRT over BXT?



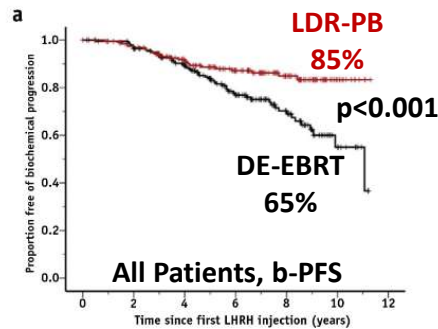
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Androgen Suppression Combined with Elective Nodal and Dose Escalated Radiation Therapy (the ASCENDE-RT Trial): An Analysis of Survival Endpoints for a Randomized Trial Comparing a Low-Dose-Rate Brachytherapy Boost to a Dose-Escalated External Beam Boost for High- and Intermediate-risk Prostate Cancer

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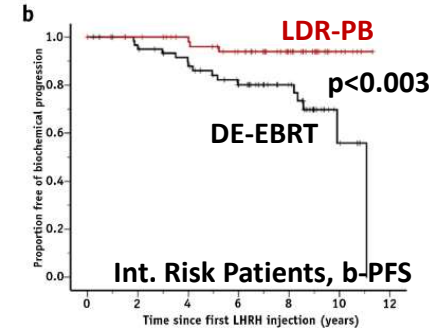
Int & High Risk Cancers

“..men treated with DE-EBRT were twice as likely to experience PSA failure than those treated with LDR-PB.”



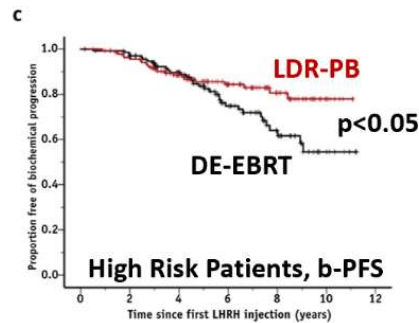
Numbers at risk:

Time (yrs)	0	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
DE-EBRT	200	186	168	145	119	93	74	52	27	11
LDR-PB	198	184	168	147	127	106	86	59	38	14



Numbers at risk:

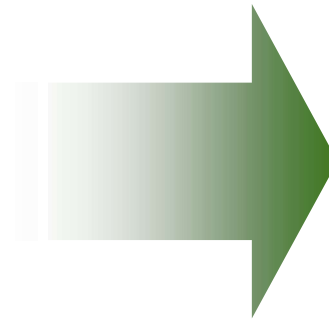
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DE-EBRT	63	57	54	49	43	38	30	25	12	4
LDR-PB	59	55	54	50	47	42	35	26	7	6



Numbers at risk:

Time (yrs)	0	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
DE-EBRT	137	129	114	96	76	55	44	27	15	7
LDR-PB	139	128	114	97	80	64	51	33	21	8

**How does it compare
to surgery?**



Radical retropubic prostatectomy versus brachytherapy for low-risk prostatic cancer: a prospective study

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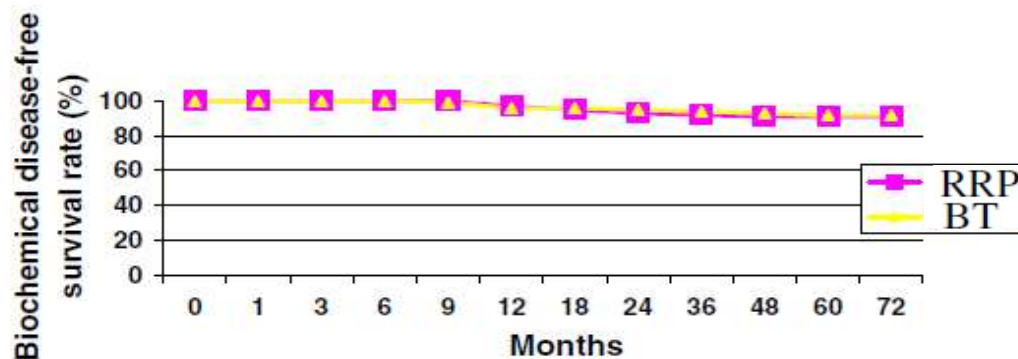


Fig. 1 Biochemical disease-free survival rate in group 1 and 2 during the 5 years follow-up

Methods Between May 1999 and October 2002, 200 patients (mean age 65.3 ± 8.7) were enrolled and randomized into two groups of 100 patients each to undergo RRP (group 1) or BT (group 2).

Risk of Death From Prostate Cancer After Radical Prostatectomy or Brachytherapy in Men With Low or Intermediate Risk Disease

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Conclusions: The risk of prostate cancer specific mortality in men with low or intermediate risk prostate cancer was not significantly different following radical prostatectomy vs brachytherapy.

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Review

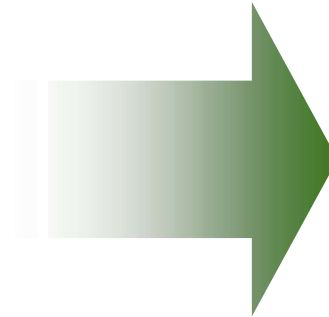
A systematic review of randomised controlled trials of radiotherapy for localised prostate cancer



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Conclusions: Based on this systematic review, there is no strong evidence to support one therapy over another as EBRT, BT and RP can all be considered as effective monotherapies for localised disease with EBRT also effective for post-operative management.

**Brachytherapy
Quality of life**



Original Article

Toxicity and Early Biochemical Outcomes From ¹²⁵Iodine Prostate Brachytherapy in the U.K.

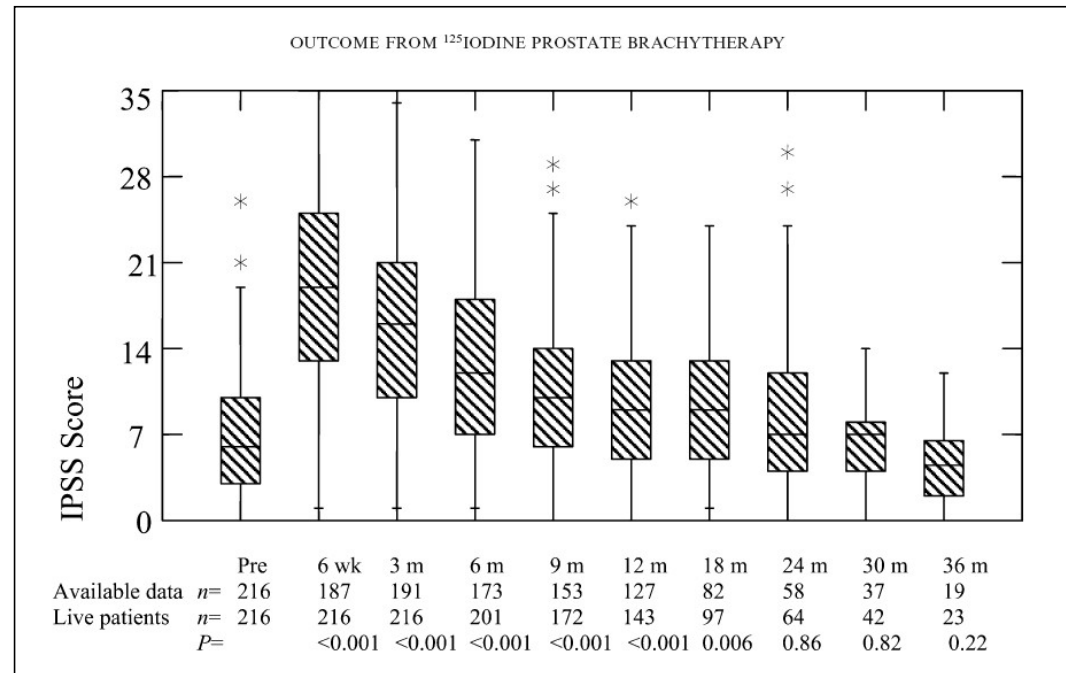
A Prospective Study

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Slow urinary stream,
and LUTS.
Worse at 4-6 weeks
Treated by α blocker,
avoidance of caffeine
Incontinence is <1%



Reduced erectile toxicity

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Prostate brachytherapy

Novel prostate brachytherapy technique: Improved dosimetric and clinical outcome

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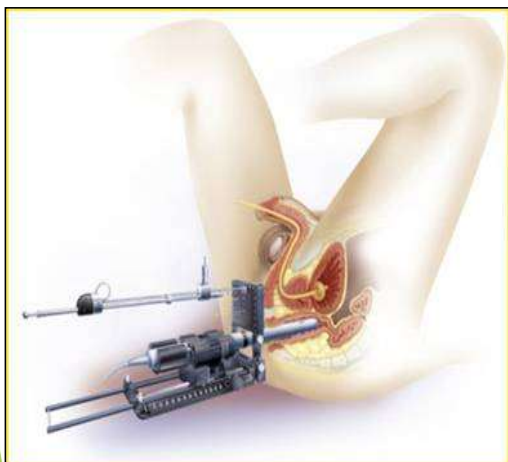


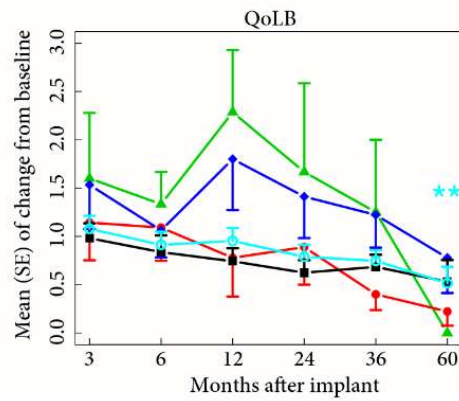
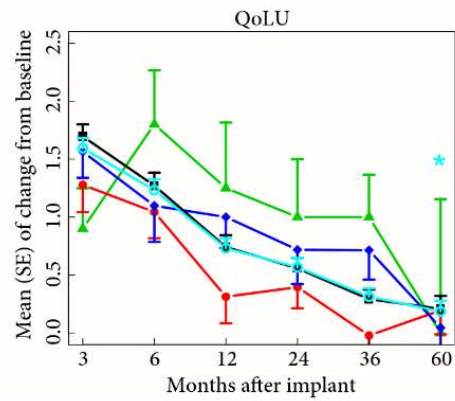
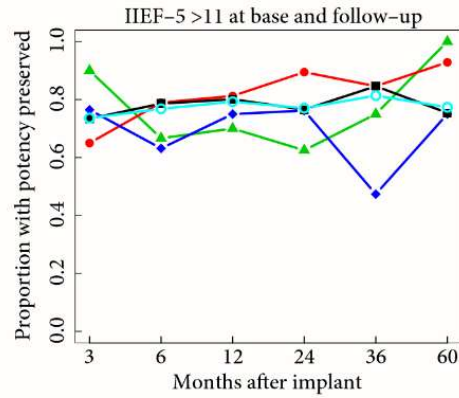
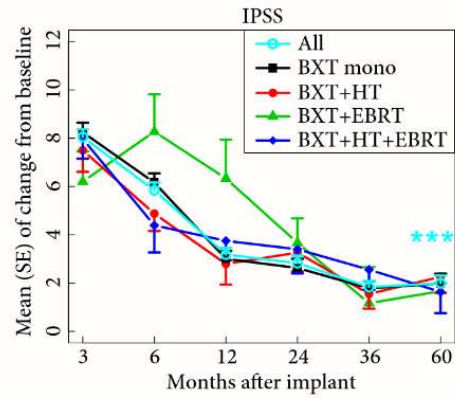
Table 4
Post-implant potency data at 12 and 24 months

Parameter	Time post-implant (months)	Group 1, <i>n</i> = 60 classical technique	Group 2, <i>n</i> = 60 novel technique	<i>p</i> Value
IIEF-5 score	12	65%	85%	0.011
≥ 11/25	24	61.7%	83.3%	0.008

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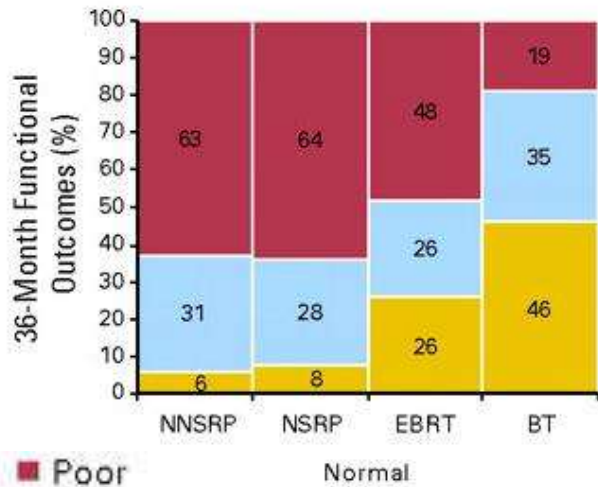
Ronald C. Chen, Jack A. Clark, and James A. Talcott

- 409 patients categorised at Normal, Intermediate and Poor function at Baseline and at 3yr using PCSI
RP =127: NSRP- 74, NNSP - 53
BXT = 92
EBRT = 190

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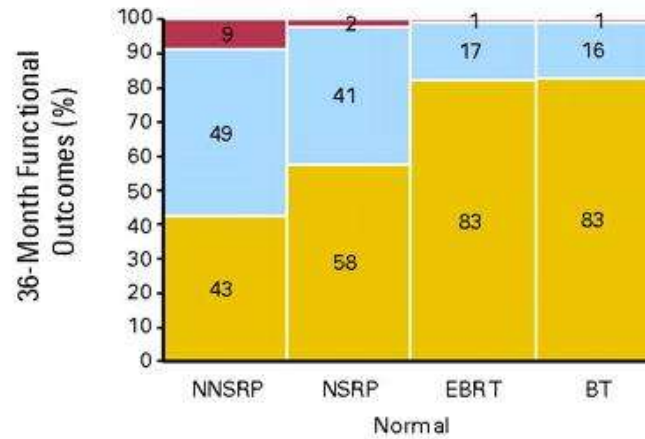
Sexual Dysfunction



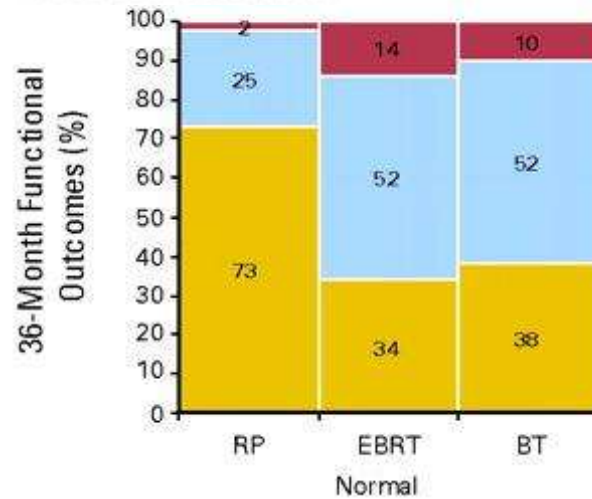
■ Poor
■ Intermediate
■ Normal

} Ability to have sexual intercourse

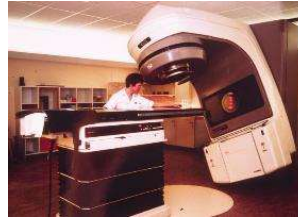
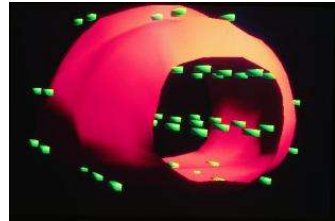
Incontinence



Bowel Problems



Prostate Cancer Treatments



PSA free survival
@ 10 yrs / Cure

- similar -

Incontinence <1%

2-7%

5-25%

Erectile Function 80-85%

40-60%

35-60%

Treatment time Day case

2-8weeks

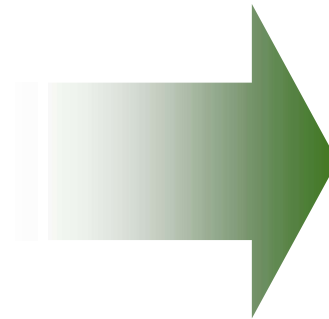
1-10 days

Time off work 2-3 days

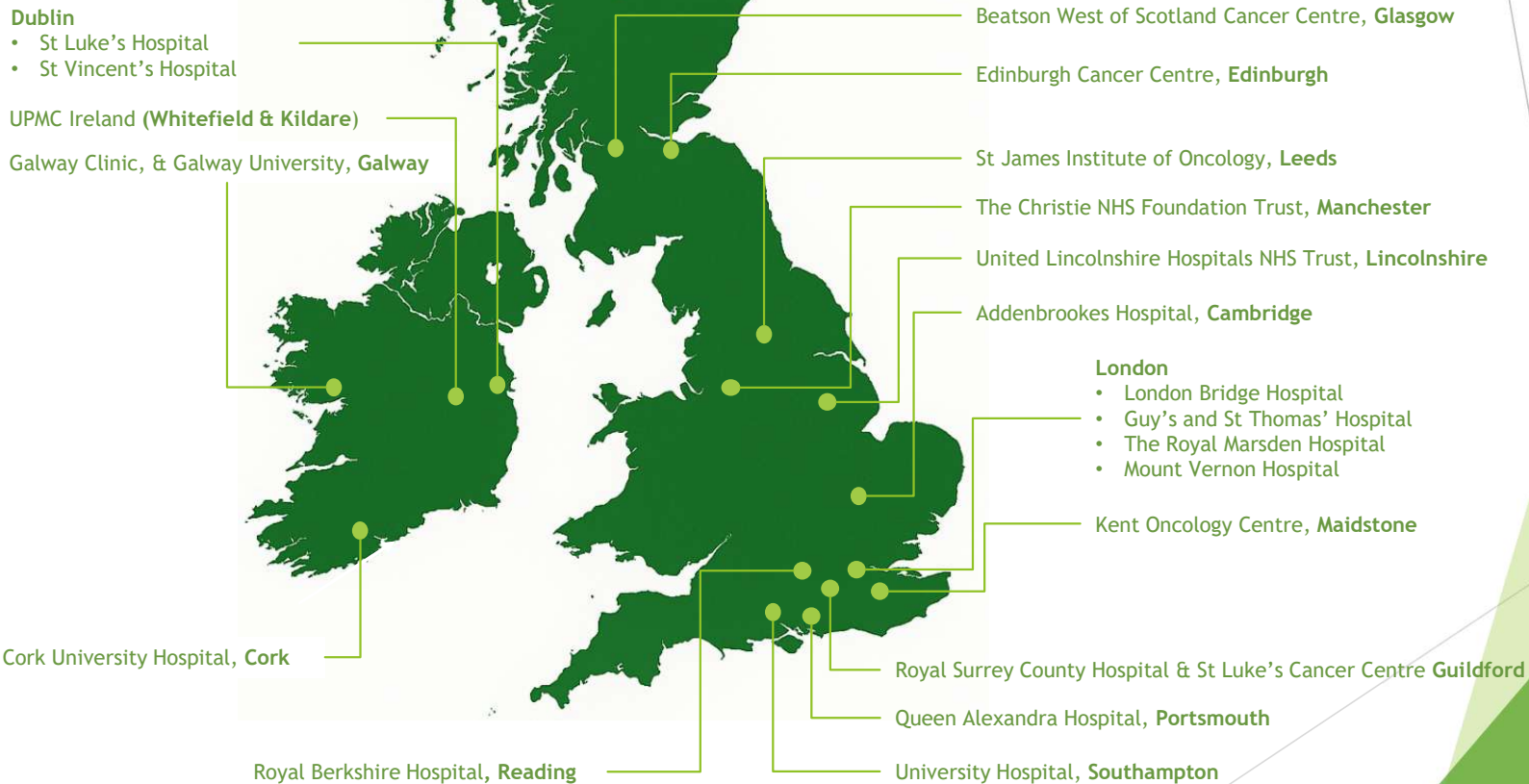
variable

4-6 weeks

**Where can patients
get Brachytherapy?**



UK & Ireland LDR Brachytherapy Treatment Centres



Conclusion



- Brachytherapy is a very effective treatment for all risks of prostate cancer, +/- hormone therapy +/- EBRT.
- It is suitable for young patients.
- Cost effective
- Improved side effect profile
- Only minimally invasive treatment with NICE endorsement
- It should be discussed and offered to newly diagnosed patients

Surviving 5000 LDR Brachytherapy implants..



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