

SBRT for Spine Oligometas

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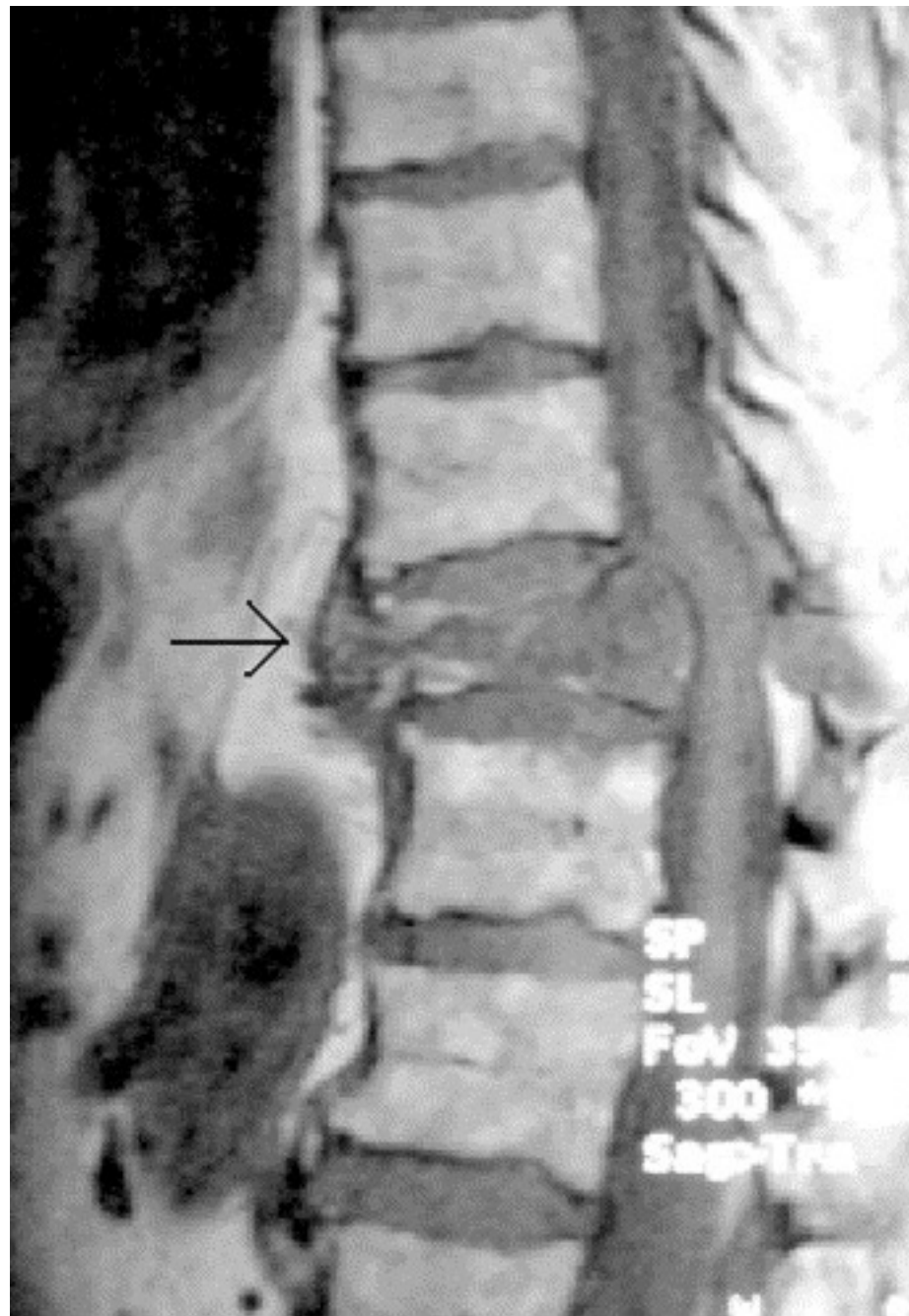
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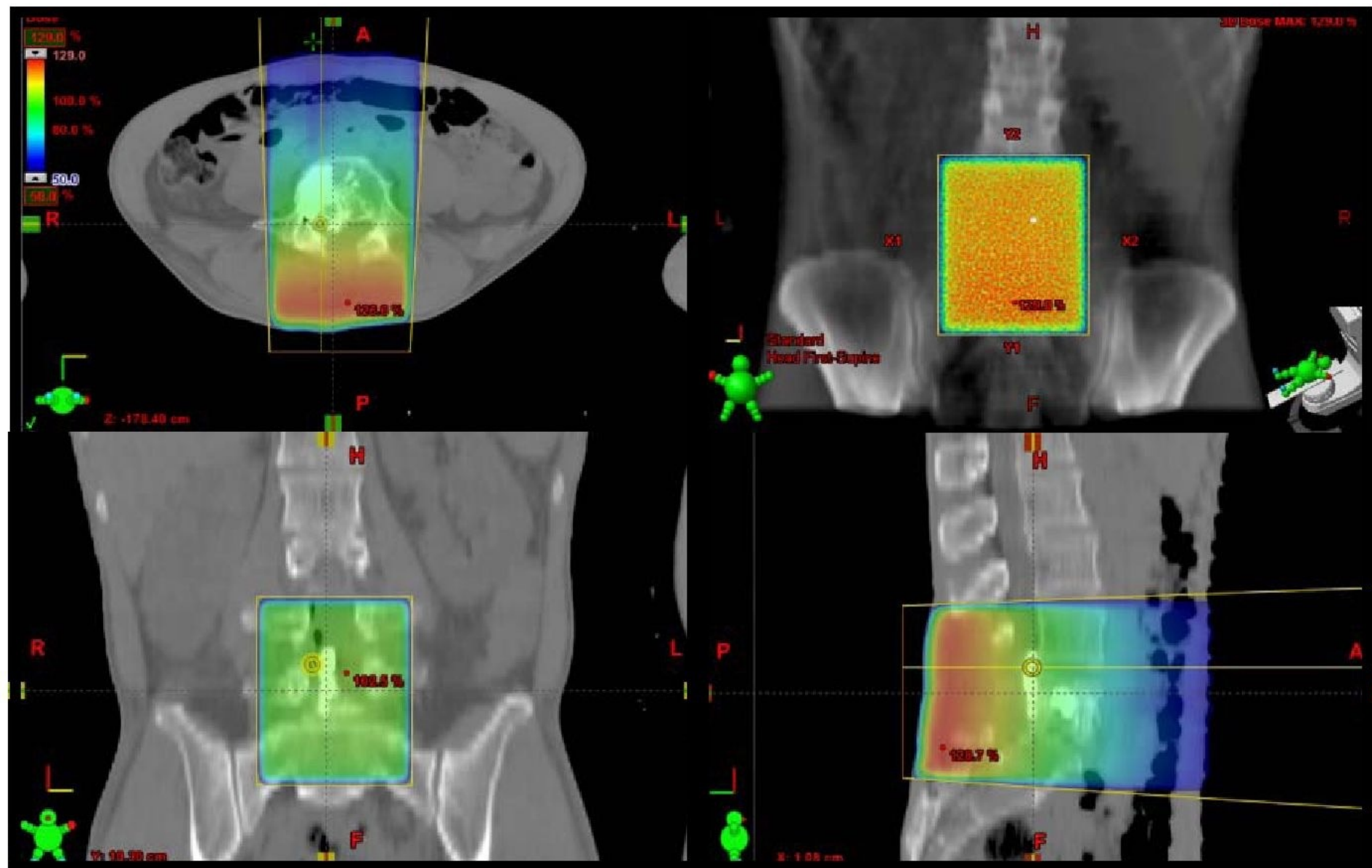
Outline:

Brief overview of spine SBRT

Show 4 different case scenarios
using SBRT







So what has changed?

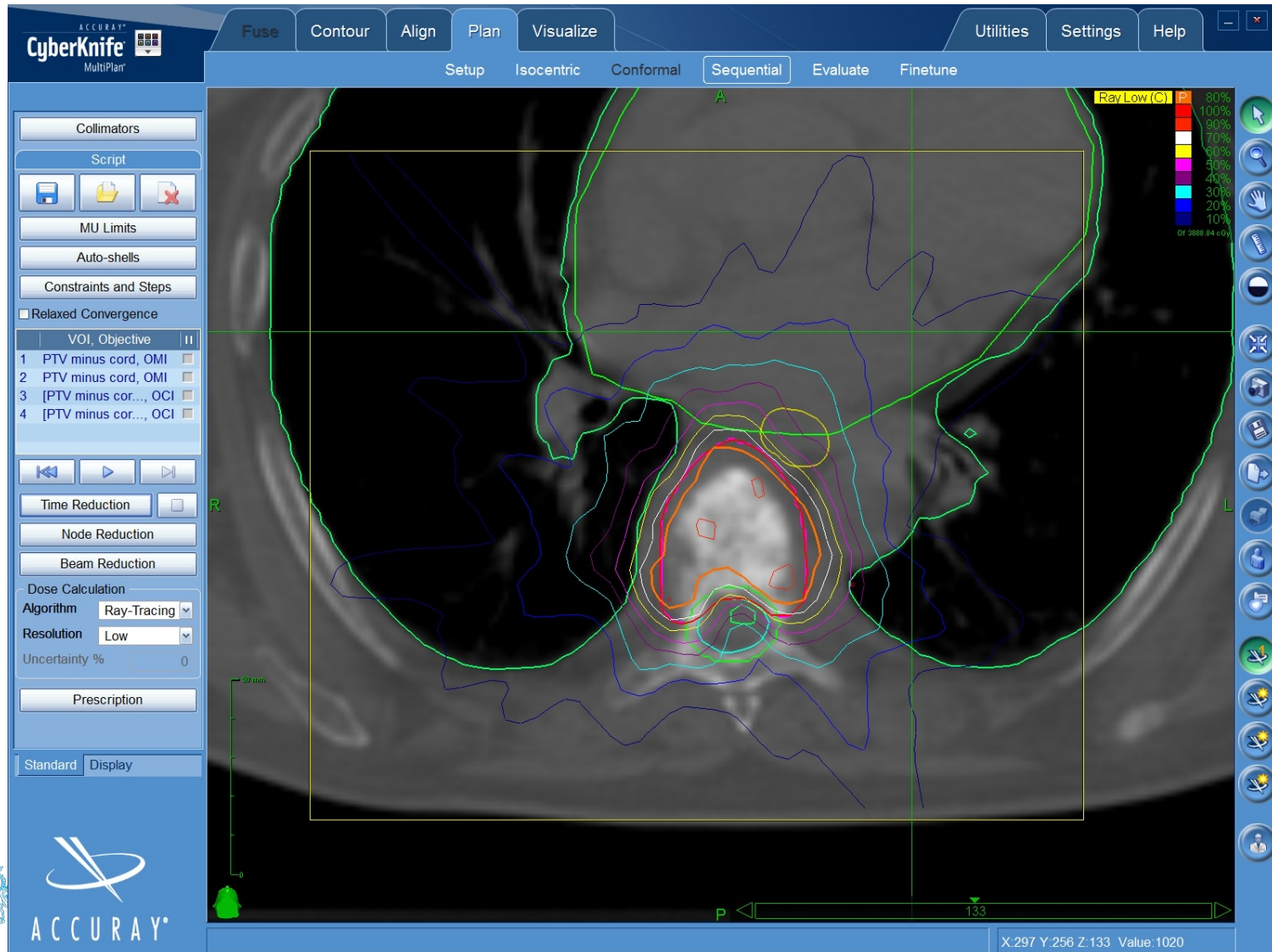


Modern PET and MRI allows us to detect disease earlier





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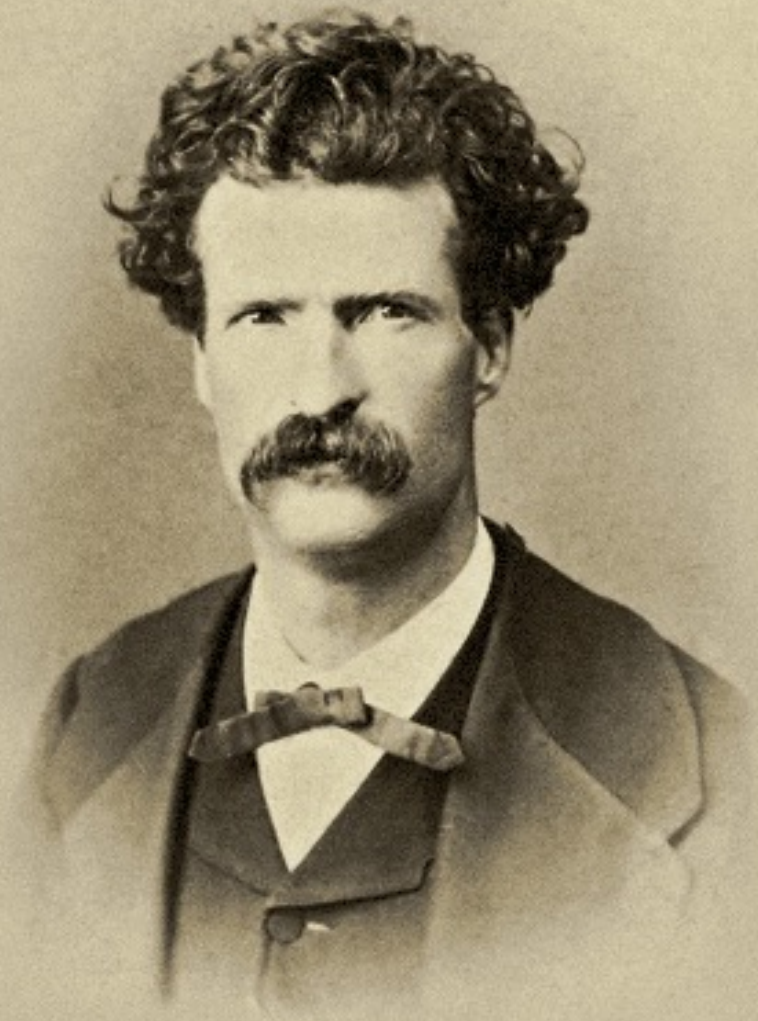


But,.. just because we can see them and have fancy machines, is it enough to justify treatment??



*"To a man with a hammer
everything looks like a nail"*

- Mark Twain



New ESTRO Guidelines

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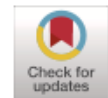
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Guidelines

ESTRO clinical practice guideline: Stereotactic body radiotherapy for spine metastases

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4 key questions

- 1)** What is the overall pain response rate, complete pain response rate and duration of pain response after SBRT for painful vertebral metastases? How does pain response after SBRT compare to conventional palliative radiotherapy?
- 2)** What is the local control (LC) after SBRT for spine metastases? What is the role of spine SBRT in oligo-metastatic disease (OMD)?
- 3)** What is the practice of spinal SBRT to optimize safety and efficacy according to available evidence?
- 4)** What is the toxicity profile of spine SBRT?



New ESTRO Guidelines

In the majority of cases, the level of evidence supporting the recommendations and statements was moderate or expert opinion, only, indicating that spine SBRT is still an evolving field of clinical research.

Enrollment of patients into well-designed prospective clinical trials addressing clinically relevant questions is therefore considered important.



Evidence for SBRT vs cRT (local control)

Singh (2020), review and meta-analysis of outcomes for patients with spinal metastases treated with single-fraction (SF-SRS), multiple-fraction (MF-SRS) or conventional radiotherapy (RT)

Included 3237 patients with 4911 lesions from 37 studies.

Local Control (LC) outcomes:

1 year LC: SF-SRS resulted in improved 1-year LC (92.9% (95% CI: 86.4–97.4%); $p = 0.007$) compared to RT (81.0% (95% CI: 69.2–90.5%)) with no difference between MF-SRS (82.1%; $p = 0.86$) and RT

A 4.7% increase in LC was noted for each 10 Gy₁₀ increase in biologically effective dose (BED₁₀, assuming an $\alpha/\beta = 10$) with SRS ($p < 0.001$).



Evidence for SBRT vs cRT (pain relief)

Sahgal et al. Phase II/III randomized controlled trial. Included 229 patients from 13 hospitals in Canada and Australia.

Randomly assigned (1:1) to SBRT (24 Gy in 2 daily fractions) or conventional RT (cRT) (20 Gy in 5 daily fractions)

At 3 months 35% of pts in SBRT group and 14% of patients in cRT group ($p=0.0002$) had complete pain response

The most common grade 3–4 adverse event was grade 3 pain: 4% of patients in the cRT group vs 5% of patients in the SBRT group.

No treatment-related deaths were observed.



With QA, and training, and
in appropriately selected
patients

SBRT is effective and safe



How to do it



International Spine Radiosurgery Consortium consensus guidelines for target volume definition in spinal stereotactic radiosurgery

Brett W Cox¹, Daniel E Spratt, Michael Lovelock, Mark H Bilsky, Eric Lis, Samuel Ryu, Jason Sheehan, Peter C Gerszten, Eric Chang, Iris Gibbs, Scott Soltys, Arjun Sahgal, Joe Deasy, John Flickinger, Mubina Quader, Stefan Mindea, Yoshiya Yamada

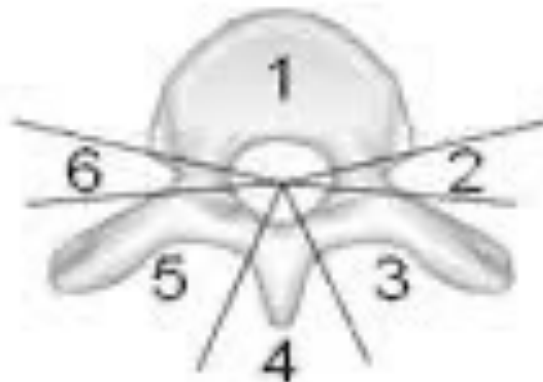
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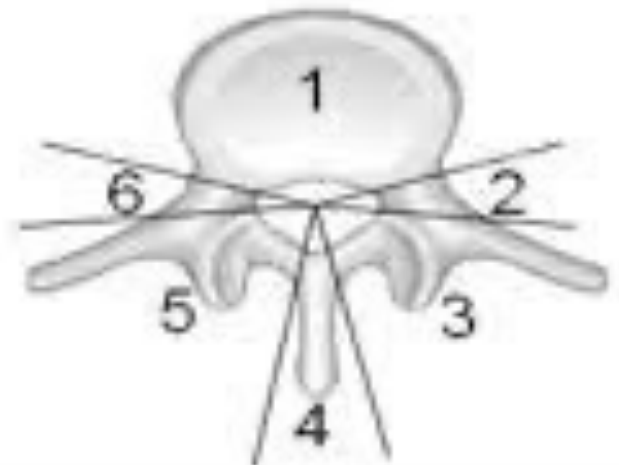
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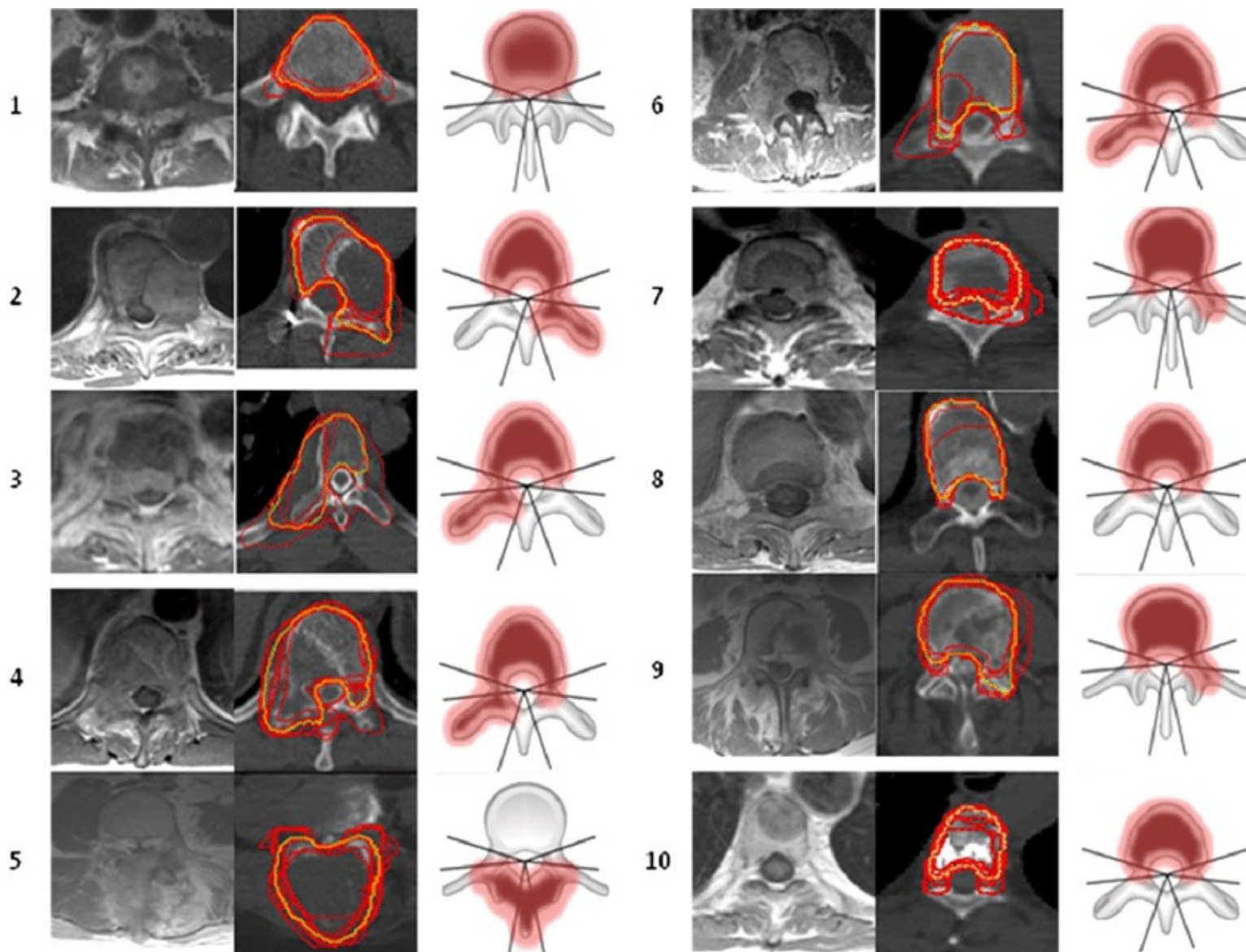


Thoracic



Lumbar





Some clinical cases



Case 1(Solitary, good PS)

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- 63M
 - Local treatment for T3b G1 9 Ca prostate
 - 4 years later: PSA 10 – MRI: isolated C7 metastasis





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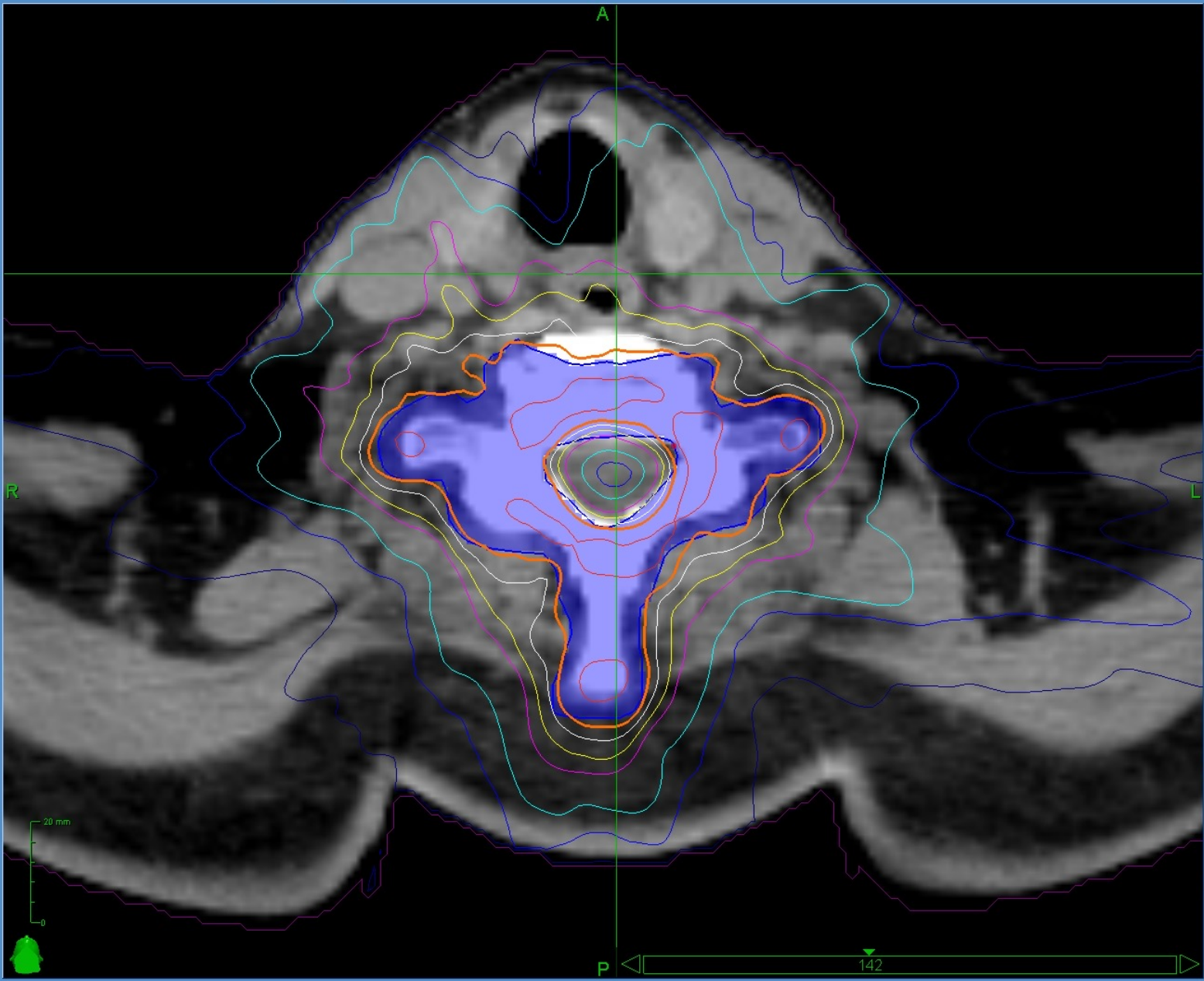
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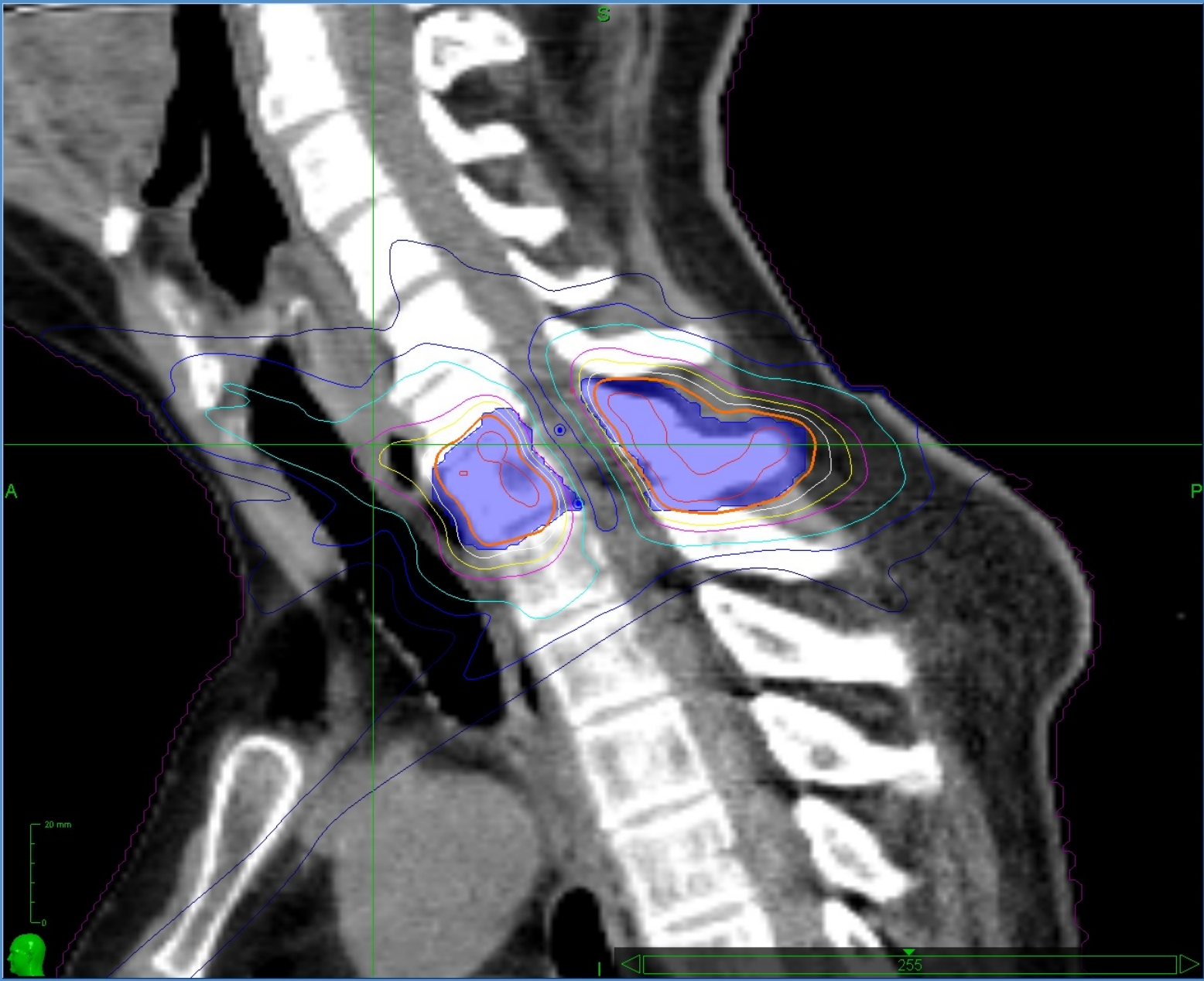
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Case 1

SBRT to C7 – 27 Gy / 3# (6 months LHRHa)

Patient did not want long term LHRHa

3 years later– remained off LHRHa

No evidence of biochemical or imaging progression



Case 2 (Post surgery residual disease)

- 66M
- Renal primary (RCC) + isolated L4 bone met
 - Nephrectomy
 - L4 vertebrectomy



Dose Calculation

Algorithm Ray-Tracing
Resolution High

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Prescription

Prescription

Reference Point

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Dose (cGy) 3200.00

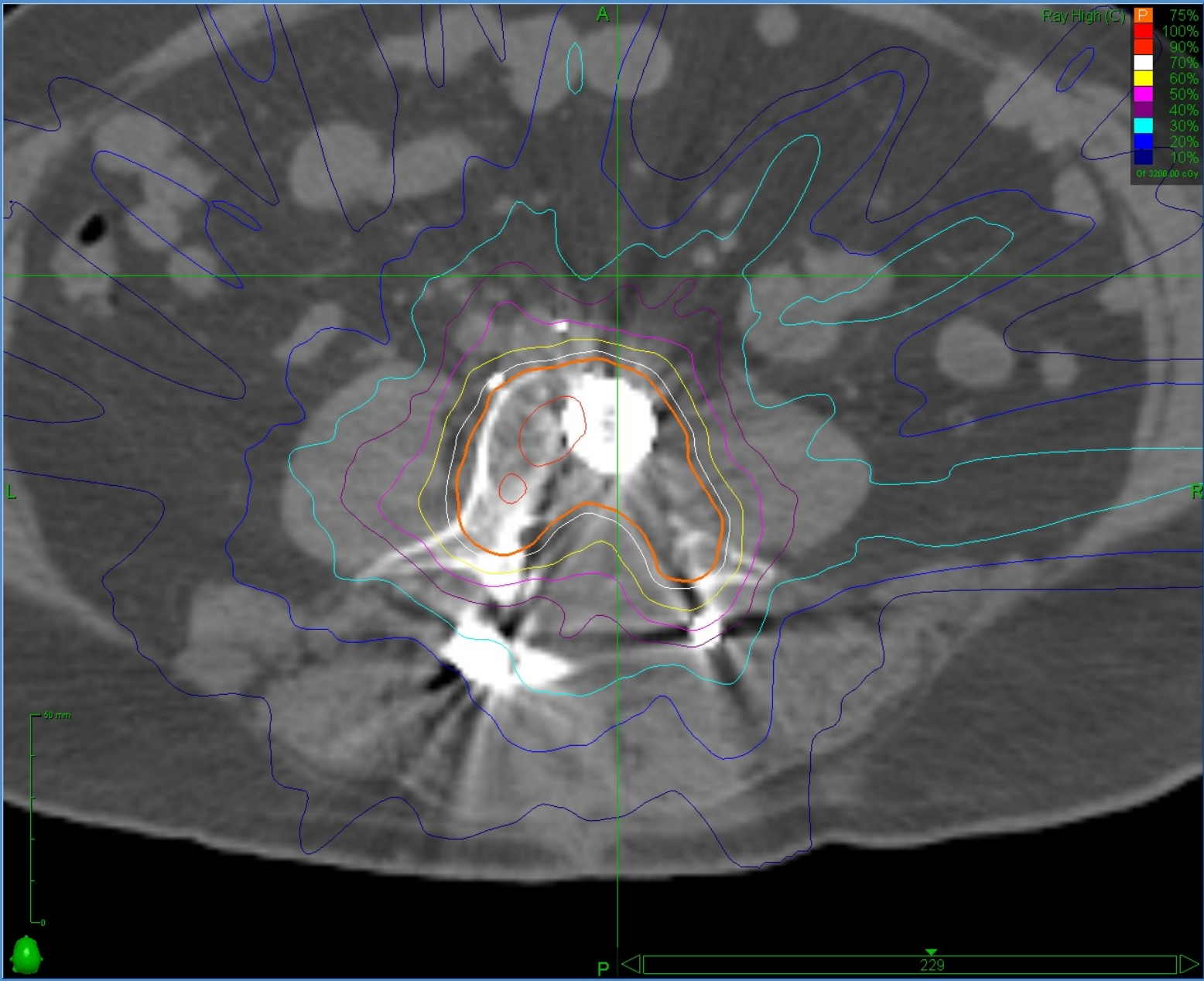
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Standard Display



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Case 2

SBRT for +ve margin (right transverse process) – 24Gy/3#

No systemic therapy given

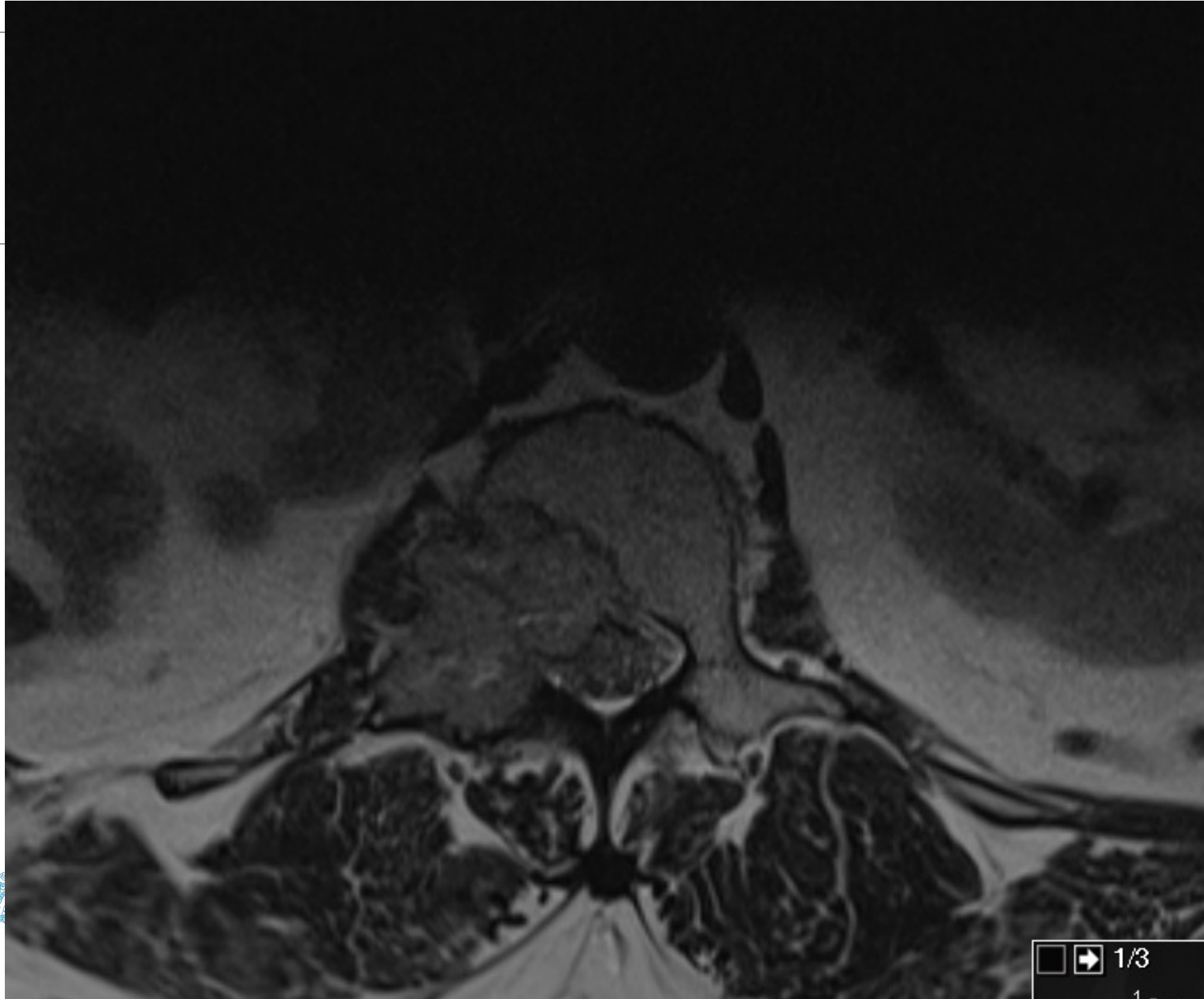
3 years later no evidence of local prgression



Case 3

- 57M
- Metastatic renal cell carcinoma (lung and scalp)
 - PMH: chronic renal failure
 - Rx: TKI
- 3 years later: Vertebra mets – conventional RT L2-L5; T7-9
- MRI – impending neural compression at L1 ++pain
 - Not possible to operate as would require embolisation first which requires iodinated contrast.







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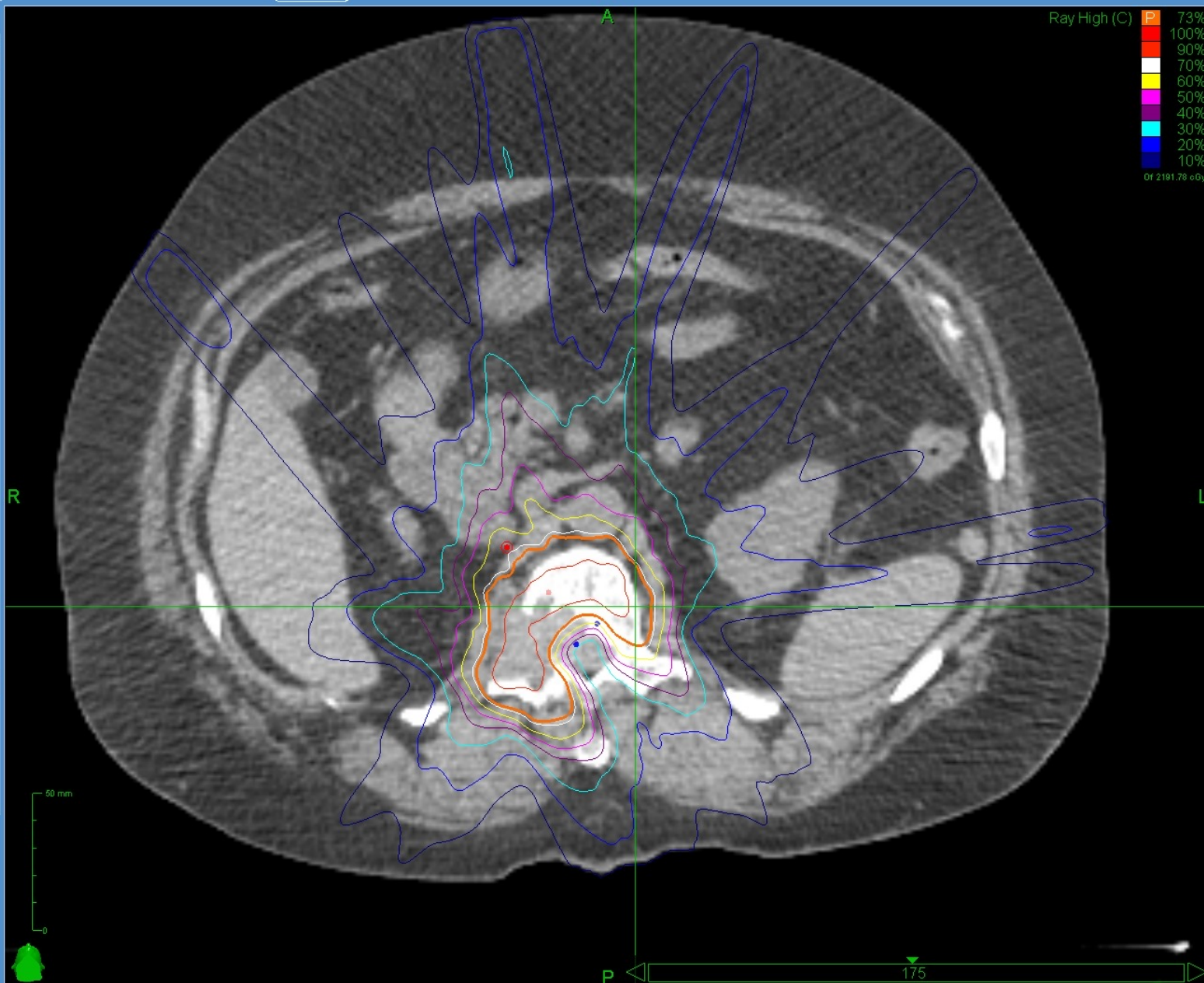
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Case 3

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- Good symptomatic response

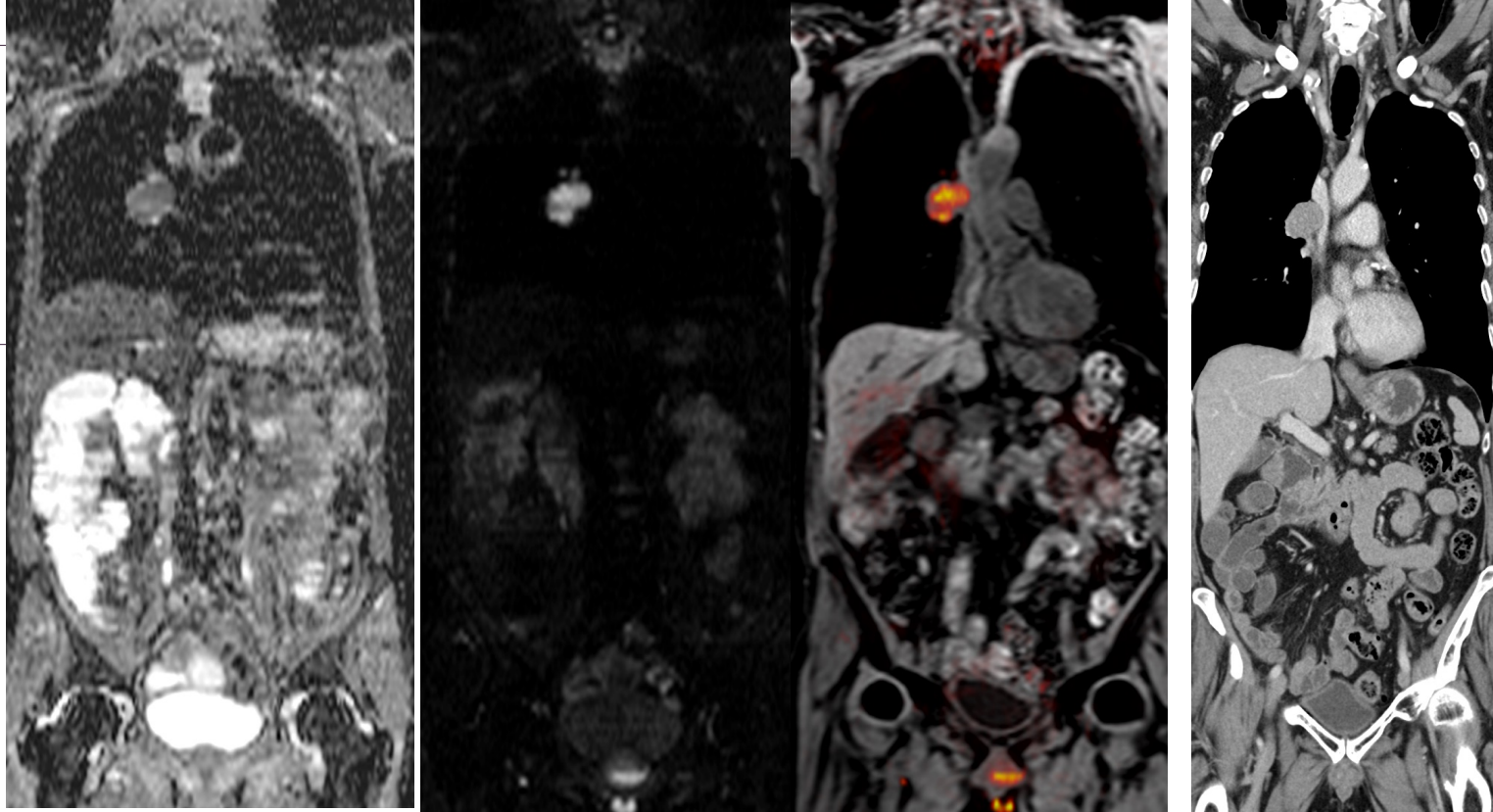


Case 4 (Oligo-progression: decisions using modern imaging)

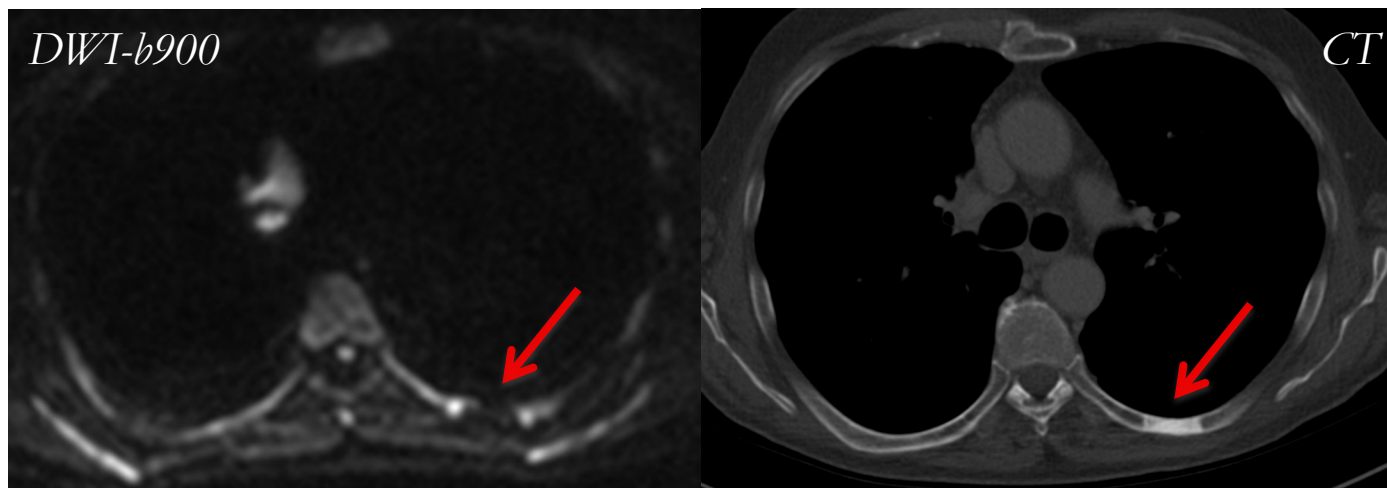
- Metastatic prostate cancer
- On LHRH and Abiraterone

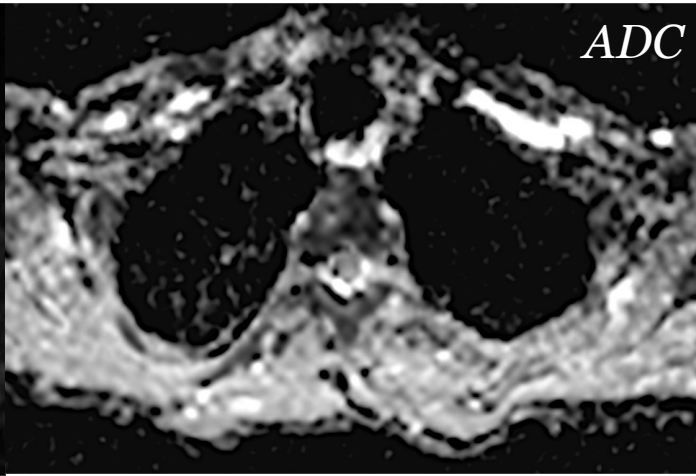
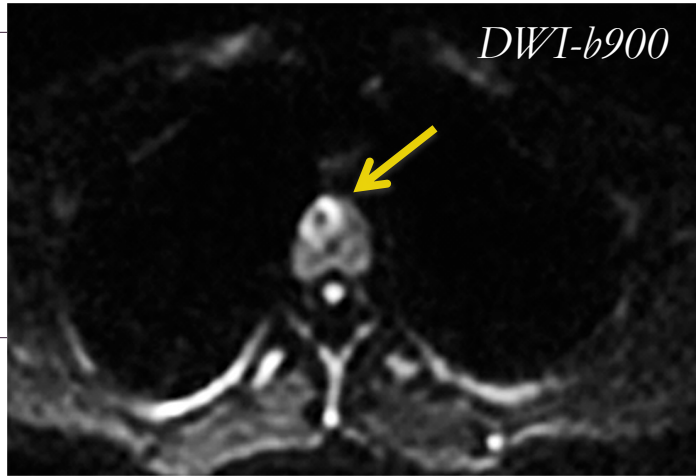




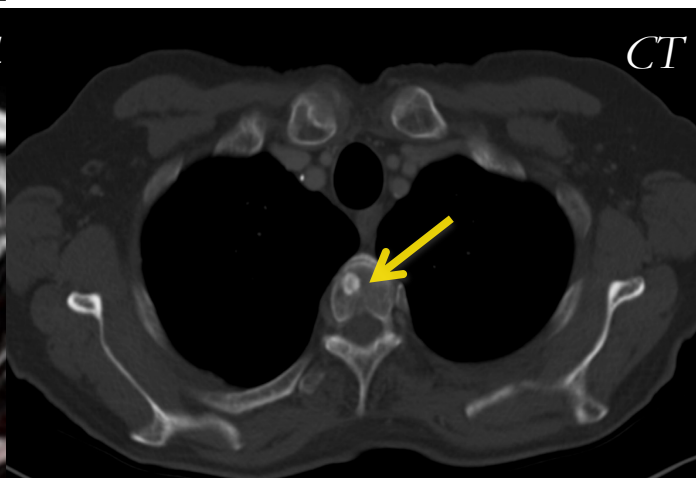
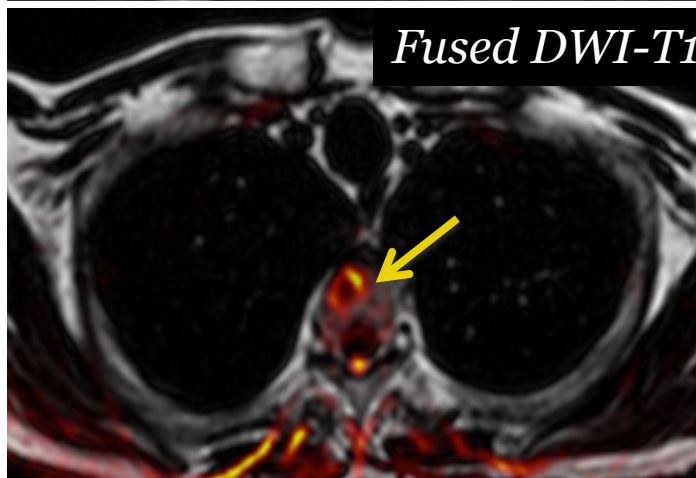


DW MRI
Showing
mediastinal
nodal disease

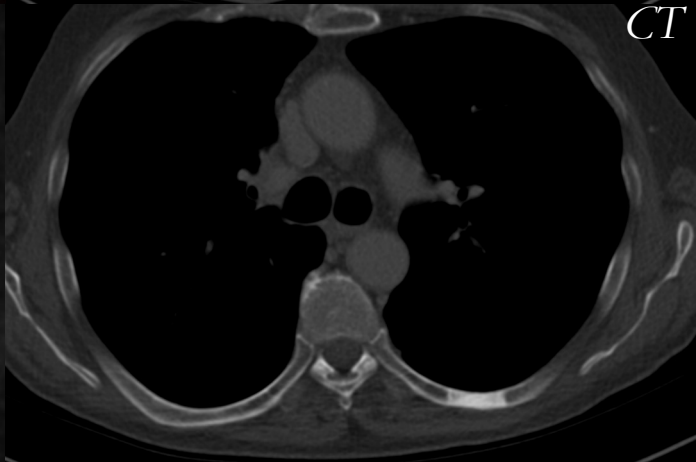
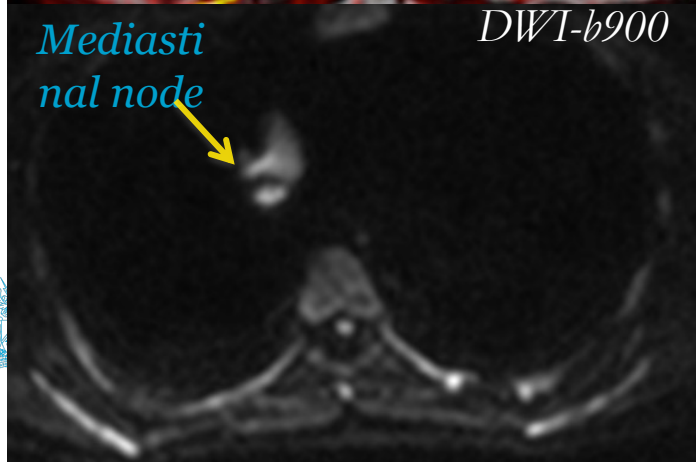




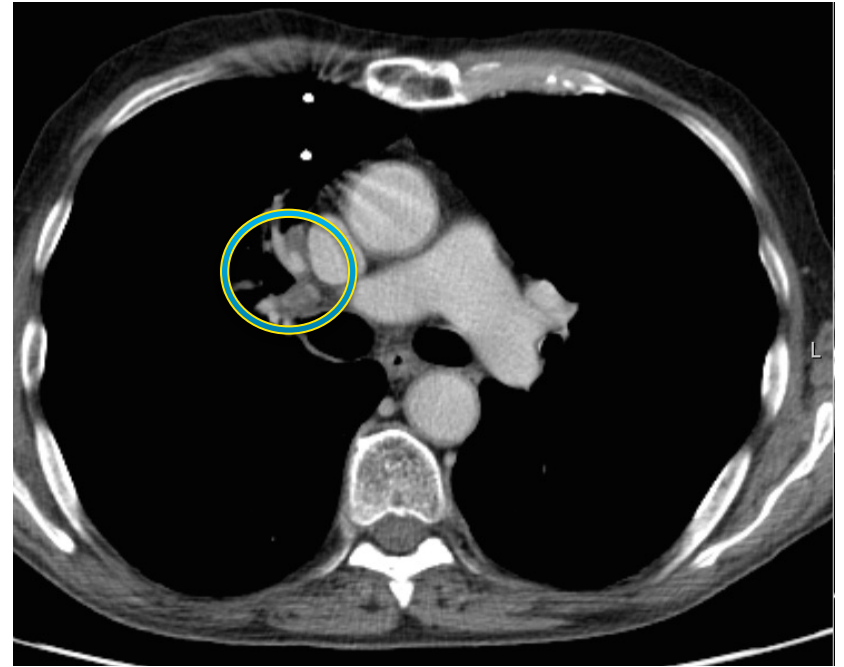
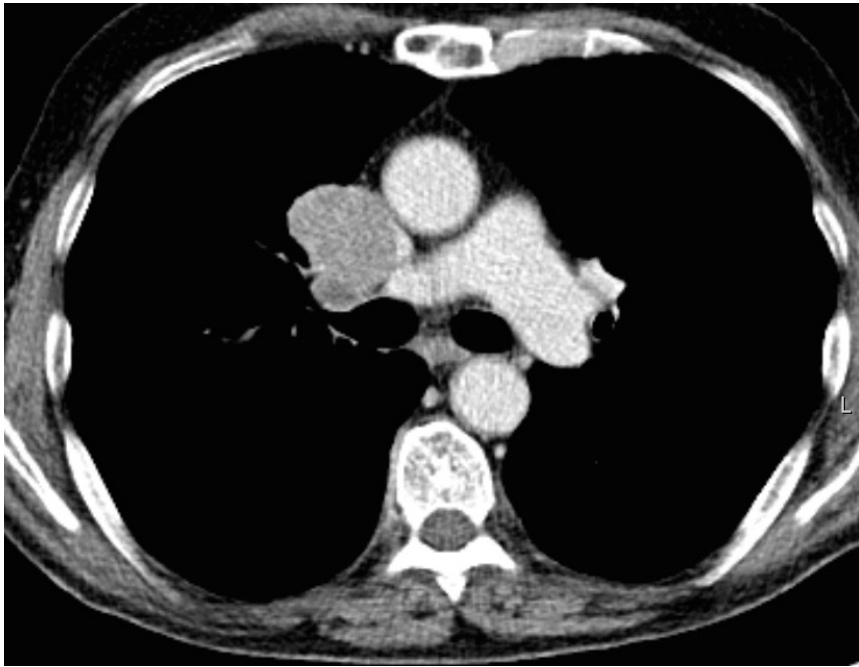
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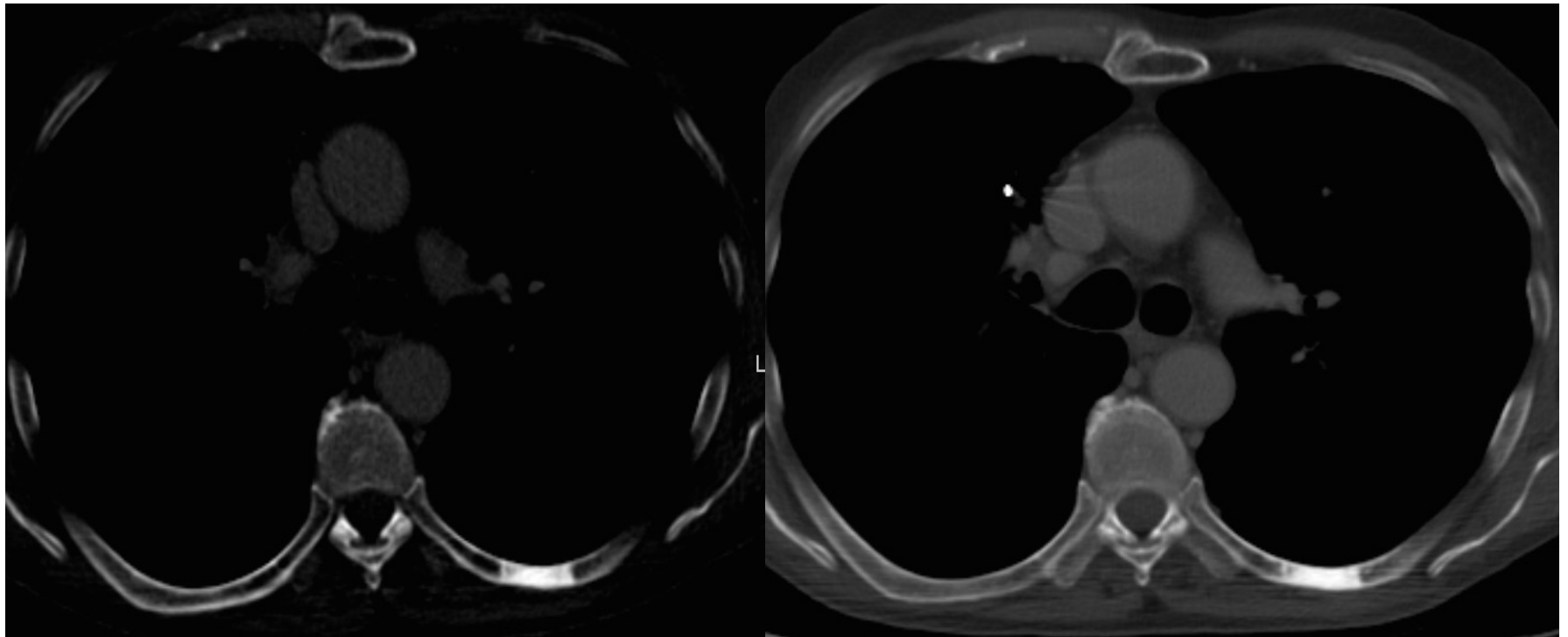
vs



*Dense
sclerotic
lesion on CT
(seen on BS)
with no
signal on
DWI thought
to represent
treated
metastasis*







Case 4

He remained on Abiraterone and LHRH for another two years

Then developed widespread bony progression (none of the original sites including the rib progressed)



Conclusion

If you are going to start to spine SBRT

Get trained

Have rigorous planning QA

Discuss all cases at an appropriate skilled MDT, patient selection is critical

Good luck!!



Thank you



Life demands excellence