

# Novel Innovations in Proton Therapy

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A promotional banner for the 18th Annual Miami Cancer Meeting. The background is a photograph of a modern city skyline with several tall skyscrapers. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image. At the top, it says "18th Annual" in a script font, followed by "MIAMI CANCER MEETING" in large, bold, white capital letters. Below that, it says "JW MARRIOTT MIAMI | MIAMI, FLORIDA" in a smaller, yellow, sans-serif font. The dates "APRIL 1-3, 2022" are displayed in white, bold, sans-serif font. Below the dates, it says "Program Directors" in a script font, followed by the names "Luis E. Raez, MD, FACP, FCCP" and "Edgardo S. Santos Castillero, MD, FACP" in a white, sans-serif font. On the right side of the banner, there is a logo for the Miami Cancer Meeting, which consists of a stylized green and white graphic resembling a cancer cell or a DNA helix, with the text "MIAMI CANCER MEETING" in yellow below it. At the bottom of the banner, there is a row of logos for accreditation and partnership: "ACCREDITED BY MEC THE MEDICAL EDUCATOR CONSORTIUM", the Florida state seal, "OLA Oncology Latin American Association", "CANCER EXPERT NOW", "MEC V Learning MEDPRO", and "MECC GLOBAL MEETINGS MEETINGS • EVENTS • CONFERENCE • COORDINATORS".

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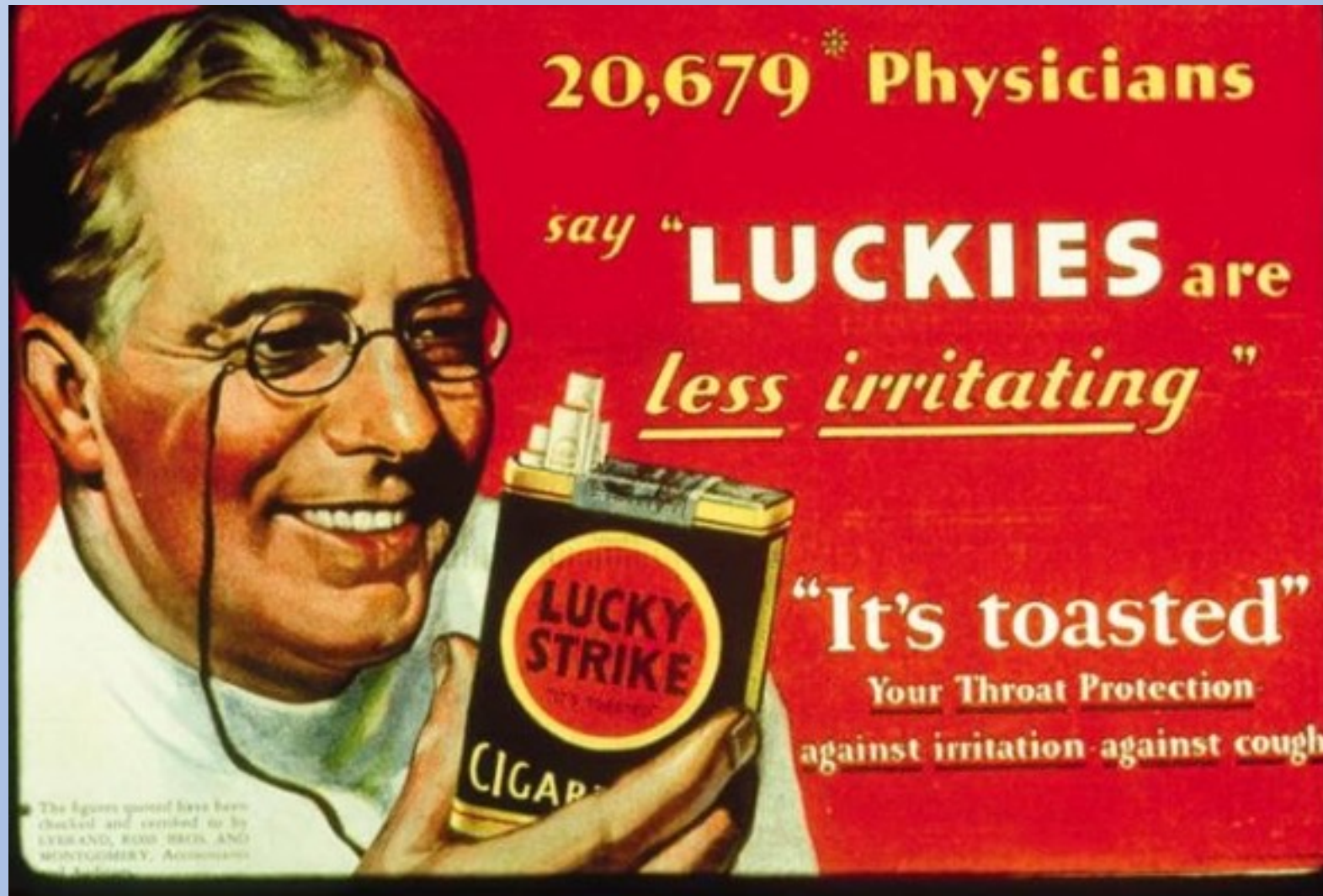
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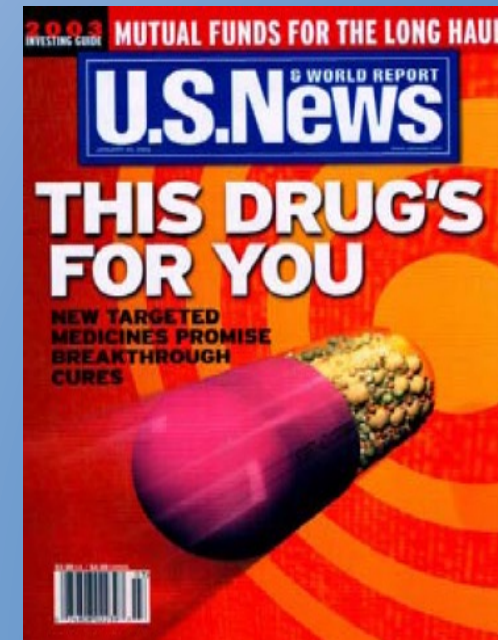


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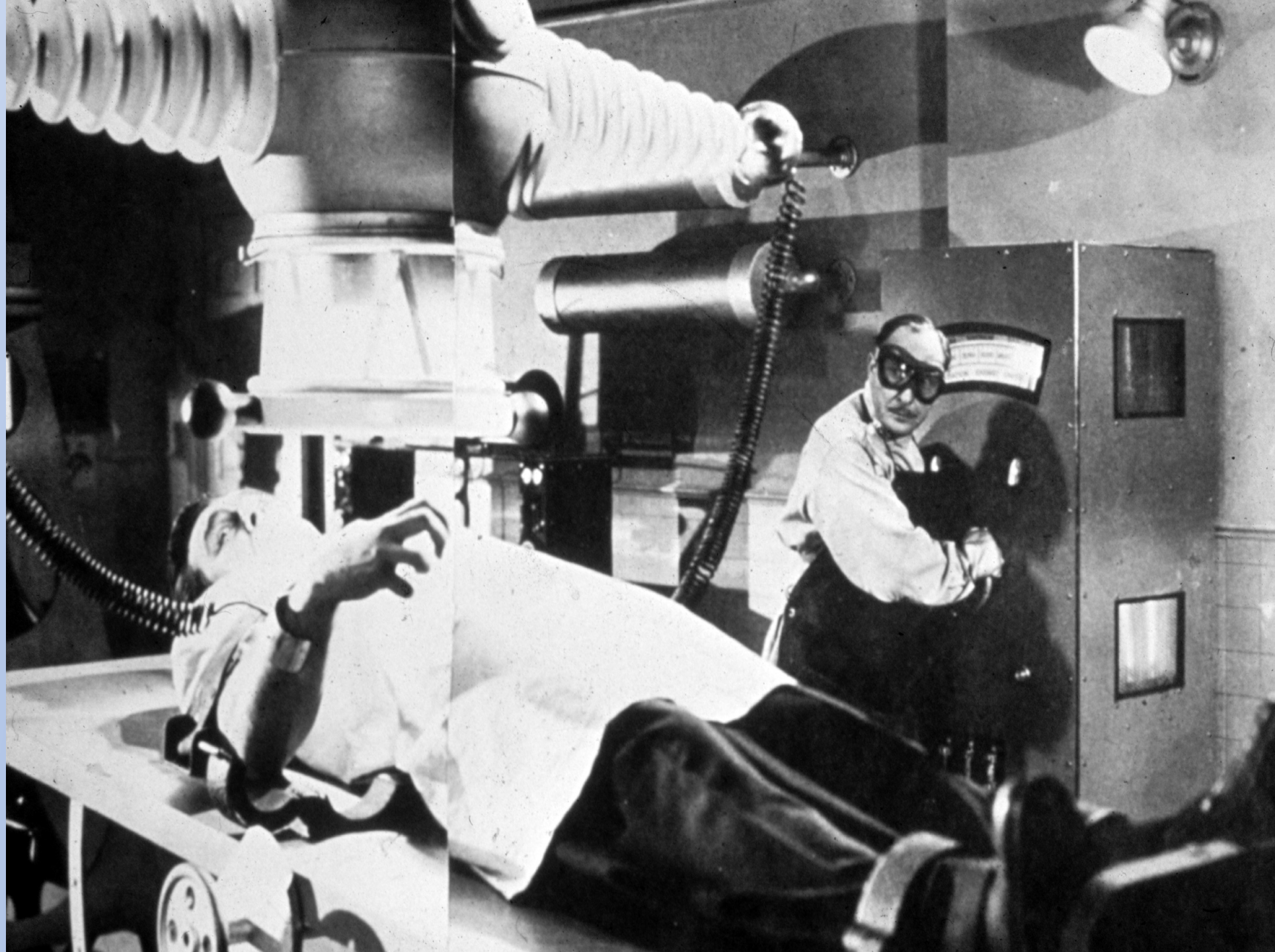












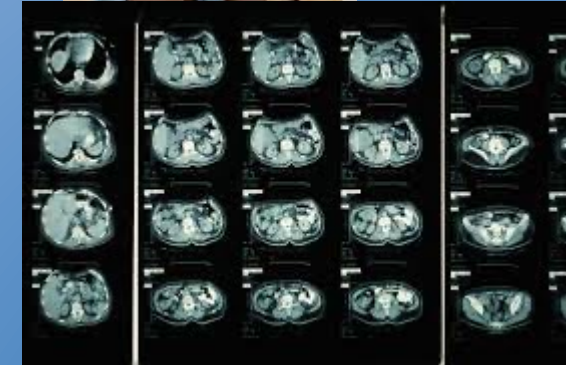


Activity	Dose (rads)
Average background radiation dose, typical day	0.001
Sleeping next to someone, 8 hours	0.000005
Eating one banana	0.00001
Living within 50 miles of a nuclear power plant for a year	0.00001
Living within 50 miles of a coal-fired power plant for a year	0.00003
Dental x-ray	0.0005
Airline flight from New York to Los Angeles	0.004





Activity	Dose (rads)
Average background radiation dose, typical day	0.001
Living in a concrete building for a year	0.007
Yearly dose from naturally occurring P-32 in your body	0.039
Screening mammogram	0.04
CT Brain	0.2
CT Chest	0.7
Dose from one hour exposure on the grounds at Chernobyl in 2010	0.6

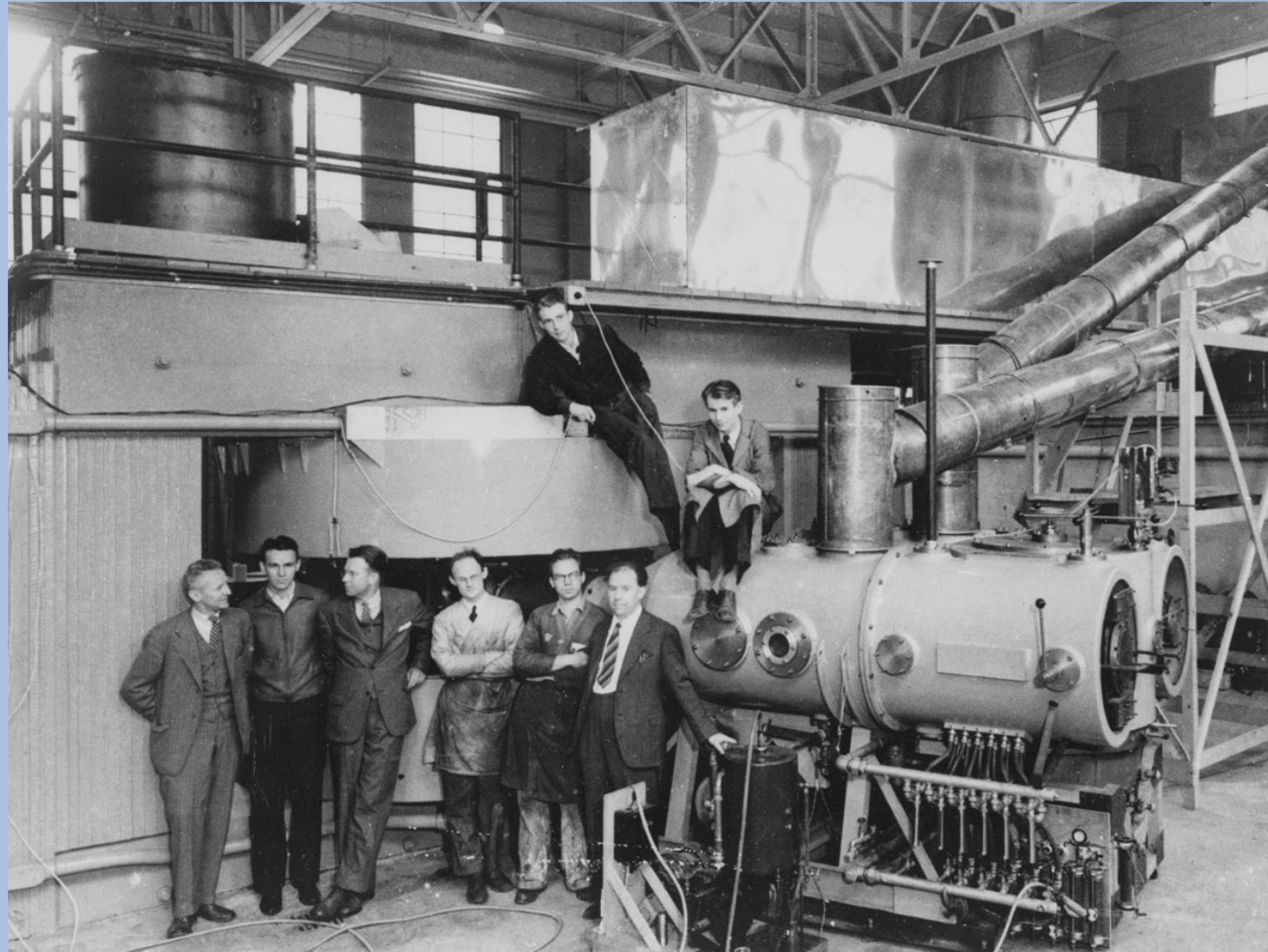
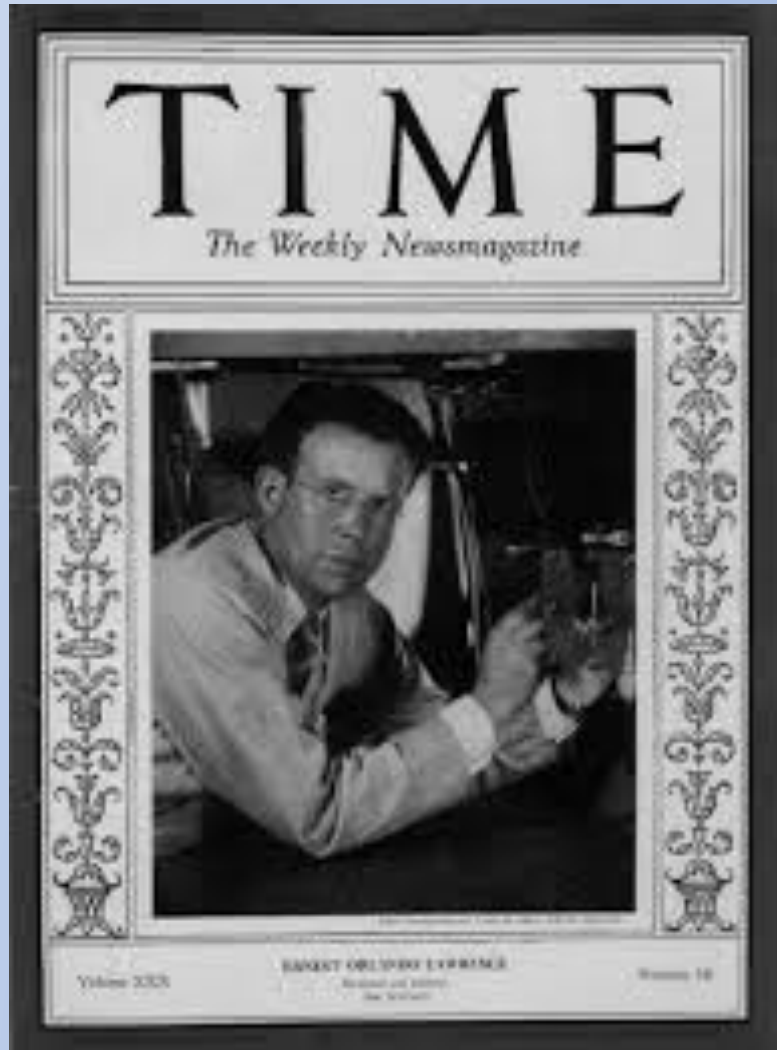




Activity	Dose (rads)
Average background radiation dose, typical day	0.001
Maximum yearly dose allowed for US radiation workers	5.0
Lowest annual dose clearly related to increased cancer risk	100
Typical localized daily dose in radiation oncology	200
Whole-body dose causing non-fatal radiation poisoning	200
Whole body single fraction fatal dose	400
Ten minutes next to reactor core, Chernobyl after explosion and meltdown	5000















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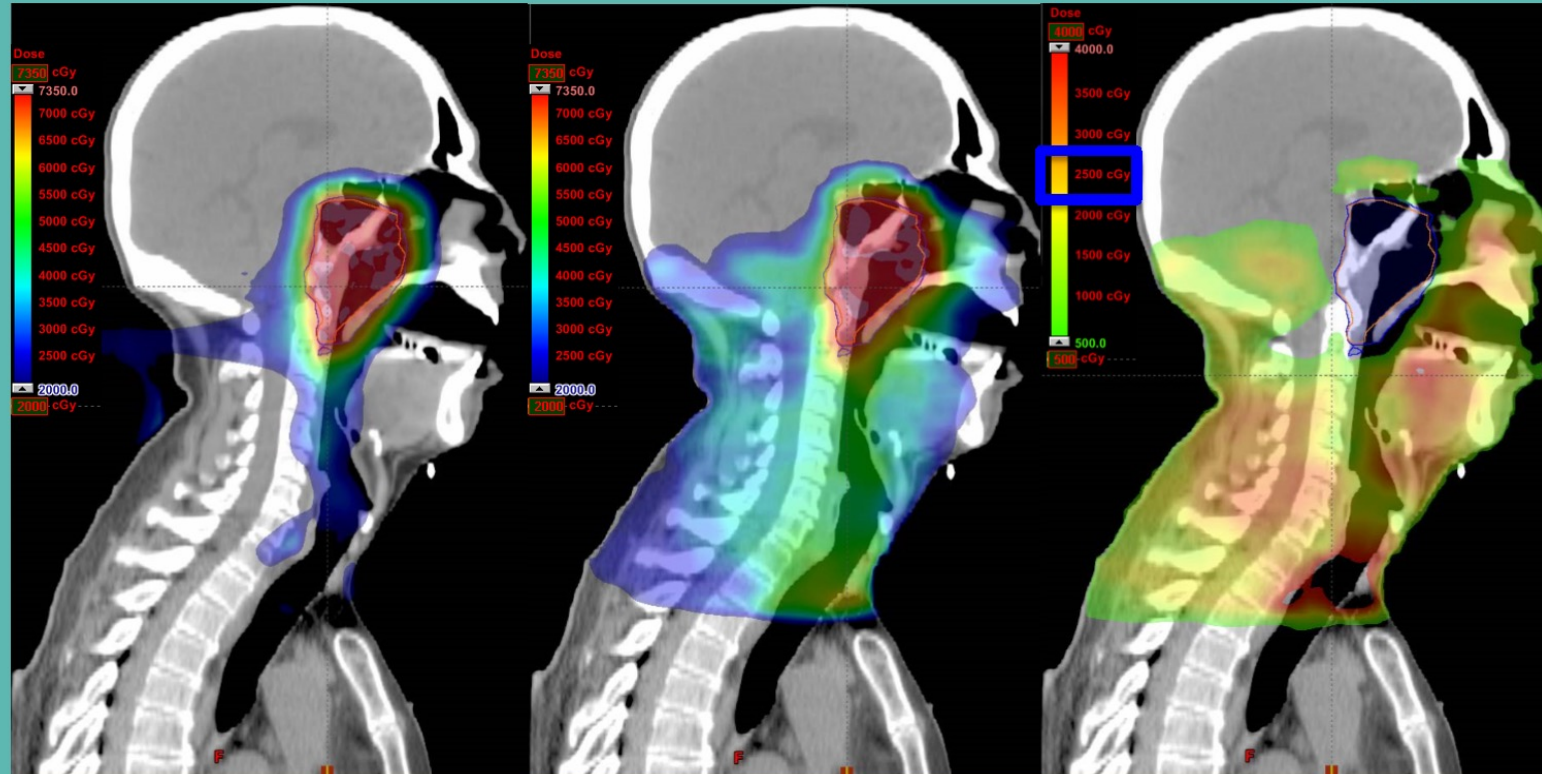


# ELIMINATION OF UNNECESSARY RADIATION

Proton Therapy (IMPT)

X-Ray Therapy (IMRT)

Added Radiation w/  
IMRT (X-Rays)



**\*25 Gy (25 Sv) of Unnecessary Radiation**

# ELIMINATION OF UNNECESSARY RADIATION

**\*25 Gy (25 Sv) of Unnecessary Radiation =**



**12,500**

H&N CTs  
(2 mSv)



**5,000,000**

Intraoral X-Rays  
(0.002 mSv)



**25,000x**

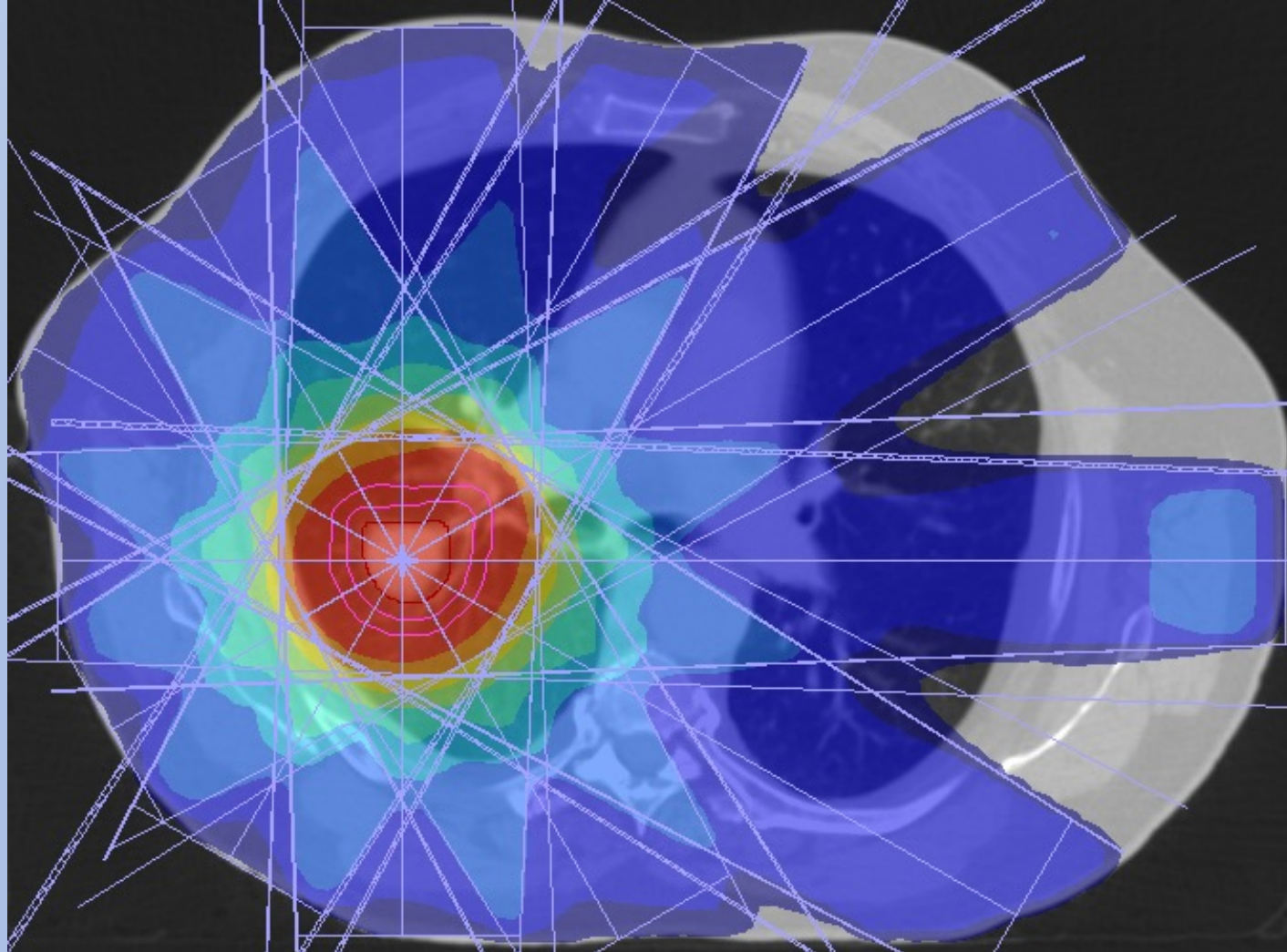
General Public  
Annual Limit (1.0 mSv)

Added Radiation w/  
IMRT (X-Rays)





# Solitary Lung Nodule: Linac Based SBRT



Dose Color Wash [cGy]

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# Early Findings on Toxicity of Proton Beam Therapy With Concurrent Chemotherapy for Nonsmall Cell Lung Cancer

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**Table 2.** Acute Nonhematologic Toxicity After Photon Versus Proton Therapy for Nonsmall Cell Lung Cancer

Toxicity and Treatment	Grade 0	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Unknown	<i>P</i>
<b>Esophagitis</b>								<.001
Chemotherapy+3D-CRT	3 (4)	25 (34)	33 (45)	13 (18)	0	0	0	
Chemotherapy+IMRT	4 (6)	9 (14)	24 (36)	26 (39)	3 (4.5)	0	0	
Chemotherapy+PBT	13 (21)	22 (35.5)	24 (39)	3 (5)	0	0	0	
<b>Pneumonitis</b>								<.001
Chemotherapy+3D-CRT	23 (31)	9 (12)	20 (27)	22 (30)	0	0	0	
Chemotherapy+IMRT	19 (29)	24 (36)	17 (26)	4 (6)	0	2 (3)	0	
Chemotherapy+PBT	13 (21)	30 (48)	18 (29)	1 (2)	0	0	0	
<b>Dermatitis</b>								<.001
Chemotherapy+3D-CRT	6 (8)	54 (73)	9 (12)	5 (7)	0	0	0	
Chemotherapy+IMRT	5 (8)	33 (50)	17 (26)	11 (17)	0	0	0	
Chemotherapy+PBT	2 (3)	22 (35.5)	23 (37)	15 (24)	0	0	0	
<b>Fatigue</b>								.002
Chemotherapy+3D-CRT	0	20 (24)	28 (34)	24 (29)	2 (2)	0	0	
Chemotherapy+IMRT	12 (18)	16 (24)	27 (41)	10 (15)	1 (1.5)	0	0	
Chemotherapy+PBT	3 (5)	12 (19)	32 (52)	12 (19)	3 (5)	0	0	

All data are expressed as No. of patients (%).  
3D-CRT indicates 3-dimensional conformal radiation therapy; IMRT, intensity-modulated radiation therapy; PBT, proton beam therapy.



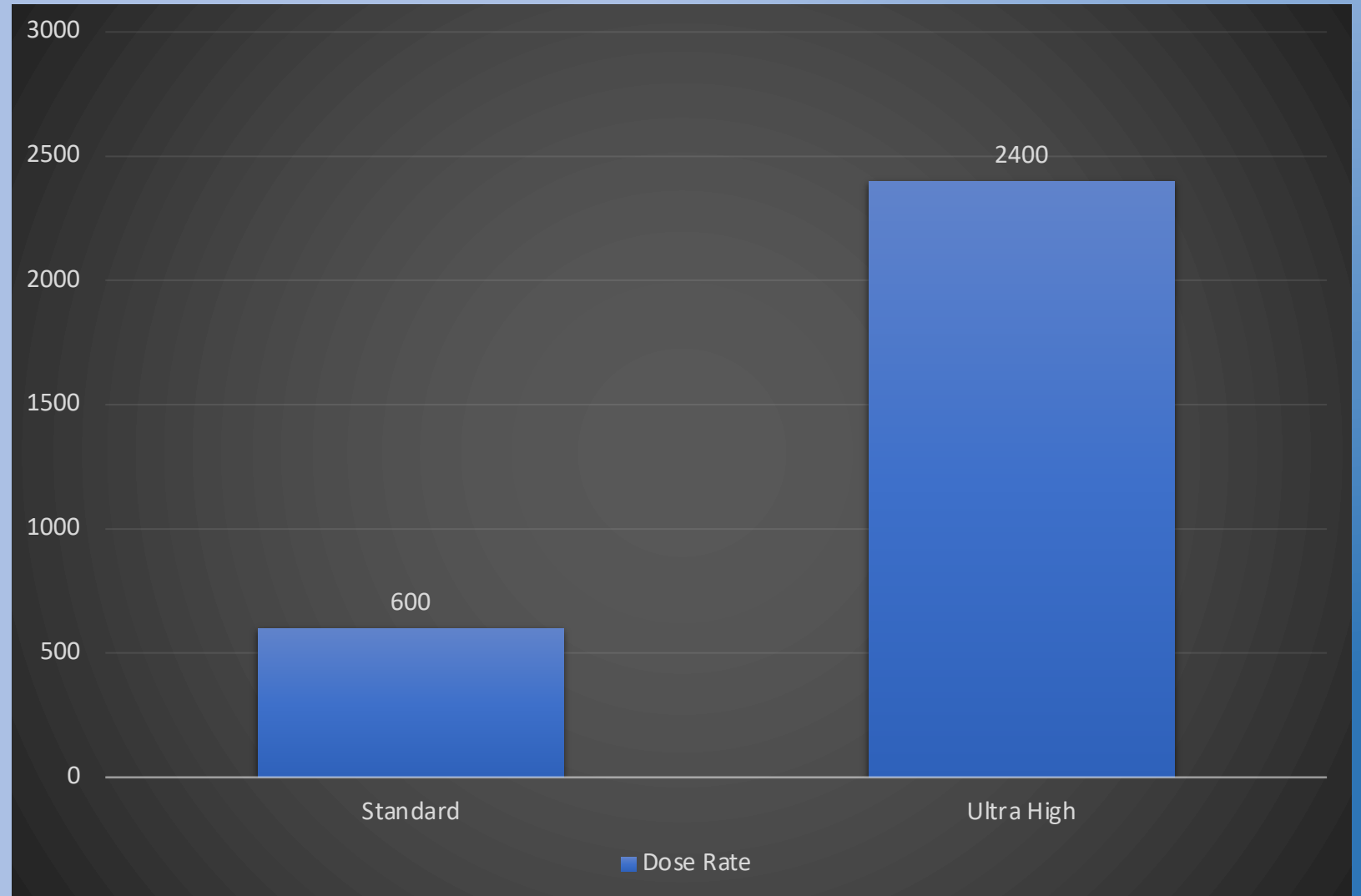
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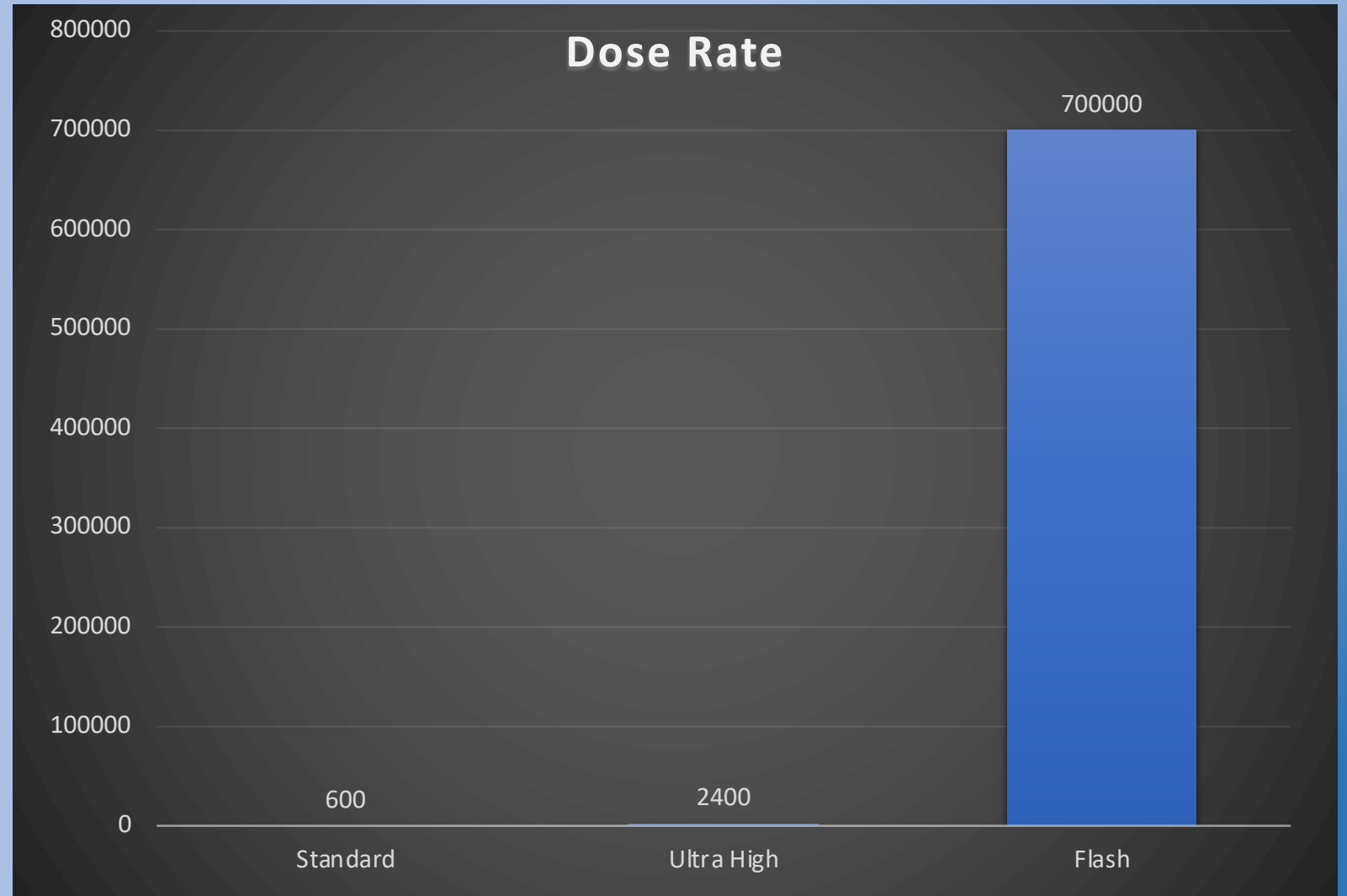
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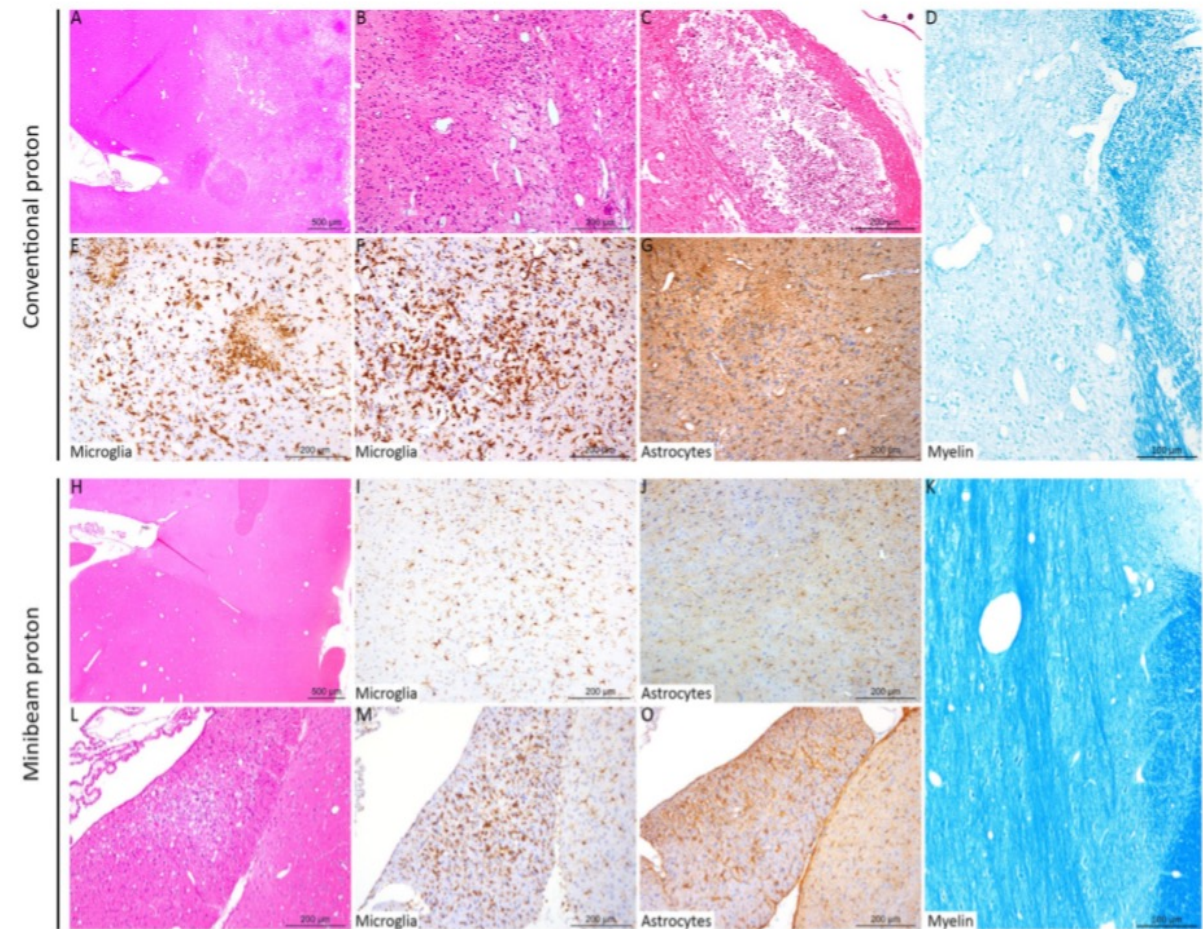
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# Proton minibeam radiation therapy spares normal rat brain: Long-Term Clinical, Radiological and Histopathological Analysis

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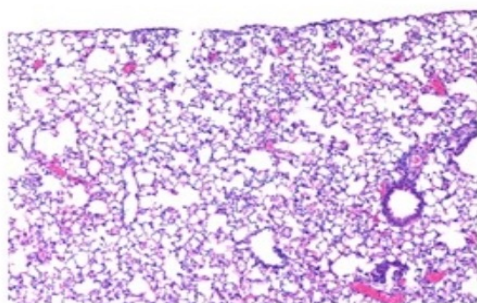
**Figure 3.** Histopathological and immunohistochemical analyses revealed different lesion profiles between the conventional (A–F) and minibeam (G–L) irradiation groups. A, B, C, H and L: HE staining. D and K: Luxol Fast Blue staining. E, F, I and M: anti-Iba-1 immunohistochemistry (microglia). G, J and O: anti-GFAP immunohistochemistry (astrocytes). The rats were 32 weeks old when sacrificed. Conventional irradiation: (A) Multifocal to coalescing lesion characterized by (B) oedema, necrosis and gliosis. (C) More severe lesion with cavitation and mineralisation. (D) Destruction of the myelin was also observed. (E,F) Microglial activation and microglial nodules (microgliosis). (G) Astrocyte activation with a marked increase in the GFAP immunolabeling (astrogliosis). Minibeam irradiation: (H) At low magnification, no lesion was observed in most rats, with (I,J) normal microglial and astrocytic networks, and (K) normal myelin organization. For just one rat: (L) One inflammatory infiltrate and mild neuropil destruction was observed, associated with focal (M) microgliosis and (O) astrogliosis.

# Flash resulted in a reduction in radiation induced dermatitis and fibrosis

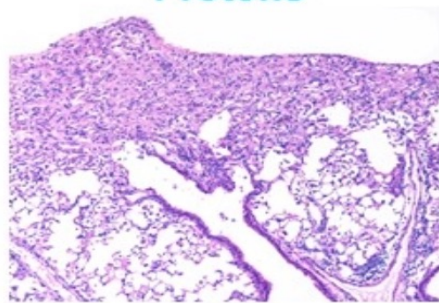
## Normal tissue toxicity studies

**25%** reduction in fibrosis\* with FLASH vs. Conventional (17.5 Gy)

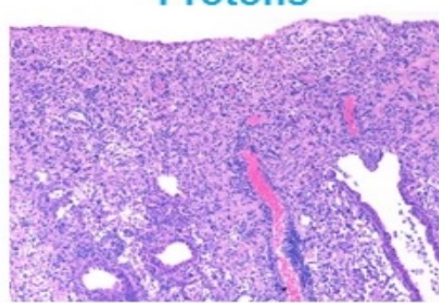
Control



Flash Protons



Conventional Protons



### LUNG FIBROSIS

(Graded by independent pathologist, blinded on treatment groups)

**35%**

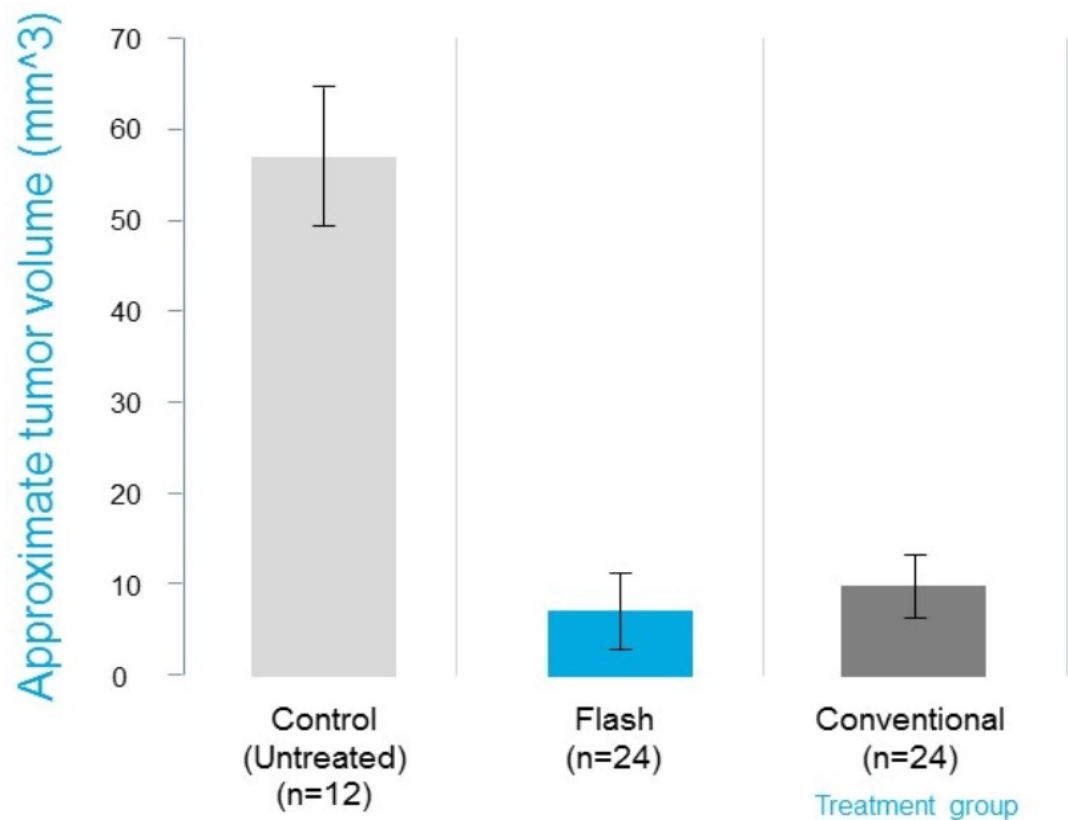
reduction in dermatitis\* with FLASH vs. Conventional (17.5 Gy)

\*Average dermatitis scores

### DERMATITIS



## Tumor control preliminary results: Proton FLASH vs Proton Conventional vs No RT



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Tumor control was the same or better with Flash compared to conventional dose rate

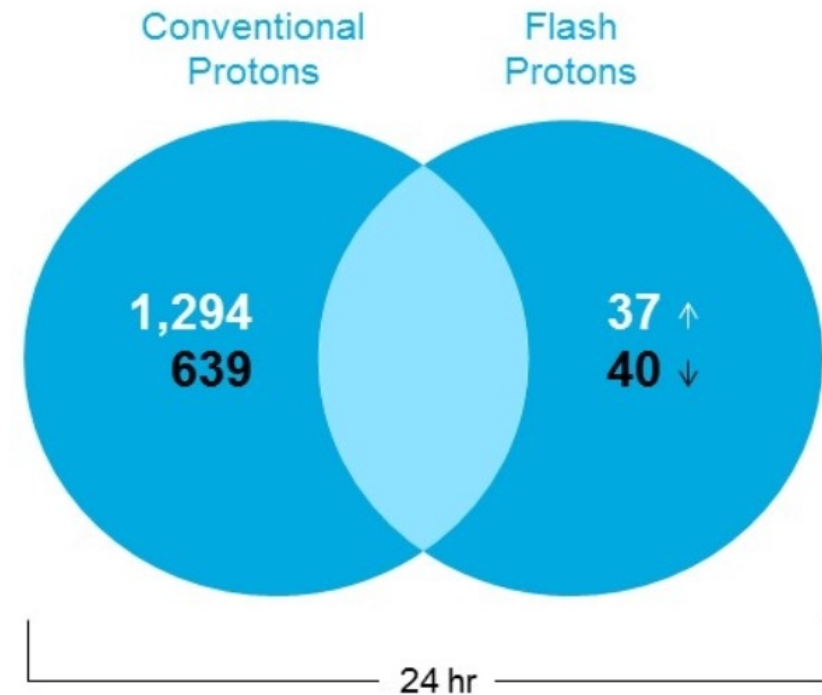
**Lung Ca**

# Flash reduces differential gene expression normally observed with radiation therapy

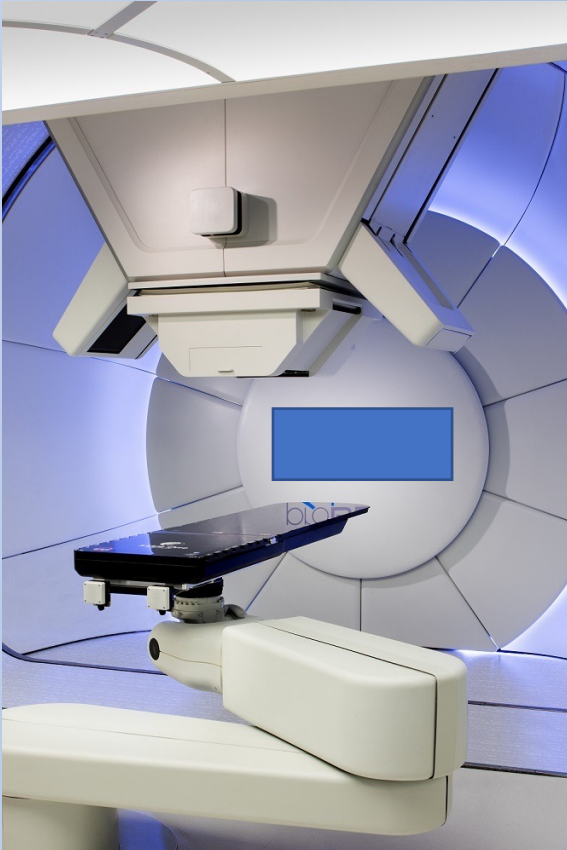
Different genes are up or down regulated when comparing treatment groups versus the (untreated) control group.

**FLASH Protons** have a gene expression profile closer to the (untreated) control group.

## Normal Lung Tissue







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- Holland Proton Therapy Centre
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- Proton International at the University of Alabama at Birmingham
- Emory Proton Therapy Center
- Paul Scherrer Institute
- Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center Proton Therapy
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