

# **RADIOTHERAPY FOR GLIOBLASTOMA MULTIFORME (GBM)**

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**INTRODUCTION**

**RADIOTHERAPY IN GBM**

**CONCLUSION**





**Multidisipline Approach :**  
Neurologist  
Radiologist  
Neurosurgery  
patologist  
Radiation Oncologist  
Hemato Oncologist



## **TREATMENT :**

- **Performance status**
- **Tumor location**
- **Histological grade**

**Standard treatment for glioblastoma is surgery, followed by concomitant and adjuvant chemo-radiotherapy with temozolamid (TMZ).**

**Radiotherapy** is a part of the multidisciplinary management for malignant gliomas, with proven efficacy in randomized control trials.



**The use of radiotherapy was based on two randomized trials conducted in the 1970 s that showed extension in survival.**

**Walkel et al ( 303 px ): post S  
with supportive, median survival 14 weeks  
with Carmustine(BCNU), median survival 18,5 weeks  
with RT , median survival 35 weeks  
with RT + BCNU, median survival 34,5 weeks**

**Another trial of 118 patients also found a benefit in median survival with radiotherapy following surgery compared to no radiotherapy ( 10,8 vs 5,2 months )**

**Multi trials → adjuvat RT directed to residual microscopis and gross disease improving local control and survival after Surgery.**



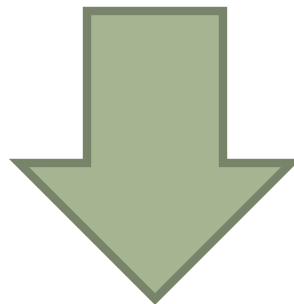
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For radiation oncologists, GBM are very exciting topic, challenging but also a frustrating one. In order to improve local control, and survival

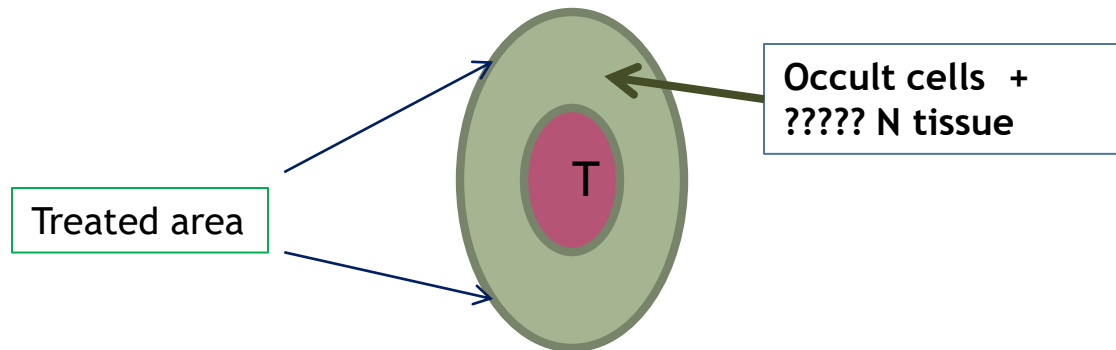


## RADIATION GOAL :

- Determine what region of brain to be treated.  
Higher dose of RT - smaller chance of recurrent

## PROBLEMS :

- Just targeting visible tumor cell is NOT enough.....
- Must also kill “ (radiologically) occult cancer cell surrounding tumor “
- Minimal number of normal cells → minimize loss of brain function.





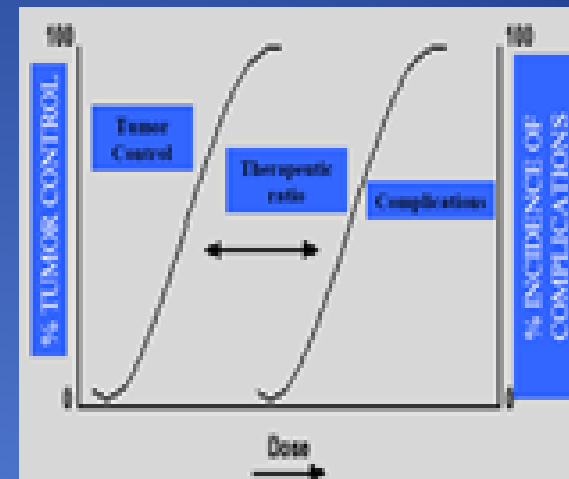
WHAT CAN WE DO TO  
ACHIEVE THE PRECISE TARGET  
AND  
TO REDUCE TOXICITY



"High tech" imaging

HOW TO DETERMINE  
THE TARGET

HOW NOT TO  
MISS THE TARGET



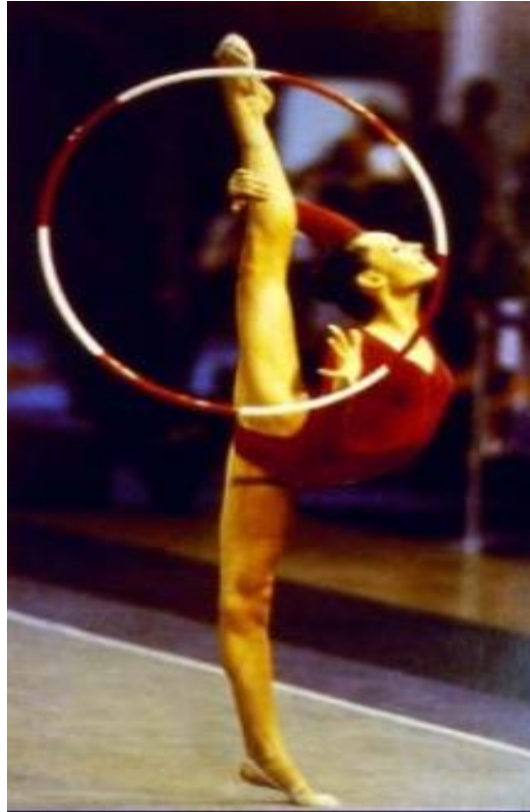
Improve therapeutic ratio

"High tech" delivery system



# Management

Top skill



Perfect balance

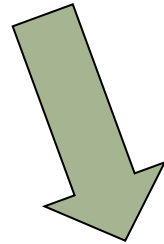


# STRATEGY TO IMPROVE RT

## BIOLOGICAL APPROACH

DRUG COMBINATION  
FRACTIONATION  
HIGH LET

Improvement of  
radiosensitivity



## PHYSICAL APPROACH

CT based RTPS  
3 D, IMRT, IGRT/Rapid Arc  
STEREOTACTIC

Improvement of  
dose distribution



ADVANCEMENT OF RT

LOCAL CONTROL →

SURVIVAL ↗

QOL ↗

# TARGET AND DOSIS

## INCLUDE EDEMA ???

Little agreement..... Definition of CTV

Leibel and phillips

**RTOG** : post op peritumoral edema plus 2 cm



Shrinking Field Approach/ Cone down technique

- I . Peritumoral edema plus 2 cm ( defined from T2 or FLAIR MRI ), prescribe to 46 Gy.
- II. Boost , (T1 enhancing GTV ) + 2,5 cm prescribe to 60 Gy

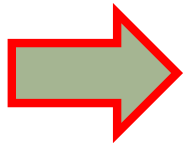
The rationale for including peritumoral edema is that such areas are believe to contain high concentrations of tumor cell



**EORTC** : residual tumor and / resection cavity plus 2 cm without the intentional inclusion of peritumoral edema.



**Single phase technique. Doses 60 Gy**



**Conventional fractionation...1,8-2 Gy/fr**

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**Poor and Elderly patients ???**



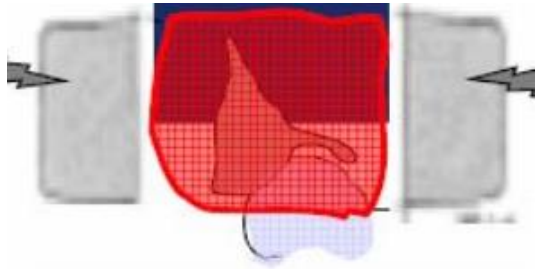
**Hypofractionated RT** : 34 Gy/10fr or 40,05 Gy/15 fr or 50 Gy/20fr , completing treatment in 2-4 week



**Hypofr has similar efficacy for survival as compare to conventional**

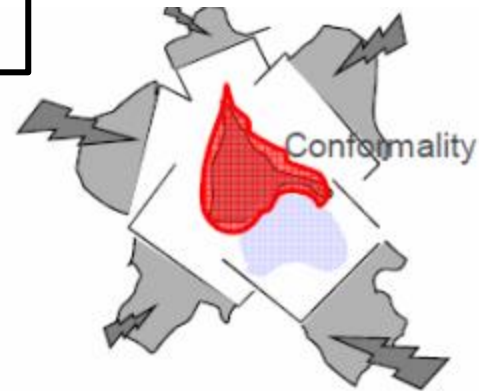


# RADIOTHERAPY TECHNIQUE



Conventional radiotherapy

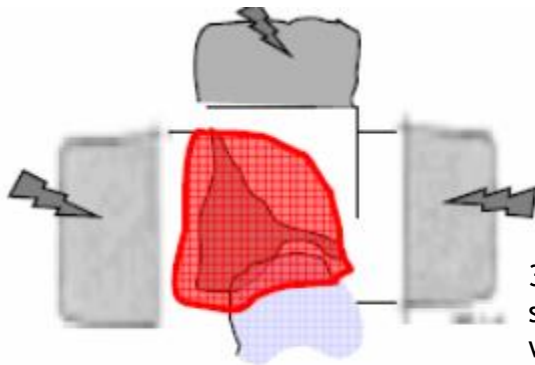
2 D Technique



Intensity modulated radiotherapy

Highly conformal radiation technique, such as IMRT offer the potential to reduce the spectrum side effects associated with RT by decreasing the volume of normal tissue receiving RT

- Improves precision/accuracy



3D-conformal radiotherapy

3 DCRT utilizes CT-based treatment planning with dosimetric software to create composite treatment plans. Fusion of planning CT with MRI is extremely helpful in assisting with target definitio



## Advanced Techniques : SRS and SRT

- Delivery of high dose of radiation in a **single fraction** to small and precisely delineated intracranial lesion  
→ **Stereotactic RadioSurgery ( SRS ) .**
- Delivery of high dose of radiation in a **multiple fraction** to small and precisely delineated intracranial lesion → **Stereotactic RadioTherapy (SRT) .**

**RAPID ARC TECHNOLOGY → Form volumetric modulated arc therapy ( VMAT )**

**Heavy particle RT**

**BRACHYTHERAPY**



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# Drug combination

TEMOZOLAMID ( TMZ ) + RT

## Stupp Trial: Radiotherapy plus Concomitant and Adjuvant Temozolomide for Glioblastoma

### Patients characteristic

- Newly diagnosed
- Histologically confirmed glioblastoma
- WHO PS 0-2

### Radiotherapy alone

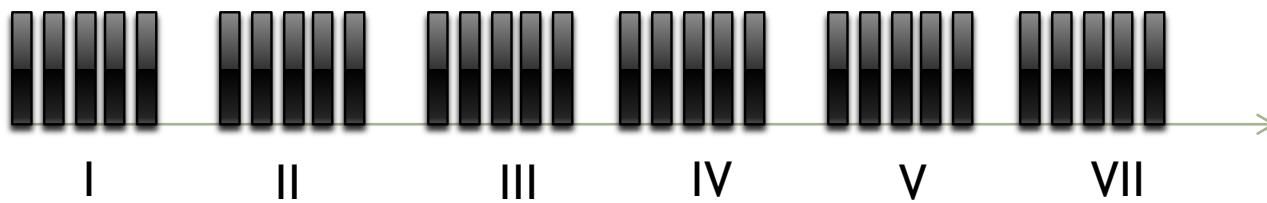
(Fractionated focal irradiation in daily fractions of 2 Gy given 5 days per week for 6 weeks, for a total of 60 Gy)

RT+TMZ (TMZ 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> per day 7 days per week, during RT and continue with 6 cycles of TMZ 150-200mg/m<sup>2</sup> for 5 days per 28 days)

- primary end point was overall survival
- secondary end points were progression-free survival, safety, and the quality of life



# SCHEDULE



 = RT

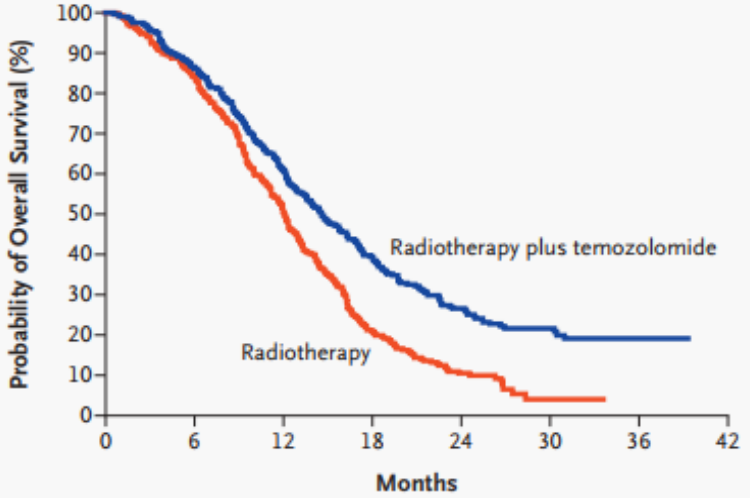
TMZ : 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup>

ADJ TMZ



# Radiotherapy Plus Concomitant And Adjuvant Temozolomide For Glioblastoma Has The Survival Benefit

## Overall Survival



No. at Risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42
Radiotherapy	286	240	144	59	23	2	0	0
Radiotherapy plus temozolomide	287	246	174	109	57	27	4	4

	Median OS	2 year survival rate
RT+TMZ	14.6 months	26.5%
RT alone	12.1 months	10.4%

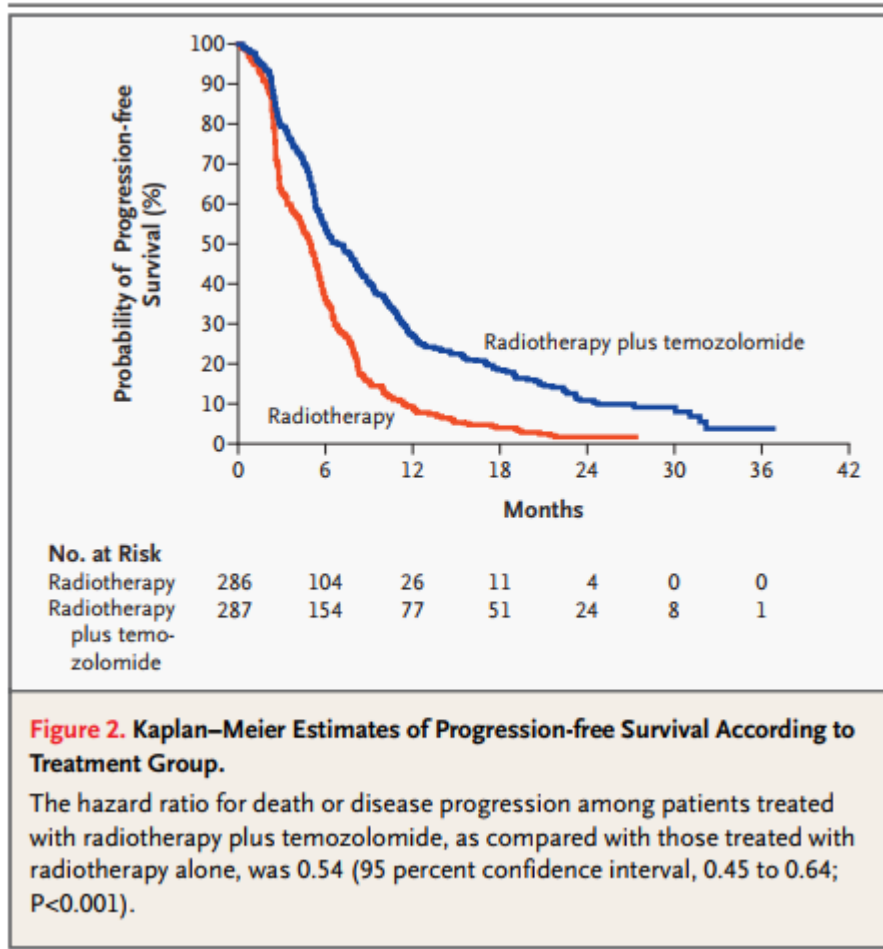
P<0.001

**Figure 1.** Kaplan–Meier Estimates of Overall Survival According to Treatment Group. The hazard ratio for death among patients treated with radiotherapy plus temozolomide, as compared with those who received radiotherapy alone, was 0.63 (95 percent confidence interval, 0.52 to 0.75; P<0.001).



# Radiotherapy Plus Concomitant And Adjuvant Temozolomide For Glioblastoma Also Prolonged The Progression Free Survival

PFS



Median PFS:

**RT+TMZ: 6.9 months**

RT alone: 5.0 months

HR: 0.54 [95 percent confidence interval, 0.45 to 0.64]

P<0.001



## Grade 3 – 4 Hematologic Toxic Effects<sup>1</sup>

Toxic Effect	Concomitant Temozolomide	Adjuvant Temozolomide	Entire Study Period
Leukopenia	7 (2)	11 (5)	20 (7)
Neutropenia	12 (4)	9 (4)	21 (7)
Thrombocytopenia	9 (3)	24 (11)	33 (12)
Anemia	19 (7)	2 (1)	4 (1)
Any	19 (7)	32 (14)	46 (16)

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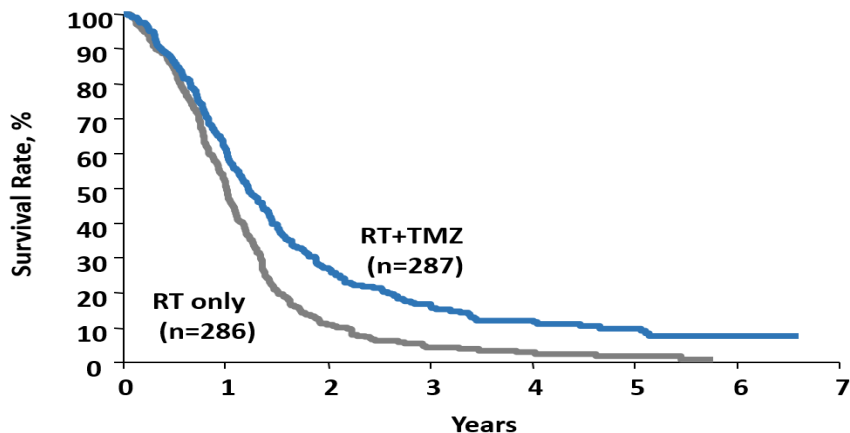


# Temozolomide: consistent long-term survival benefit with RT + Temozolomide in GBM

## 5 Year Analysis of RT + concomitant and adjuvant Temozolomide vs RT alone

### Survival Outcomes<sup>1</sup>

Risk of death reduced by 37% in 5Y analysis of RT + temozolomide



Overall Survival, %		
	RT (n=286)	RT+TMZ (n=287)
2 years	10.9	27.2
3 years	4.4	16.0
4 years	3.0	12.1
5 years	1.9	9.8
Hazard ratio	0.63 [95% CI.,0.53–0.75] P<0.0001	



<b>Overall survival</b>	<b>TMZ + RT</b>	<b>VS</b>	<b>RT alone</b>
<b>1 year</b>	<b>27%</b>		<b>11%</b>
<b>5 years</b>	<b>10%</b>		<b>2%</b>
<b>MGMT Methylation (+)</b>	<b>49%</b>		<b>24%</b>
<b>2 years</b>			
<b>MGMT Methylation (-)</b>	<b>15%</b>		<b>2%</b>
<b>2 years</b>			

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# Toxicities of radiation therapy

**Related :**

- 1. Radiation volume.**
- 2. Total doses.**
- 3. Dose perfraction**
- 4. Combination with Chemotherapy**

Nausea, vomiting, Hairloss, fatigue, alopecia, erythema, headaches, seizure, weakness, radiation necrosis, endocrine dysfunction, and radiation induced neoplasma.







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EBRT :

3 LINAC  
1 COBALT-60

BRACHYTHERAPY

High Dose Rate  
Ir192 ( IGBT/3-D)

Radiation Treatment  
Planning System (RTPS)

simulator:  
Conventional  
CT-SIM

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immobilization

2 D/ 3 D - CRT

IMRT

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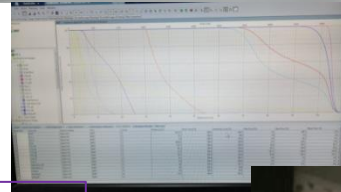
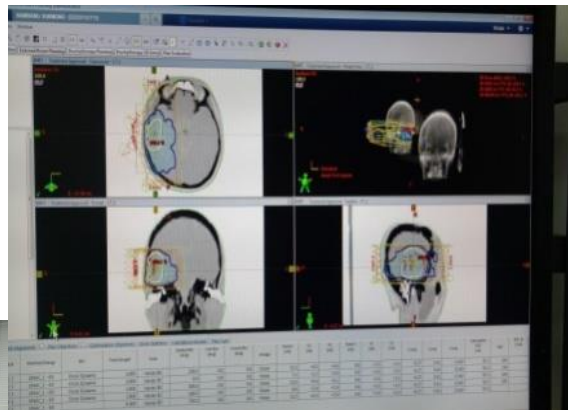


# RT PROCESS

Immobilization + CT-Plan



Radiation Treatment Planning



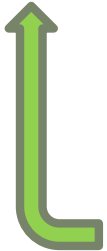
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Treatment



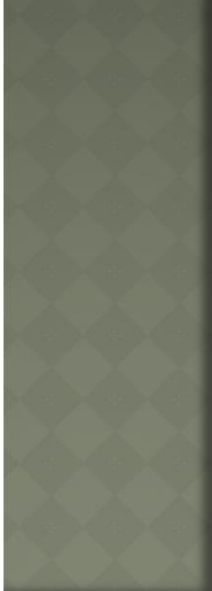
CONSULTATION/follow up



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# CONCLUSION

**GBM is challenging for multidisciplinary team to obtain better prognosis and prolong survival.**

**The combination of development of neuro-imaging, surgical technique, radiation technique, newer cytotoxic for better tomorrow as clinical trials of various modalities of treatment continuous.**



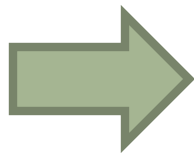


# TEAM WORK

RT TEAM

- **RADIATION ONCOLOGIST ( RO )**
- **MEDICAL PHYSICIST ( MP )**
- **DOSIMETRIST**
- **RADIOTHERAPY TECHNOLOGIST ( RTT)**
- **NURSE ONCOLOGIST**

And



- **OTHER ONCOLOGIST ( neurologist, neurosurgeon, radiologist, hematologist, ect )**
- **NUTRITION**
- **REHABILITATION**
- **SOCIAL WORKER**



**THANK YOU**

