# IROC Houston QA Center end-to-end QA phantom program key findings over the past 15 years



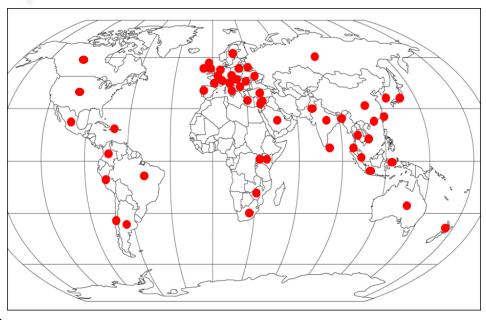


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# **Extent of Activities**

- 1,837 RT facilities
   participate in NCTN and
   monitored by IROC
   Houston
- 329 other sites (primarily international also audited
- 56 countries monitoring a total of 2166 sites
- Largest QA audit program
- Shipping >700 phantoms/yr



# Imaging, Planning and Delivery - QA required at each step

# Black Box



# Thus the need for an end-to-end QA audit tool to verify the intended treatment goal.

# Deliver the correct dose to correct location as planned



# **Phantom Family**



2 prostate phantoms



33 lung phantoms



24 H&N phantoms



8 Spine phantoms

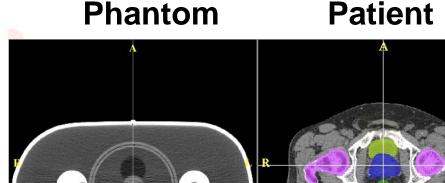


10 liver inserts

19 SRS phantoms

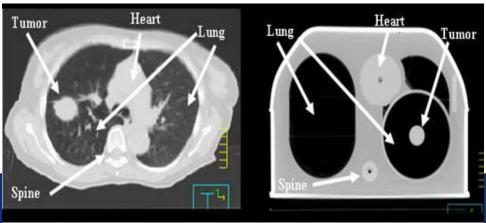
### **Benefits of IROC-H Phantoms**

- Anthropomorphic shape with targets and OARs
- Independent "end to end" audit
  - Imaging
  - Planning/dose calculation
  - Setup
  - delivery
- Uniform phantoms and dosimeters
- Standardized analysis
- Uniform pass/fail criteria
- Allows inst. to inst. comparison
- Established infrastructure



**Patient** 

#### **Phantom**







### **Photon Phantom Results**

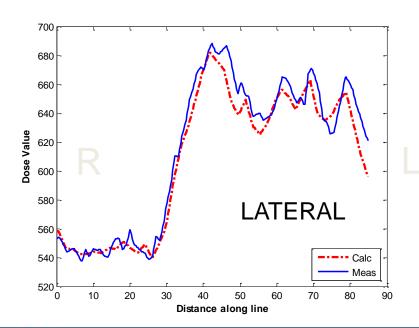
Comparison between institution's plan and delivered dose.

Phantom	H&N	Liver insert	Lung	Prostate	Spine
Irradiations	2052	165	1109	566	336
Pass	1755 (86%)	120 (73%)	921 (83%)	484 (86%)	261 (78%)
Fail	297	45	188	82	75
Criteria	7%/4mm	7%/4mm	5%/5mm	7%/4mm	5%/3mm



# Problems that have been detected

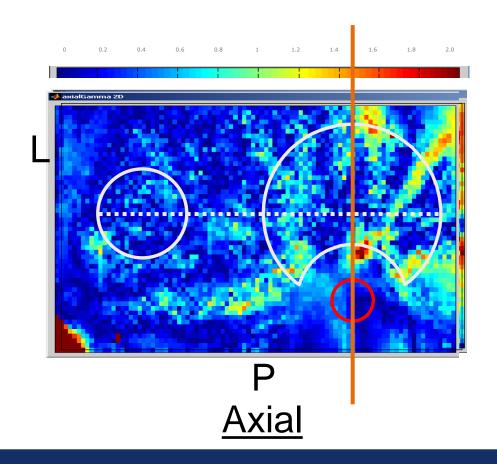




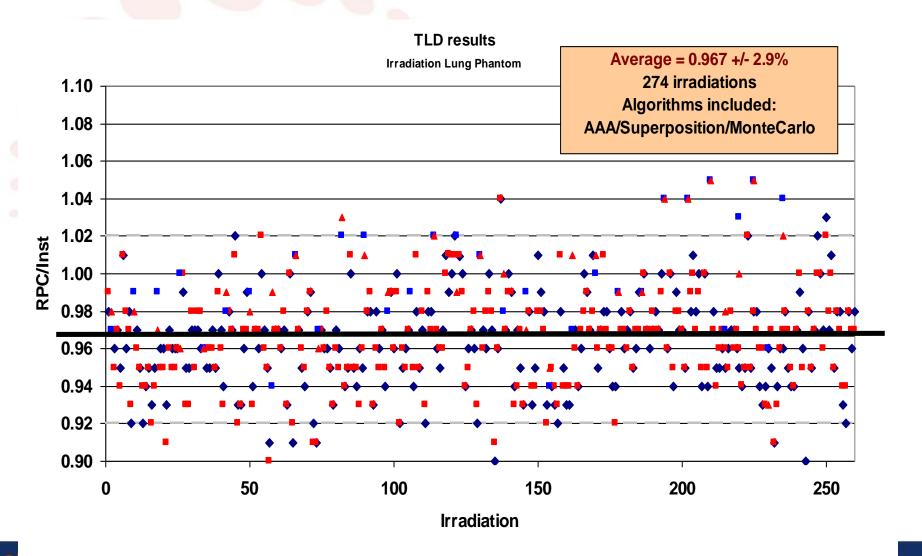
#### Varian 6 MV IMRT H&N

#### Measurement vs. Monte Carlo

Criteria: 3%/2 mm

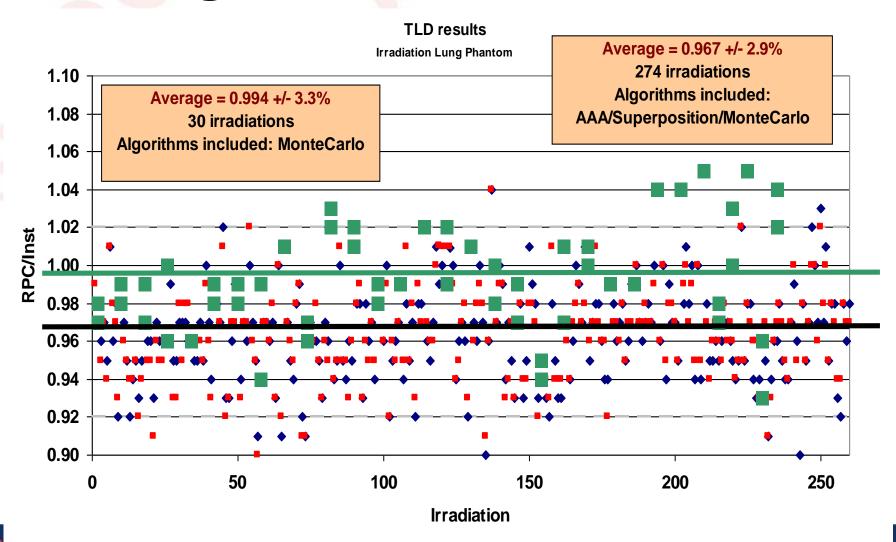


# **Lung Phantom TLD results**

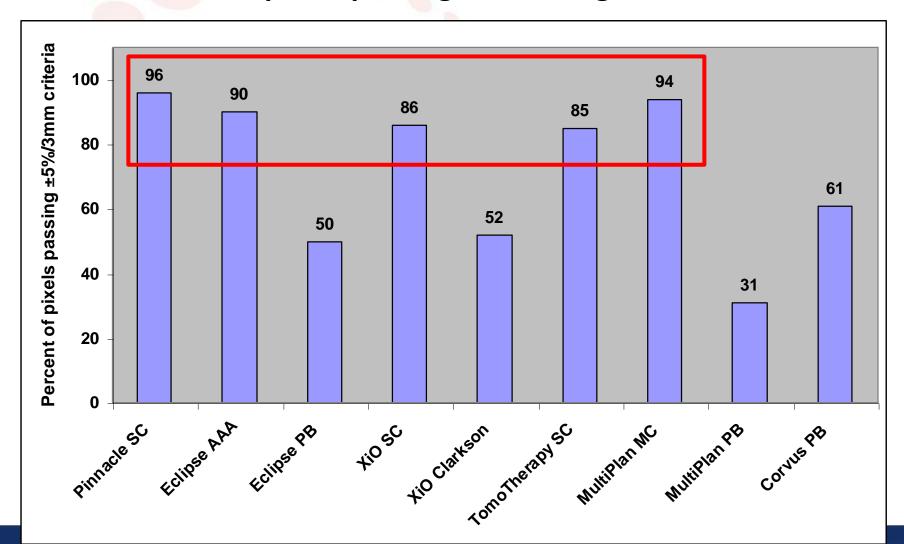




## **Lung Phantom TLD results**



# Lung Phantom Results Percent of pixels passing 5%/3mm gamma criteria

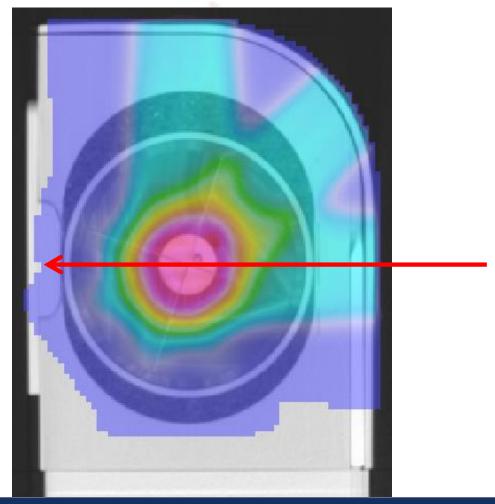


### **Proton Phantom Audits**

136 proton phantoms irradiated, analyzed

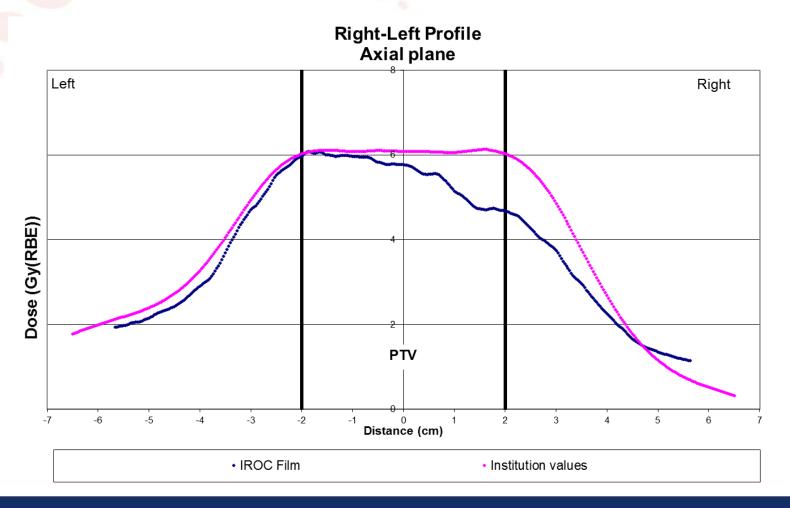
	Brain	Liver	Lung	Prostate	Spine	TOTAL
<b>Total Irradiations</b>	25	14	38	38	21	136
# Passed	24	7	24	30	17	102
Pass Rate [%]	96%	50%	63%	79%	81%	75%

# Lung Phantom Results



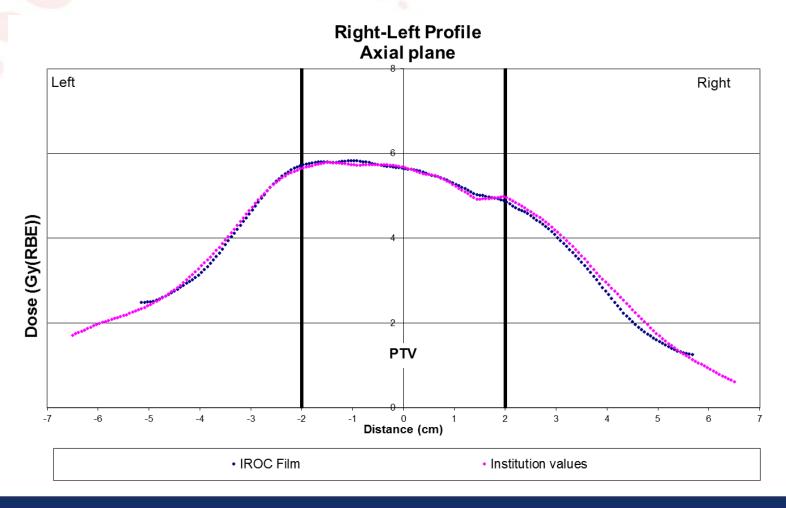


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# Summary

- Introduction of new technologies present challenges that need to be verified prior to treating patients
- End-to-end QA phantoms detect errors, improve dose delivery accuracy and provide confidence
- Improved compliance with protocol prescription specifications and reduced deviation rate



# Questions?

