Requirements for Addressing Respiratory Motion in Cooperative Group Trials



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RPC Role in Evaluating Respiratory Motion

- NCI protocols required to address respiratory motion when IMRT used
 - For intra-thoracic tumors and other locations

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- Liver primary and metastases (no IMRT)
- RTOG 0618
 - SBRT lung (IMRT permitted with approval)
- Institutions required to demonstrate capability
 - RTOG has written requirements
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- Tumor or diaphragm motion must be recorded
- If the cranial caudal motion of the diaphragm is
 5mm, shallow free breathing is permitted
- Active breathing control (ABC), voluntary breath hold or gating must be used. End exhale is preferred.
- Institutional reproducibility data regarding patient setup and tumor targeting must be provided to the physics and image guidance committees.

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Dynamic Liver Phantom Irradiations (for RTOG 0438)

- 6 institutions requested for credentialing
 2 received phantom twice
- 4 have passed

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- 2 failed due to sup/inf shifts
 - Both using free-breathing limited to 5 mm

Liver Phantom Delivery Using Free Breathing (5 mm) L-R

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Liver Phantom Delivery Using Free Breathing (5 mm) S/I



Liver Phantom Delivery Using Gating: A-P



Liver Phantom Delivery Using Gating: S/I



Irradiations with CyberKnife



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Modifications to Phantoms for IGRT

 Two phantoms modified to add fiducials, investigating methods to add anatomical structures for image guidance







Phantom Alignment











Under what circumstances does the NCI require that respiratory motion be addressed?

- Correct answer:
- 2. When IMRT is used for thoracic lesions

2. Clinical trials that involve respiratory motion typically require that institutions:

0% Measure and document organ motion due to breathing
0% Over the organ motion due to breathing
0% Over the organ motion due to breathing as long as the motion is < 2 cm
0% Obtain 4D CT for all patients on the trial

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References

- Question 1 NCI Guidelines on the use of IMRT in Clinical Trials
- Question 2 RTOG protocols, such as RTOG 0438.



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