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BIOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF RADIATION THERAPY FOR PROSTATE CANCER: A STOCHASTIC APPROACH

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Abstract: Prostate cancer, unlike many other carcinomas, is characterized by a very slow growth rate. Therefore, low-dose-rate brachytherapy has been shown to be effective, resulting in excellent outcomes. This fact offers a very important factor in considering radiotherapy strategies for prostate cancer. While external irradiation alone is one option for the treatment of prostate cancer, external irradiation plus high-dose-rate brachytherapy or low-dose-rate brachytherapy has added more options. However, the following 2 things remain unclear: 1) the relationship among time, dose, and fractionation, 2) the resulting biological effects. In the present study, radiation effect was regarded as a stochastic phenomenon. Further lethal damage and repair from sublethal damage were explained according to the LQ model. In addition, this theoretical model was also applied to fractionated irradiation and low-dose-rate brachytherapy. Biological parameters were estimated with the aid of nonlinear regression. Prior to the estimation, we had used clinical results of fractionated irradiation and low-dose-rate branchytherapy. We had also applied the LQ model to TCP. The α/β value is reportedly smaller in prostate cancer than that in many other carcinomas, and biological parameters may be about the same or smaller than those in late reacting tissue. With accurate values in the parameters, this model appears to be useful in establishing indications for treatment strategies such as hypofractionation.

Key words: Prostate cancer, Radiotherapy, Linear quadratic formula, α/β ratio

口腔癌に対する超選択的動注療法を併用した放射線治療の成績

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HIGH-DOSE SUPERSELECTIVE INTRA-ARTERIAL CISPLATIN AND CONCOMITANT RADIATION THERAPY FOR CARCINOMA OF THE ORAL CAVITY

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Abstract: Purpose: To evaluate the effect of high-dose superselective intra-arterial cisplatin and concomitant radiation therapy for carcinoma of the oral cavites.

Methods and Materials: The subjects consisted of 18 patients with carcinoma of the oral, and cavity treated with superselective intra-arterial infusion of high dose cisplatin (100mg/body) concomitant with delivery of external beam radiotherapy (median total dose, 60.8 Gy) between 2001 and 2004. Sodium thiosulfate was administered intravenously to provide effective cisplatin neutlization. They were UICC1997 stage II-IV (stage II: 4 patients, stage III: 4 patients, stage IV: 10 patients). Patients ranged from 43-81 years of age, with a median of 60 years, and included 14 men and 4 women. A follow-up period was 6 months minimum from the atart of the radiation therapy, the median follow up period at 28 months.

Results: The three-year overall survival rate was 71%. The three-year disease free rate and local control rate were 60% and 65%, respectively. Three-year local control rate of the T2-3 was achieved at 83%, and that for T4 at 50%. There was borderline significant difference in local control rate between T2-3 and T4 (p = 0.05).

Conclusion: We conclude that the high-dose superselective intra-arterial cisplatin and concomitant radiation therapy provides effective results in organ preservation for cancer of oral cavitces. Further studies are also required to determine the validity of this method.

Key words: Oral cancer, Arterial infusion, Radiation therapy, Chemotherapy

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術中計画法による前立腺癌 I-125シード治療の経験 術前計画法との比較

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EFFECTIVENESS OF THE I-125 SEED PERMANENT IMPLANT FOR LOCALIZED PROSTATE CANCER WITH THE INTRAOPERATIVE PLANNING TECHNIQUE—COMPARISON WITH PRE-PLANNING TECHNIQUE—

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Abstract: Purpose: To report the effectiveness of the I-125 seed permanent implantation for localized prostate cancer with an intraoperative planning method. With one retrospectively compared the two techniques using post-implant CT-based evaluations: a pre-planning method and an intraoperative planning method.

Materials and methods: Two hundred forty four patients with T2b or less localized prostate cancer underwent the permanent seed implant between September 2003 and March 2006. One hundred twenty two patients were treated with a pre-planning method while the other half patients were treated with an intraoperative planning.

Results: Baseline parameters closely resemble in both groups. However, there were important differences in preoperative prostate volume, source activities, needles and operation time of both groups. Based on a month post-implant CT, patients treated with the pre-planning method marked 155.3 Gy in median prostate D90 (minimal dose covering 90% of the prostate volume) and 92.1% in V100 (percent prostate volume receiving 100% of the prescribed dose). While the intraoperative group marked 169.4 Gy and 97.1%, respectively (p<0.01). Prostate D90 and V100 in the intraoperative group was noted as meaningful improvement. Postoperative dosimetry of the urethra and the rectum followed and conducted as planned.

Conclusion: Seed implantation with an intraoperative planning method was more effective than the one with a preoperative planning method. We plan to expand its use of the treatment in the future.

Key words: Prostate cancer, Brachytherapy, I-125 seed implantation

腹臥位による乳房接線照射法の検討

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EVALUATION OF PRONE POSITION TANGENTIAL BREAST IRRADIATION TECHNIQUE

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Abstract: Purpose: The purpose of this study was to evaluate an alternative prone position tangential breast irradiation technique for women with early stage breast cancer.

Materials and Methods: Nine patients who underwent CT simulation in both the supine and prone positions were included in the study. An originally designed prone breast positioning device was used for the prone setup to displace the contralateral breast away from the tangential field border. Plans were compared using dose distribution and dose volume histograms (DVH) for the target volume, ipsilateral lung, and heart. Setup reproducibility was also analyzed comparing portal images with simulator images.

Results: Significant improvements in the doses to surrounding normal structures were achieved in the prone position compared to the supine position. Dose homogeneity within the target volume was also improved using the prone position especially in the patient with huge breasts. Setup reproducibility of the prone position was as good as the supine position in patients with normal or average sized breasts.

Conclusion: A prone position tangential breast irradiation technique may result in improved dose homogeneity within the target volume as well as sparing of surrounding normal structures compared with conventional supine position tangential breast irradiation technique.

Key words: Breast cancer, Prone position, Radiotherapy

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Flat Panel Detectorを用いた放射線治療時照射線量監視システムの 構築と臨床応用

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A FUNDAMENTAL AND A CLINICAL STUDY OF DIRECT DOSE MONITORING SYSTEM WITH USING FLAT PANEL DETECTOR

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Abstract: We need to improve set-up accuracy of the quality assurance for irradiation fields to avoid incorrect irradiation. Thus, we have explored the possibility of using a commercially available flat panel detectors (FPD) portal imager for absolute dosimetric verification in delivery of irradiation fields. Our system is characterized by evaluation with the close ratio at each point. It does not use the absolute value of the dose at each point obtained with FPD as it is.

Patients and Methods: Fundamental study: We investigated the basic dosimetric correlativity between the dose evaluation with FPD and the survey dose with the dosimeter (semiconductor detector). The basic dosimetric characteristics of FPD were investigated in any size of irradiation field and in any arbitrary points of irradiation field, using a phantom model.

Clinical study: From January to February 2006, 13 patients with breast cancer were enrolled in the study. Three points—the point of evaluating target organ, the point of evaluating critical organ, and the point of evaluating external body—were assigned to the irradiation field on the FPD image of the breast cancer patient. The dose of each setting upz point in FPD was designated as the survey dose. The set-up error of a patient was verified by measuring data at daily irradiation in the same patient.

Results and Conclusion: Fundamental study: Although approximation types differed slightly, the correlation between the dose evaluation with FPD and the survey dose with the dosimeter in any size of irradiation field and in any arbitrary points of irradiation field, was within an accepted range.

Clinical study: In this experience, the ratio of each point on FPD at daily irradiation there was a day of irradiation when the difference was accepted in those patients. Motions during the radiotherapy caused the difference. Our experience suggests that this system is useful to improve the accuracy of radiotherapy and to avoid the incorrect irradiation.

Key words: EPID, Flat panel detector (FPD), Irradiation positioning system, Dose monitoring system

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頸部食道癌の化学放射線療法による急性粘膜炎に対する 和漢薬治療の効果:予備的経験

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THE EFFECT OF CHINESE HERBAL MEDICINE (KANZO-SHASHIN-TO) FOR ACUTE MUCOTITIS DUE TO CHEMORADIOTHERAPY FOR CERVICAL ESOPHAGEAL CANCER: PRELIMINARY STUDY

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Abstract: We report preliminary study in which Chinese herbal medicine (Kanzo-Shashin-to) was administered to three patients with acute mucotitis due to chemoradiotherapy for cervical esophageal cancer. The treatment of cervical esophageal cancer for the three patients includes a combination of external beam radiotherapy (65 to 66 Gy) and chemotherapy (CDDP and 5-FU) from March to August 2005. We used Chinese herbal medicine during and two weeks after treatment to relieve acute mucotitis—induced discomfort. No patients showed severe dysphagia during treatment, allowing the herbal regimen to be conducted for all patients on schedule. The outcome of our study suggests that Chinese herbal medicine may be good to alleviate acute mucotitis—induced discomfort due to chemoradiotherapy for cervical esophageal cancer.

Key words: Kanzo-Shasin-to, Chemoradiotherapy, Acute mucotitis

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第2回JASTRO将来計画セミナー報告 日本の放射線治療構造の改善に向けて

日本放射線腫瘍学会将来計画委員会/第2回日本放射線腫瘍学会将来計画セミナー事務局 小宮山 貴史*1,大西 洋*2,永田 靖*3,手島 昭樹*4

A REPORT OF THE 2nd JASTRO FUTURE PLANNING SEMINAR IN KOFU —FOR THE STRUCTURAL REFORM OF RADIATION THERAPY IN JAPAN—

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Abstract: The 2nd JASTRO future planning seminar was held on March 11-12, 2006 in Kofu. The purpose of this seminar was to offer junior JASTRO members aged 45 and under as well as manufactures the opportunity to address the issues on radiation therapy in Japan, and to make suggestions on JASTRO structural reform. The subjects were 1) how to increase the number of radiation oncologists, 2) opinions from manufacturers and/or venture business operators, 3) Properly balanced distribution of radiation oncologists and radiation treatment devices, 4) opinions from medical physicists on the quality control, and 5) others. Eleven radiation oncologists, three medical physicists and six manufacturers presented their suggestions and exchanged their views. We hope that the discussion will promt JASTRO to develop some specific and concrete measures in the very near future.

Key words: Future planning seminar, Radiation therapy, Structural reform

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同室設置型CT/X-ray simulatorにおける共通治療寝台のたわみ測定 実際の照射部位と体重心を模した患者モデルを想定して

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SAG MEASUREMENT ON COMMON TREATMENT COUCH FOR INTEGRATED CT/X-RAY SIMULATOR SYSTEM —THROUGH PATIENT MODEL CASES FOLLOWING ACTUAL IRRADIATION SITES AND CENTER OF BODY GRAVITY—

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Abstract: The aim of this study is to analyze couch sag from the weight of a newly-installed Integrated Computed Tomography (CT) /X-ray simulator system. The system requires that the same sag characteristics be maintained regardless of any sliding and extended distance of a top plate, and/or any loading condition before and after rotational transfer of a treatment couch. This requirement is a dominating factor to ensure location accuracy of the integrated system.

We measured sag on the top plate at isocenter in the case of treating pharynx, lung, and prostate. Under the conditions that the sliding and extended distances of the top plate were adjusted to each model, the weighted load was put on the center of body gravity. The displacements in both anterior-posterior and inferior-superior directions were measured between the CT and X-ray simulator. In addition, by reproducing evenly loaded condition in an acceptance test, we analyzed the sag at the isocenter, which was defined as a measurement benchmark. We also carried out a test to verify the sag depends on the sliding and extended distances of the top plate under evenly loaded condition in the anterior-posterior direction.

Displacement caused by the weighted load mainly occurred in the posterior direction. The displacement value was greater in the prostate case because the center of gravity was placed in the superior position to the isocenter. The finding revealed that some sag characteristics depend on the sliding and extended distances of the top plate. The approximately 1mm sag occurred in the posterior direction at 10 cm of extension from the top plate. However, the sag characteristics by weighted load upon between the CT and the X-ray simulator showed strong correlation (r = 0.998 \sim 1.00, p < 0.01) and the differences of displacement value between the CT and the X-ray simulator were kept within 1 mm on every model and loading dose.

Key words: Couch sag, Common treatment couch, Center of gravity, Integrated CT/X-ray simulator system

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