

# Photonics research in cancer therapy and industrial spin-off

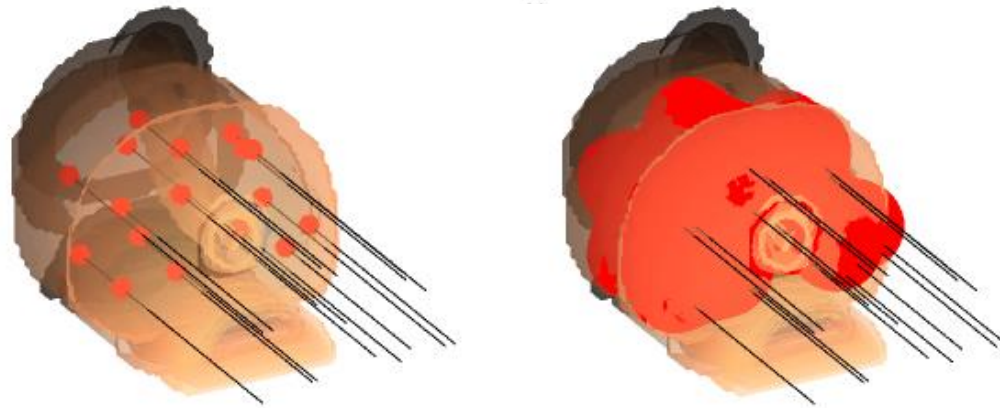
## Interstitial Photodynamic therapy

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Laserlab-Europe Symposium “Lasers Fighting Cancer”  
Medical and industrial application of lasers in the diagnosis  
and treatment of cancers



# World-wide health threats

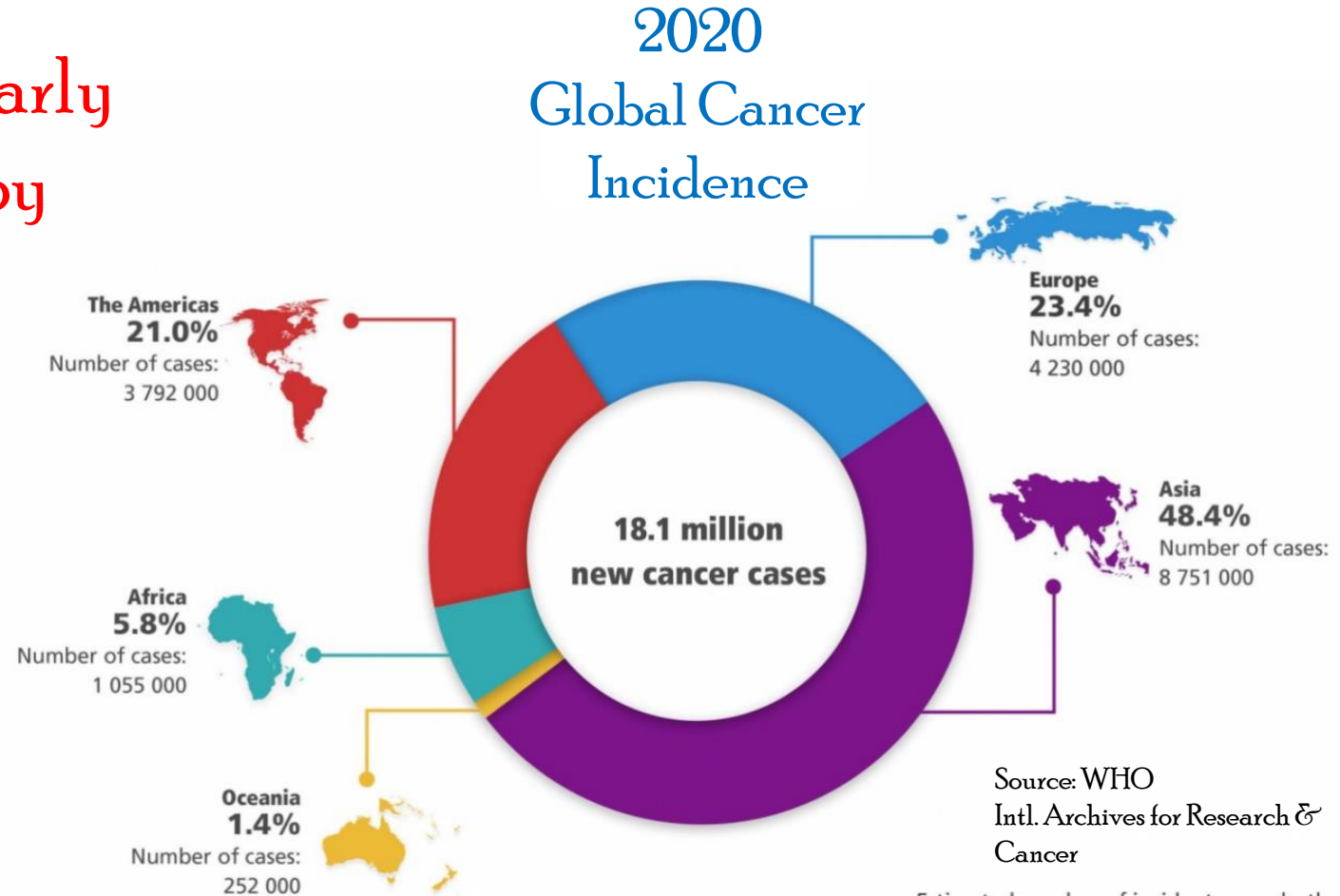
Increasing incidence of cancer – early detection, minimal invasive therapy

There will be a doubling of cancer cases until 2040

Infectious diseases & antibiotic resistance



The Corona virus which threatens a whole world





# Cancer is a man killer in Europe & Worldwide

4-5 new diagnosed cancers/1000 persons each year –  
1 person every 15 minutes in Sweden (9 milj)

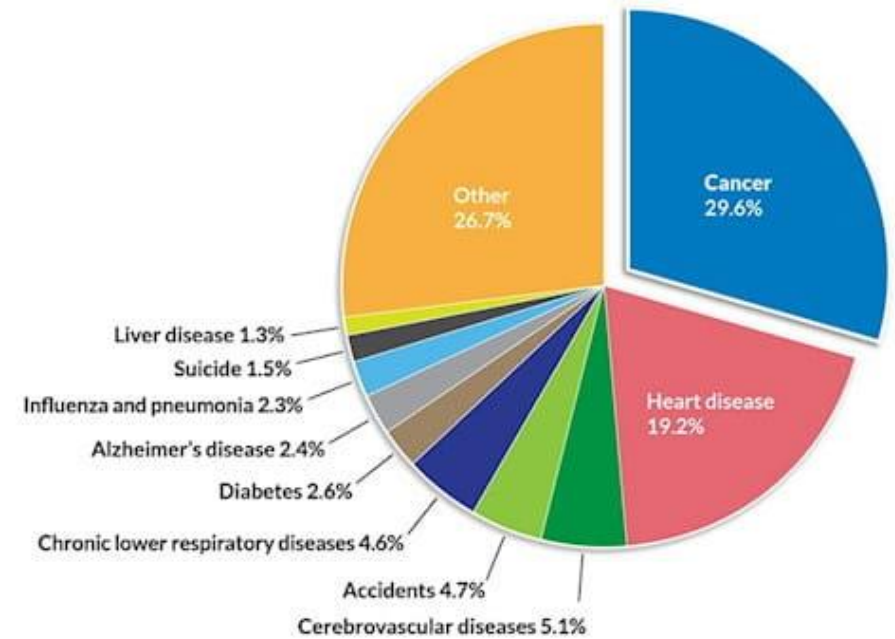
The cancer incidence varies from region to region -

Highest incidence in the urban areas

The highest incidence of breast- and prostate cancer  
in large cities



Proportion of Deaths Due to  
Cancer & Other Causes, 2016



Source: WHO  
Intl. Archives for Research &  
Cancer

Approximately 30 % of all deaths in the Western World are caused  
by cancer.

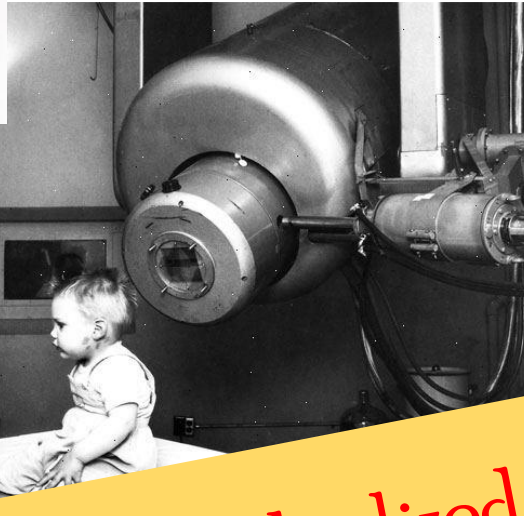
Equal numbers for cardiovascular disease.



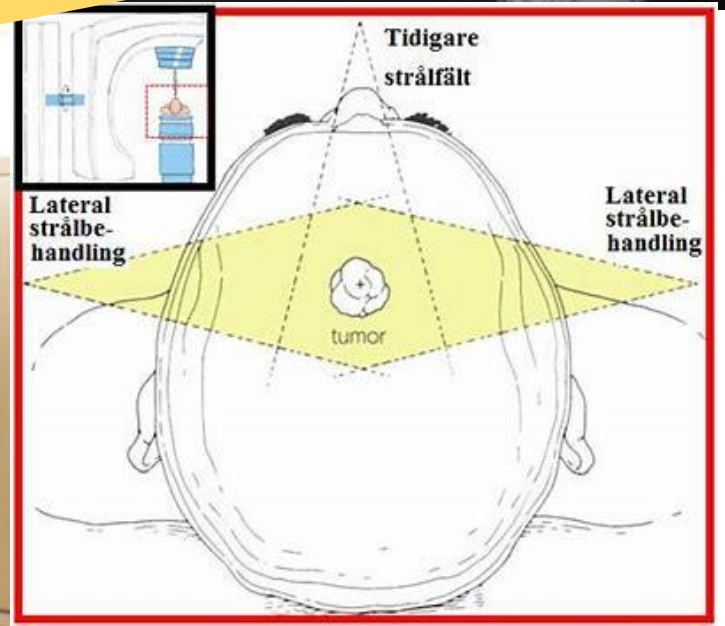
Surgery and/or Chemotherapy



External ionizing radiation therapy  
Linear accelerator, also called Linac

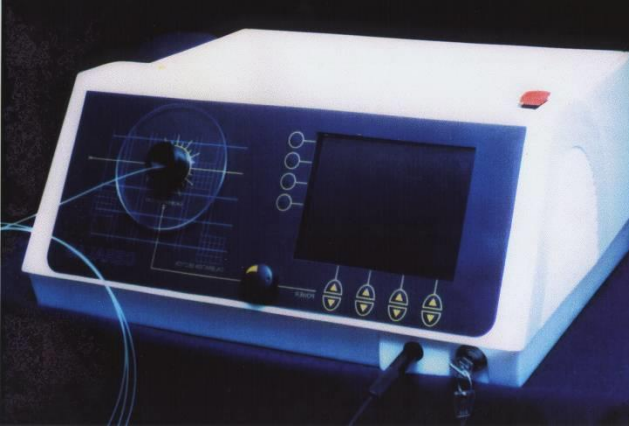


There is a need for minimal-invasive individualized treatment modalities



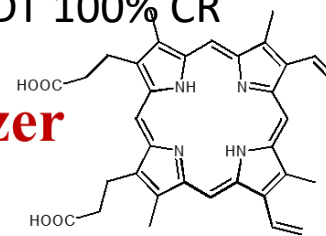


# Photodynamic therapy for individualized therapy



The principle of PDT

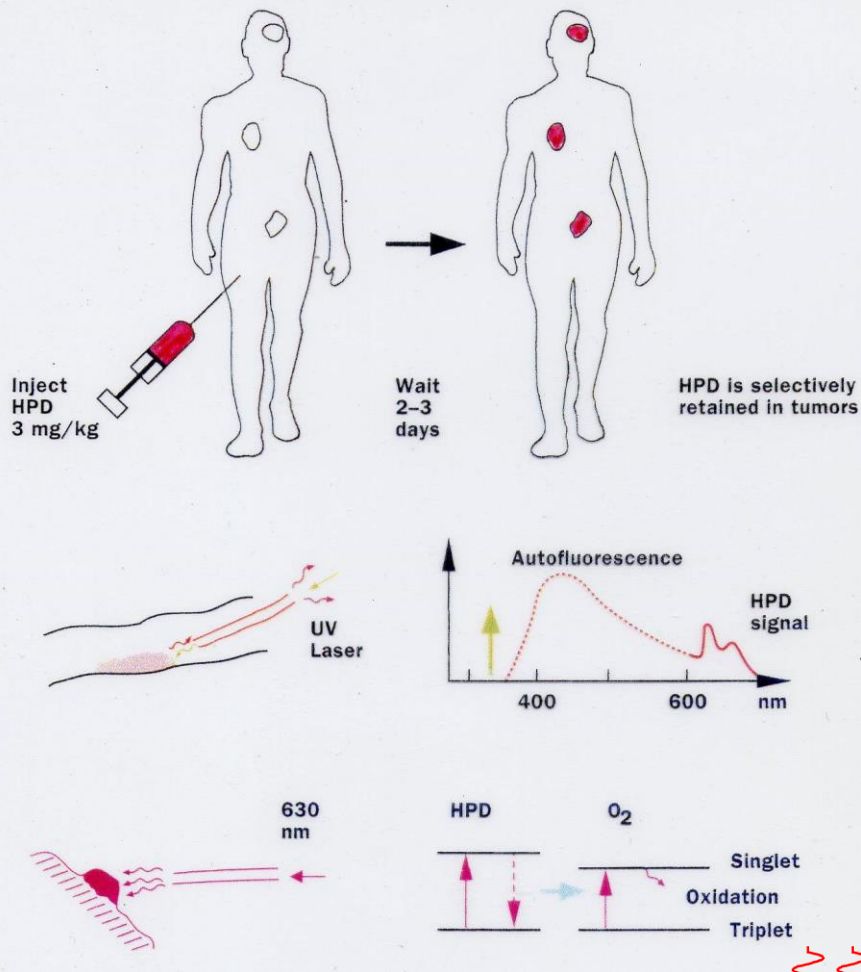
Photosensitizer



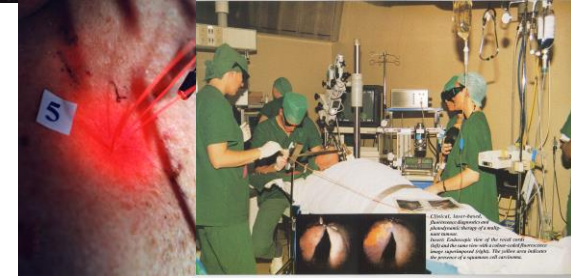
Red light

Post PDT 100% CR

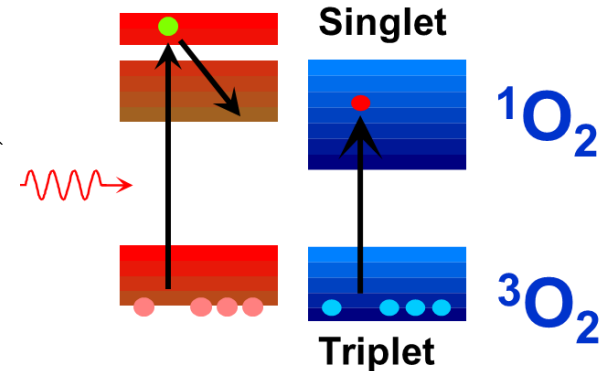
PDT is one such a promising treatment modality



PDT of basal cell carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma



Oxygen



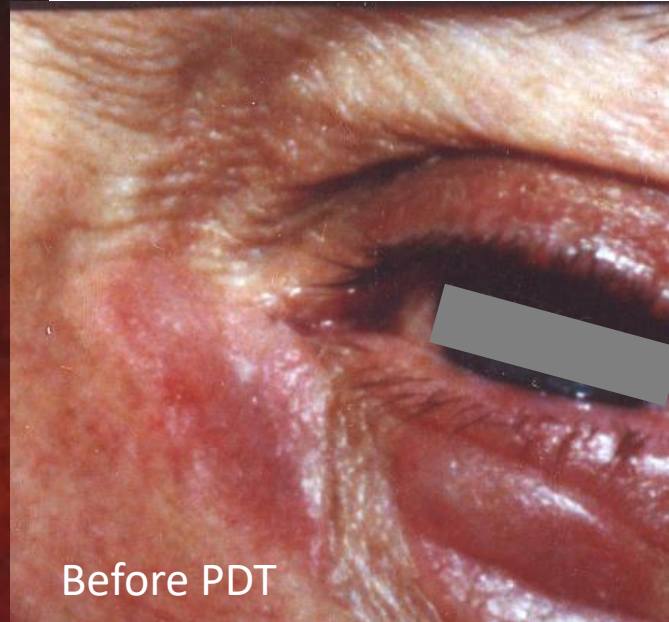


# Photodynamic therapy at Lund University/Hospital

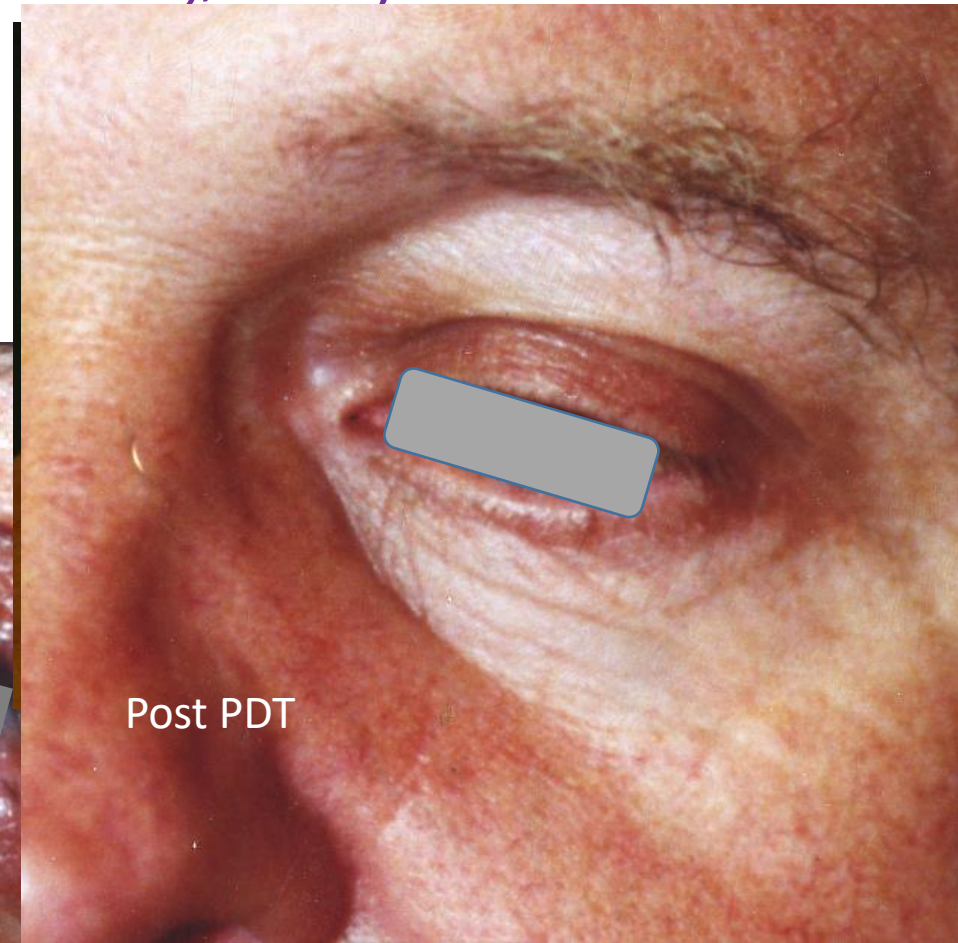
- Approximately 3000 non-melanoma skin cancers
- Implemented a Phase III study for clinical approval (90% CR)
- Developed fluorescence diagnostics in oncology
- Developed & Patented Interstitial Photodynamic Therapy



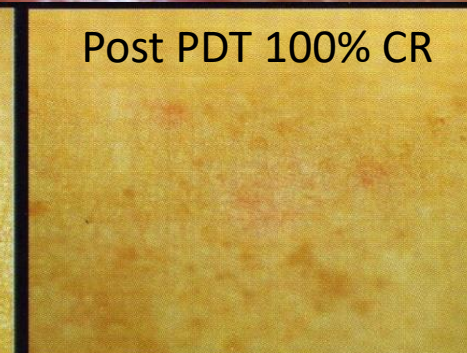
Selective necrosis



Before PDT



Post PDT



Post PDT 100% CR



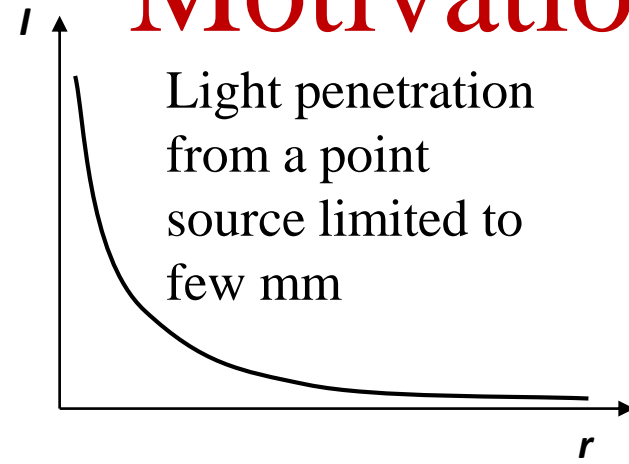




Before ALA PDT

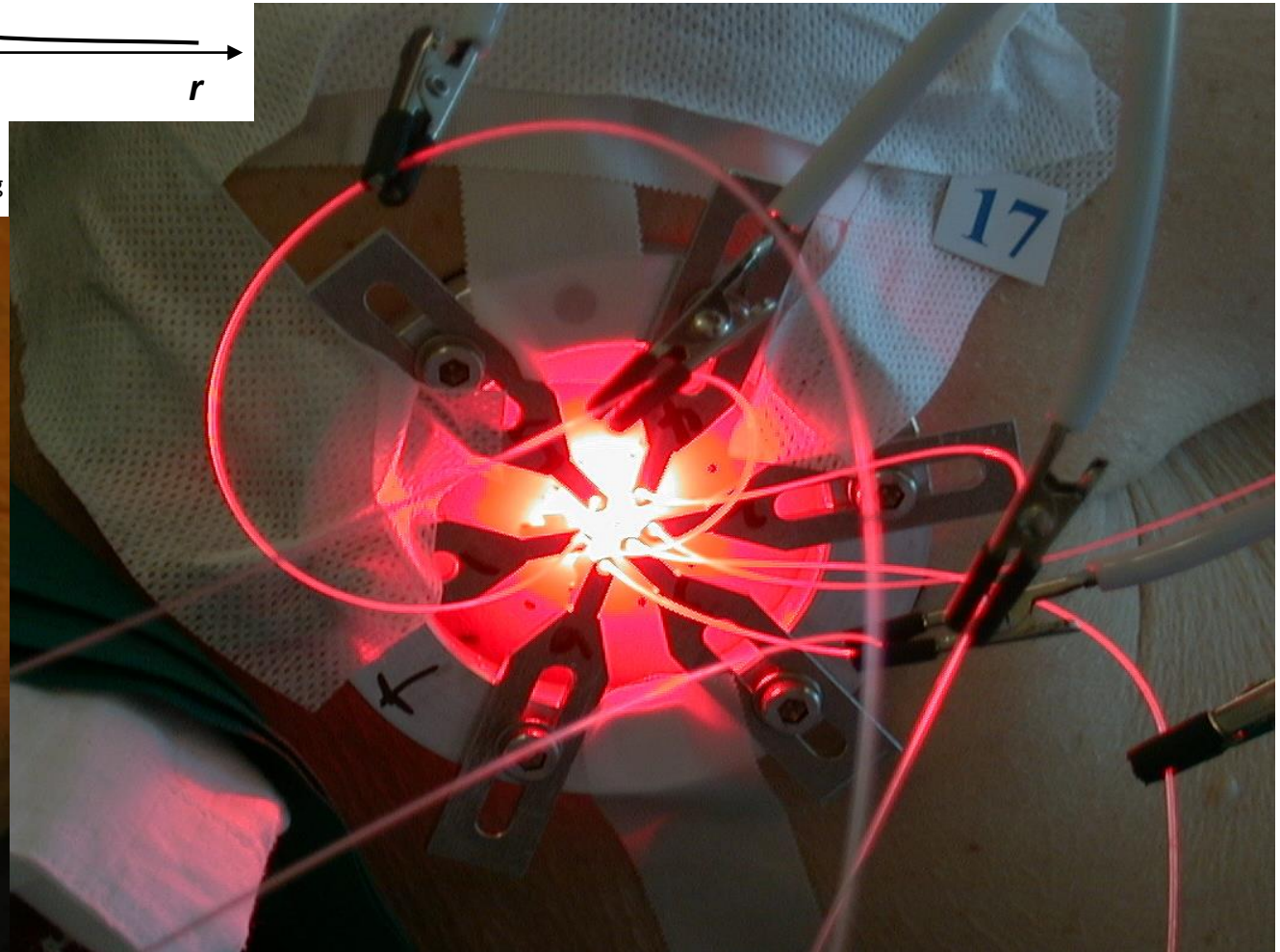
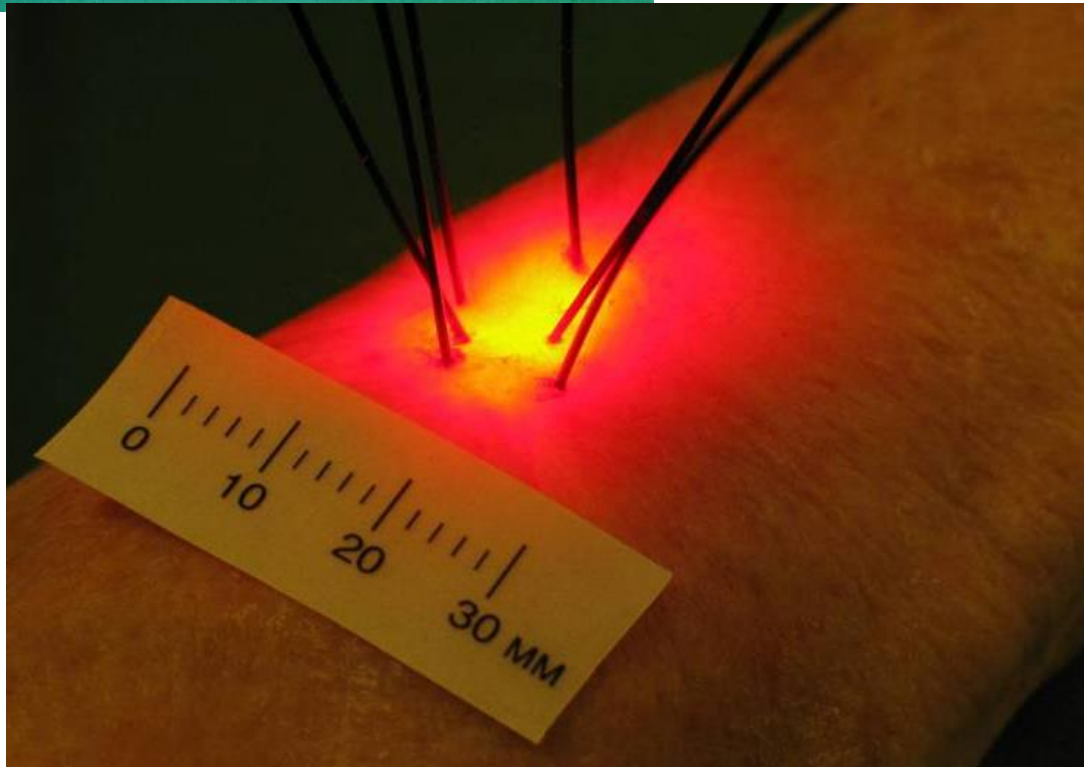
After ALA PDT

# Motivation for Interstitial PDT



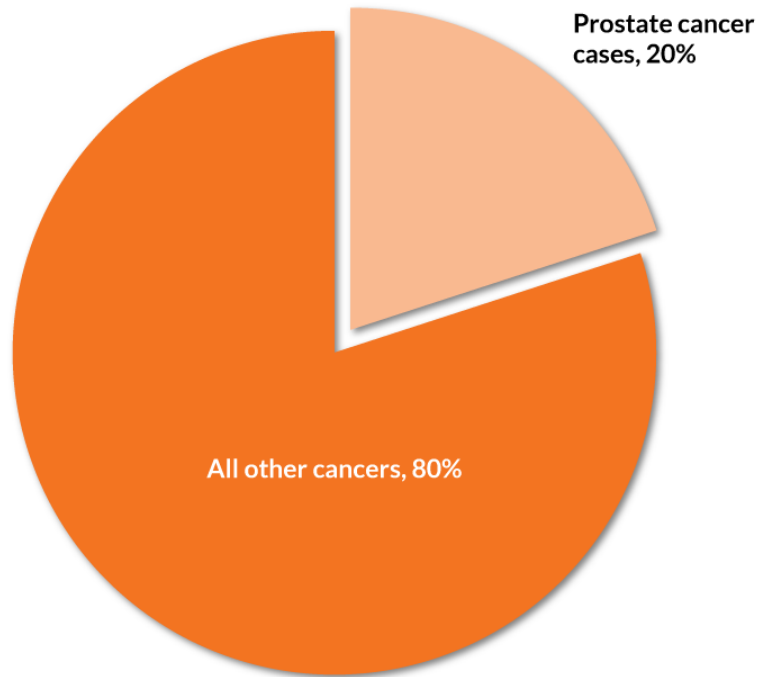
Application: deep lying imbedded tumor

Johansson et al. JBO (2006)  
Wang et al. Br. J. Dermatol. (2001)  
Andersson-Engels, Svanberg, Svanberg

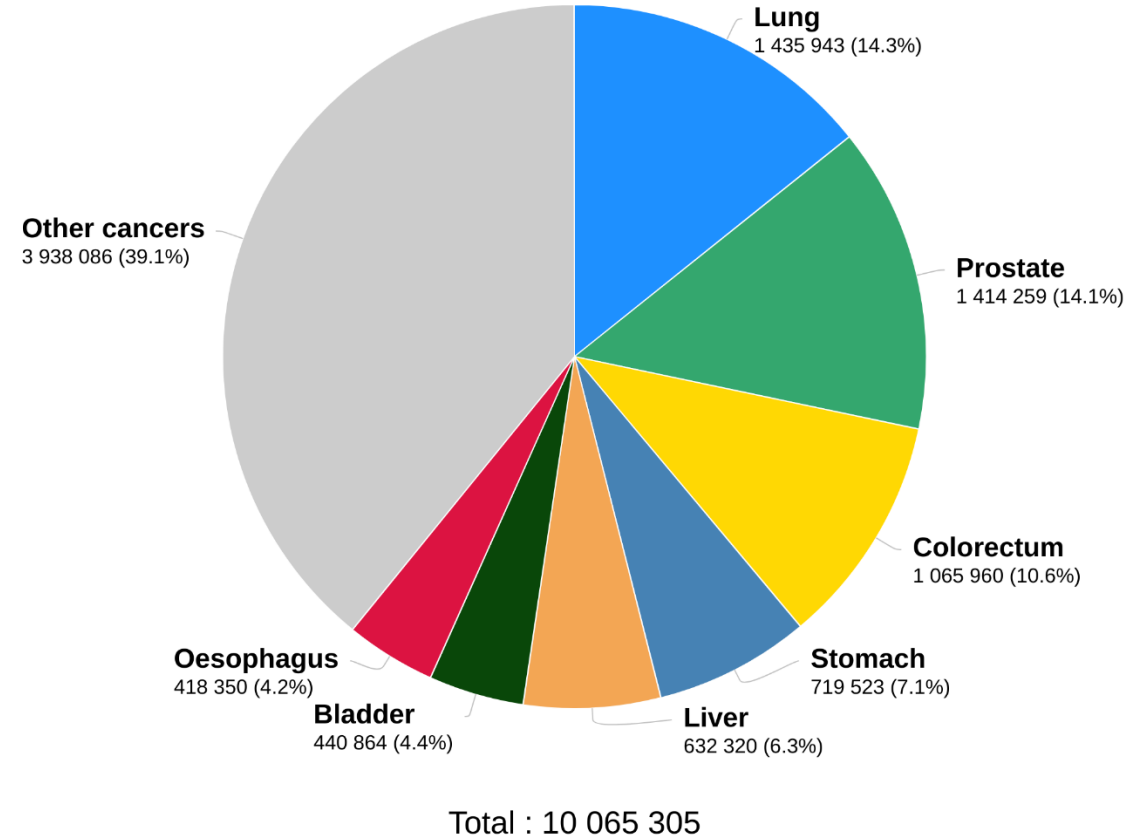


# Prostate Cancer – a perfect target for IPDT

Percentage of All Estimated New Cancer Cases  
in Men in 2020



Estimated number of new cases in 2020, worldwide, males, all ages

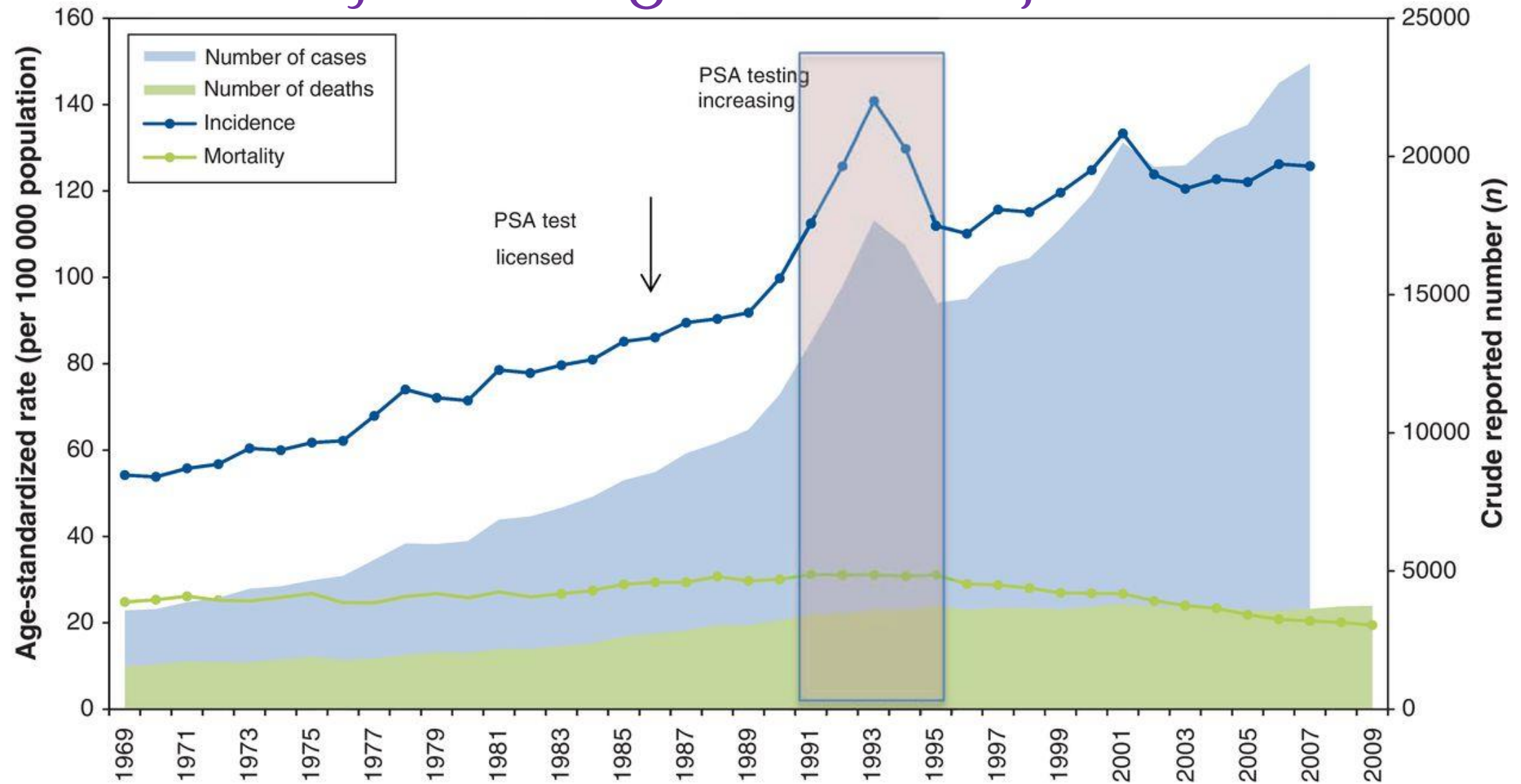


**Prostate cancer** is the second most commonly diagnosed **cancer** and the sixth leading cause of **cancer** death among men **worldwide**, with an estimated 1 276 000 new **cancer** cases and 359 000 deaths in 2018

Source: WHO  
Intl. Archives for Research &  
Cancer

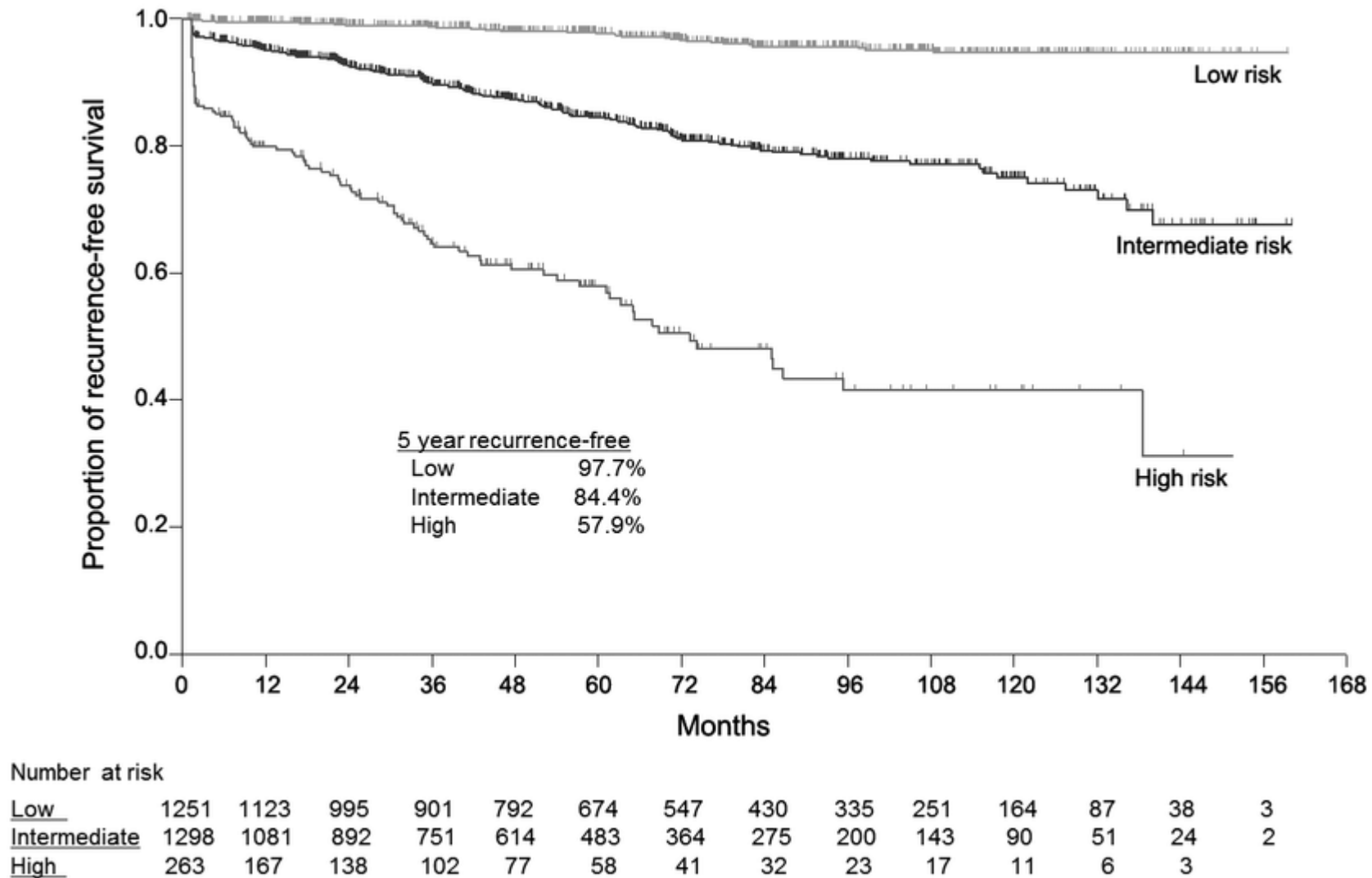


# Constantly increasing incidence of prostate cancer



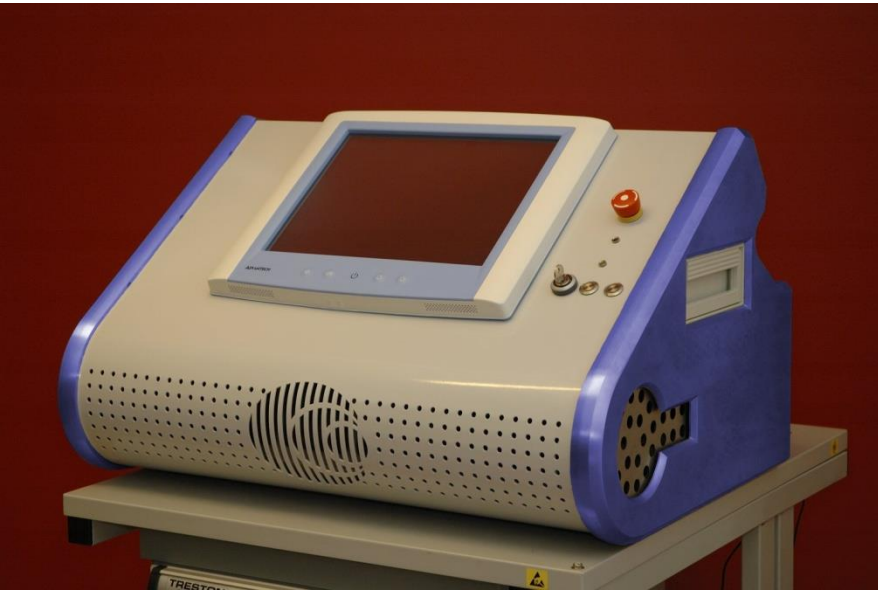
Age standardized trends in prostate cancer incidence and mortality in Canada during the era of prostate-specific antigen (PSA) screening

# Recurrence rate after ionizing radiation therapy ranges in the order of 15-25%





# Interactive IPDT Instrumentation – world wide patent

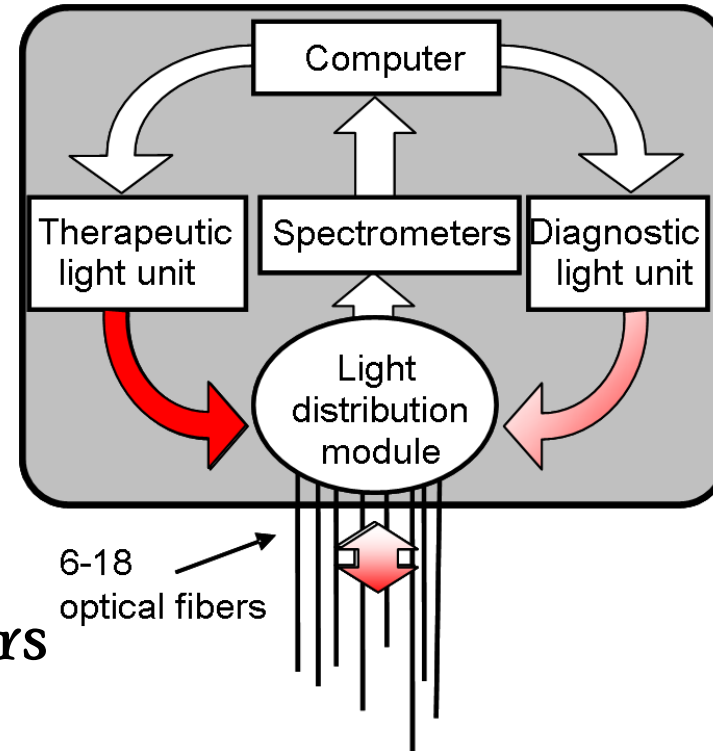


6-18 **treatment/diagnostic** fibers

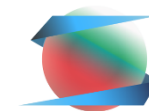
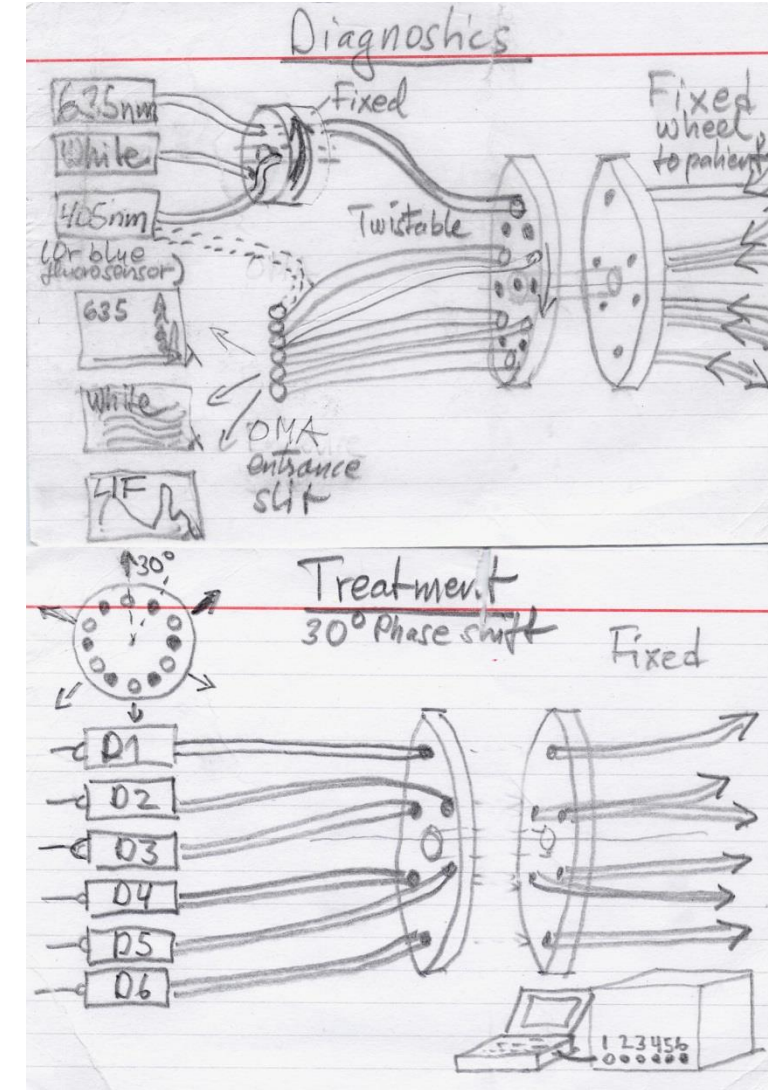
realtime monitoring of:

- light transmission
- sensitizer fluorescence
- tissue oxygenation

online feedback based on light transmission for **interactive dosimetry**



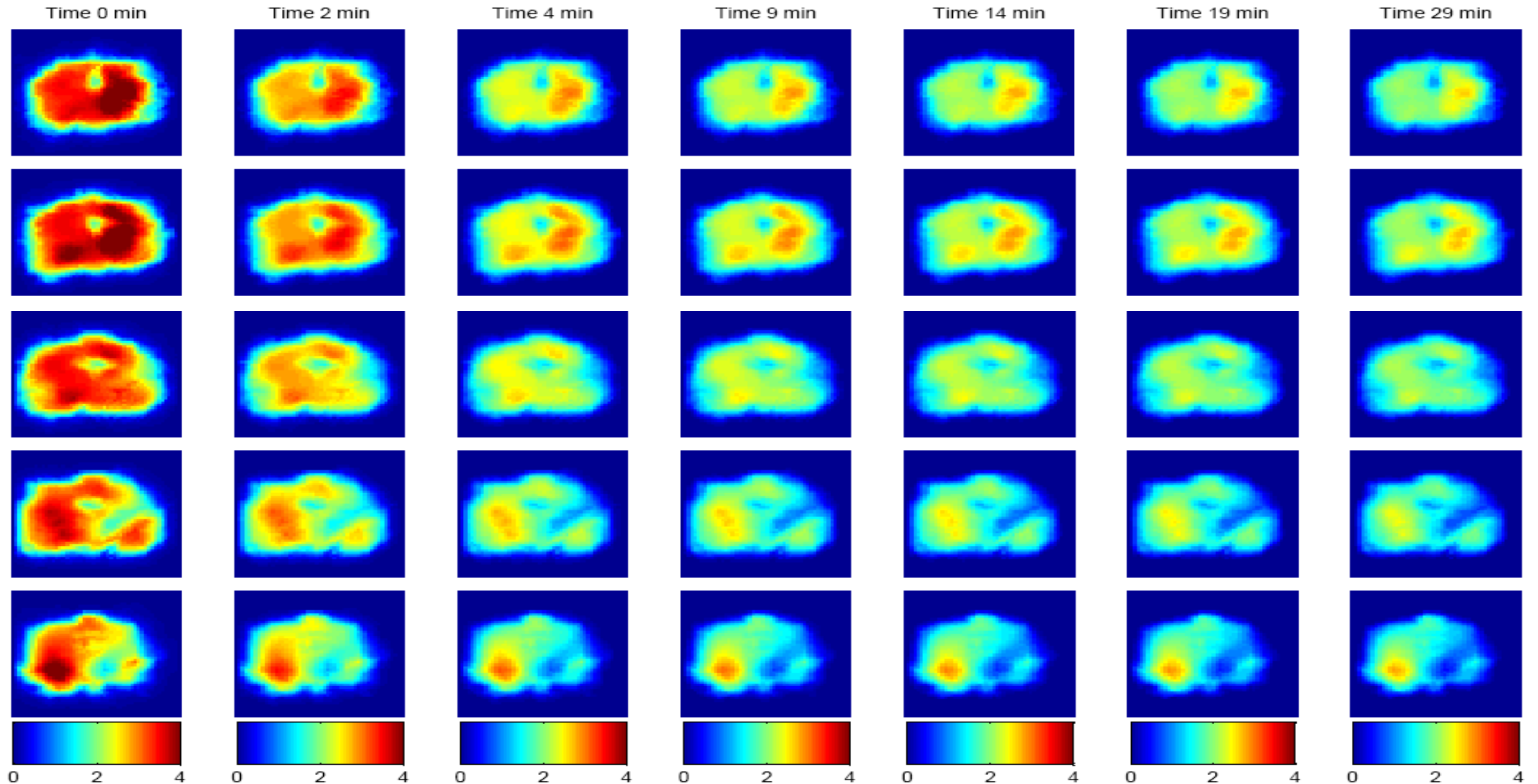
The patent first sketch of the patent behind the development is the work by Sune Svanberg



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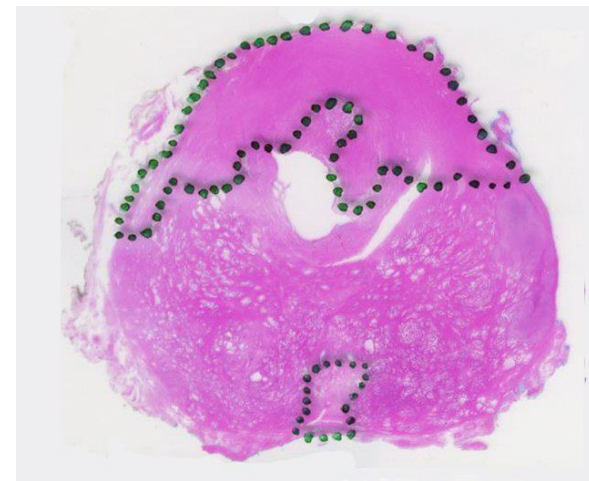
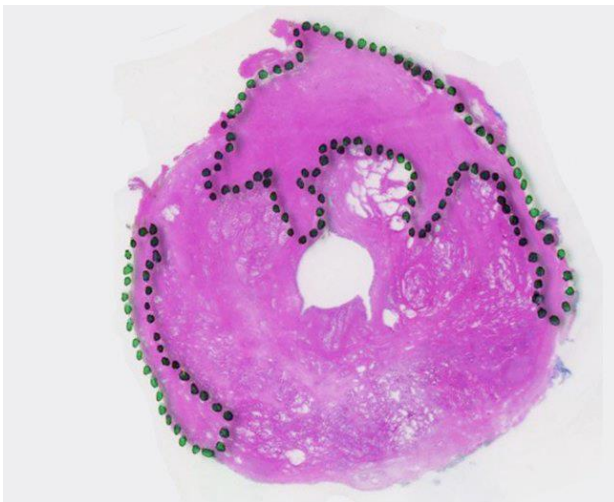
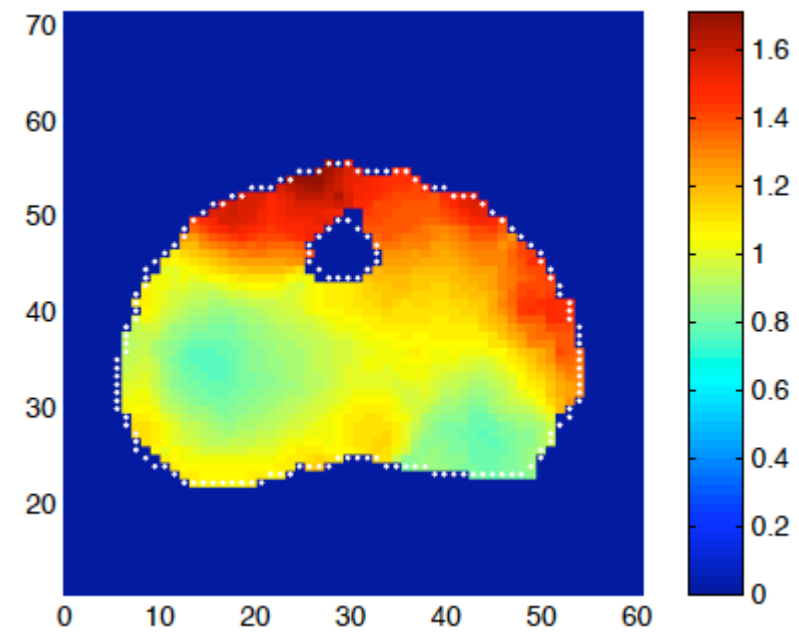
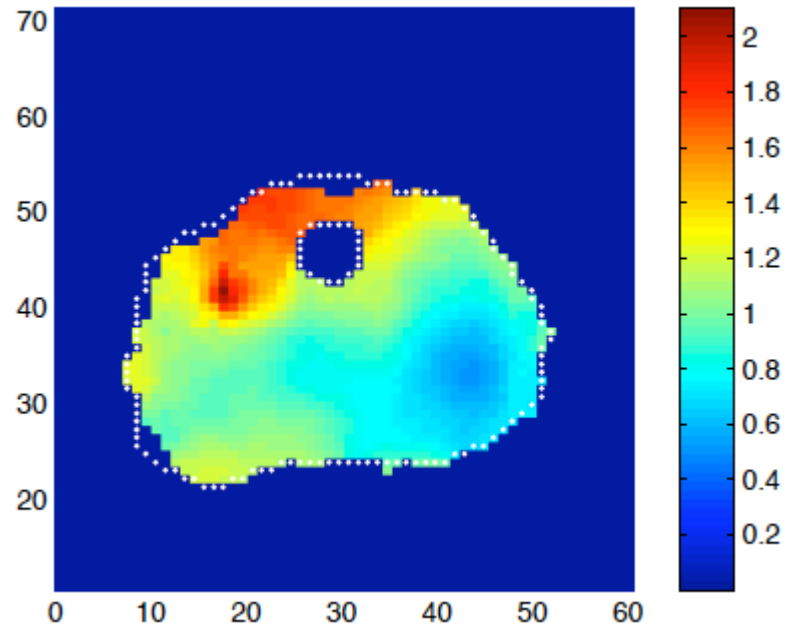
# 3D mapping of the fluorescence of the sensitiser Foscan in the treated prostate gland

Johan Axelsson *et al.*





# Correlation between the sensitizer concentration and cell death (necrosis formation)



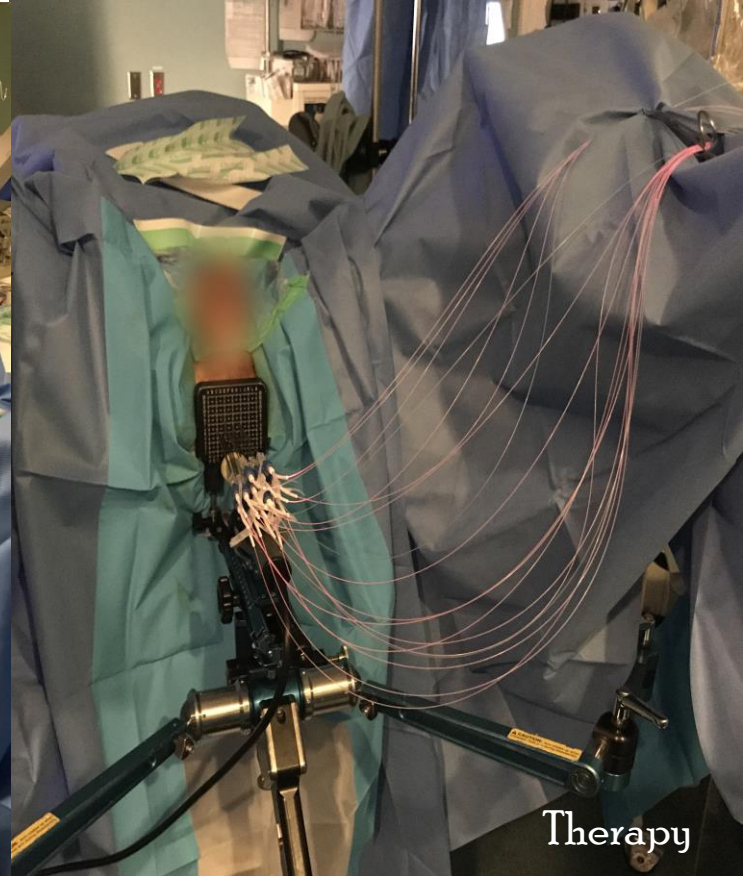
# Interstitial PDT Clinical Trial of recurrent prostate cancer started 2017 after FDA-approval



Treatment planning



Fiber positioning



Therapy

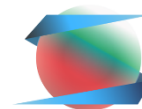
Study Sites:

Princess Margaret Hospital Toronto, Canada (ongoing)

London Medical College (ongoing)

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia (agreement signed)

Memorial Sloan Kettering (agreement signed)



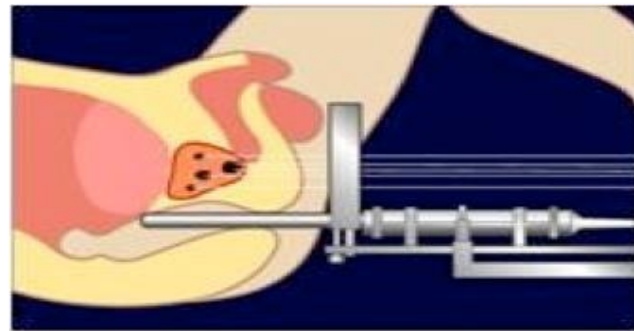
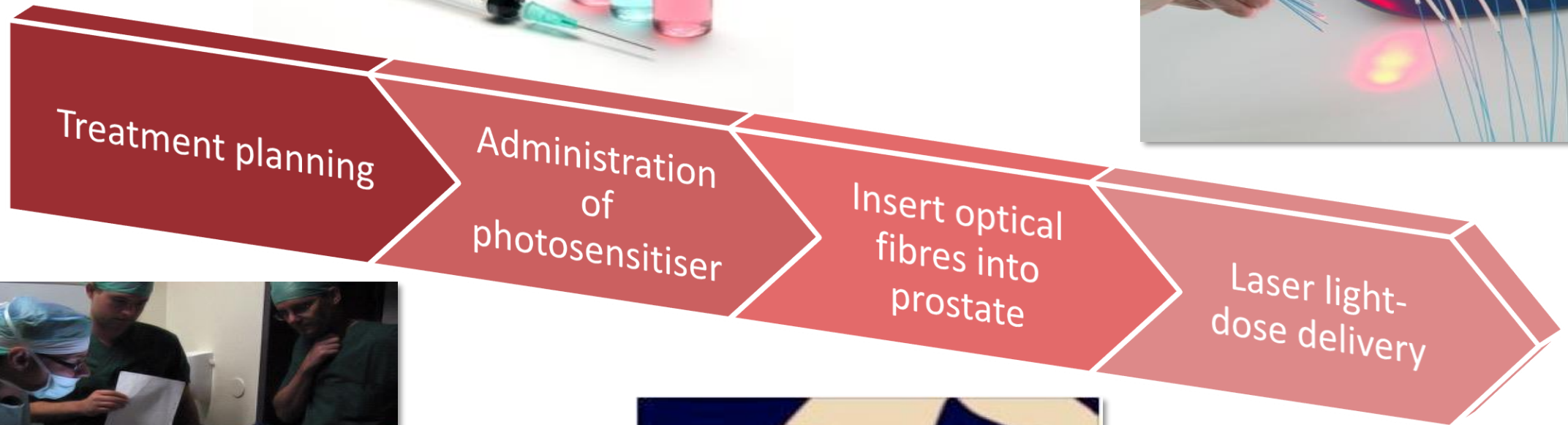
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# Treatment overview using the IDOSE<sup>®</sup> interactive light dosimetry

## Based on the optical parameters for each patient



Individualized  
therapy

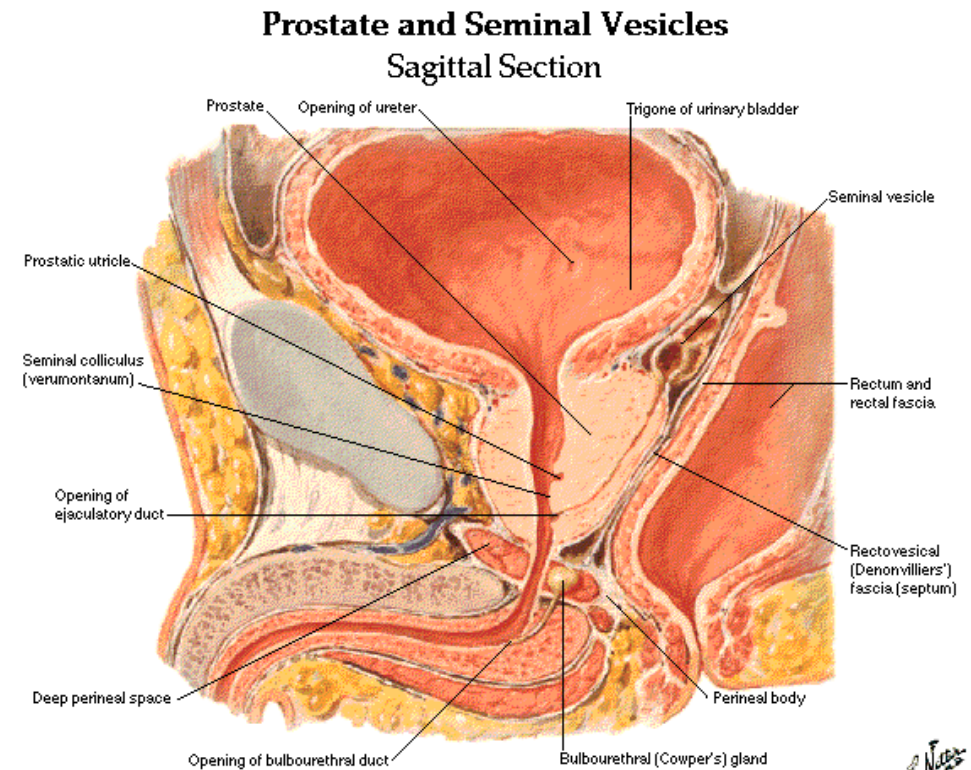






# The uniqueness of the interstitial therapy equipment:

1. The **same fibers** are used for **therapy and diagnostic monitoring** of the
  - therapy light
  - sensitizer
  - oxygen in the tissue
2. **Resulting in an interactive dosimetry**
3. Full treatment of the target (recurrent prostate cancer)
4. **Sparing risk organs**



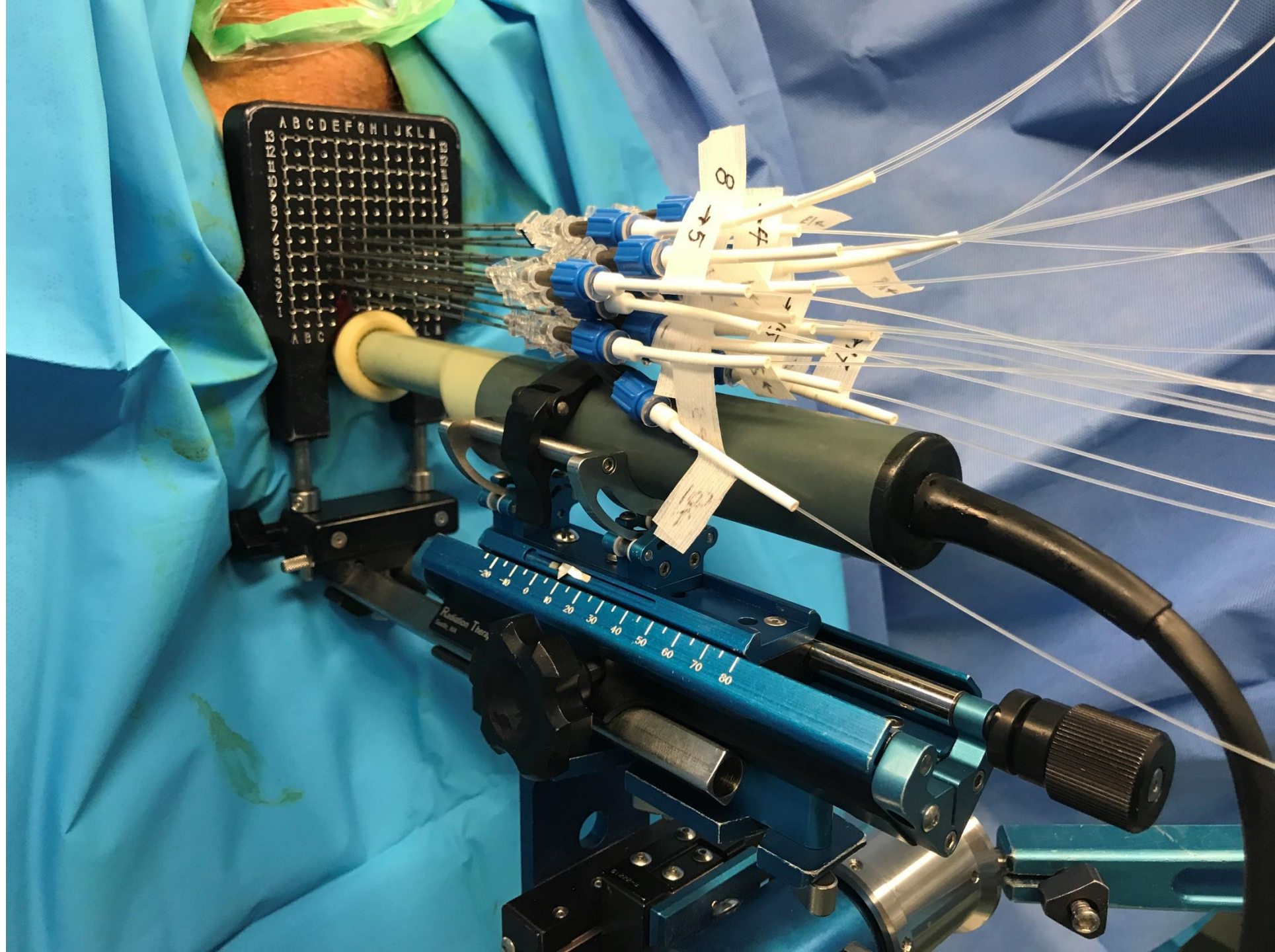




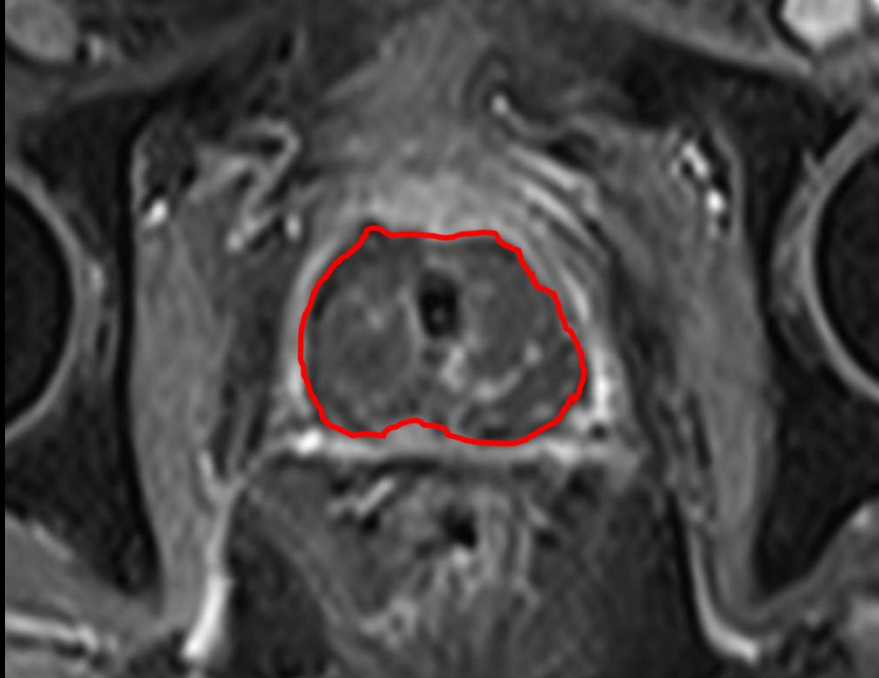




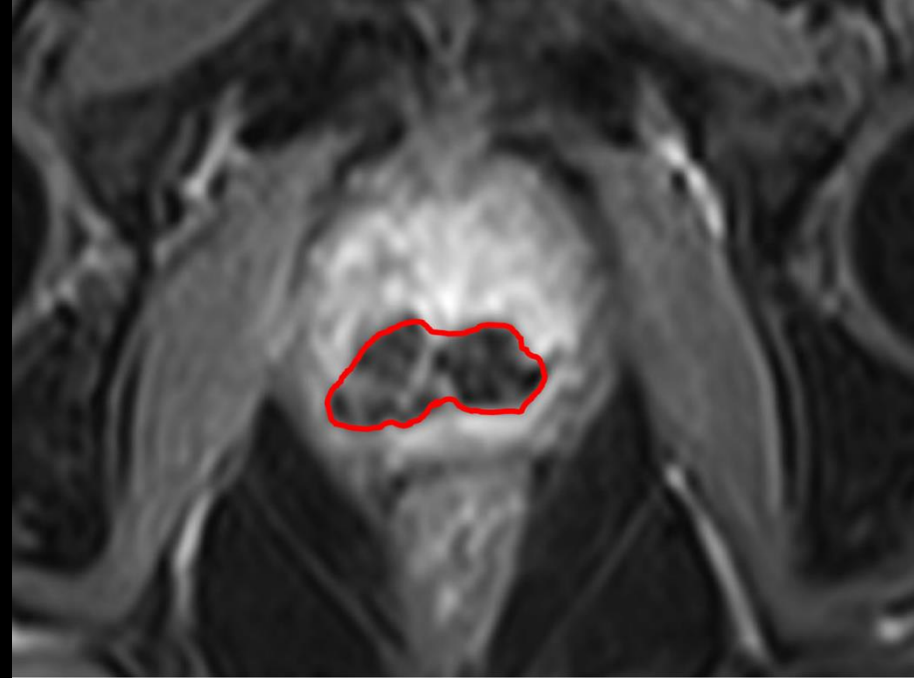




# Different therapy strategies



Whole gland



Focal tumour





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