# Radiation Oncology Treatment Vault Design



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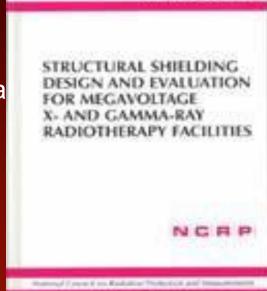
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# Therapy Shielding Calculations Are Primarily Based on NCRP Report No. 151

- Report Title: "Structural Shielding Design and Evalua for Megavoltage X- and Gamma-Ray Radiotherapy Facilities"
  - Released December 31, 2005
- Calculations here illustrate the NCRP 151 recommendations
- Previous NCRP reports are also cited in some cases
  - e.g., NCRP 51 and NCRP 79

#### NCRP 151 recommendations are addressed throughout this presentation



# **Basic Shielding Concepts**

- Establish a target dose-rate at a certain point behind a barrier
- Calculate barrier thickness necessary to achieve the target dose rate

#### **Target Dose Rate P**

Group Limits	ICRP 60 Dose limit (mSv/y)	ALARA Target limit (mSv/y)	
Controlled	20	5	
Uncontrolled	1	1	

**Area Limits** 

2 mr in any 1 hour

\*1 year has 50 weeks of 40 hrs/week or 2000 hr/year

# ALARA

- As Low As Reasonably Achievable
- ICRP 60 recommendations are limits
- Facilities should not be designed to the limits as they are not designed to be exceeded
- So ALARA factor of 10 20 can be applied

# **Occupancy Factor T**

#### T Type of area

1/40

- 1 Full Offices, shops, labs, living area
- 1/2 Adjacent treatment room, patient examination room adjacent to shielded vault
- 1/8 Treatment vault doors

 Public toilets, unattended vending rooms, storage areas, outdoor areas with seating, unattended waiting rooms, patient holding areas, attics, janitors' closets

Outdoor areas with only transient pedestrian or vehicular traffic, unattended parking lots, vehicular drop off areas (unattended), stairways, unattened eleavtors

## Use Factor U

Angle Interval Center	U (%)
90 degree interval	
0 degree (down)	31.0
90 and 270 degrees	21.3 (each)
180 degrees (up)	26.3
45 degree interval	
0 degrees (down)	25.6
45 and 315 degrees	5.8(each)
90 and 270 degrees	15.9(each)
135 and 225 degrees	4.0(each)
180 degrees (up)	23

#### **Shielding Considerations**

- Type of radiation
- Primary beam incidence
- Primary beam scatter
- Patient scatter
- Leakage radiation

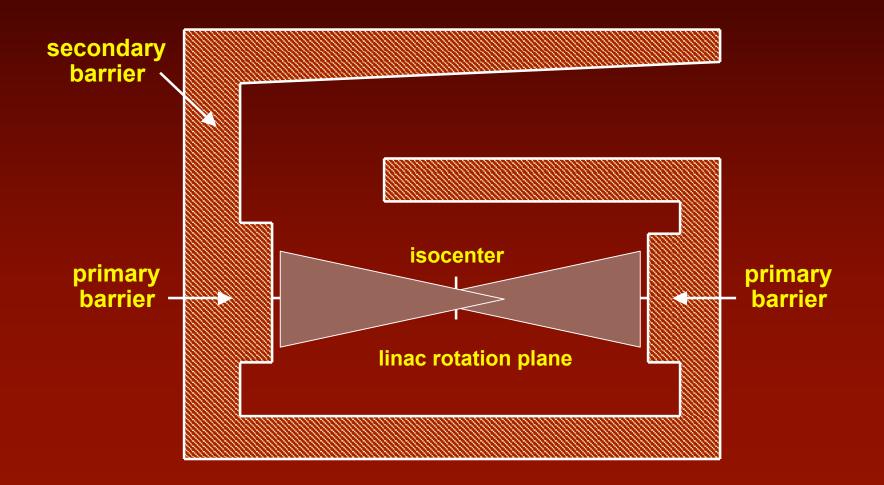
# **Shielding Considerations**

- Type of space
  - Basement
  - Mountain
  - 3rd floor
- Space availability
  - New facility
  - Retro-fit
- Future workload
- Capital funding

#### **Types of Barriers**

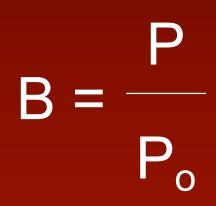
- Primary barriers
  - Attenuate primary (direct) beam
  - Very thick (1.5-2.5m)
- Secondary barriers
  - Leakage
  - Patient scatter
  - Wall scatter

#### **Treatment Room**



#### **Reduction Factor B**

B is the factor by which the intensity of radiation (P<sub>o</sub>) must be reduced to achieve the target dose rate P

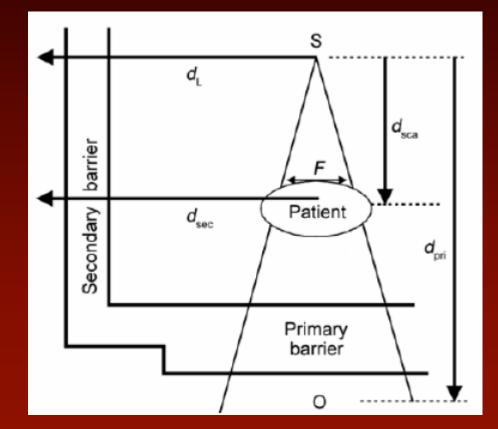


#### **Reduction Factors**

$$B_{\rm L} = \frac{P \, d_{\rm L}^2}{10^{-3} \, W \, T}$$

$$B_{\rm ps} = \frac{P}{aWT} d_{\rm sca}^2 d_{\rm sec}^2 \frac{400}{F}$$

$$B_{\rm pri} = \frac{P d_{\rm pri}^2}{WUT}$$



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• The requied number (n) of TVLs is given by:

• N =  $-\log(B_{pri})$ 

 And for n > 1 the barrier thickness (t<sub>barrier</sub>) is given by:

• 
$$t_{\text{barrier}} = TVL_1 + (n + 1) TVL_e$$

 Where the first and equilibrium TVLs are used to account for the spectral changes as the radation penetrates the barrier

#### **Transmission Curves**

- NCRP 49, 51
- B as a function of material thickness

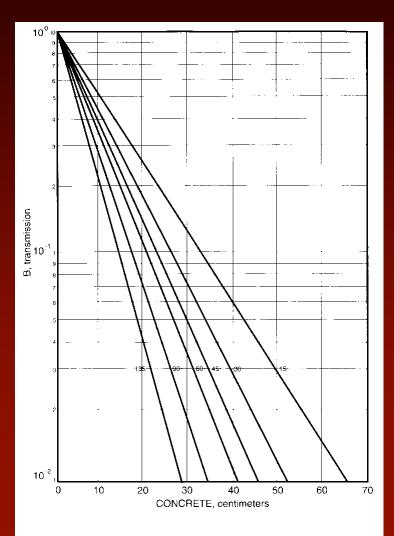


Figure 2-7. Transmission through concrete, density 2.35 g cm<sup>-3</sup> (147 lb ft<sup>-3</sup>), for 6 MV primary x-rays scattered at six different angles from a unit density phantom. From NCRP 1976 with permission.

# **Primary Barrier TVL - Materials**

Energy	Material	TVL <sub>1</sub> (m)	TVL <sub>e</sub> (m)
	concrete	0.370	0.330
6 MV	steel	0.100	0.100
	lead	0.057	0.057
10 MV	concrete	0.410	0.370
	steel	0.110	0.110
	lead	0.057	0.057
15 MV	concrete	0.440	0.410
	steel	0.110	0.110
	lead	0.057	0.057

\*values from NCRP 151

#### **Rule of Thumb**

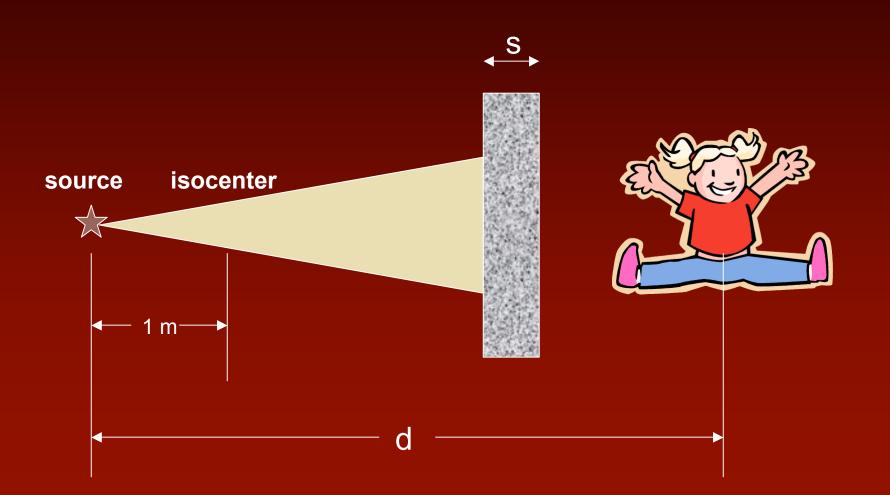
• 6 TVL required for primary barrier

3 TVL required for secondary barrier

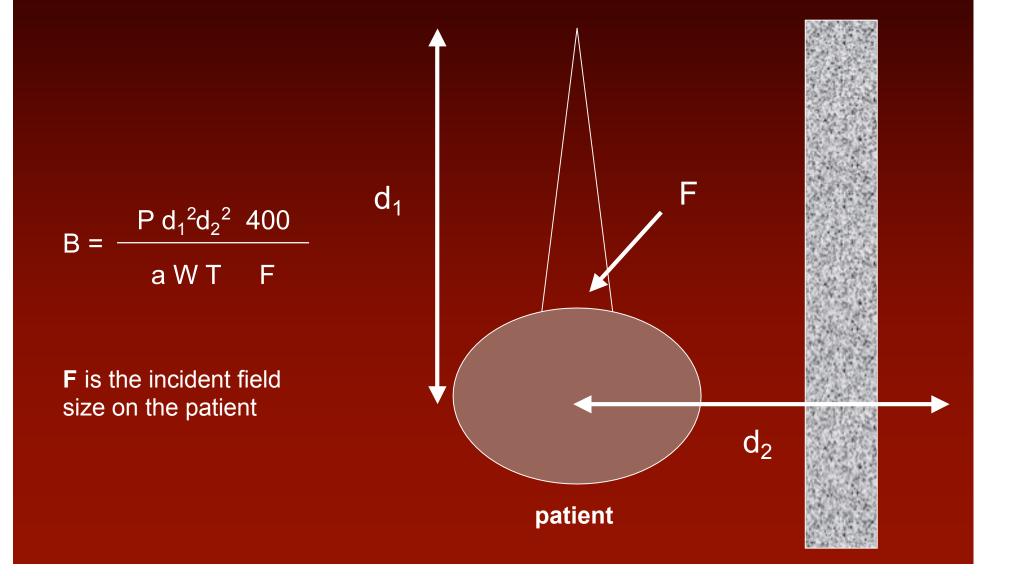
# IDR, $R_W$ , and $R_h$

- For each (primary barrier) location it is recommended to verify the following quantities are acceptable:
- R<sub>W</sub> = Time-Average-Dose-Rate- in a week = IBR\* W<sub>pri</sub> \*U / DR<sub>1m</sub>
  - Where IDR = <u>transmitted</u> instantaneous does rate =  $DR_{1m}B/d^2$
- $\rightarrow R_W x T$  should not be > P
- For public areas in Agreement States (NCR reg. → SSRs) regulations require an "in-any-one hour" constant. Evaluate with:
- R<sub>h</sub> = Time-averaged dose in-any-one-hour
  - =  $(m/40)R_W$  where 40 hours of operation per week applies and
    - M= ratio of maximum # of patients treatable in an hour to the average #
  - For example, Avg# = 30 pts/8 h, or W<sub>pri</sub> (D<sub>average</sub>)<sup>-1</sup> (40 h wk)<sup>-1</sup>
- R<sub>h</sub> should not be greater than 2 mrem or 20 μSv ("in-any-one-hour")

# **Basic Situation**

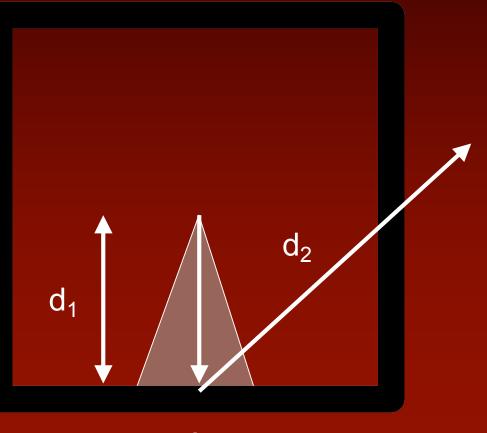


#### **Patient Scatter**



# Wall Scatter

# $\mathsf{B} = \frac{\mathsf{P} \,\mathsf{d}_1^2 \mathsf{d}_2^2}{\alpha \,\mathsf{AWTU}}$



# Typically shield to equal contribution of neutron dose at the entrance, 50 μSv each

- 1 TVL = 4.5 cm borated poly for mazed rooms
- 1 TVL = 8.5 cm borated poly for direct-shielded rooms
- Material is available in sheets of 2.54 cm thickness in USA
- Once the neutrons are dealt with, there is the photon dose from three sources to be handled
  - Direct leakage
  - Capture gamma radiation
  - Room and patient scatter

# Neutron Fluence in NCRP 151, Table B.9

$$\Phi A = \frac{\beta Qn}{4\pi d} + \frac{5.4 \beta Q_n}{2\pi S_r} + \frac{1.3 Q_n}{2\pi S_r}$$

- B = transmission through head
- Q<sub>n</sub> = neutrons per Gy of x-rays
- S<sub>r</sub> = total surface area of room
- 2π accounts for scattered and thermal neutrons entering maze

#### Kersey Method

- Varian 0.0004 Sv/Gy (at 1 m)
  - A "typical" maze length is about 6 m. Its heights is 3 m and width is 2 m
  - Area =  $6 \text{ m}^2 = \text{s}_1$
  - A typical gap between the maze and far wall is 2.5 m and room height is also 3 m

• Area = 7.5  $m^2 = S_0$ 

• Kersey's formula gives the neutron dose at the door as the neutron dose at the isocenter x (1/  $d_1$ )<sup>2</sup> x (S<sub>0</sub>/S<sub>1</sub>) x 10<sup>-(d2/5)</sup>

#### Photons at Door

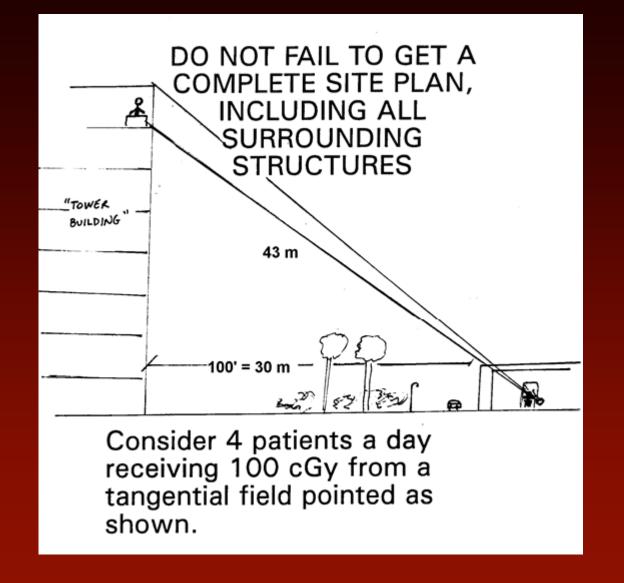
- Leakage radiation is dominant component
- Capture gammas, room and patient scatter are also to be considered
- Direct leakage
  - Simple inverse square to door position
- Capture gammas

•  $r \varphi = K \varphi_A 10^{-(d_2/TVD)}$  where d-2 = 0 (So, simply K  $\varphi_A$ )

- Room and patient scatter
  - Since scattering angle is ~90°, energy is < 0.3 MeV, so it can be ignored

# Required Information for Shielding Designs

- Architectural drawings of equipment layout in room
- Architectural drawings of surrounding areas indicating usage of these areas offices, restrooms, corridor, exterior, etc.
- Elevation view of room or construction of floor and ceiling and distance between floors



 $\frac{2,000 \text{ cGy}}{(43)^2} = 1.08 \text{ cGy to } 20 \text{ } \mu\text{Gy requires } 2.73 \text{ TVL} = 36^{\circ} \text{ concrete (6mv)}$ 

#### **Workload Questionaire**

1) Make and model of accelerator: Varian Tru Beam

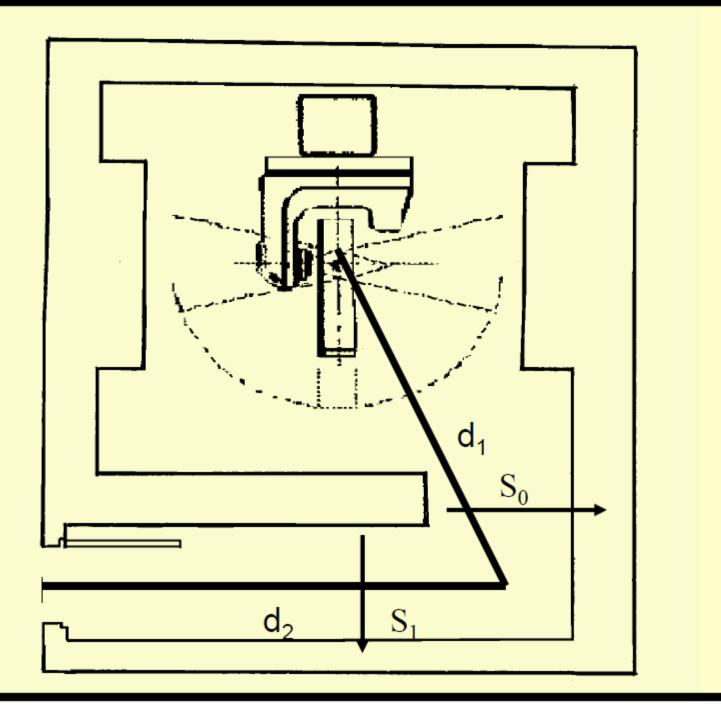
- 2) MV of X-ray beams: 6 MV, 10 MV 15 MV
- 3) MV of FFF beam(s): 6 MV 10 MV
- 4) Number of patients per day: 35
- 5) Number of patients per day treated with conventional method and tumor dose : 25/180 cGy
- 5: 15 MV
- 8: 10 MV
- 12: 6 MV
- 6) Number of patients treated per day with IMRT and tumor dose and MU/cGy: 10/180 cGy/ F=5 7) Fraction of IMRT patients treated with the high energy beam:
- 1: 15 MV
- 3: 10 MV
- 6: 6 MV
- 8) Number of SBRT patients per week, number of fractions per patient, tumor dose per fraction, MU/cGy, MV to be used: 2: 5: 10 Gy.: F=5, 10 MV.
- 9) Number of SRS patients per week, number of fractions per patient, tumor dose, MU/cGy, MV to be used: 0:1:24 Gy: F=3; 6 MV. (N/A) There are no SRS patients projected to be treated at this site.
- 10) Other treatment methods SRT, total body etc. For each mode indicate number of patients per day, number of fractions, tumor dose per fraction, MU/cGy, MV to be used **N/A**

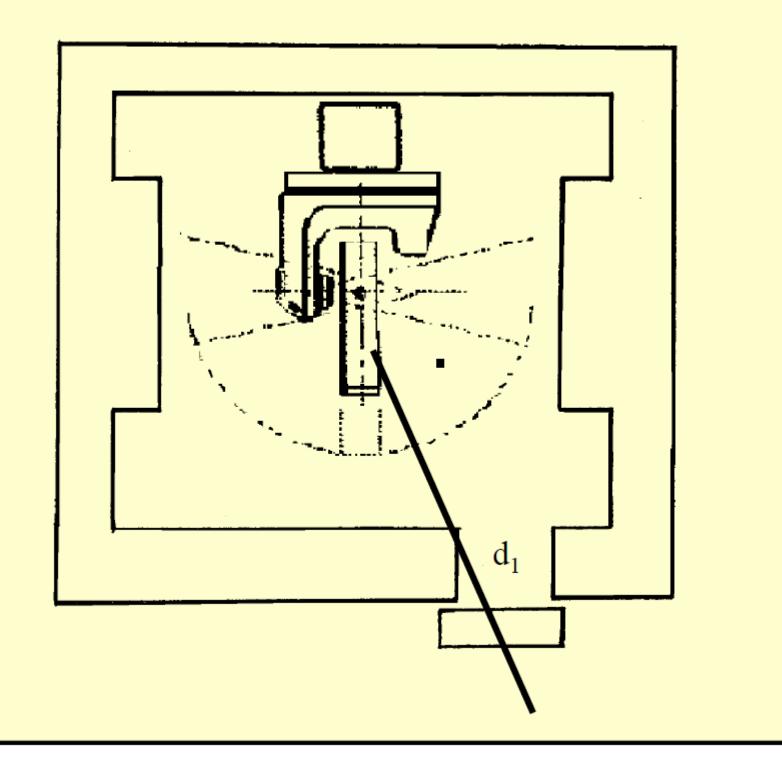
# Workload Assuumptions for Dual Energy Linear Accelerators

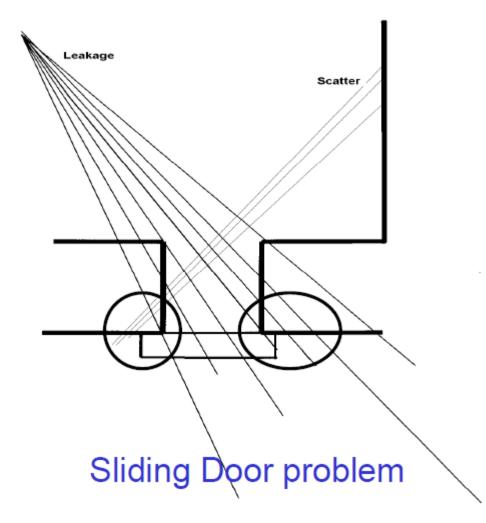
- Preferable to assume full 450 Gy/wk workload is at the higher energy
  - Simpler, more conservative calculation
  - Appropriate for new construction
- For existing construction, dual-energy calculation may be appropriate
  - If modifications to existing vault are difficult and size constrained
  - Split 30 patient workload to ensure at least 250 Gy/wk at higher MV
    - With 17 patients, 255 Gy/wk at higher MV

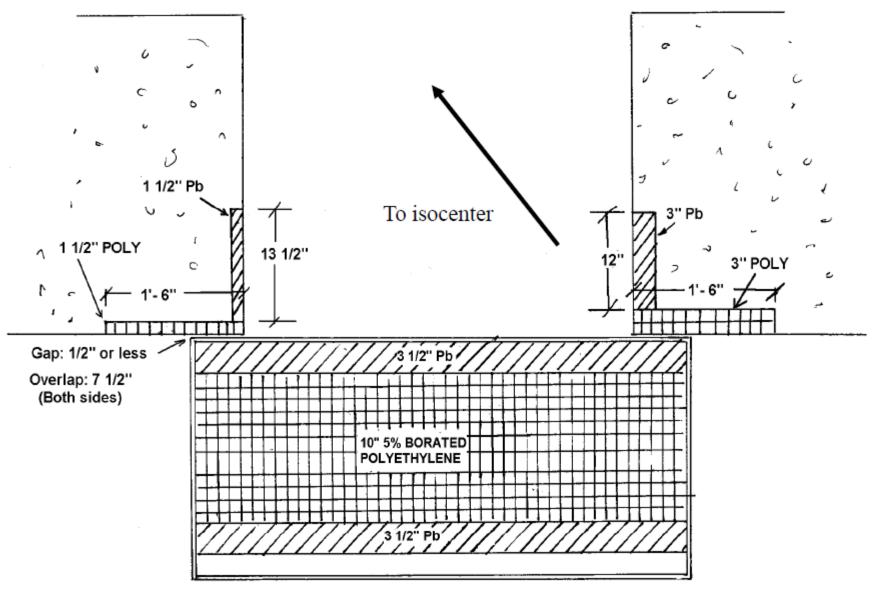
Mode	Gy/wkpatient	Patients/day	W (Gy/wk)	At least 250 Gy/w
Single x-ray mode	15	30	450	at high
Dual x-ray mode	15	30	450	MV mode

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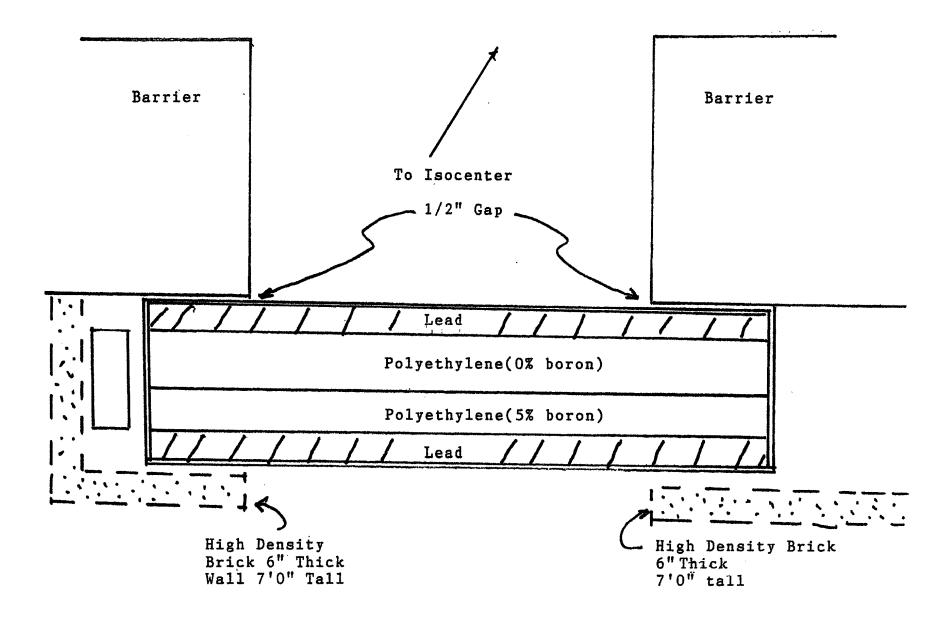


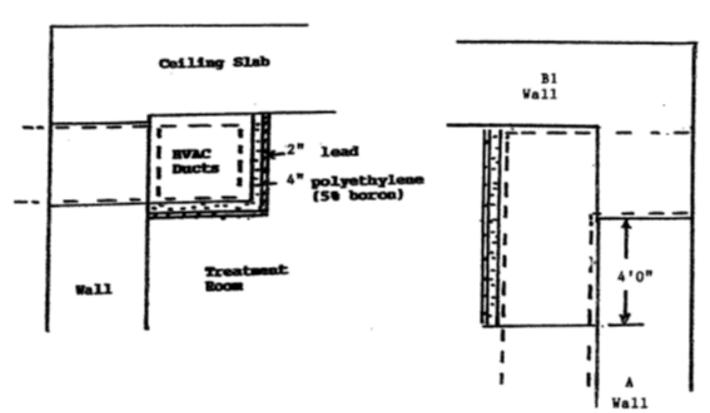






Door Detail Vault #1





Section View

Plan View

## Cyberknife (CK) VCI Planning Guide

- Table 4: Workload Estimations •
  - Brain 45 minutes 7.45 Gy @ 80 cm SAD
  - Spine/Body 60 minutes 11 Gy @ 100 cm SAD •
- Instantaneous Dose Rate (IDR)
  - A worst case scenario for the control area and the door were communicated as: Control Area: 13.4 mR/hr
- **Exposure Conditions** •
- 13.4 mR/hr IDR •
- SAD of 65 cm •
- 6 cm cone •
- 800 MU/min rep rate •
- IDR of 13.4 mR/hr •
- 0.223 mR/min
- Limit = 2 mR in any one hour
- = 8.9 minutes in any 1 hour period of This is not a realizable clinical • time

- = 7164 MU delivered by 1 beam orientation to meet the ALAR A condition
- Calibration Conditon 1 cGy= 1MU
- 7164 cGy in 1 hour with beam located a 1 position
- 12 Gy per Tx fraction
- 6 patient Tx in any one hour
  - treatment scenario

