



Small Field Dosimetry Problem



Institutional variability in 6 MV Radionics SRS dosimetry

Dosimetric Variation with Detectors



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Springfield Hospital Reports Radiation Overdose Administered to 76 Cancer Patients

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The New York Times reported on a recent report filed by CoxHealth medical facility in Springfield, Missouri where they admitted to overradiating 76 cancer patients during treatment. The majority of the patients were being treated for brain cancer, and received about a 50% overdose of radiation therapy. A hospital employee improperly calibrated the machine used to administer the radiation.

The New York	Eimes			U.S	-	Stereotactic therapy delivers radiation in such high doses that usually only one treatment is required. It is commonly used to treat small <u>tumors</u> in the head, which must be firmly stabilized allowing radiation to be delivered to a precise location				
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POLITICS EDUCA	TION					the equipment, made by BrainLAB, and the hospital began questioning whether the machine				
Radiation	Errors	Repor	ted in Mi	ssouri		had been installed correctly in 2004, in a process called commissioning.				
By WALT BOGDANICH Published: February 24	and REBECCA F 4, 2010	R. RUIZ		.550411		The overdoses at CoxHealth occurred in a state where there is little or no government oversight of radiation therapy, a fact that Robert H. Bezanson, the hospital's president and chief executive, chose to emphasize.				
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because powerf even with a repr	ul new radia resentative o	ation equip of the manu	nent had been Ifacturer watch	set up inc ning as it w	orrectly as done	"The initiative should be broadened to include regulation of medical radiation therapy as well," he wrote. "We have also learned that the incident here at CoxHealth is, unfortunately, not an isolated occurrence. Rather, similar instances of medical overradiation have occurred at other				
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Articles in this series examine issues arising from the increasing use of medical radiation and the new technologies that deliver it. Previous Articles in the Series »	from a nerve deep inside her head. Today, she is in a nursing home, nearly comatose, unable to speak, eat or walk, leaving her husband to care for their three young daughters.										_
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What is a Small Field?

- Lack of charged particle
 Dependent on the range of secondary electrons
 - \star Photon energy
- Collimator setting that obstructs the source size

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Detector is comparable to the field size

CPE & Electron Range



- ❖ Electron range= d_{max} in forward direction
 ❖ Electron range in lateral direction
 ★ Nearly energy independent
 ★ Nearly equal to penumbra (8-10 mm)
 ❖ Field size needed for CPE
 - ★ Lateral range
 - ★ 16-20 mm

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Definition of Small Fields



Energy Fluence Penumbra/Output









Source Size





IAEA/AAPM Proposed Pathway



Why So Much of Fuss?

- Reference (ref) conditions cannot be achieved for most SRS devices (cyberknife, gammaknife, tomotherapy etc)
- ✤ Machine Specific reference (msr) needs to be linked to ref
- Ratio of reading (PDD, TMR, Output etc) is not the same as ** ratio of dose

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$$\frac{D_1}{D_2} = \frac{M_1}{M_2} \bullet \begin{bmatrix} k_{f_{clin}}, f_{msr} \\ k_{Q_{clin}}, Q_{msr} \end{bmatrix} \qquad \begin{bmatrix} k_{g_{clin}}, f_{msr} \\ k_{Q_{clin}}, Q_{msr} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{D_1}{D_2} \bullet \frac{1}{D_2}$$

Alfonso et al. Med Phys 35, 51/9-5186 (2008)

Relative Dosimetry

$$\begin{split} D_{w,Q_{\rm msr}}^{f_{\rm msr}} &= M_{Q_{\rm msr}}^{f_{\rm msr}} N_{DW,Qo} k_{Q,Qo} k_{Q,Mo}^{f_{\rm msr},f_{\rm ref}} \\ k_{Q_{\rm msr},Q}^{f_{\rm clin}f_{\rm msr}} &= \frac{M_{Q_{\rm clin}}^{f_{\rm clin}}}{M_{Q_{\rm msr}}^{f_{\rm msr}}} \left[\frac{\left(D_{w,Q_{\rm clin}}^{f_{\rm clin}} \right) / \left(M_{Q_{\rm clin}}^{f_{\rm clin}} \right)}{\left(D_{w,Q_{\rm msr}}^{f_{\rm msr}} \right) / \left(M_{Q_{\rm msr}}^{f_{\rm clin}} \right)} \right] = \frac{M_{Q_{\rm clin}}^{f_{\rm clin}}}{M_{Q_{\rm clin}}^{f_{\rm msr}}} k_{Q_{\rm clin}}^{f_{\rm clin},f_{\rm msr}} \\ k_{Q_{\rm clin},Q_{\rm msr}}^{f_{\rm clin},f_{\rm msr}} &= \frac{\left(D_{w,Q_{\rm clin}}^{f_{\rm msr}} \right) / \left(M_{w,Q_{\rm msr}}^{f_{\rm clin}} \right)}{\left(D_{w,Q_{\rm msr}}^{f_{\rm clin}} \right) - \left(M_{w,Q_{\rm msr}}^{f_{\rm clin}} \right)} \\ k_{Q_{\rm clin},Q_{\rm msr}}^{f_{\rm clin},f_{\rm msr}} &= \frac{\left(D_{w,Q_{\rm clin}}^{f_{\rm clin}} \right) / \left(M_{w,Q_{\rm msr}}^{f_{\rm clin}} \right)}{\left(D_{w,Q_{\rm msr}}^{f_{\rm clin}} \right) - \left(M_{w,Q_{\rm msr}}^{f_{\rm clin}} \right)} \\ k_{Q_{\rm clin},Q_{\rm msr}}^{f_{\rm clin},f_{\rm msr}} &= \frac{\left(S_{w,air} \right) f_{clin} \cdot f_{f_{\rm clin}} }{\left(S_{w,air} \right) f_{msr} \cdot f_{msr}} \\ k_{Q_{\rm clin},Q_{\rm msr}}^{f_{\rm clin},f_{\rm msr}} \\ &= \frac{\left(S_{w,air} \right) f_{clin} \cdot f_{msr} }{\left(S_{w,air} \right) f_{msr} \cdot f_{msr}} \\ \end{array}$$

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Small Field Dosimetry Publications



Dosimetry of Small Static Fields Used in External Beam Radiotherapy

An IAEA – AAPM International Code of Practice for Reference and Relative Dose Determination



IAEA-TRS 483, 2017

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+ TG-155 (AAPM) Relative dosimetry

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Radiological Parameters

			s _{w,air}			SPMMA,		
6 MV beams	Beam quality (TPR _{20,10})	Andreo (1994) ^a	This work	Ratio this work/ Andreo	Andreo (1994) ^a	This work	Ratio this work/ Andreo	Configuration
Elekta SL-18								
radiosurgery								
$10 \times 10 \text{ cm}^2$	0.690	1.1187	1.1188	1.000	1.0853	1.0856	1.000	figure 1(a)
1.0 cm diameter			1.1155	0.997		1.0819	0.997	figure 1(b)
0.3 cm diameter			1.1153	0.997		1.0817	0.997	figure 1(c)
Siemens Primus MLC								
$10 \times 10 \text{ cm}^2$	0.677	1.1213	1.1221	1.001	1.0880	1.0852	1.001	figure 1(d)
2 × 2 cm ² irregular on-axis			1.1203	0.999		1.0870	0.999	figure 1(e)
2 × 2 cm ² irregular 8 cm off-axis			1.1250	1.003		10922	1.004	figure 1(f)
MLC transmission			1.1300	1.008				figure 1(i)
IMRT beam			1.1201	0.999				figure 12
$(10 \times 10 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ approx})$								0

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Sanchez-Deblado et al, Phy. Med. Biol., 48, 2081, 2003





Machine type	%dd(10) _x	$(ar{L}/ ho)_{ m air}^m$								
		Water	PMMA	Carbon	C-552					
Linac	66.3 ^a	1.1208	1.0878	0.9876	0.9836					
Cyberknife	60.8 ^b	1.1194	1.0859	0.9854	0.9817					

¹For a 10 × 10 cm² field at 100 cm SSD from a Varian 6 MV-linear accelerator ^bFor a 60 mm circular collimator at 80 cm SSD from a Cyberknife system.

F. Araki, Med. Phys. 33, 2955-2963 (2006).



Correction Factors

Correction Factor depends	on:
Field size	
Source size (FWHM;	
machine type)	
Detector type	

Francescon, et al Med Phys 35, 504, 2008

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TABLE VII. F_{corr} of the four detectors for the 5, 7.5, and 10 mm collimators, as a function of the FWHM.

A16		$F_{\rm corr}$	
FWHM (mm)	5 mm coll	7.5 mm coll	10 mm coll
1.4	1.067	1.021	1.008
1.8	1.087	1.017	1.007
2.2	1.102	1.020	1.012
2.6	1.112	1.027	1.010
Pin Point		$F_{\rm corr}$	
FWHM (mm)	5 mm coll	7.5 mm coll	10 mm coll
1.4	1.082	1.025	1.017
1.8	1.099	1.024	1.013
2.2	1.110	1.025	1.013
2.6	1.124	1.037	1.016
Diode		F_{corr}	
FWHM (mm)	5 mm coll	7.5 mm coll	10 mm coll
1.4	0.953	0.966	0.978
1.8	0.955	0.966	0.978
2.2	0.957	0.967	0.978
2.6	0.940	0.967	0.978
Diamond		$F_{\rm corr}$	
FWHM (mm)	5 mm coll	7.5 mm coll	10 mm coll
1.4	1.066	1.001	1.001
1.8	1.093	1.007	1.000
2.2	1.107	1.010	0.999
2.6	1.123	1.012	1.001





 $k^{J_{\rm clin},J_{\rm msr}}$ Q_{clin}, Q_{msr} of Linear Accelerators (Varian)

Implementing a newly proposed Monte Carlo based small field dosimetry formalism for a comprehensive set of diode detectors

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$\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{Q}_{\text{clin}},\mathcal{Q}_{\text{msr}}}^{f_{\text{clin}},f_{\text{msr}}}$ of Linear Accelerators

Calculation of $k_{Q_{clin},Q_{msr}}^{f_{clin},f_{msr}}$ for several small detectors and for two linear accelerators using Monte Carlo simulations

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Experimental small field 6 MV output ratio analysis for various diode detector and accelerator combinations

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$k_{\mathcal{Q}_{\text{clin}},\mathcal{Q}_{\text{msr}}}^{f_{\text{clin}},f_{\text{msr}}}$ Cyber Knife

	5 mm	1	7.5 m	m	10 mm			
Detector	$M_{\mathcal{Q}_{ ext{clin}}}^{f_{ ext{clin}}}/M_{\mathcal{Q}_{ ext{msr}}}^{f_{ ext{msr}}}$	$k_{\mathcal{Q}_{\text{clin}},\mathcal{Q}_{\text{msr}}}^{f_{\text{clin}},f_{\text{msr}}}$	$M_{\mathcal{Q}_{ ext{clin}}}^{f_{ ext{clin}}}/M_{\mathcal{Q}_{ ext{msr}}}^{f_{ ext{msr}}}$	$k_{\mathcal{Q}_{\mathrm{clin}},\mathcal{Q}_{\mathrm{msr}}}^{f_{\mathrm{clin}},f_{\mathrm{msr}}}$	$M_{Q_{ m clin}}^{f_{ m clin}}/M_{Q_{ m msr}}^{f_{ m msr}}$	$k_{\mathcal{Q}_{\mathrm{clin}},\mathcal{Q}_{\mathrm{msr}}}^{f_{\mathrm{clin}},f_{\mathrm{msr}}}$		
A16	0.626 (15)	1.089 (3)	0.811 (10)	1.018 (3)	0.866 (6)	1.010 (3)		
PinPoint	0.620 (17)	1.101 (3)	0.801 (7)	1.024 (3)	0.862 (5)	1.015 (3)		
Diode 60008	0.726 (1)	0.943 (3)	0.873 (1)	0.949 (3)	0.912 (1)	0.964 (3)		
Diode 60012	0.705 (1)	0.956 (3)	0.847 (2)	0.966 (3)	0.891 (1)	0.978 (3)		
EDGE	0.726 (1)	0.948 (3)	0.864 (1)	0.955 (3)	0.906 (1)	0.966 (3)		
Alanine	0.544 (8)	1.249 (8)	0.785 (12)	1.059 (4)	0.855 (13)	1.019 (3)		
TLD	0.668 (4)		0.809 (6)		0.880 (8)			
EBT films	0.659 (17)		0.811 (16)		0.853 (18)			
Polymer gels ^a	0.702 (21)		0.872 (27)		0.929 (29)			

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Pantelis et al, Med Phy. 37, 2369-2379, 2010



Output correction factors for nine small field detectors in 6 MV radiation therapy photon beams: A PENELOPE Monte Carlo study

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Variation of $k_{Q_{clin},Q_{msr}}^{f_{clin},f_{msr}}$ for the small-field dosimetric parameters percentage depth dose, tissue-maximum ratio, and off-axis ratio

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					6 MV								
	Square field size (cm)												
Detectors	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.50	3.00				
MicroLion N. Diamond U. diode Alanine S. Fiber	3.1 3.8 4.9 1.4 0.5	2.0 2.4 3.0 0.6 0.4	1.3 1.5 1.9 0.3 0.3	0.8 1.0 1.2 0.2 0.3	0.5 0.6 0.8 0.1 0.2	0.3 0.4 0.5 0.1 0.2	0.2 0.3 0.4 0.1 0.2	0.1 0.2 0.2 0.0 0.1	0.1 0.1 0.0 0.1				

*Values are rounded to the nearest 0.1%.

					25 MV								
	Square field size (cm)												
deciors.	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.50	3.00				
ional Ion Diamona diode anine I ibey	2.4 3.3 4.0 1.5 0.7	1.8 2.1 2.8 0.8 0.5	1.4 1.5 2.1 0.6 0.4	$1.0 \\ 1.0 \\ 1.6 \\ 0.4 \\ 0.3$	0.8 0.8 1.3 0.3 0.3	0.6 0.6 1.0 0.2 0.2	0.5 0.5 0.9 0.2 0.2	0.3 0.3 0.5 0.1 0.1	$\begin{array}{c} 0.2 \\ 0.1 \\ 0.3 \\ 0.1 \\ 0.1 \end{array}$				

Machine. Cone & Depth?

Can small field diode correction factors be applied universally?

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$k_{\mathcal{Q}_{clin}}^{f_{clin}}, g_{msr}^{f_{msr}}$ for Detectors and Devices



$k_{Q_{clin}}^{f_{clin}}, f_{msr}$ of Different Devices and Selected Detectors

Cyber Knife		ł	Field	size	(cm))							
Detector		5.0) 4.0	3.5	3.0) 2.:	5 2.	0 1.5	1.2	1.0	0.	8 0.6	§ 0.5
PTW-60019 CVD diamond		1.000	1.000	1.000	0.999	0.999	9 0.99	3 0.995	0.991	0.988	0.98	4 0.97	8 0.975
PTW-31018 liquid ion chamber		1.000	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.99	8 0.998	0.998	0.998	0.999	1.00	2 1.01	0 1.019
Sun Nuclear Edge Detector		1.000	1.000	1.000	0.999	0.99	8 0.993	0.989	0.982	0.975	0.96	6 0.95	4 0.946
Standard Imaging W1 plastic scintillator		1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0 1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.00	0 1.00	0 1.000
Tomotherapy													
PTW-60019 CVD diamond	1.000	0 1.000	0 1.000	1.000	0.999	0.99	7 0.993	0.989	0.984	0.977	0.968	0.962	0.955
PTW-31018 liquid ion chamber	0.997	0.995	5 0.99 4	0.994	0.993	0.992	2 0.99	0.991	0.992	0.994	1.003	1.015	1.038
Sun Nuclear Edge Detector	1.000	0 1.000	0 1.000	0.999	0.998	0.994	4 0.98	5 0.976	0.966	0.951	-	-	-
Standard Imaging W1 plastic scintillator	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.00	0 1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
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MLC, Linac													
PTW-60019 CVD diamond	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000 ().999 (0.997	0.993 (0.989 ().984	0.977	0.968	0.962	0.955
PTW-31018 liquid ion chamber	0.998	0.996	0.994	0.994 ().993 (0.993	0.992	0.992 ().993	0.995	1.005	1.017	1.039
Sun Nuclear Edge Detector	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.999 (0.998 (0.994	0.986	0.976 (.966	0.951	-	-	-
Standard Imaging W1 plastic scintillator	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	000.1	1.000	1.000 1	000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
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Validity of Proposed Method



Summary

- Understand the limit of small field, in terms of focal spot & spectral issues
- Detectors that are water equivalent like, MicroLion, MicroDiamond, Plastic Scintillators and EBT are best suited

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- Use proper correction factors to correct detector response to correct for the dose
- Use data from for IAEA TRS-483 and TG-155 guidelines when published

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