

# IL RUOLO DELLA RADIOTERAPIA NEL TRATTAMENTO DEL DOLORE ONCOLOGICO CRONICO



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MALATTIA DOLORE  
E RETE TERRITORIALE  
IL DIRITTO DEL PAZIENTE AD ESSERE CREDITO  
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## **ARGOMENTI TRATTATI**

- 1. Ruolo del radioterapista nelle cure oncologiche “palliative”**
- 2. Radioterapia e metastasi osse sintomatiche**
- 3. Linea guida ASTRO**
- 4. Dose e frazionamento**
- 5. Ri-trattamento**
- 6. Il “flare”**
- 7. Radioterapia stereotassica**

# MODALITA' TERAPEUTICHE IN ONCOLOGIA

	guarigione	palliazione
• CHIRURGIA	+++	+
• RADIOTERAPIA	++	++
• TERAPIE MEDICHE	+	+++

**LA RADIOTERAPIA PROVIENE DA UN AMBITO  
PALLIATIVO MA ATTUALMENTE E'  
FORTEMENTE PROIETTATA IN UN AMBITO  
CURATIVO**

**alcuni esempi di patologie nelle quali la RT (+/- CHT) si propone come un'alternativa equivalente alla chirurgia:**

- tumori del canale anale / del rinofaringe**
- tumori della prostata**
- tumori di laringe e faringe**
- tumori cerebrali selezionati**
- tumori polmonari**
- tumori del retto ?**

# LA RADIOTERAPIA

## CURATIVA

alte

alta

alti

dosi somministrate

tecnologia

costi

## PALLIATIVA

basse

bassa

bassi

**Patterns of Care in Palliative Radiotherapy: A Population-Based Study**

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## Journal of Oncology Practice, 2013

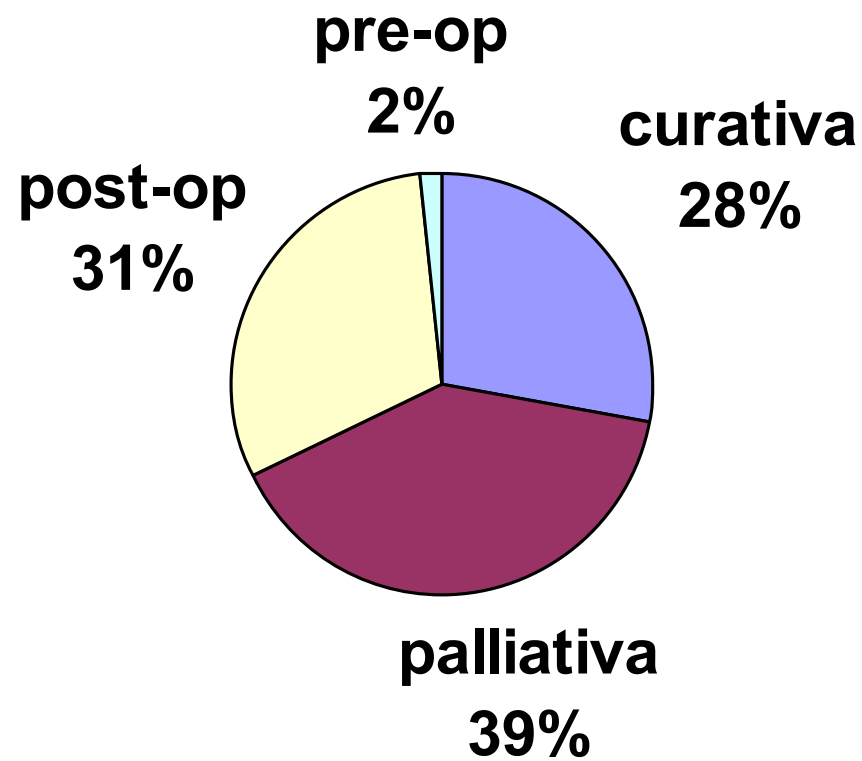
**background:** circa 50% dei trattamenti RT in USA hanno intento palliativo

**metodi:** § studio di popolazione (USA – SEER)  
§ 50.000 pazienti con tumore solido diagnosticati in stadio IV (M+) nel periodo 2000-2007

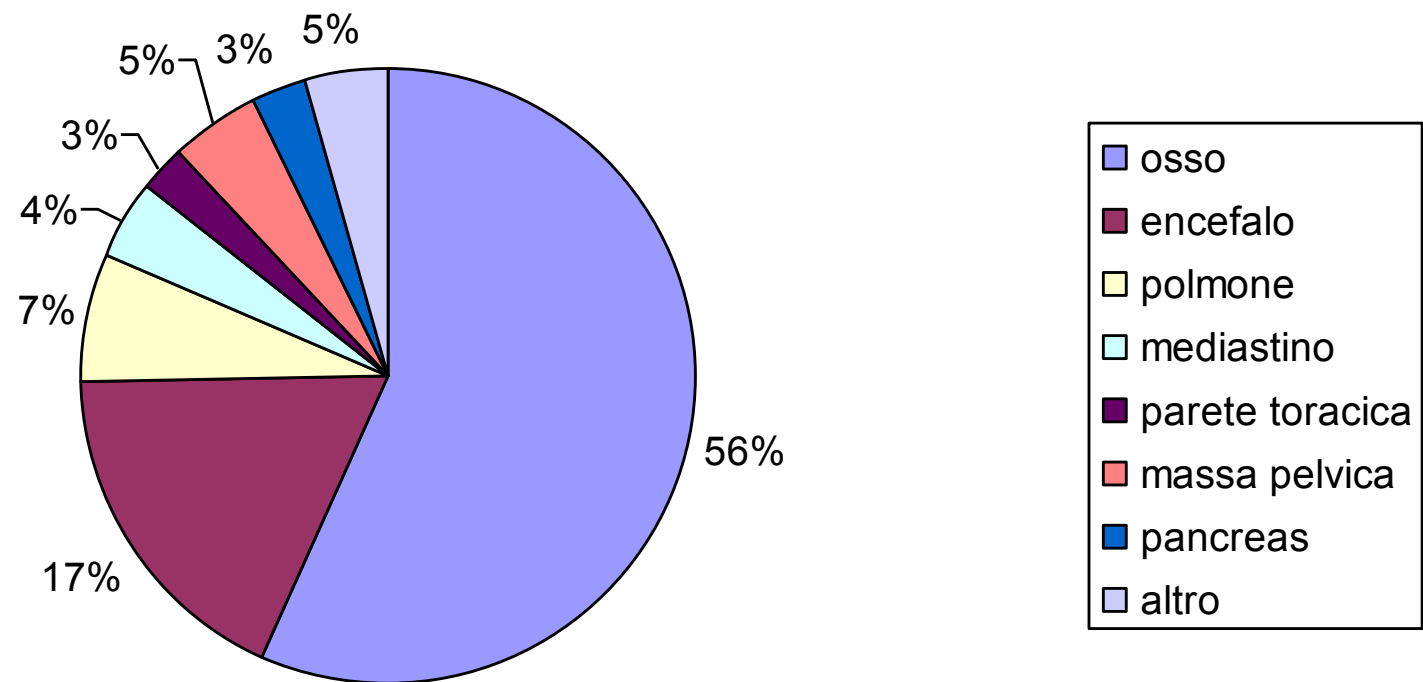
**risultati:** § 41% dei casi sottoposti a RT (polmone 53%, mammella 42%, prostata 40%, colon-retto 12%)  
§ disomogeneità nell'accesso alla RT (neri, anziani ..)  
§ 8-23% pazienti morti entro 2 settimane dalla RT

**conclusioni:** ulteriori studi necessari per migliorare l'accesso e la qualità di RT palliativa

**RT Niguarda - 2014 (N = 1323)**  
**finalità della RT**



### Sede irradiata in RT palliativa (N = 529) - anno 2014





## Palliative radiotherapy for advanced malignancies in a changing oncologic landscape: guiding principles and practice implementation

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REVIEW ARTICLE

## Role of Radiation Therapy in Palliative Care of the Patient With Cancer

Stephen T. Lutz, Joshua Jones, and Edward Chow

### COMMENTARY

## Palliative Radiation Oncology: Moving Beyond the Single Fraction



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# Palliative Radiotherapy at the End of Life: A Critical Review

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When delivered with palliative intent, radiotherapy can help to alleviate a multitude of symptoms related to advanced cancer. In general, time to symptom relief is measured in weeks to months after the completion of radiotherapy. Over the past several years, an increasing number of studies have explored rates of radiotherapy use in the final months of life and have found variable rates of radiotherapy use. The optimal rate is unclear, but would incorporate anticipated efficacy in patients whose survival allows it and minimize overuse among patients with expected short survival. Clinician prediction has been shown to overestimate the length of survival in repeated studies. Prognostic indices can provide assistance with estimations of survival length and may help to guide treatment decisions regarding palliative radiotherapy in patients with potentially short survival times. This review explores the recent studies of radiotherapy near the end of life, examines general prognostic models for patients with advanced cancer, describes specific clinical circumstances when radiotherapy may and may not be beneficial, and addresses open questions for future research to help clarify when palliative radiotherapy may be effective near the end of life. *CA Cancer J Clin* 2014;64:295-310. © 2014 American Cancer Society.

**Keywords:** palliative care, radiation oncology, radiotherapy, survival.

**TABLE 1. Symptoms of Cancer That May Be Successfully Addressed by Palliative Radiotherapy**

Primary sites of disease
• Brain: headaches, seizures, neurologic dysfunction
• Head and neck: pain, bleeding, dysphagia, shortness of breath
• Lung: pain, cough, hemoptysis, postobstructive pneumonia, superior vena cava syndrome
• Esophagus: dysphagia, odynophagia, bleeding, obstruction
• Gynecologic: pain, bleeding, urinary outlet obstruction, hydronephrosis
• Genitourinary: pain, hematuria, urinary outlet obstruction
• Rectum: pain, bleeding, tenesmus, rectal obstruction
Secondary sites of disease (metastases)
• Brain: headaches, seizures, neurologic dysfunction
• Bone: pain, spinal cord compression, postsurgical fixation status
• Skin and subcutaneous tissues
• Orbit: pain, double vision, blindness
• Spleen: pain, early satiety, portal hypertension

- **la Radioterapia “palliativa” può essere un trattamento:**

- **efficace**

- **ben tollerato**

- **time-efficient**

- **cost-effective**

- **CRUCIALE per una appropriata “cura palliativa”**

- **approcci innovativi (“in academic centers”?):**

- **“rapid response RT palliative care clinics”**

- **“palliative RT sub-specialty services”**

- **specific guidelines**

- **integration of education and training between RT and palliative care specialties**

## **METASTASI OSSEE E RADIOTERAPIA (in sintesi)**

- **M+ ossee nel 50-75% dei pazienti in stadio IV**
- **circa 70% delle M+ ossee sono sintomatiche (dolore, calo QoL)**
- **la Radioterapia può ottenere un riduzione del dolore in circa il 70% dei casi (circa 20-30% risposta completa)**
- **durata effetto antalgico: media 5-6 mesi**
- **Problemi:**
  - ❖ **dose, frazionamento e tecnica della RT**
  - ❖ **quando ri-trattare?**
  - ❖ **il fenomeno del “flare”**
  - ❖ **ruolo della “HiTech” RT**

# AZIONE RT SUL DOLORE

## CAUSE FISICHE DEL DOLORE

- ❖ **Invasione ossea e distruzione della matrice**
- ❖ **Compressione delle radici nervose**
- ❖ **Infiltrazione del periostio**
- ❖ **Infiltrazione dei tessuti molli**
- ❖ **Spasmo muscolare**
- ❖ **Alterazione della postura (posizione di difesa)**

cortesia dr.ssa L. Lozza (INT)

## RT E RISPOSTA ANTALGICA

- ▶ Il controllo del dolore ottenuto già dai primi giorni di trattamento è legato ad una **rapida riduzione di mediatori chimici del dolore.**

*(Poulsen HS Cancer Treatment Rev 1989; Mercadante S Pain 1997; Saarto T Eur J Pain 2002)*

- ▶ Il controllo del dolore che si ottiene da 2 a 8 settimane dalla fine del trattamento radioterapico coincide con l'inizio del **processo di ricalcificazione delle lesioni osteolitiche.**

*(Poulsen HS Cancer Treatment Rev 1989; Saarto T Eur J Pain 2002)*

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Special Article

# Palliative radiation therapy for bone metastases: Update of an ASTRO Evidence-Based Guideline



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## RACCOMANDAZIONI COLLEGATE A

### 8 “KEY QUESTIONS”

**1. quale frazionamento nelle M+ periferiche “non complicate”?**

**R: frazione singola 8 Gy equivalente a schemi multi-frazione (20-24 Gy in 5-6 F; 30 Gy in 10 F)**

**2. quale frazionamento nelle M+ spinali “non complicate”?**

**R: frazione singola accettabile anche in questo contesto**

**3. la frazione singola può causare danni tardivi limitanti?**

**R: NO**

## **RACCOMANDAZIONI COLLEGATE A**

### **8 “KEY QUESTIONS”**

**4. quando indicato il ri-trattamento nelle M+ periferiche?**

**R: dolore persistente o ricorrente a >1 mese da RT**

**5. quando indicato il ri-trattamento nelle M+ spinali?**

**R: idem, ma ATTENZIONE a vincoli di dose per il midollo spinale**

**6. quale potenziale per RT “HiTech” (stereotassica) nel primo trattamento delle M+ ossee?**

**R: solo nelle M+ spinali, e in trial o “registri controllati”**

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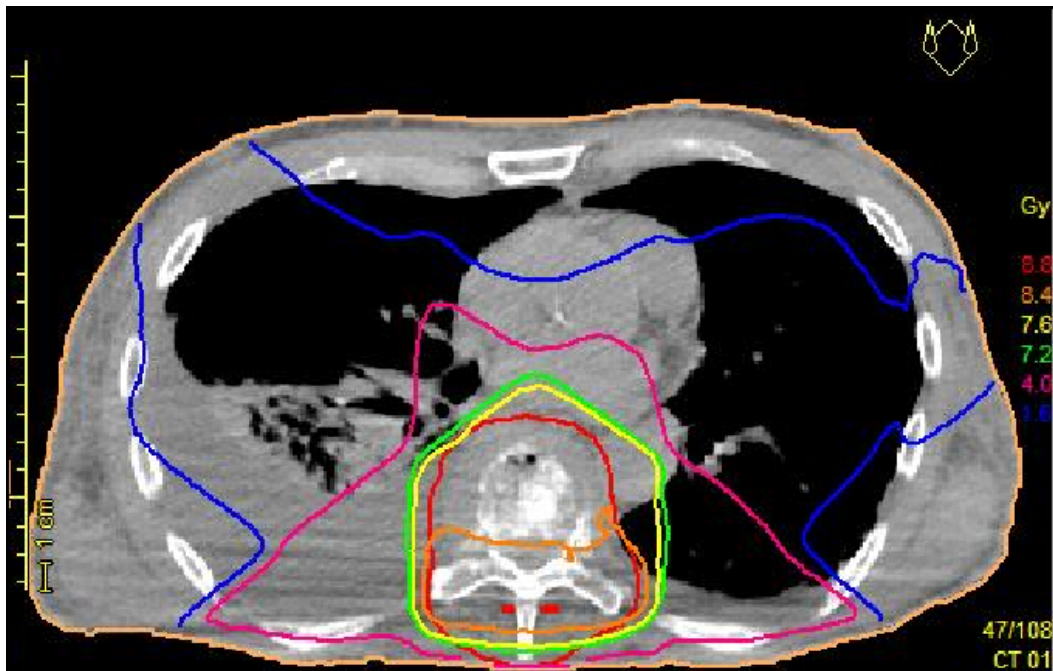
**7. quale potenziale per RT “HiTech” (stereotassica) nel ri-trattamento delle M+ spinali?**

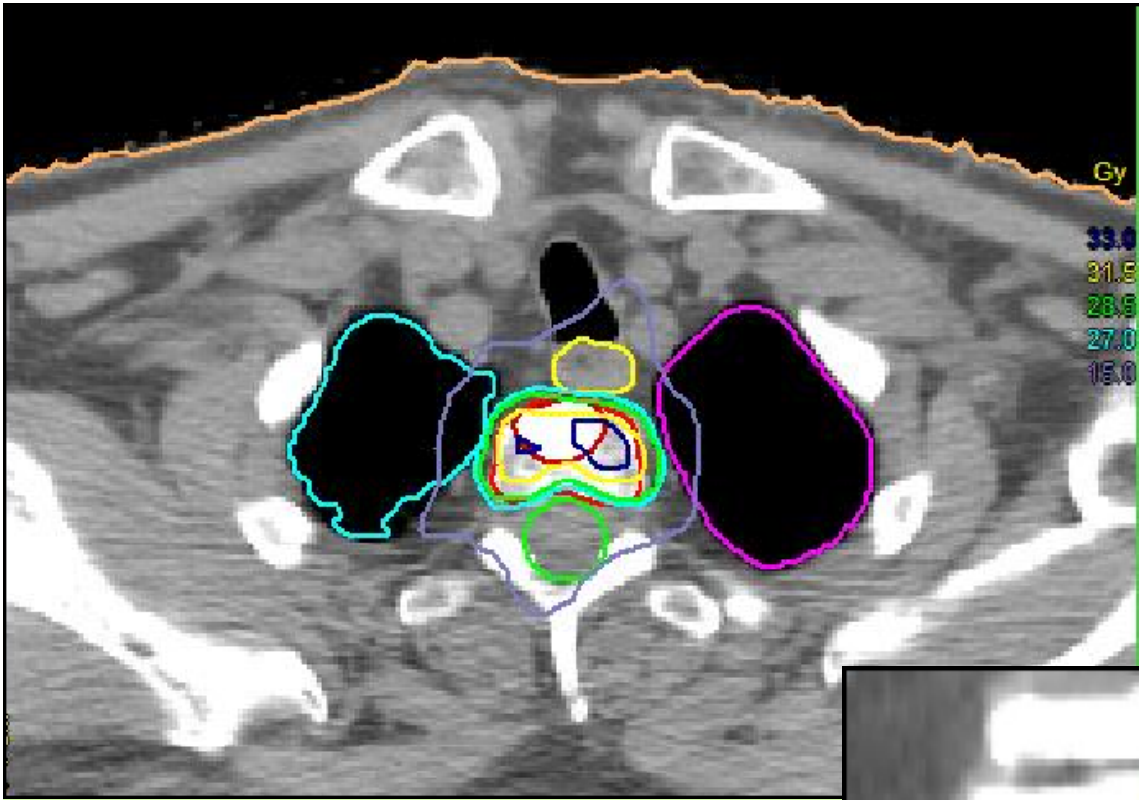
**R:** RT “HiTech” può essere un trattamento fattibile, efficace e sicuro, ma indicazione limitata a trial o “registri”

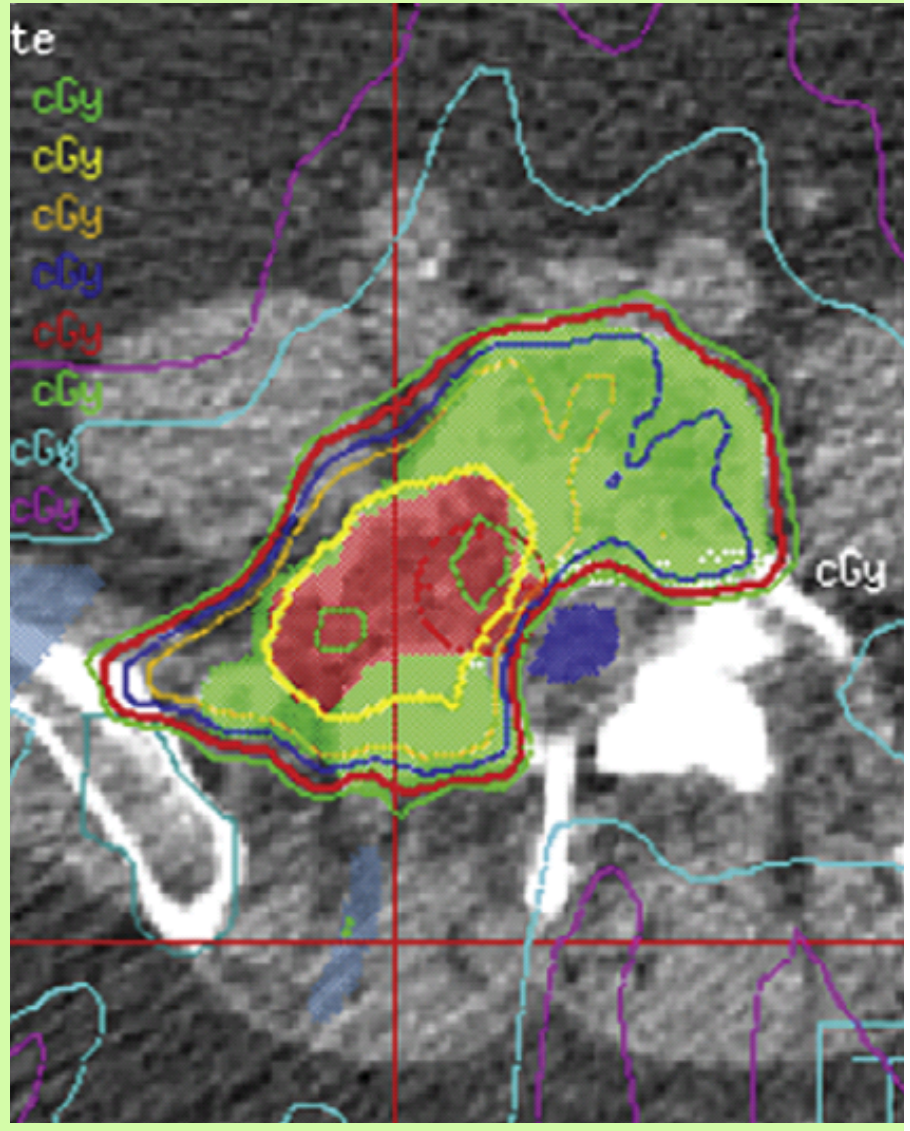
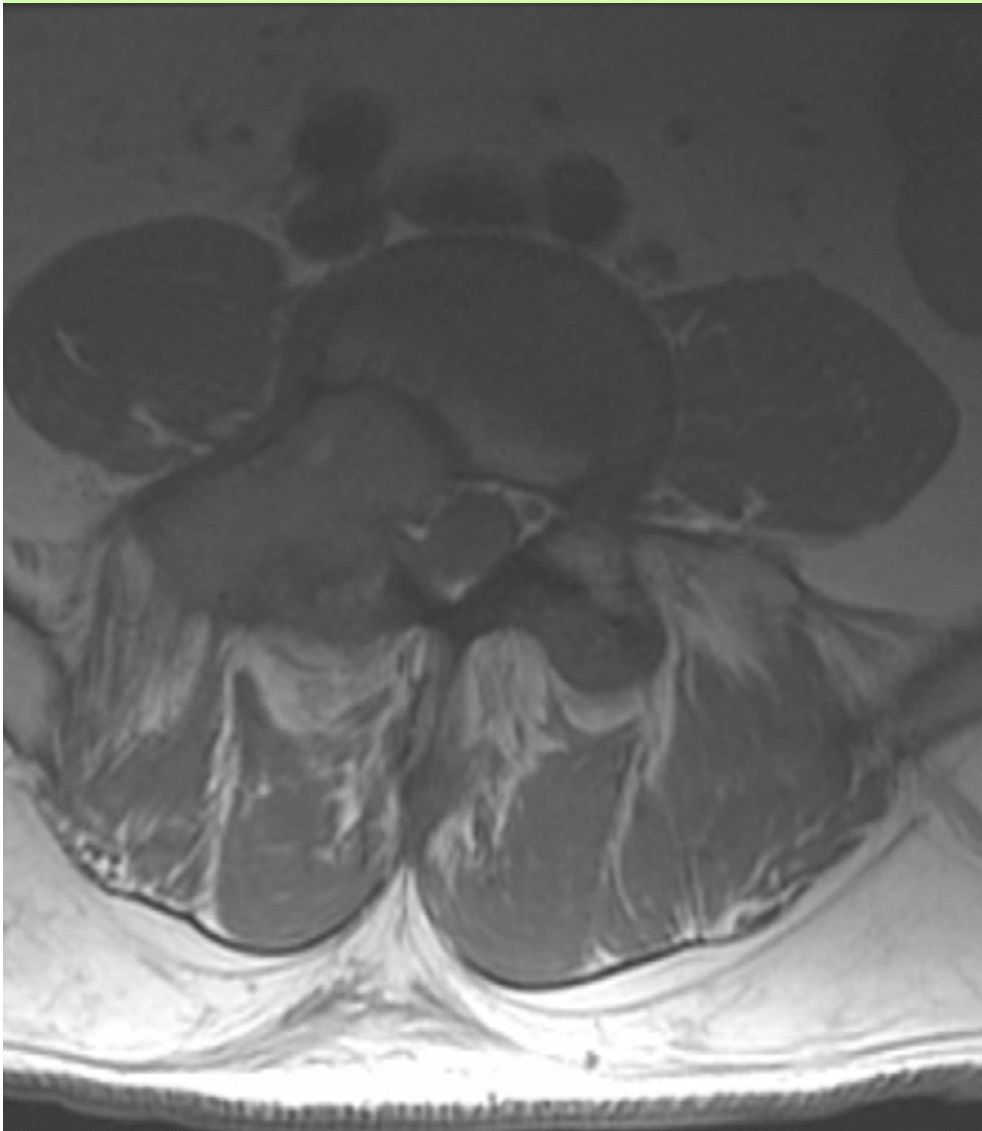
**8. l’impiego di chirurgia, vertebroplastica, difosfonati o RT metabolica consente di soprassedere alla RT esterna?**

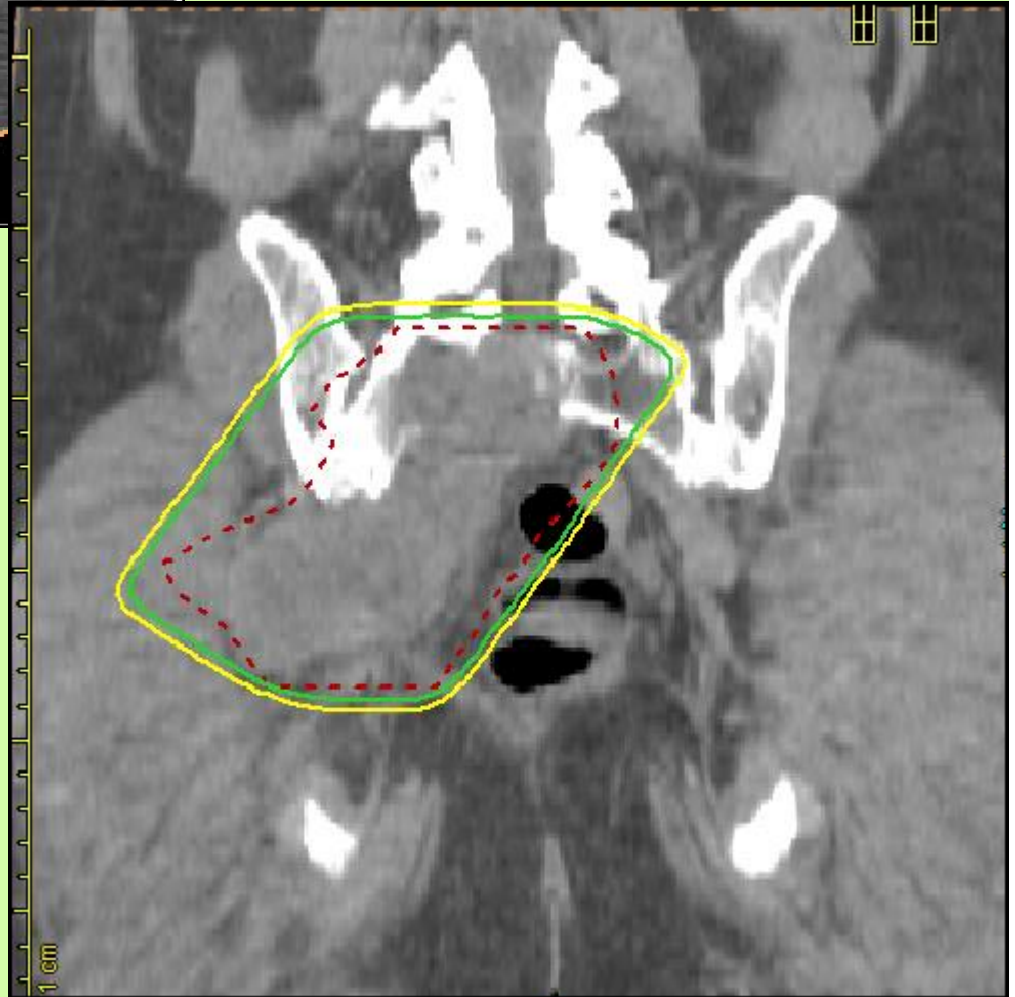
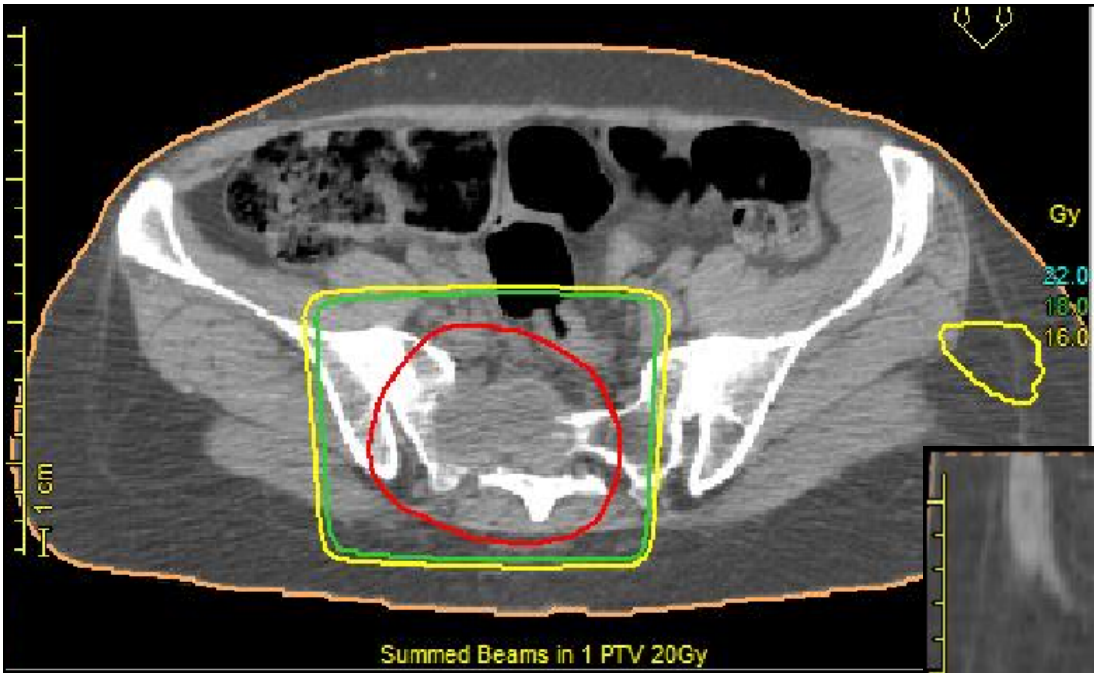
**R:** NO

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Original Article

Update on the Systematic Review of Palliative Radiotherapy Trials for Bone Metastases

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**25 trials frazione singola (8 Gy) vs multiple (5-10 F)**

**(circa 5600 pazienti)**

- ❖ risposta antalgica analoga (60% vs 61%) (>> 72% vs 74%)
- ❖ risposta completa analoga (23% vs 24%) (>> 28% vs 30%)
- ❖ ri-trattamento > nella frazione singola (20% vs 8%)
- ❖ rischio di frattura patologica analogo (3.3 % vs 3%)
- ❖ rischio di compressione midollare > nella FS (2.8% vs 1.9%)

**... a proposito della re-irradiazione ...**



# Single versus multiple fractions of repeat radiation for painful bone metastases: a randomised, controlled, non-inferiority trial

Edward Chow, Yvette M van der Linden, Daniel Roos, William F Hartsell, Peter Hoskin, Jackson SY Wu, Michael D Brundage, Abdenour Nabid, Caroline J A Tissing-Tan, Bing Oei, Scott Babington, William F Demas, Carolyn F Wilson, Ralph M Meyer, Bingshu E Chen, Rebecca K Wong

## Summary

*Lancet Oncol* 2014; 15: 164-71

**Background** Although repeat radiation treatment has been shown to palliate pain in patients with bone metastases

**425 pazienti randomizzati a 8 Gy SF vs 20 Gy in 5F**

**tutti ri-trattamenti per dolore persistente (non-responders) o ricorrente (responders)**

**risposta 28% vs 32% (>> 45% vs 51%)**

**Conclusioni: SF non inferiore come efficacia e meno tossica rispetto a 20 Gy/5F**

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Bone metastases

Overall response rates to radiation therapy for patients with painful uncomplicated bone metastases undergoing initial treatment and retreatment



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**Table 2**

Overall response rate to both treatments with evaluable patients.

Initial treatment	Retreatment	Overall response rate (%)
Single fraction	Single fraction	85
Single fraction	Multiple fractions	86
Multiple fractions	Single fraction	86
Multiple fractions	Multiple fractions	87

**... a proposito del “flare” ...**

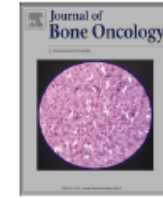
- ✓ il “flare” è il peggioramento transitorio del dolore locale che si manifesta subito dopo l’ inizio di una RT su M+ ossea**
- ✓ è il più significativo effetto collaterale (acuto o tardivo) della RT per M+ ossee**



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Review Article

Incidence of pain flare in radiation treatment of bone metastases: A literature review

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**incidenza: 2-44% >> 10-68% (stereotassi)**

**Dexamethasone in the prophylaxis of radiation-induced pain flare after palliative radiotherapy for bone metastases: a double-blind, randomised placebo-controlled, phase 3 trial**



*Edward Chow, Ralph M Meyer, Keyue Ding, Abdenour Nabid, Pierre Chabot, Philip Wong, Shahida Ahmed, Joda Kuk, A Rashid Dar, Aamer Mahmud, Alysa Fairchild, Carolyn F Wilson, Jackson SY Wu, Kristopher Dennis, Michael Brundage, Carlo DeAngelis, Rebecca K SWong*

**Summary**

**Background** Pain flare occurs after palliative radiotherapy, and dexamethasone has shown potential for prevention of *Lancet Oncol 2015; 16: 1463-72*

**cortisone diminuisce “flare” ( 35% > 26%)**

**quando la RT stereotassica per M+ ossea?**

**ultime 2 diapo!**

## MINI-REVIEW

# Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy for Treatment of Spinal Bone Metastasis

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### Abstract

Stereotactic body radiation therapy (SBRT) appears an effective and safe treatment modality for spinal bone metastasis, which can enhance local control and improve quality of life. Life expectation, predicted fracture risk, localization, quality, size and number of metastasis and presence or absence of nerve compression seem to be important factors in decision-making for treatment. Further studies are needed to identify subsets of patient which will most benefit from treatment.

**Keywords:** Stereotactic body radiation therapy - spinal bone metastasis

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Review

### Spinal metastases: Is stereotactic body radiation therapy supported by evidences?



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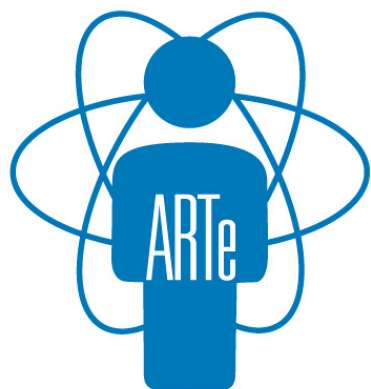


# **RADIOTERAPIA STEREOTASSICA PER M+ OSSEE**

**in sintesi:**

- ❖ è ormai uno standard (tecnica fattibile, affidabile, efficace, sicura)**
- ❖ necessita di HiTech (Centro) ed expertise (staff)**
- ❖ da utilizzare solo in casi SELEZIONATI**
  - ✓ es. ri-trattamento M+ spinali**
  - ✓ es. trattamento pazienti a ottima prognosi (oligometastatici, ca. mammella/prostata ecc)**
    - >> dose più alta (maggiore efficacia/durata ?)**
- ❖ attenzione al “flare” (profilassi con cortisone)**

*... grazie per l'attenzione !*



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