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Dosimetry requirements and QA in a clinical trial

(External beam and brachytherapy)



Importance of Radiotherapy QA

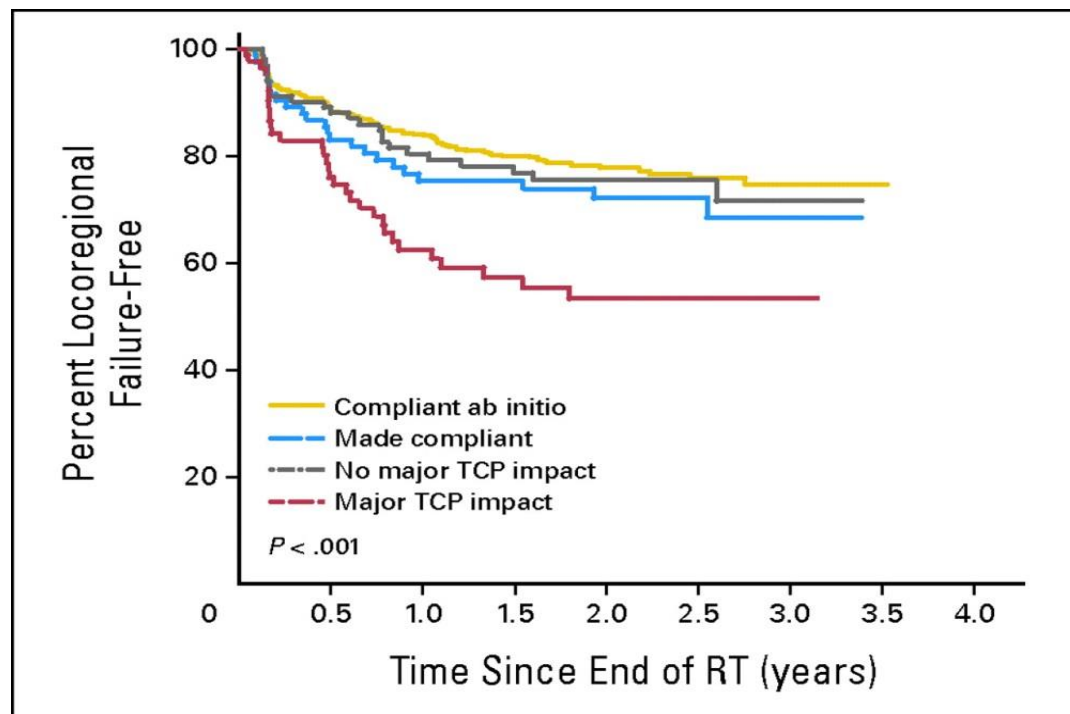
Ensures:

Adherence to a trial protocol

Minimises variations across recruiting sites

Trial outcomes reflect differences in randomised schedules **NOT** departures from protocol

Treatment complies with nationally accepted standards



*Peters L J et al. JCO 2010;28:2996-3001
Critical Impact of Radiotherapy Protocol
Compliance and Quality in the Treatment
of Advanced Head and Neck Cancer:
Results From TROG 02.02*

Development of UK Radiotherapy QA

1989:

QA associated with individual trials
QA funding within grant application
CHART, START, RTO1, PARSPORT
Independent sites RMH, MVH

2006:

Coordinated approach
RMH, MVH,

2010:

Central funding granted
Secured from the NIHR
Part of the NCRN portfolio

National RTQA central funding:

2010-13

2013-16

Funding approval for a 3yr period

Negotiation on an annual basis

Local RTQA funding:

Investigator site funding

NHS support cost

Activity over and above routine activity

Claimed through CLRN

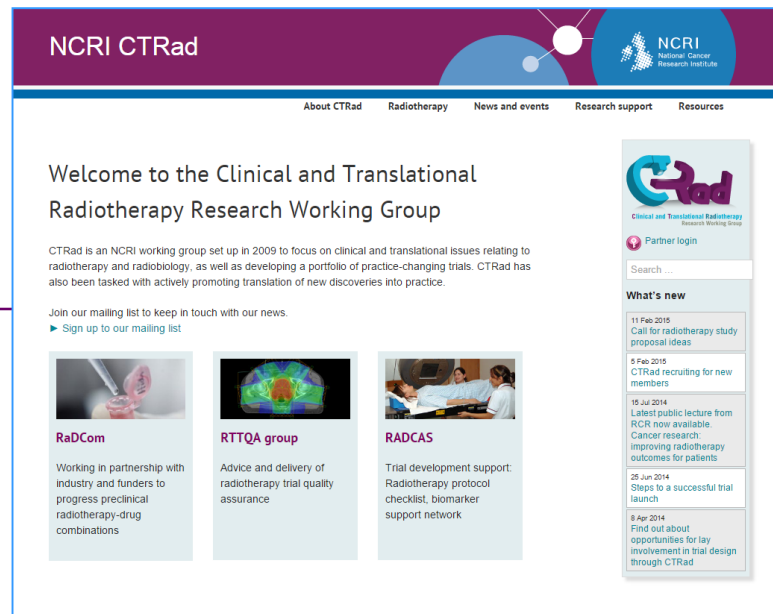
RT QA now seen as a National concern
Multi-professional integrated community

NCRI CTRad

The Clinical and
Translational Radiotherapy
Research Working Group
An NCRI working group set
up in 2009

Aims:

- To develop a portfolio of practice-changing trials in radiotherapy and radiobiology
- To ensure coordination across research
- To actively promote translation of new discoveries into practice



NCRI CTRad

About CTRad Radiotherapy News and events Research support Resources

Welcome to the Clinical and Translational Radiotherapy Research Working Group

CTRad is an NCRI working group set up in 2009 to focus on clinical and translational issues relating to radiotherapy and radiobiology, as well as developing a portfolio of practice-changing trials. CTRad has also been tasked with actively promoting translation of new discoveries into practice.

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What's new

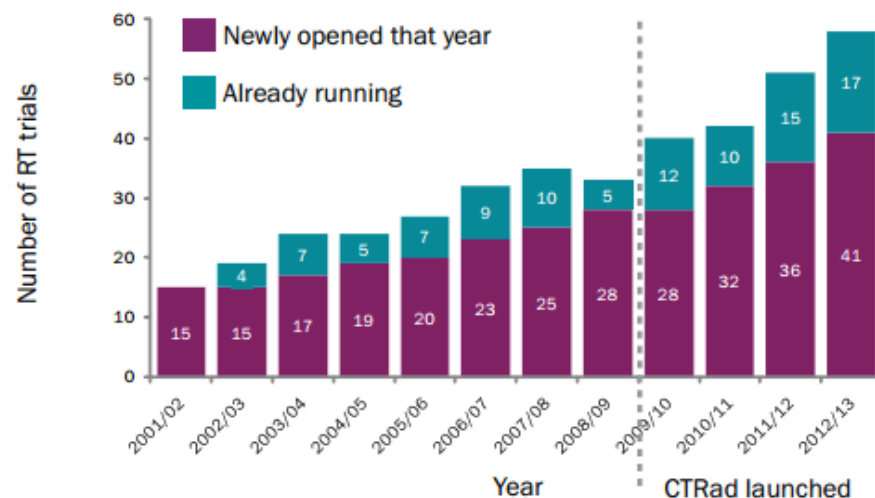
- 11 Feb 2015 Call for radiotherapy study proposal ideas
- 5 Feb 2015 CTRad recruiting for new members
- 15 Jul 2014 Latest public lecture from RCR now available. Cancer research: improving radiotherapy outcomes for patients
- 26 Jun 2014 Steps to a successful trial launch
- 8 Apr 2014 Find out about opportunities for lay involvement in trial design through CTRad

RaDCom
Working in partnership with industry and funders to progress preclinical radiotherapy-drug combinations

RTTQA group
Advice and delivery of radiotherapy trial quality assurance

RADCAS
Trial development support: Radiotherapy protocol checklist, biomarker support network

Newly opened radiotherapy trials - trials increased by 76%

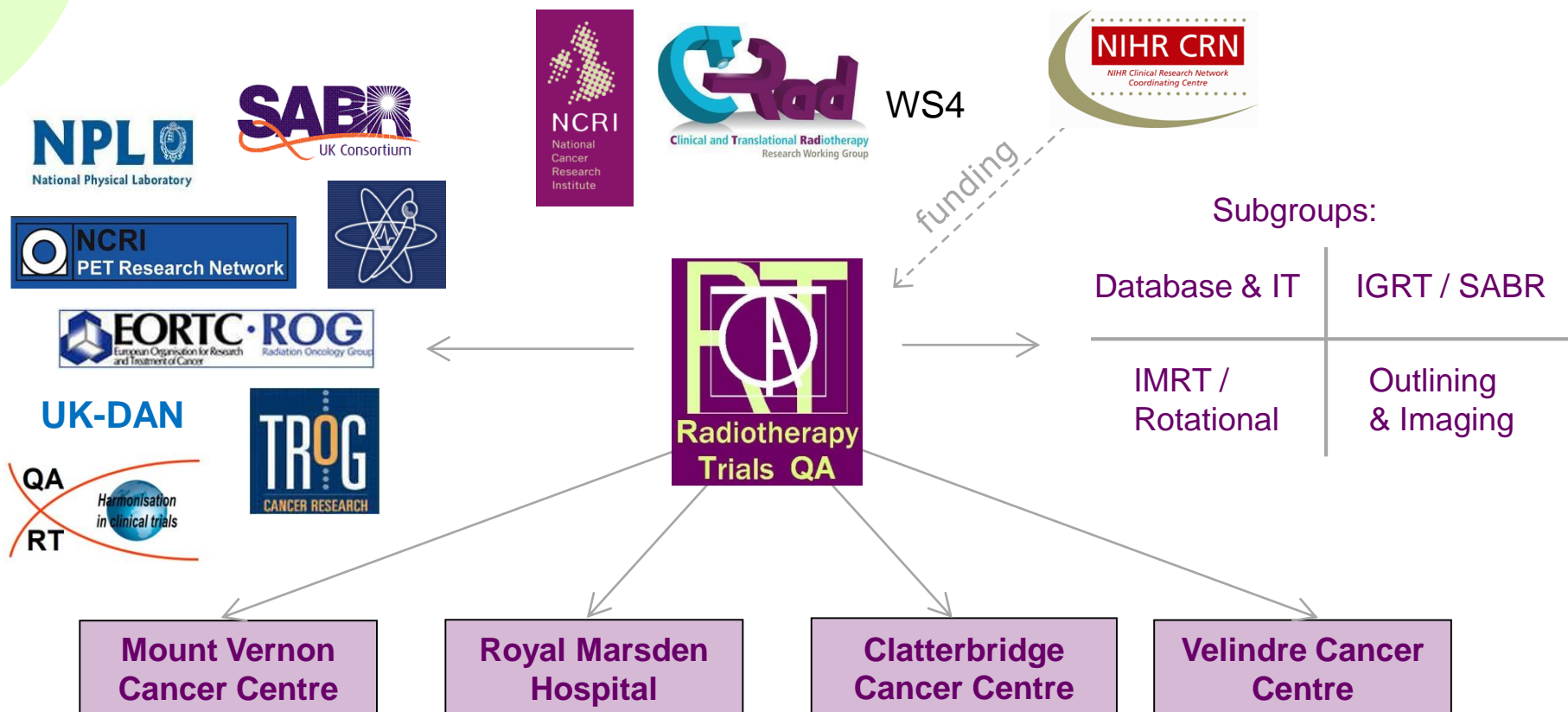


CTRad: national leadership in radiotherapy research – Achievements and vision, 2014

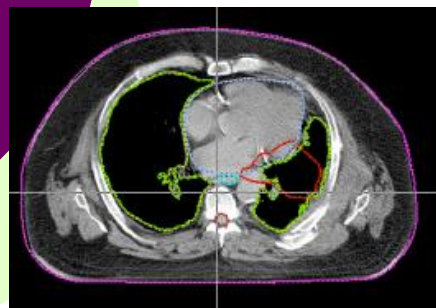
NCRI Radiotherapy Trials QA (RTTQA) Group

Design and implement Quality Assurance programmes for all NIHR portfolio trials that include a radiotherapy component

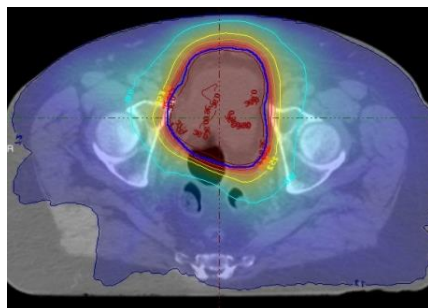
National approach



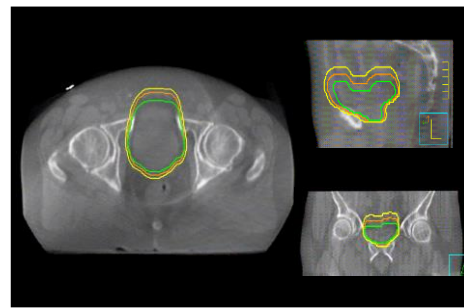
The Radiotherapy process



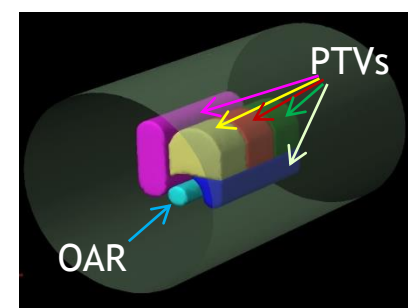
Pre-treatment
imaging
Tumour & OAR
Outlining



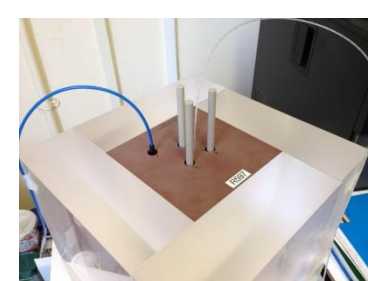
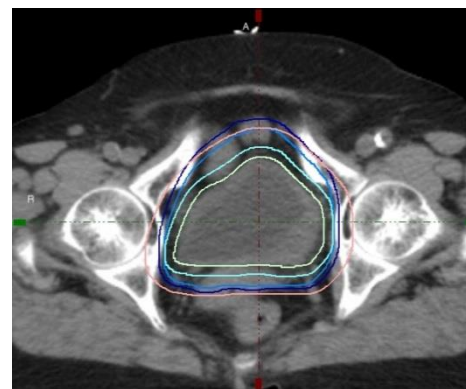
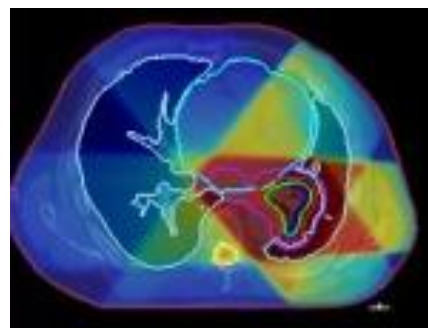
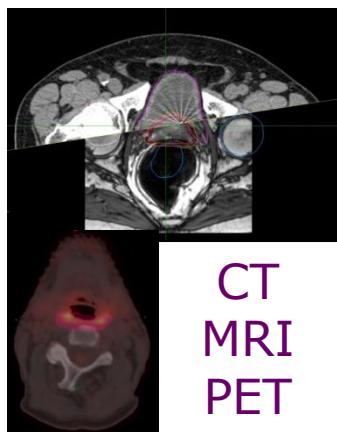
Treatment
planning



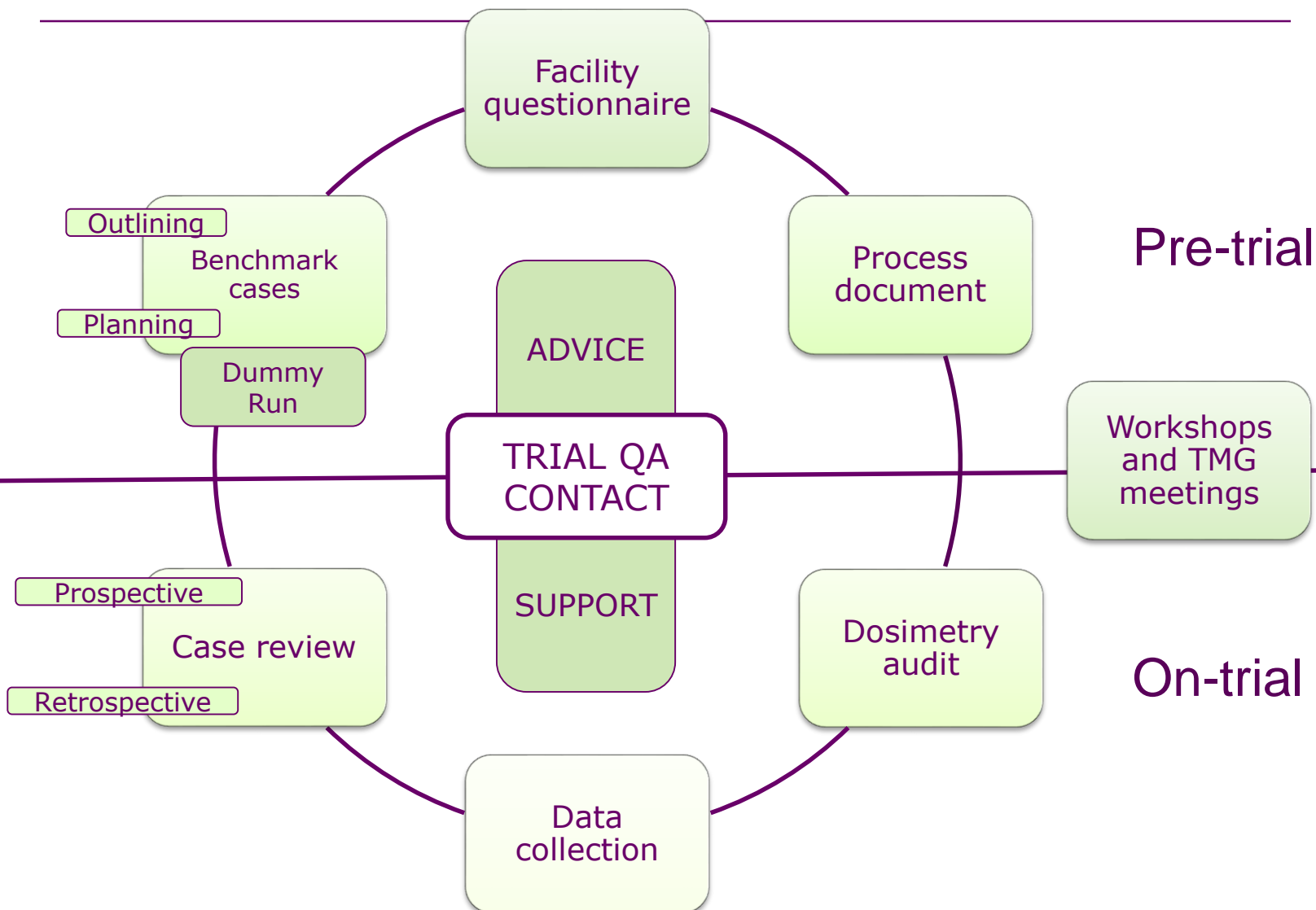
Treatment
delivery
and
verification



Dosimetry
audit



QA programmes



Radiotherapy Guidelines Facility Questionnaire & Process Document

HYBRID

A multicentre randomised phase II study of
HYpofractionated Bladder Radiotherapy with or without Image
guided adaptive planning

RADIOTHERAPY PLANNING AND DELIVERY GUIDELINES

Version: 2

Dated: 21/05/2014

Chief Investigator: Dr Robert Huddart
Sponsor: The Institute of Cancer Research
Approval: Cancer Research UK: Clinical Trials Awards & Advisory Committee (CTAAC)
Funders: Cancer Research UK
Coordinating Trials Unit: ICR Clinical Trials and Statistics Unit (ICR-CTSU)
The Institute of Cancer Research

Main REC Reference Number: 13/LO/1350
ISRCTN: ISRCTN18815596
ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT01810757
CRUK Reference Number: CRUK/12/055

The HYBRID trial has been scientifically approved
by Cancer Research UK's Clinical Trials Awards & Advisory Committee (CTAAC)
The HYBRID trial is part of the National Institute for
Health Research Clinical Research Network Trial Portfolio



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Facility Questionnaire

This facility questionnaire is an integral part of the Radiotherapy QA programme for the IMRS trial. Please complete with information specific to this trial. Note: text boxes are expandable. Additional information may be requested if necessary.

Please direct enquiries and email the completed questionnaire to:

Name: Elizabeth Miles (RTTQA group co-ordinator)
Address: Mount Vernon Cancer Centre
Phone: +44(0)1923 84 4229/4714
Email: elizabeth.miles@nhs.net

Centre Information

Centre Name
Centre Address

Contact Information

Completed by
Position
Email
Phone

Submission date

Please provide contact details for the lead of each of the sites

Clinical Oncologist
(PI)
Email
Phone

Physicist
Email
Phone

Radiographer
Email
Phone

Any additional staff
Position
Email
Phone

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IMRS Facility Questionnaire v.1.28/0

Process Document

Procedures for Planning, QA and
Treatment Delivery at
<HOSPITAL NAME>



Date
Version

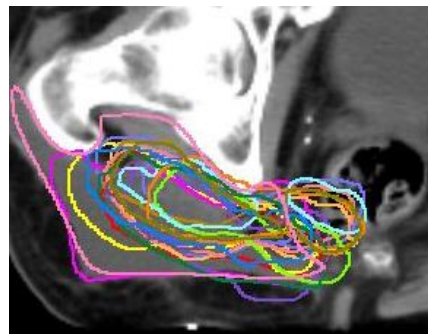
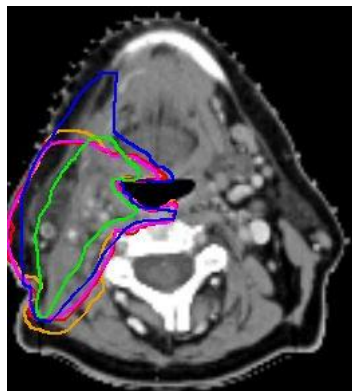
Note: The process document should provide or refer to detailed information on the complete PATHOS patient pathway including who is responsible for each step. The following is a guide to how the information should be presented – feel free to adapt the style to your centre as you see fit. Try to refer to existing local documents, protocols & work instructions as much as possible rather than reproducing lengthy descriptions here.

1. Equipment used for PATHOS

1.1 Please complete the table below detailing all equipment/software used for patients recruited to the PATHOS trial.

Equipment used for PATHOS patients	
CT Scanner and Model(s)	
Linac Manufacturer	
Linac Model(s)	
Number of Matched Linacs	
MLC Model	
Energies Used	
Delivery Method (ie DynamicLeaf, VMAT etc)	
TPS and Version	
Dose Calc Algorithm	

Tumour & Organ at risk Outlining

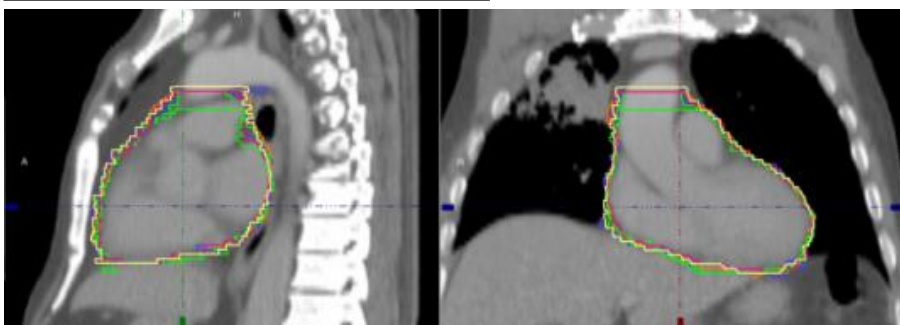
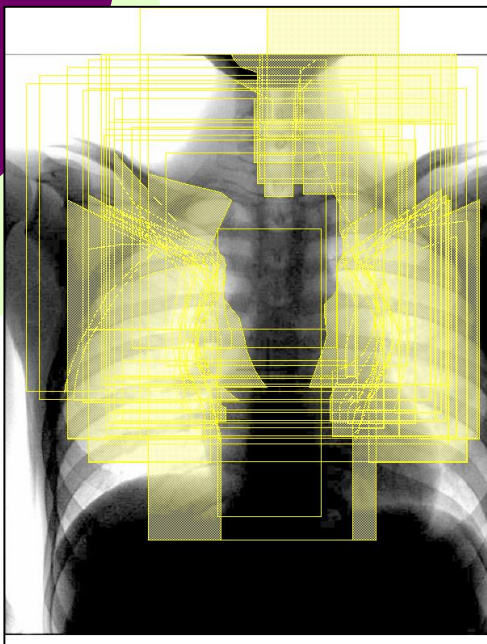
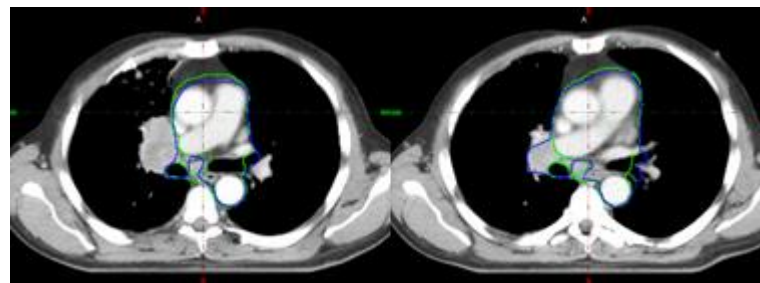


Outlining Benchmark Case

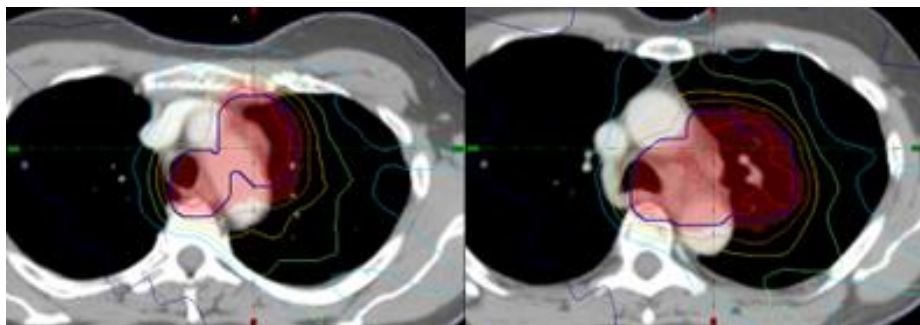
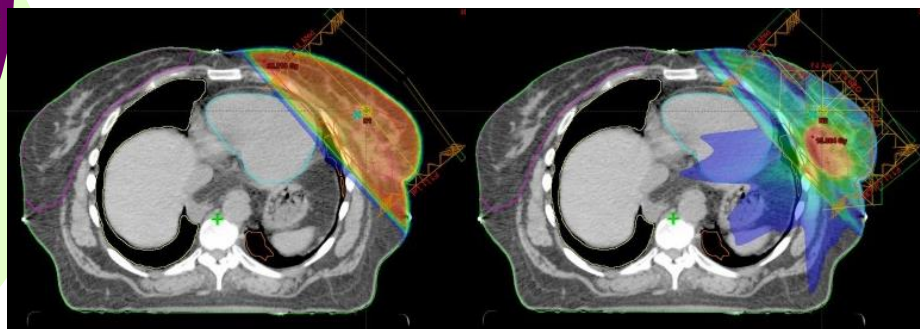
Consensus outlines

Individual submissions
reviewed against this
standard

Feedback to centres



Treatment Planning



Planning Benchmark Case

Dose distribution

Adherence to pre-defined
dose constraints

Feedback to centres

Dose Constraints	Optimal	Mandatory	Achieved (VODCA)
D _{95%} CTV	≥95% of prescribed dose		97.6%
D _(Total Vol-1cc) CTV			97.6%
Mean CTV dose	+/- 1% of prescribed dose	+/- 2% of prescribed dose	100%
D _{95%} PTV	≥90% of prescribed dose		93.2%
D _(Total Vol-1cc) PTV			89.8%
D _{95%} PTV	≥90% of prescribed dose	≥85% of prescribed dose	96.6%
D _{1cc} PTV		≤107% of prescribed dose	103.5%

Treatment delivery and verification

Daily delivery of a fractionated treatment

Correct positioning of patient

Assess position of target and OARs

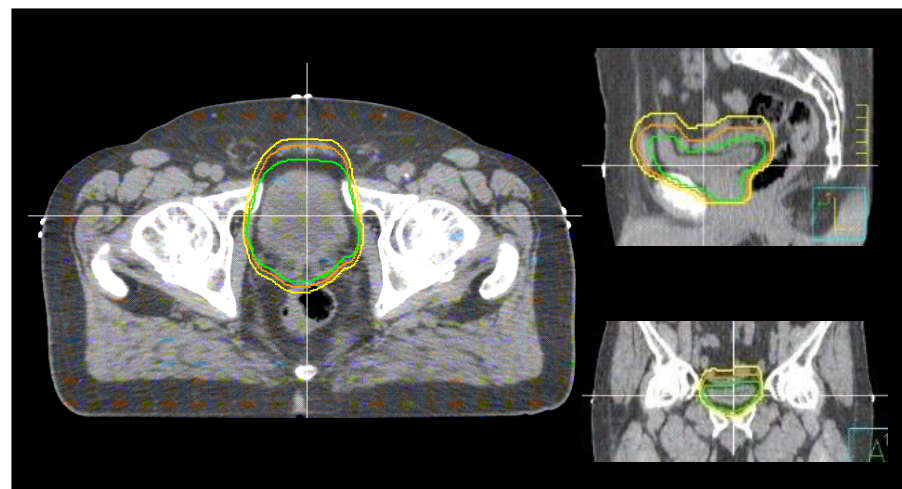
Adaptive RT

Anatomy recognition

On line plan selection

Assess training and competency

Feedback to centres

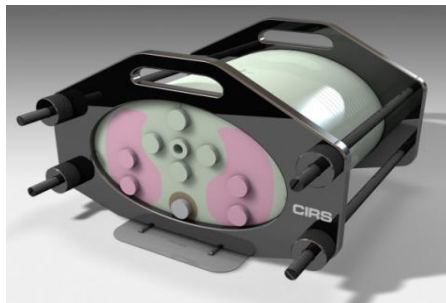


Dosimetry audit

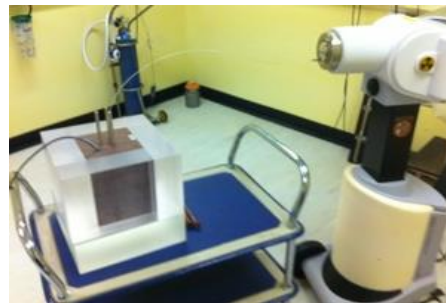
- Independent external review
- Audit of entire treatment planning and delivery process
- Plan dose applied to a phantom, calculated by TPS, infer dose to patient (assumptions made)
- TPS calculated vs delivered dose
- Detector used traceable back to primary standard
- Collaborative work



National Rotational
Radiotherapy Audit



National SABR Lung
dosimetry Audit



National
Brachytherapy
HDR/PDR Audit



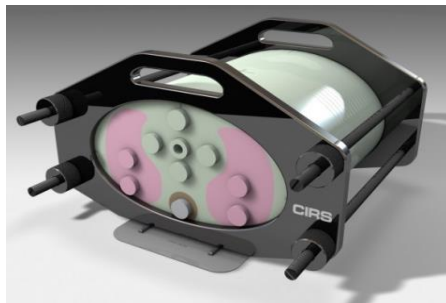
National SRS
Audit

Collaboration

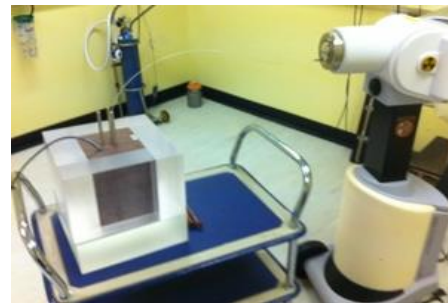
- NPL
- Radiation Dosimetry Group
 - Led by Rebecca Nutbrown
- NPL has funding to develop audit of advanced radiotherapy technique
- National and clinical trial implication
- External beam radiotherapy and brachytherapy



National Rotational
Radiotherapy Audit



National SABR Lung
dosimetry Audit



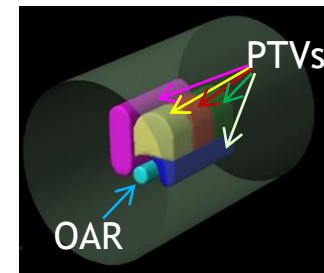
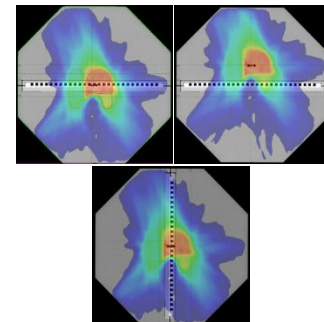
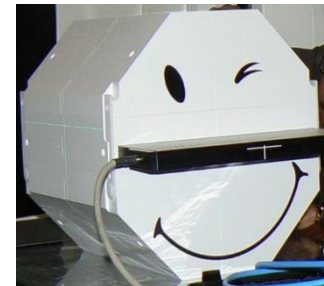
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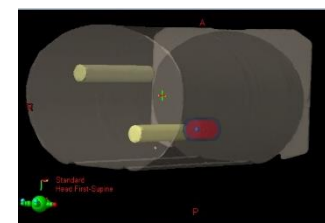
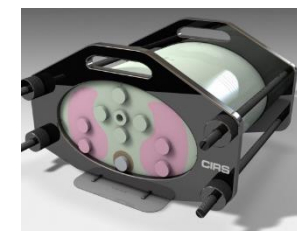
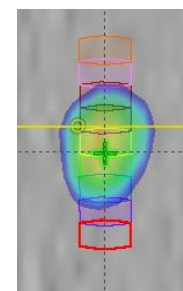
UK National Rotation Radiotherapy Audit

- Collaboration
 - NPL, IPEM, RTTQA, Royal Surrey Hospital
- National Audit and Trial credentialing
 - Commercial detector array and alanine
 - PTW Octavius II phantom with PTW 729 2D Array
- Completed visits
 - 44 centres, 47 systems
 - Point dose differences (mean (+/-sd))
 - 0.1 +/- 2.6% (3DTPS test)
 - 0.2 +/- 2% (clinical plan)
 - Accurate TPS modelling and treatment delivery



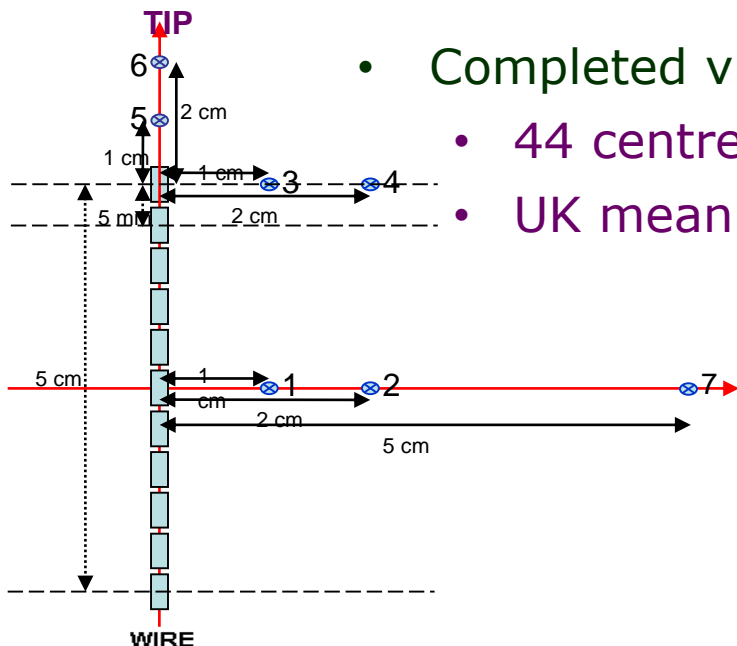
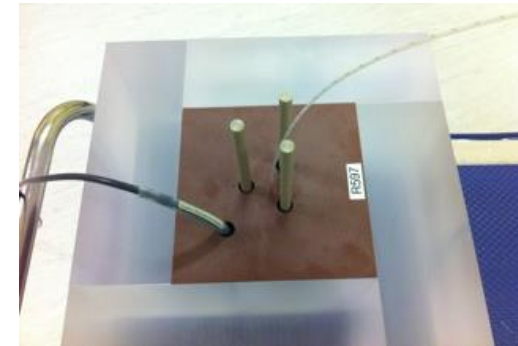
National SABR Lung dosimetry Audit

- Collaboration
 - NPL, UK SABR consortium, RTTQA
- National Audit
 - Pilot audit - solid water block using alanine
 - Phantom audit - CIRS thorax phantom with alanine and gafchromic film
 - Subsequent trial credentialing
- Completed visits
 - 21 centres
 - The absolute dosimetry results show that modelling and delivery was within $\pm 3\%$ accuracy for 18/21 of centres

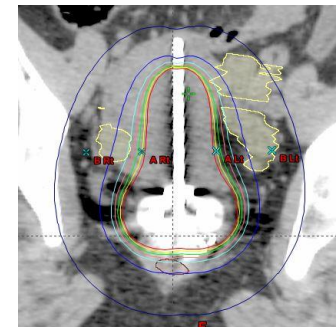
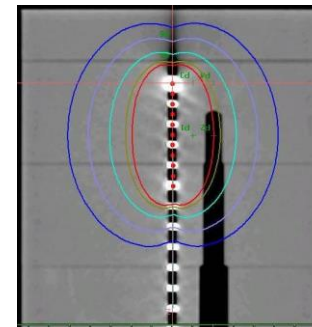


National Brachytherapy HDR/PDR Audit

- Collaboration
 - RTTQA, NPL, IPEM
 - First full UK brachytherapy audit
- National Audit and Trial credentialing
 - Ion chamber and alanine dosimetry
- Completed visits
 - 44 centres
 - UK mean dose 2% higher than TPC calculated

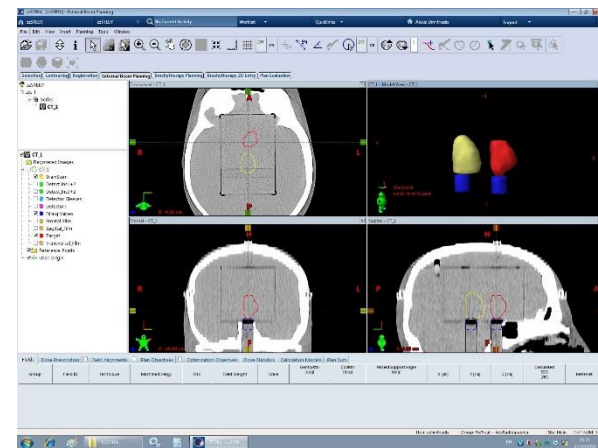


Line source in phantom & typical cervix plan



National SRS audit

- Collaboration
 - NPL, Royal Surrey Hospital, RTTQA
- National Audit and Trial credentialing
 - Ion chamber and film dosimetry
- Visits
 - Planned June 2015-June 2016
 - End-to-end: Image-Plan-Deliver



Dosimetry audit

Nationwide credentialing for clinical trials

Multiple centre dose audit feasible

50 centres IMRT/VMAT dosimetry audit in last 5 years

44 centres brachytherapy audit

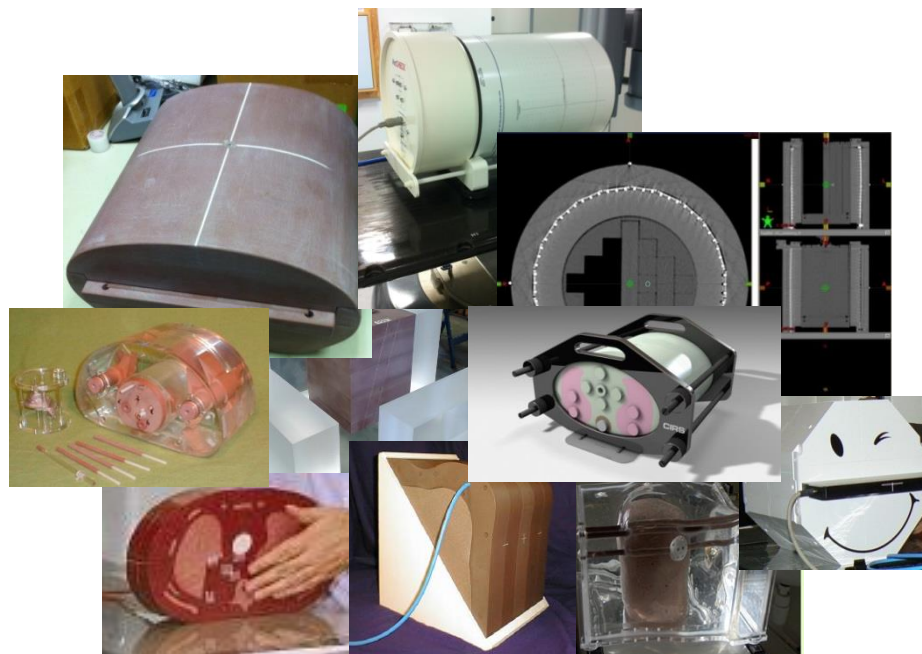
58 centres have received a dosimetry audit



IPeM



UK dosimetry audit network
www.uk-dan.co.uk



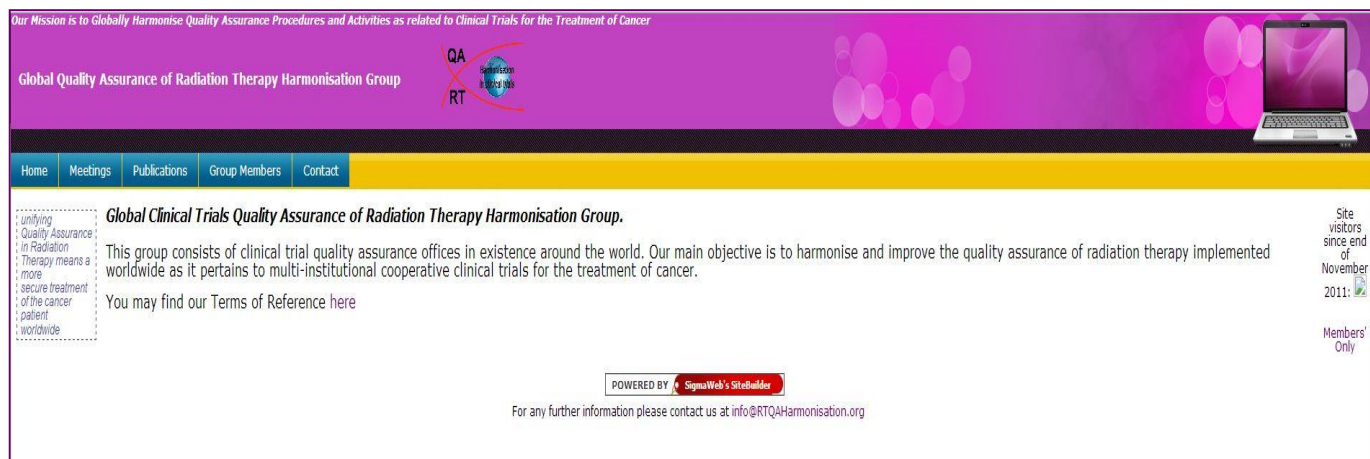
Looking to the future

Metrology for accuracy of clinical dose delivery in hadron therapy

- Objectives: long-term multidisciplinary pan-European support for the successful and effective implementation of hadron therapy
- Addressing steps of clinical dose delivery:
 - Beam characterization and modelling
 - Dosimetry techniques for complex beam delivery
 - Verify accuracy of clinical and secondary dose delivery: end-to-end assessments of delivery accuracy
 - Design of protocols and guidelines for quality control and inter-centre comparisons: Audit procedures for inter-centre verification

Looking to the future

Global Harmonisation Group
www.rtqaharmonisation.org



- Encourage collaboration between global clinical trial QA groups
- Standardise RTQA procedures for RT clinical trials
- Promote consistency in reporting
- Develop standards for credentialing of new techniques
- Automation of RTQA processes

UK clinical trial RTQA programmes

- Facilitates initial adoption of new technology and advanced techniques
- Driver for change
- Promotes improvement in techniques
- Allows discussion of technical issues within a wide forum
- Establish within routine clinical practice

Inherent difficulties but substantial achievements

MRT QA??

- RTTQA timeline 1989-2010 (21 years!!)
- MRT Build on RTTQA experience
- CTAAC funded trial
- CTRad: MRT member representatives

Recent appointment of person to review MRT research capability in the UK

What can be taken from existing RTQA processes for external beam and brachytherapy?

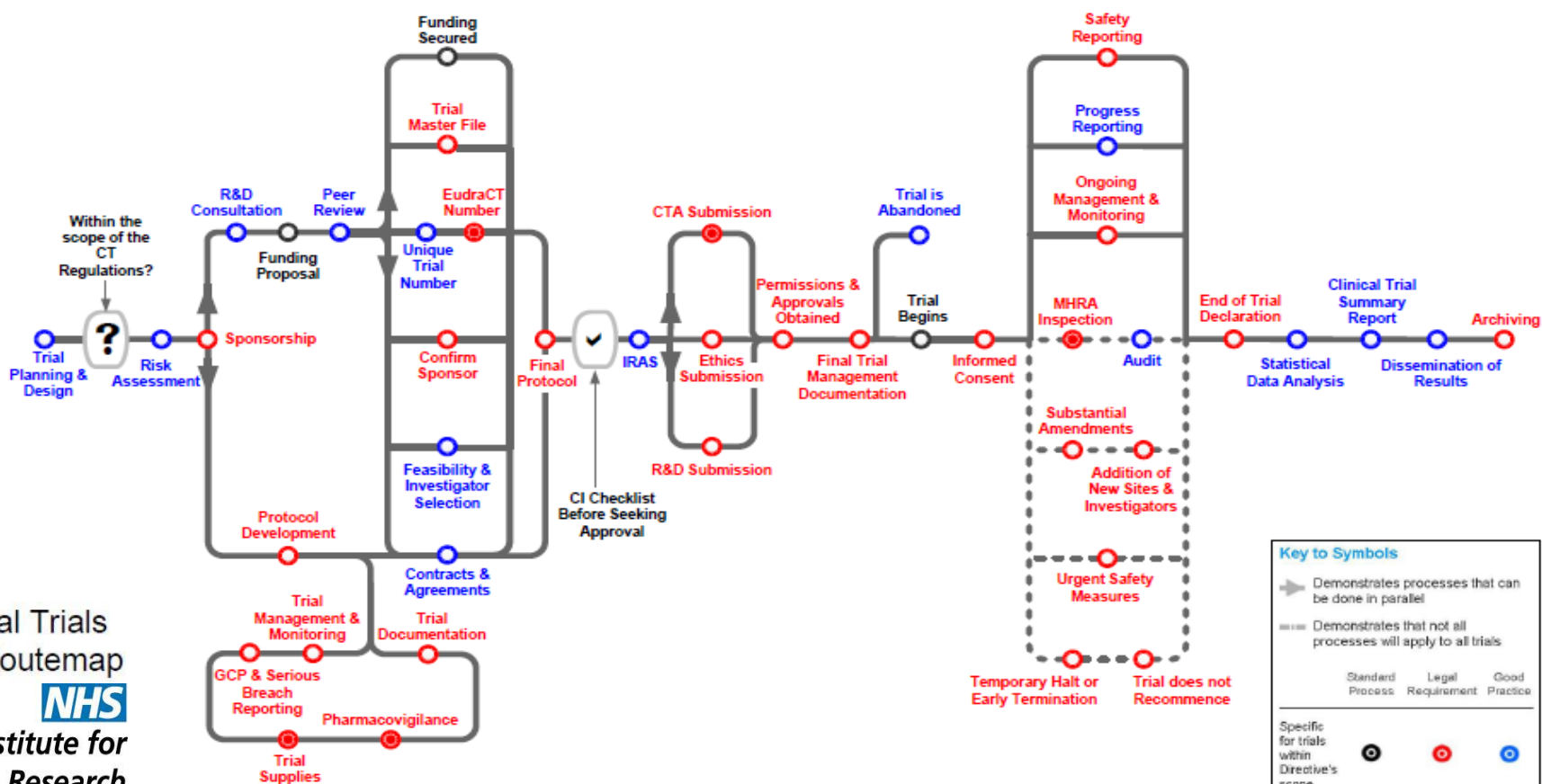
What are the equivalent QA processes for MRT?

What development work is needed?

Increase in the number of multicentre MRT trials?

Where does QA fit into the trial process?

RTQA is now a recognised requirement for multi-centre trials



Where does QA fit into the trial process?

