

Radiation Physics Center 2021 Report

A report from the Childhood Cancer Survivor Study

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Radiation Physics Center Team

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- Our team has a well-established decades long collaboration with CCSS
 - Includes medical physicists and dosimetrists, research data coordinators, computational scientists and programmers, physics technicians, graduate students, and administrative staff

Roles of the Radiation Physics Center

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- Provide input during proposal development regarding level of dosimetry detail needed and/or achievable for planned analyses
- Maintain secure database with scanned indexed copies of the complete radiation therapy (RT) records from CCSS institutions
- Calculate organ and body-region doses from RT for study participants
- Assist the investigators in understanding and using the RT data in analyses and manuscripts

Radiation Dosimetry Process

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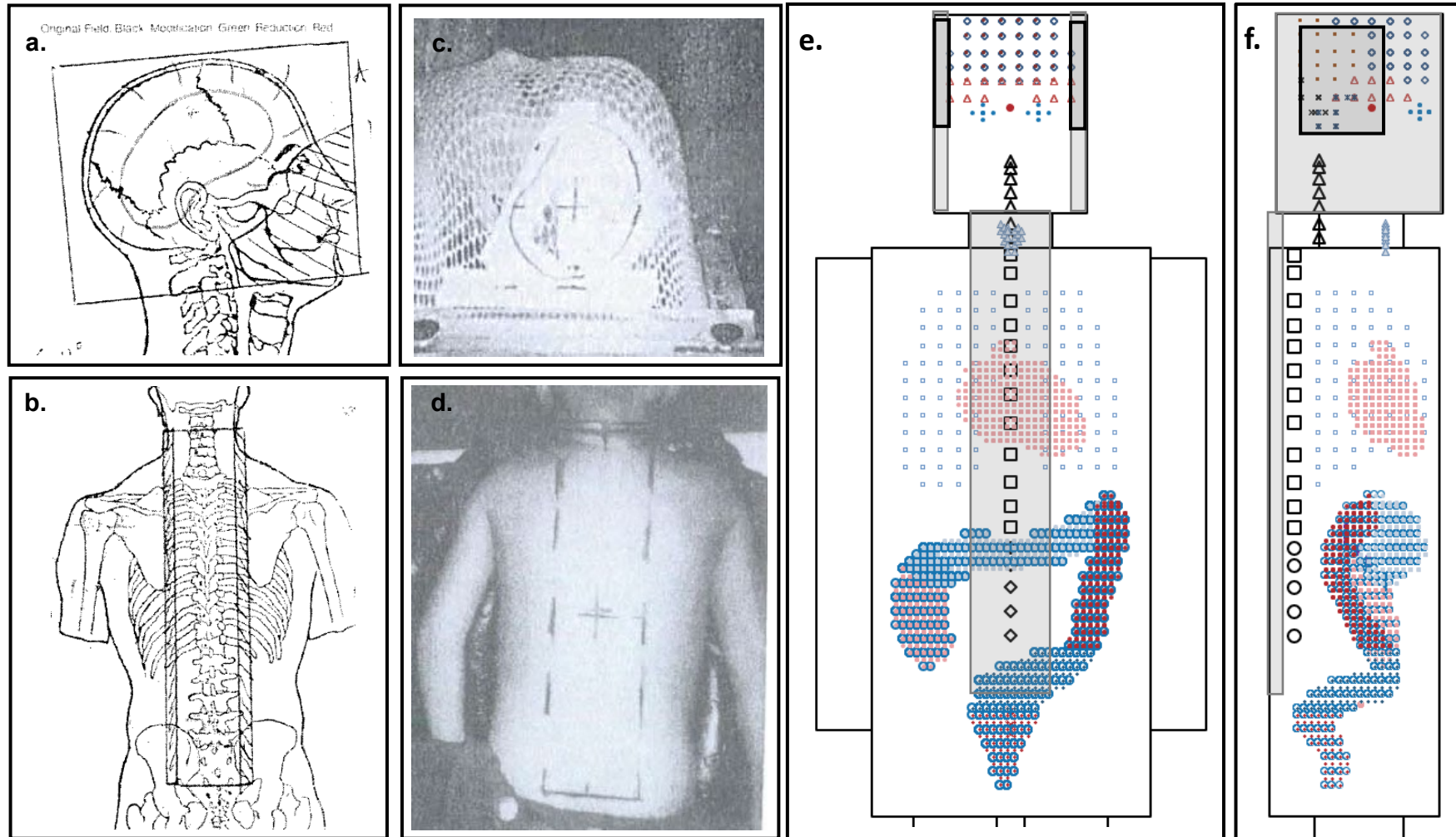
1. Abstract patients' RT records **Cohort dosimetry N > 13,000**
2. Reconstruct RT fields on in-house phantom scaled to age at RT
3. Calculate dose to region or organ of interest
4. Quality assurance of computed doses
5. Create output files and documentation (data dictionary)
6. Provide data to FH statistics center for distribution to individual investigators (with approved concept proposals)



CNS Example Case

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Translation of patient chart data to reconstructed fields on age specific phantom



In Progress and Completed CCSS Dosimetry

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| In-progress Organ Dosimetry | Data Calculating |
|--|------------------------------------|
| Colorectum (ascending, descending, transverse, rectum) | $D_m, V_5, V_{10}, V_{20}, V_{30}$ |
| Completed Organ/Region Dosimetry | Data Reported |
| Body regions + brain 4 segment | MaxTD, SH, SL |
| eyes/lenses* | D_m |
| Kidneys (right and left) | D_m |
| Lungs†* | D_m |
| Ovaries (right and left) | D_m |
| Pancreas (whole)* | D_m, V_{20}, V_{30} |
| Pancreas (head, body, tail)* | D_m |
| Pituitary* | D_m |
| Testes | D_m |
| Uterus | D_m |
| Thyroid(right and left)* | D_m |
| Heart (aorta, arteries, valves, ventricles) | D_m, V_5, V_{20} |

*RT records for three institutions were received more recently.

We are systematically updating organ dosimetry

What's next

- Thyroid
- Pancreas
- Pituitary

†More sophisticated organ modeling is needed

Maximum target dose (maxTD), stray high (SH), stray low (SL), Mean dose (D_m), percent volume ≥ 5 Gy (V_5), ≥ 20 Gy (V_{20}) and ≥ 30 Gy (V_{30})

Recent and Ongoing Research

Dosimetry Enhancement

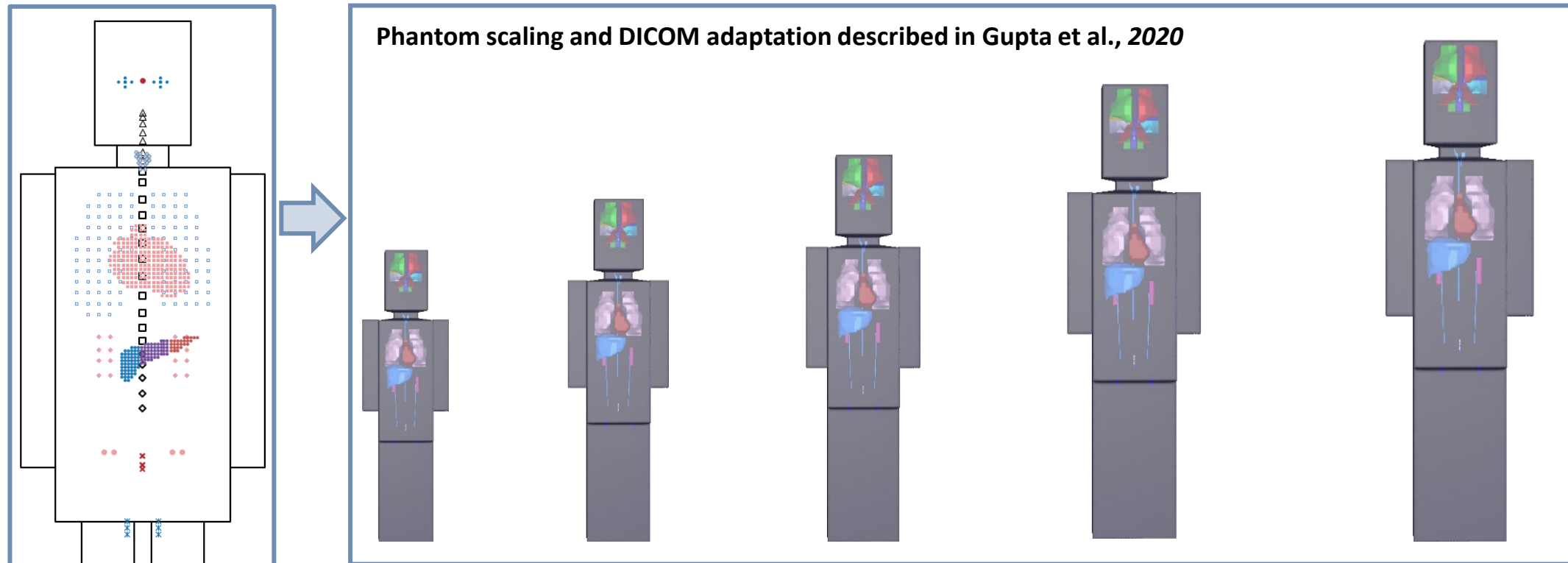
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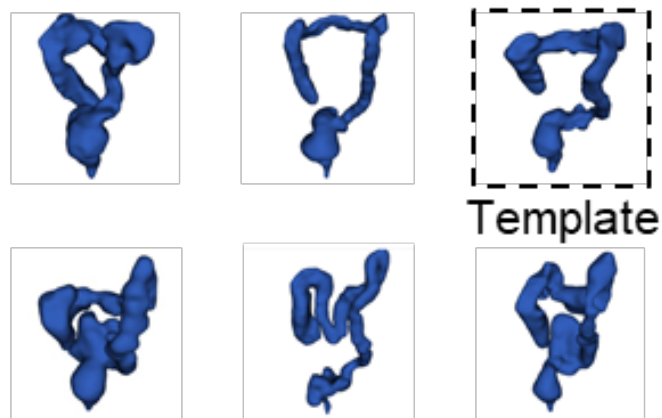
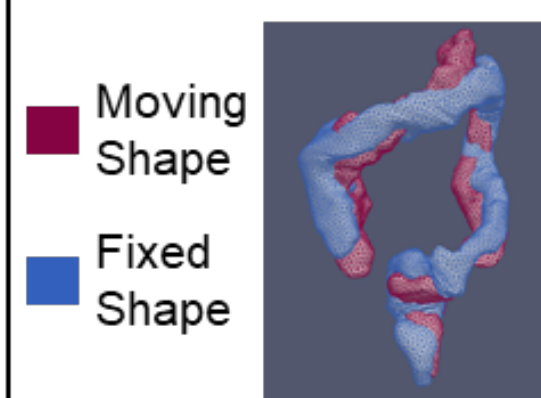
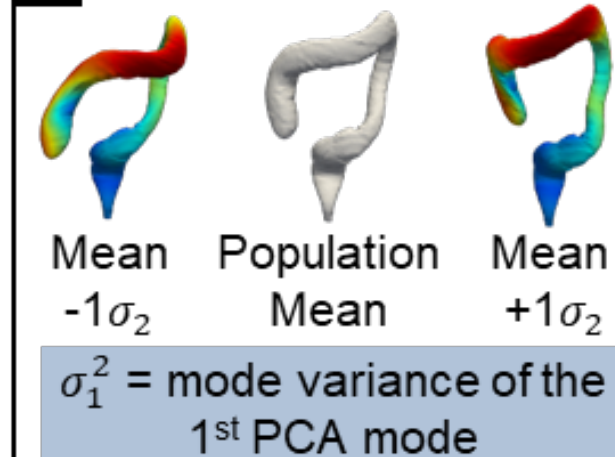
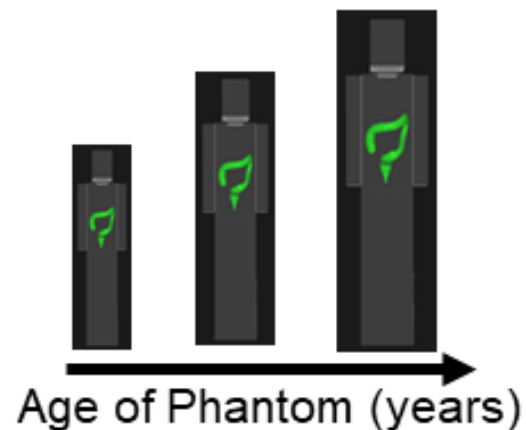
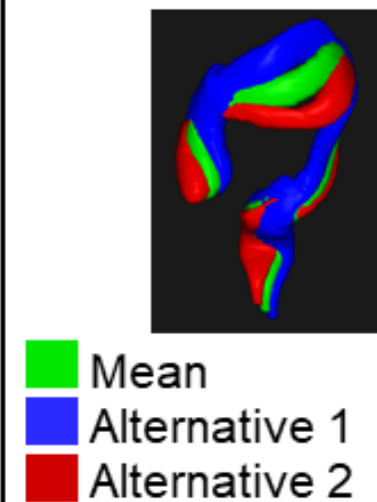
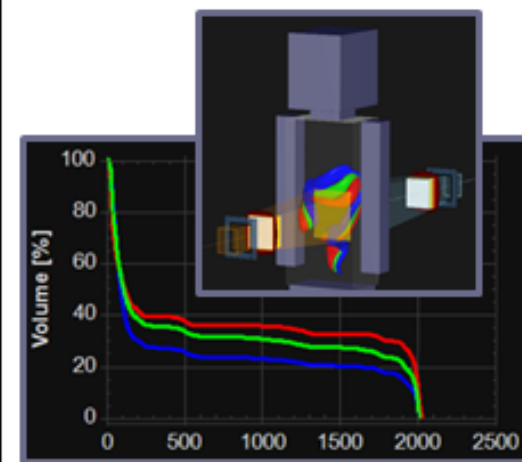
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Computational Phantom Enhancement

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- For more than two decades, we have used an age-scalable computational phantom (modeled on FORTRAN) whose organs are represented by 3D grids of points
- We updated our phantom to DICOM format, allowing it to be used and scaled within a commercial RT treatment planning system

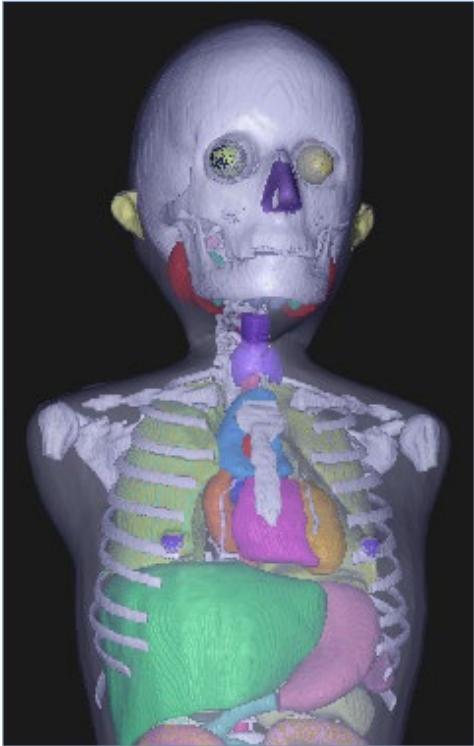


A Data pre-processing and anatomical template selection**B** Shape Normalization**C** Registration using constrained sTPS-RPM**D** PCA-based SSM**E** Register SSM with MDA-LE phantom**F** Integrate SSM with MDA-LE phantom scaling framework**G** Generate alternative models with SSM**H** Dosimetric analysis**I** Add substructures

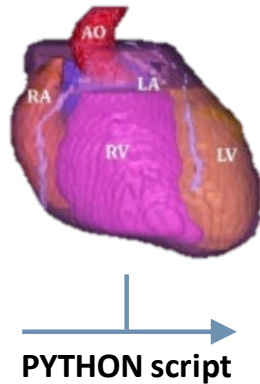
Heart Model Enhancement

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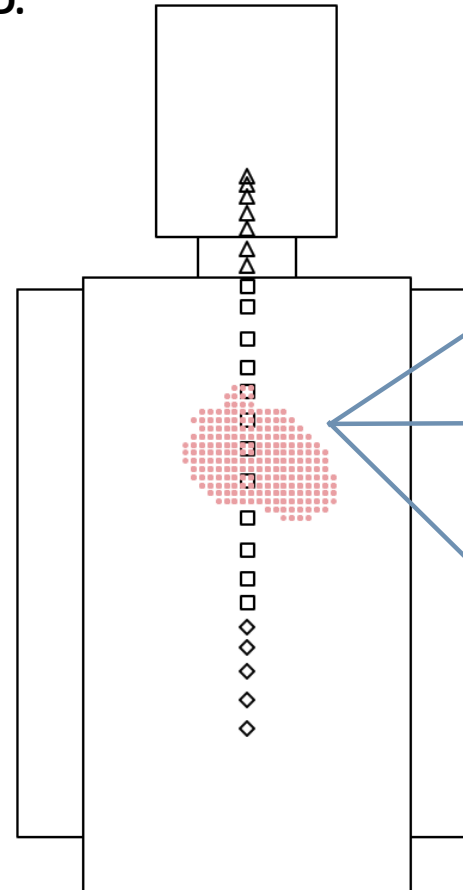
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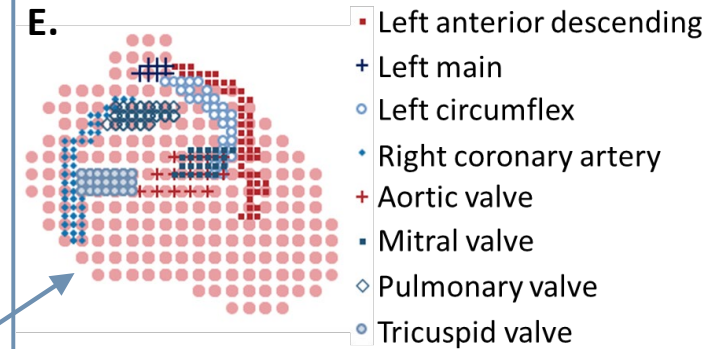
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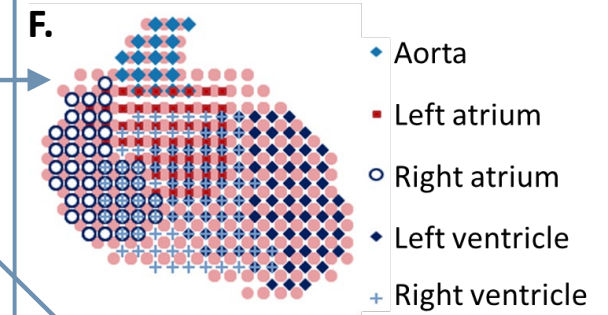
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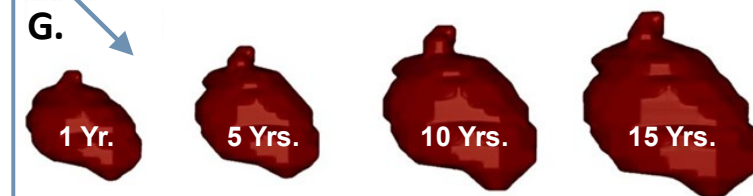
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➤ Heart and substructure (arteries, atria, valves, ventricles) dosimetry completed for CCSS (and SJLIFE)

Heart model development and validation described in Shrestha *et al.* Radiother Oncol. **2020** 153:163-171

Phantom and organ scaling described in Gupta *et al.* Biomed. Phys. Eng. Express. **2020** 6(6):2057-1976

Substructure Low Dose Response

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Low RT mean doses 5 – 9.9 Gy to specific substructures associated with increased risk of:

Coronary Artery Disease

- RCA - RR 2.6, 95% CI 1.6 – 4.1
- LAD - RR 1.9, 95% CI 1.1 – 3.3
- left ventricle - RR 2.2, 95% CI 1.3 – 3.7

Heart Valve Disease

- Aortic valve - RR 4.6, 95% CI 1.5 – 14.0
- Tricuspid valve - RR 5.5, 95% CI 2.0 – 15.1
- RCA - RR 3.5, 95% CI 1.5 – 8.3
- Left ventricle - RR 3.4, 95% CI 1.3 – 8.0;
- Right ventricle - RR 8.4, 95% CI 3.7 – 19.0

Arrhythmia

- RCA - RR 2.0, 95% CI 1.0 – 4.1

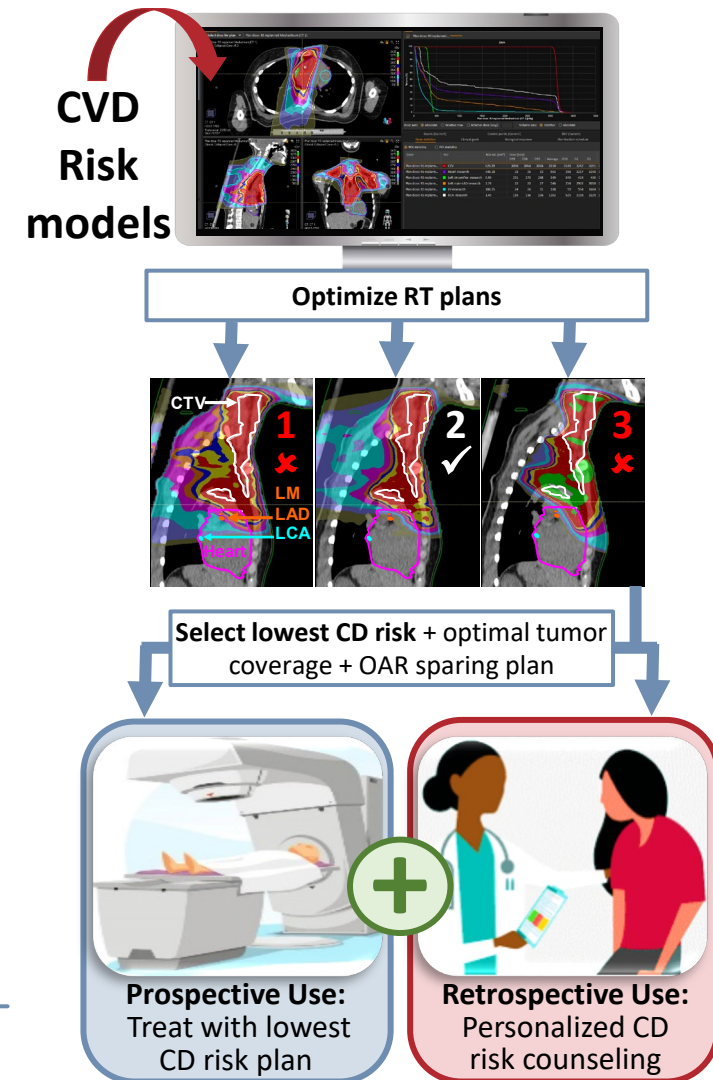
Heart failure

- None

Personalized Risk Prediction to Reduce Cardiovascular Disease in Childhood Cancer Survivors

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- Development (SJLIFE), validation (CCSS) and clinical translation of cardiac substructure level cardiovascular disease risk prediction models



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2022 Conference Presentations

- Owens *et al.* Childhood Cancer Survivor Study (CCSS). [Oral Presentation](#). European Society of Radiation Oncology 2022 Annual Meeting, Copenhagen, 5/2022
- Owens *et al.* Childhood Cancer Survivor Study (CCSS). [Oral Presentation](#). Finalist, [Early-Stage Investigator Symposium](#). American Association of Physicists in Medicine 2022 Annual Meeting, Washington DC, 7/2022

- The Childhood Cancer Survivor Study is an NCI-funded resource (U24 CA55727) to promote and facilitate research among long-term survivors of cancer diagnosed during childhood and adolescence.
- Investigators interested in potential uses of this resource are encouraged to visit:

<http://ccss.stjude.org>

A close-up, slightly low-angle shot of a brass bell. The bell is the central focus, showing its textured surface and the clapper inside. A white tassel hangs from the bottom of the bell. In the background, a dark plaque with a light-colored label is visible, and to the right, a bouquet of red flowers is partially seen. The overall lighting is soft, and the background is blurred.

Thank you