



The accelerator BNCT System for Sustainable Quality of Life

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Agenda

- 1) Quality of life after Cancer treatment
- 2) Boron Neutron Capture Therapy for cancer
- 3) The Accelerator BNCT System

1) Quality of life after Cancer therapy



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Something's wrong?



Diagnosis

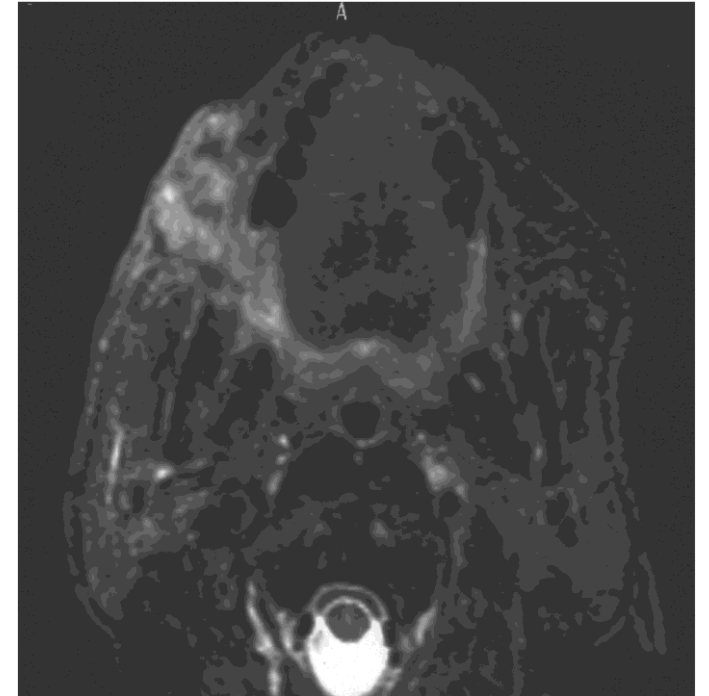
Buccal mucosa SCC, cT4aN0, Stage IV A



Oral examination



Image diagnosis



Histological diagnosis: SCC

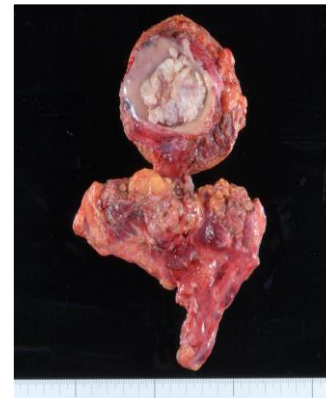


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Cancer treatment ~Surgery~

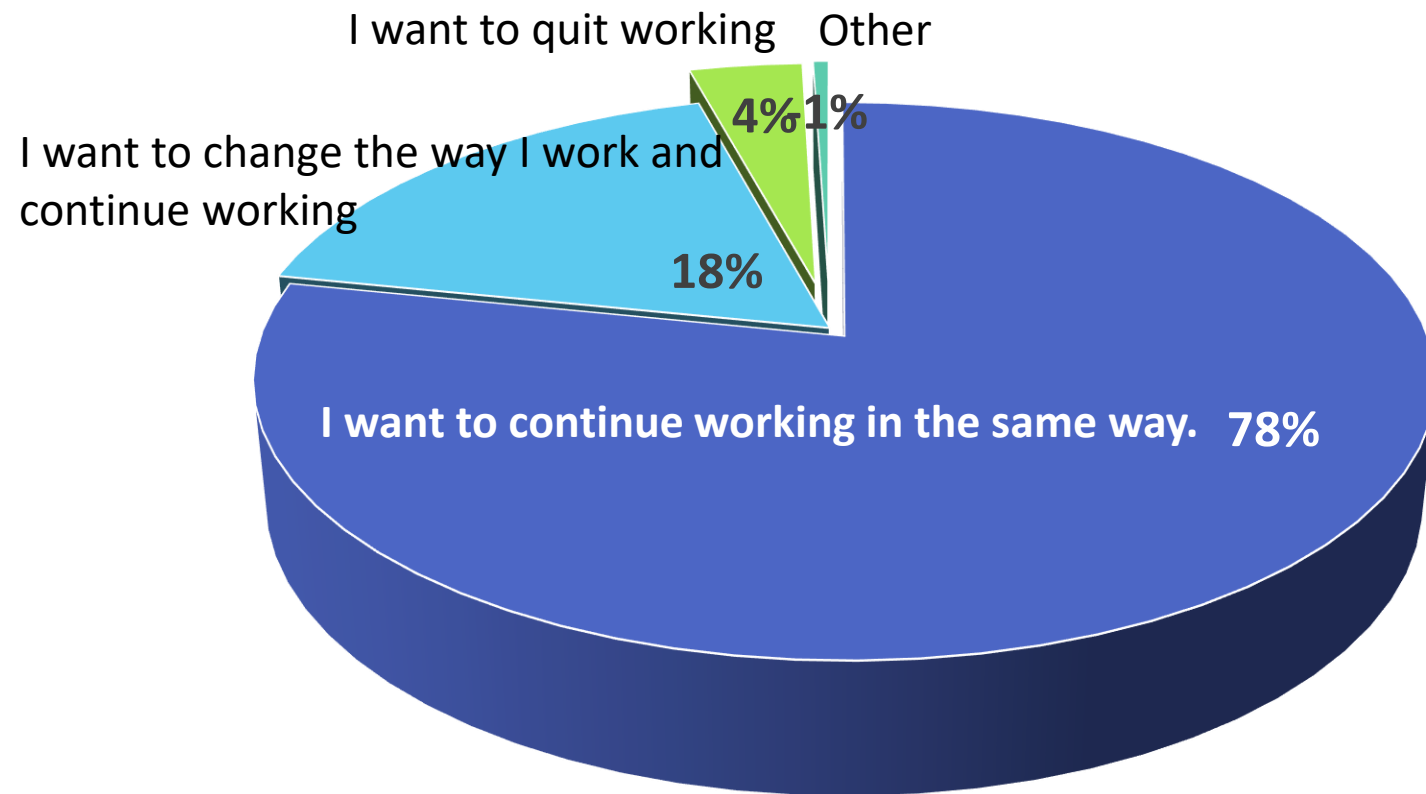


The cancer
has been
cured!
But...

This is not
what I
expected

The patient still need to do rehabilitation.

Willingness to work after cancer in Japan



Reason for wanting to continue working : 96 %

- Maintenance of livelihood; 81.7 %
- Fulfillment and purpose in life; 35.3 %
- Treatment cost; 28.6%

*Multiple answers

The cancer patients who are working while receiving treatment: 53.6 %

出典1: 東京都福祉保健局「東京都がん医療等に係る実態調査結果(がん患者の就労等に関する実態調査)(平成31年3月)」よりメットライフ生命にて作成

出典2: メットライフ生命調べ「特定疾病に関するインターネット調査(2021年11月)」より作成。調査対象者は「ガン罹患患者およびガン罹患経験者」です。



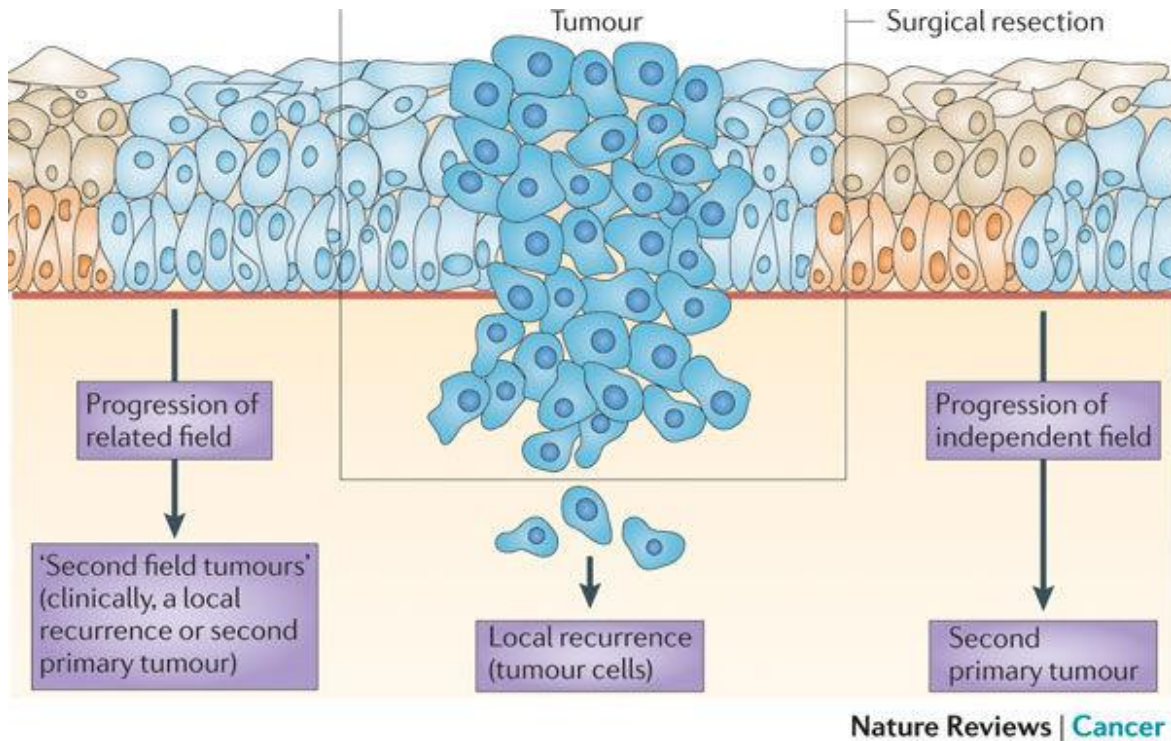
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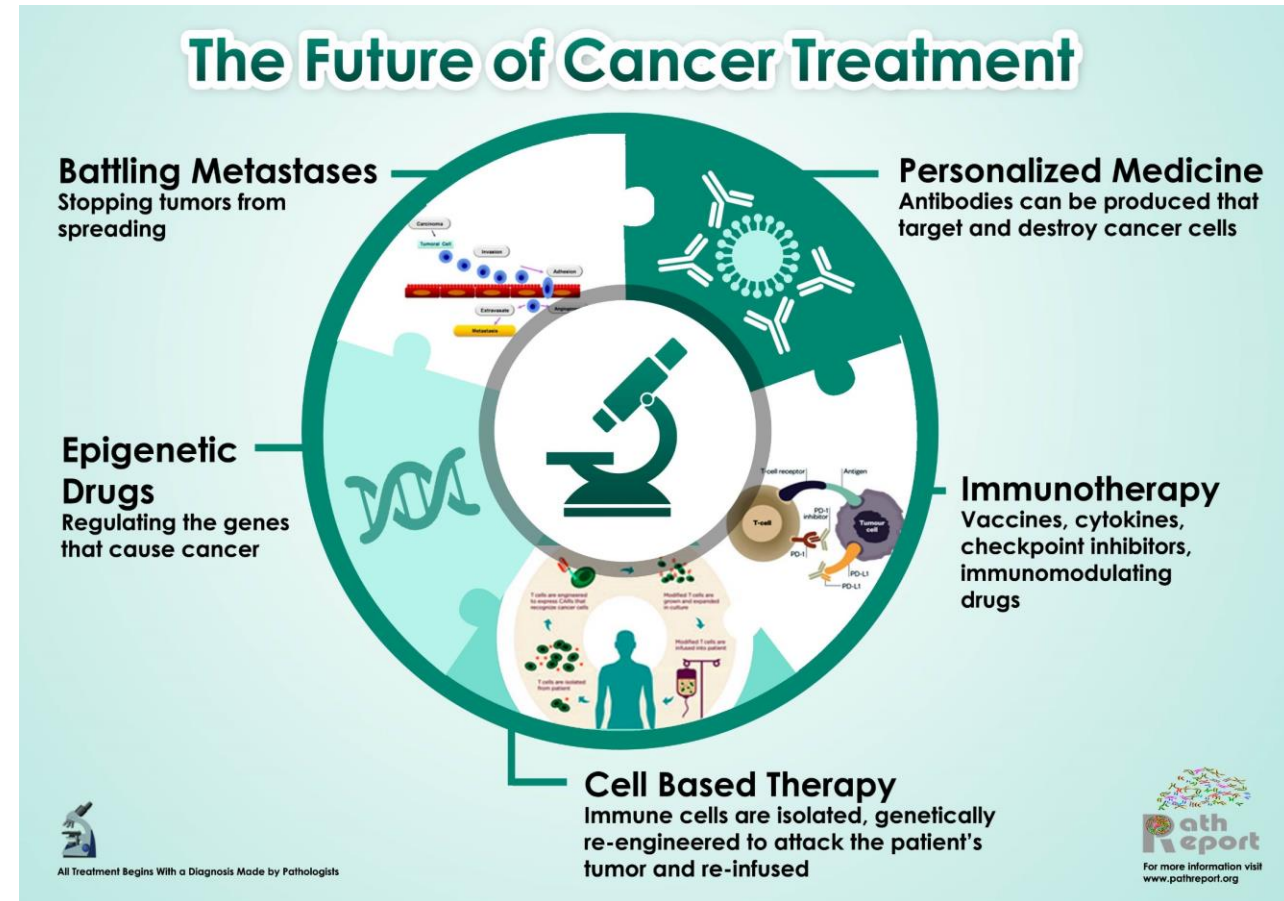
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From Anatomy based to Biology based cancer treatment

Anatomy based therapy

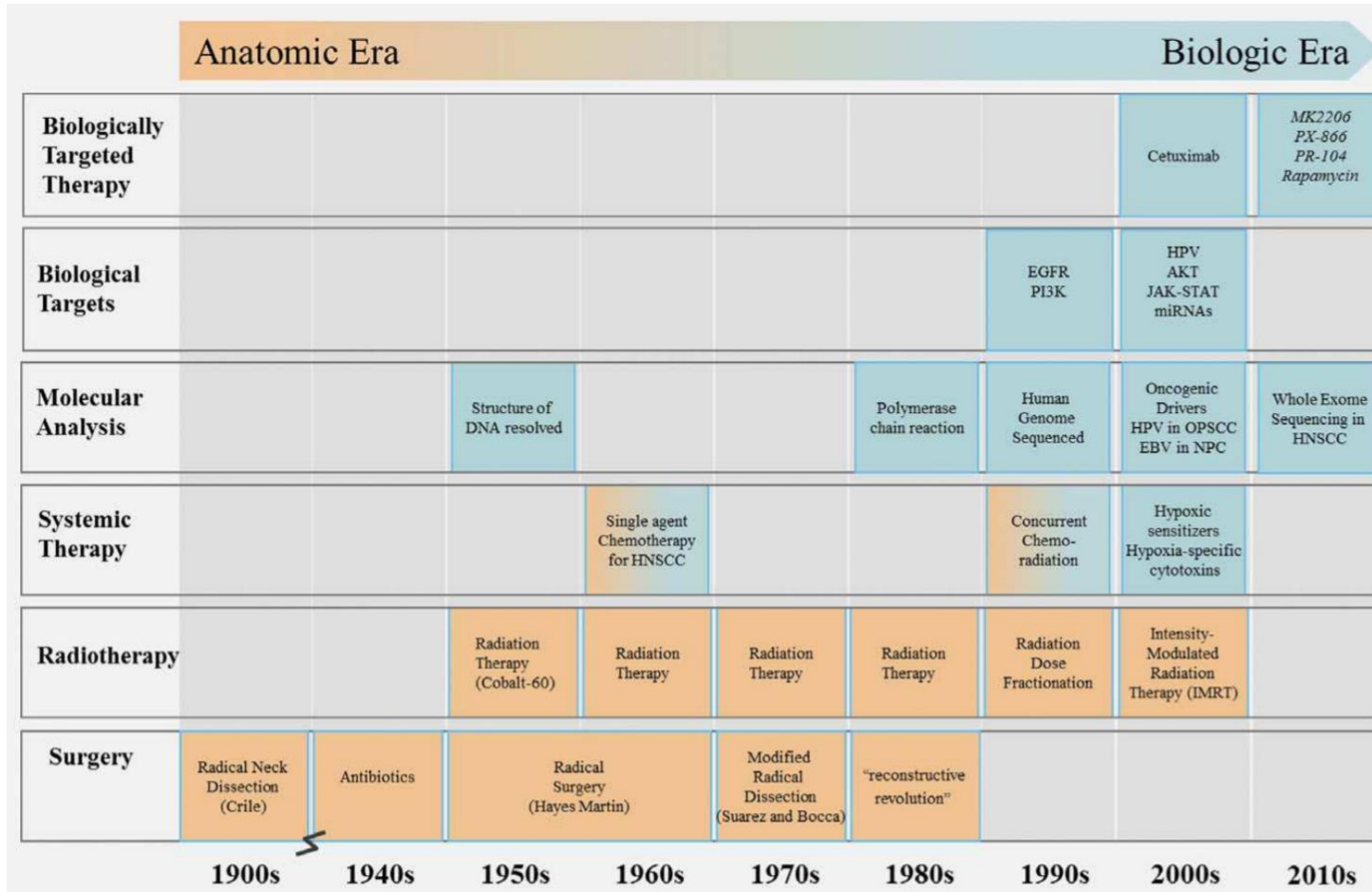


Biology based therapy



Function-Sparing Therapy

Management of head and neck cancer



Insurance medial treatment in Japan

2012 : Cetuximab (EXTREME trial)

Immune checkpoint inhibitor

2017 : Nivolumab (Checkmate 141 clinical trial)

2019 : Pembrolizumab (KEYNOTE-048)

Chemical surgery

2020 : BNCT system (JHN002 study)

2020 : ASP-1929 photoimmunotherapy (NCT02422979)

2) Boron Neutron Capture Therapy for Cancer



B: Boron
N: Neutron
C: Capture
T: Therapy



History of BNCT

1932: J. Chadwick discovers the neutron

1936: G.L. Locher proposes BNCT as a cancer therapy

1951: W. Sweet initiates BNCT clinical trial



$^{10}\text{B} + n (0.025 \text{ eV})$



$[^{11}\text{B}]$

6.3%



${}^4\text{He}(1.78 \text{ MeV}) + {}^7\text{Li}(1.01 \text{ MeV})$

93.7%



${}^4\text{He}(1.47 \text{ MeV}) + {}^7\text{Li}(0.48 \text{ MeV})$



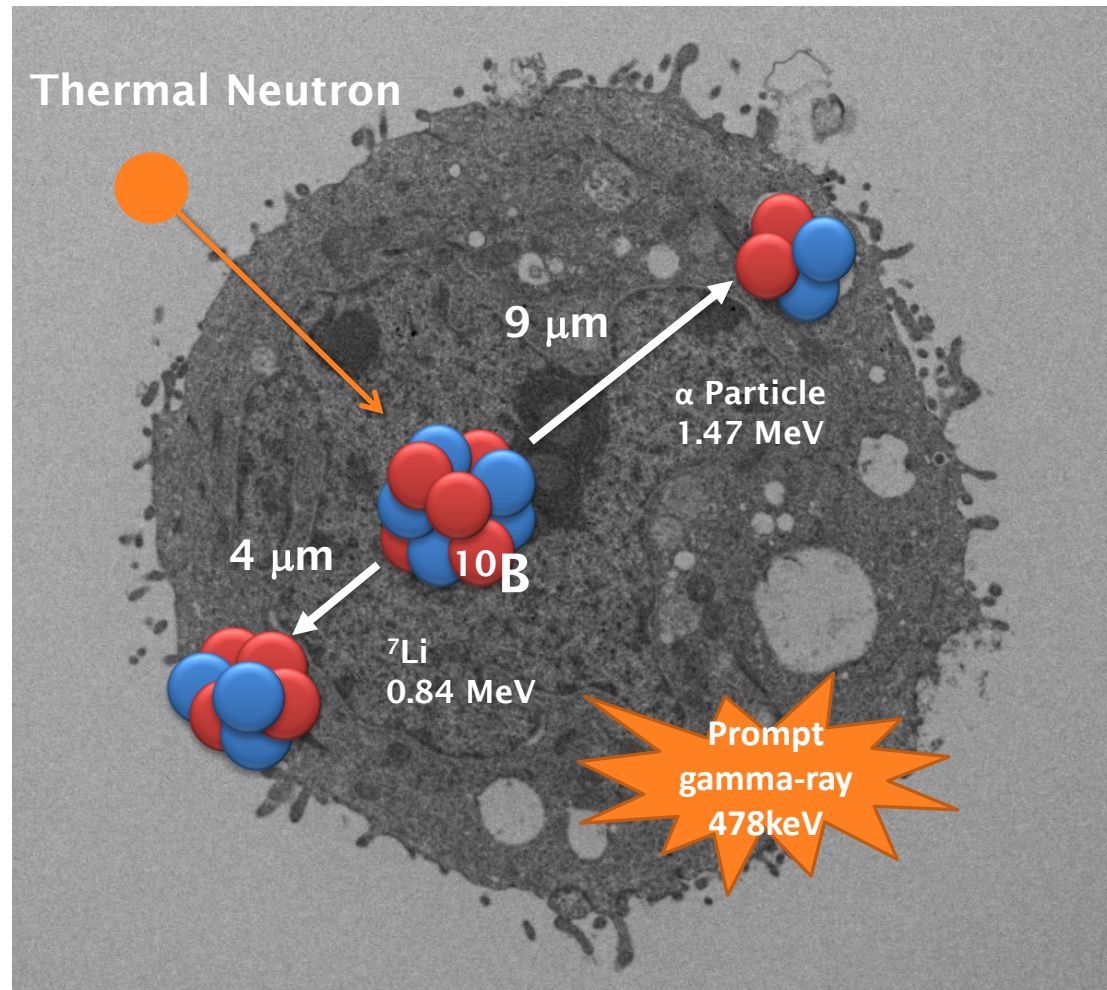
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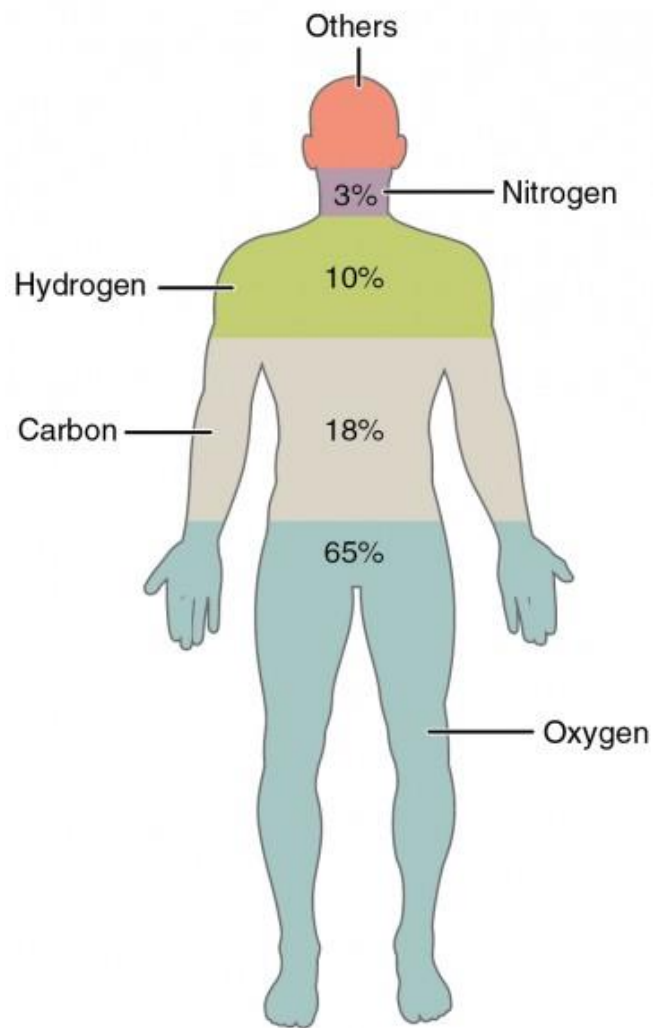
Targeted Boron-10 Therapy for Cancer

$^{10}\text{B} (n, \alpha) ^7\text{Li}$ capture reaction



No damage to surrounding tissue
→ High quality of Life

Non-Boron-10 in human body



(70 kg) **Atomic Composition of a Man**

Element	Mass [%]	Mass [mol]	Mass 70 [kg]	Atoms 7×10^{27} atoms	Nuclide	Ratio [%]	Neutron cross sections [barn] *
Oxygen	61	2700	43 kg	1.61×10^{27}	^{16}O	99.757	<0.0002
Carbon	23	1300	16 kg	8.33×10^{26}	^{12}C	98.93	0.0037
Hydrogen	10	6900	7 kg	4.22×10^{27}	^1H	99.989	0.332
Nitrogen	2.5	129	1.8 kg	3.9×10^{25}	^{14}N	99.632	1.75
Calcium	1.4	25	1.0 kg	1.6×10^{25}	^{40}Ca	96.941	3.4
Phosphate	1.1	25	780 g	9.6×10^{24}	^{31}P	100	0.19
Boron	-	-	18mg	2×10^{20}	^{11}B	80	0.0055
					^{10}B	20	3835

* thermal neutron($E_n=0.025\text{eV}$), 1 [barn]= $1 \times 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2$

Reference: Emsley, John, *The Elements*, 3rd ed., Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1998

<http://www.foresight.org/Nanomedicine/index.html>, 2006.

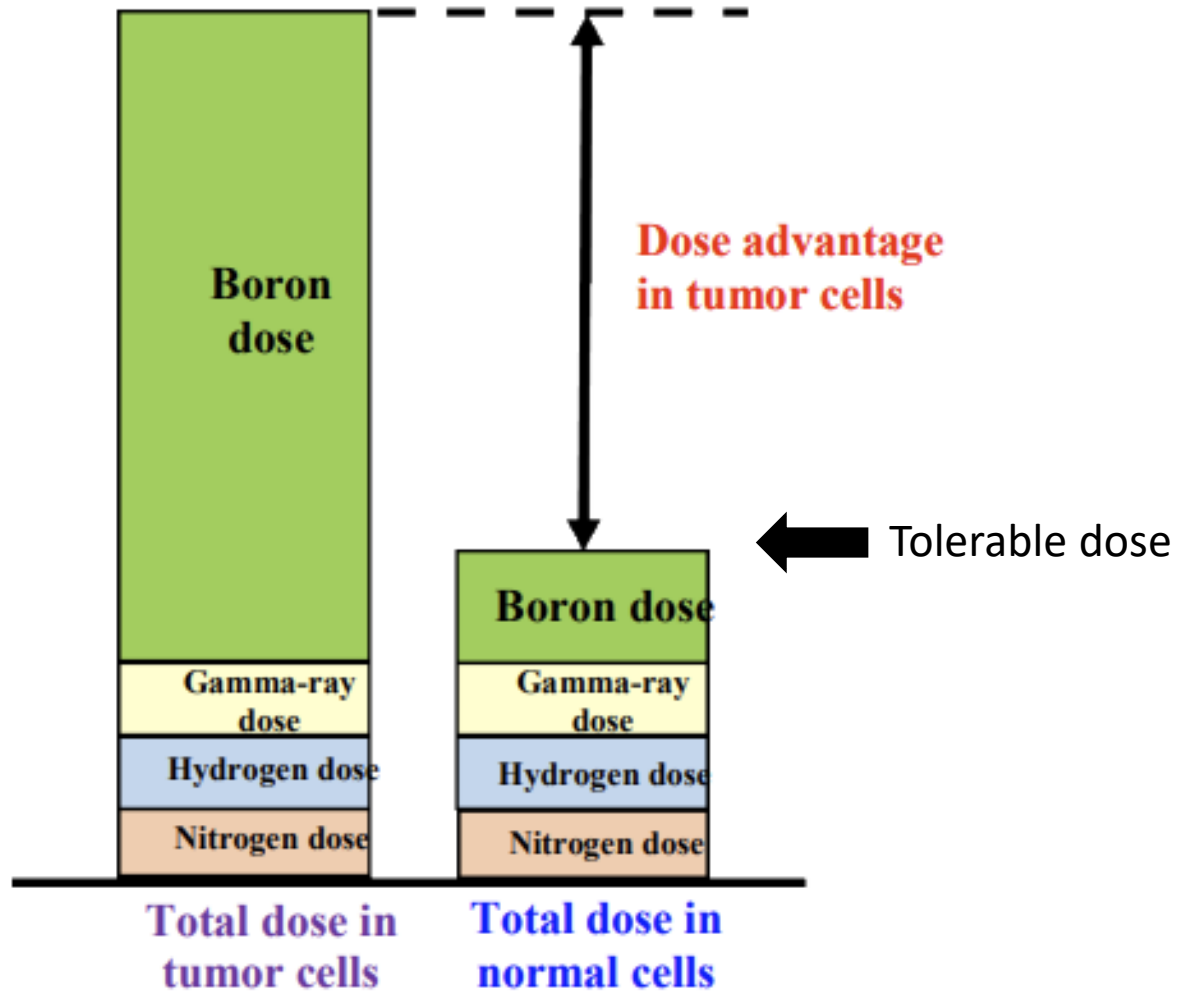
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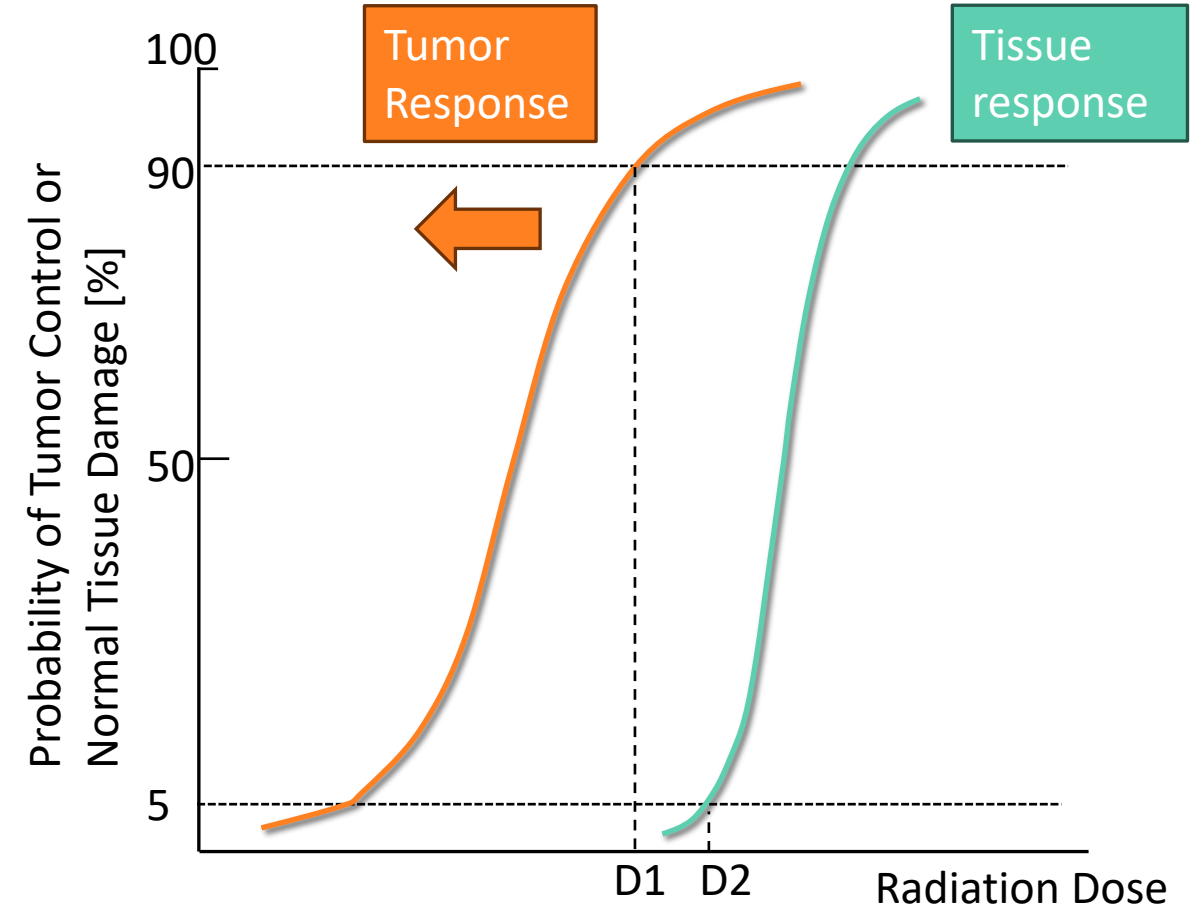
* 人間は約70%が水 (H_2O)。

A single irradiation of BNCT

Biological dose of BNCT

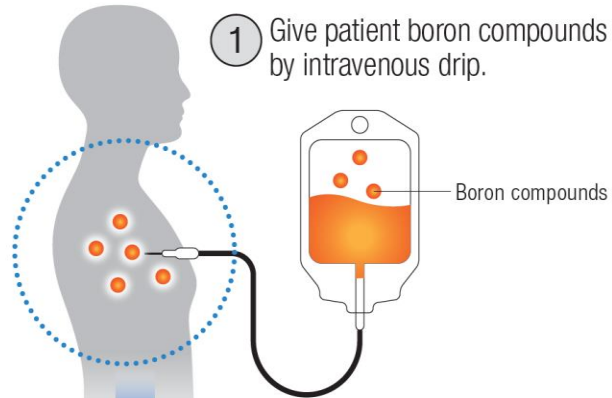


Therapeutic ratio (TR) = $D2/D1$: $TR > 1$

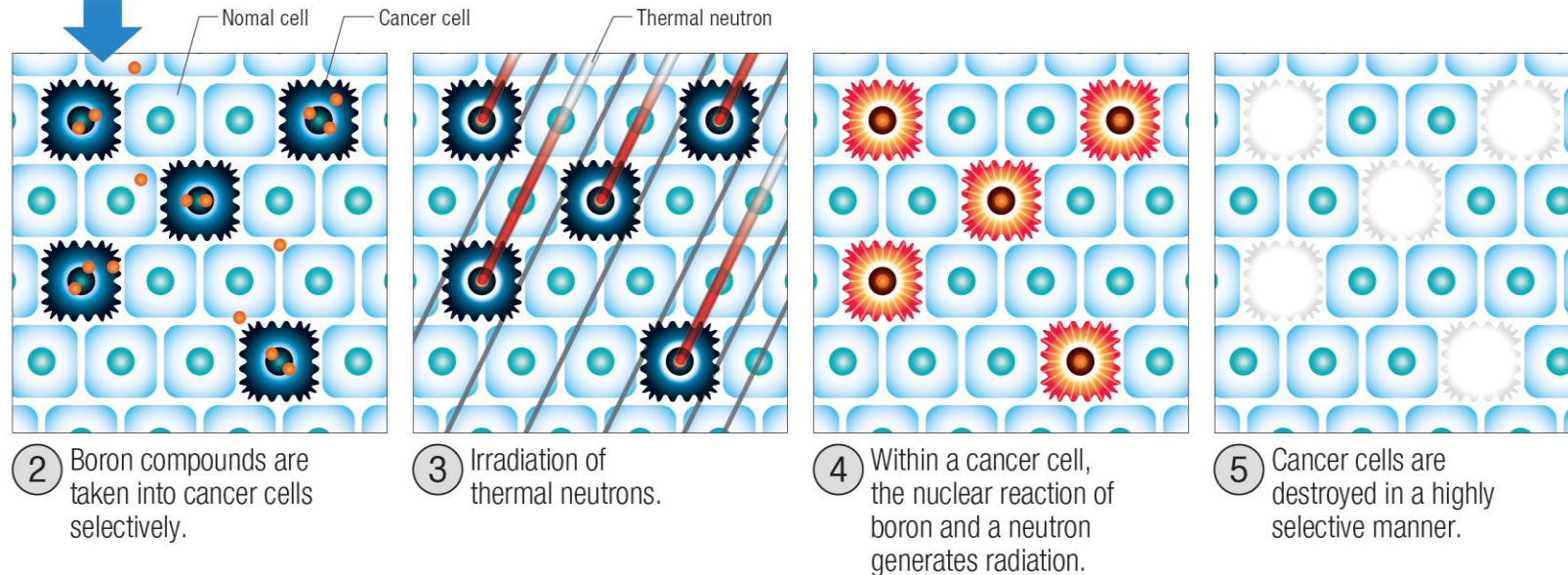


BNCT Procedures

BNCT procedures



Before commencing BNCT, the accumulation of boron compounds in the cancer is checked by marking boron agents with a radioactive nuclide and administering a PET inspection. After determining that a sufficient level of boron can accumulate in the cancer, the patient receives a dose of boron compound and is irradiated with an epithermal neutron taken from a nuclear reactor or an accelerator. Neutron thermalization of the epithermal neutron then takes place in the body and the boron reacts with the cancer to selectively destroy the cancer in an effective manner.



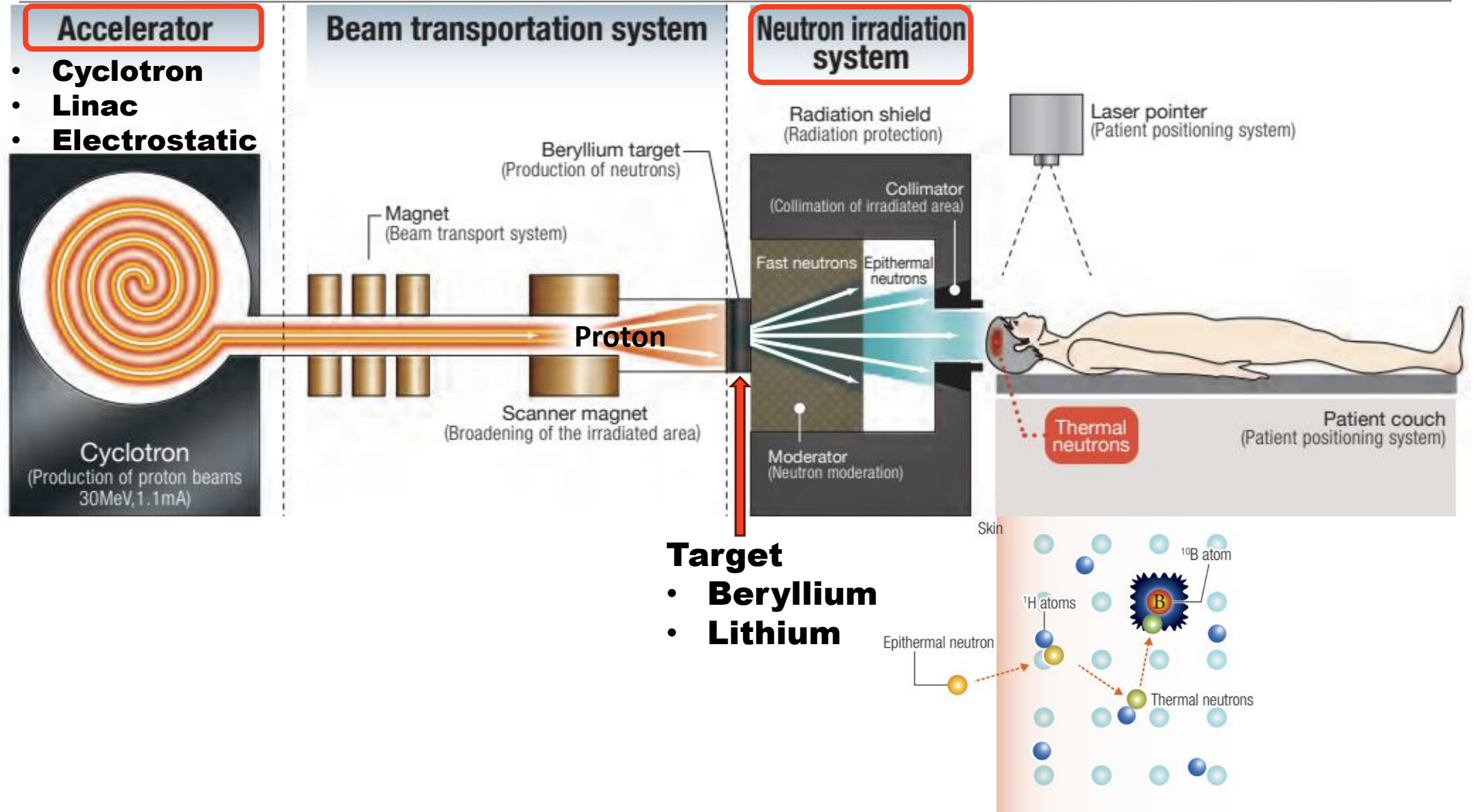
<http://www.pref.osaka.lg.jp/jigyochousei/bnct-jituyouka/>

3) Accelerator based BNCT system

Country	Institute/Hospital	Accelerator type	Target material	Beam energy (MeV)	Beam current (mA)	Status
Japan	Southern Tohoku Hospital	Cyclotron	Be	30	1.0	Treatment
	Kansai BNCT Research Center	Cyclotron	Be	30	1.0	Treatment
	Kyoto University	Cyclotron	Be	30	1.0	Research
	National Cancer Center Hospital	Linac	Li	2.5	12	*1
	Edogawa Hospital	Linac	Li	2.5	12	*1
	University of Tsukuba	Linac	Be	8	2.1	*2
	Nagoya University	Electrostatic	Li	2.8	15	*3
	Shonan Kamakura Hospital	Electrostatic	Li	2.6	12	*3
Finland	Helsinki University Hospital	Electrostatic	Li	2.6	12	*2
China	Xiamen Humanity Hospital	Electrostatic	Li	2.5	10	*1
	IHEP	Linac	Li	3.5, 2.8	2.9, 20	*3
	China Institute of Atomic Energy	Cyclotron	Be	14	1	*5
	Lanzhou University	Electrostatic	Li	2.6	15	*5
Italy	CNAO	Electrostatic	Li	2.5	10	*5
	INFN	Linac	Be	5	30	*4
S. Korea	Gil Hospital	Linac	Be	10	8	*1
U.K.	Birmingham University	Electrostatic	Li	2.6	12	*4
Russia	Budker Institute	Electrostatic	Li	2.0-2.3	10	Research
Argentina	CNEA (deuteron)	Electrostatic	Be, C	1.45	30	*4
Spain	University of Granada	Electrostatic	Li	2.1	30	*5

*1: Clinical study, *2: Preparation of clinical study, *3: Commissioned, *4: Under development, *5: In planning

Accelerator BNCT system



Accelerator based BNCT hospitals in Japan

 住友重機械工業 Cyclotron & Be target
(30 MeV, 1mA)

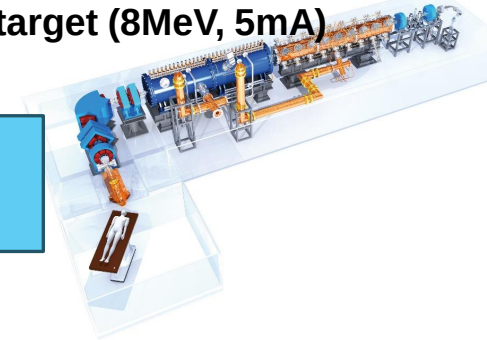
Southern Tohoku General Hospital (Cancer
treatment by health insurance from 2020)



BNCT hospitals: 6
Patient treatments: 2
Clinical trials: 3
Comimissioning: 1



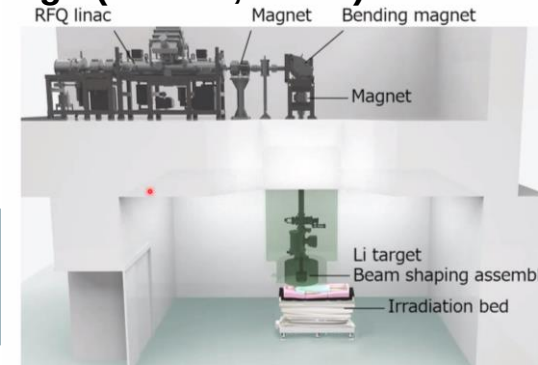
株式会社 i B N C t Electrodynamic linear Accelerator
& Be target (8MeV, 5mA)



Tsukuba University
(Clinical trials)



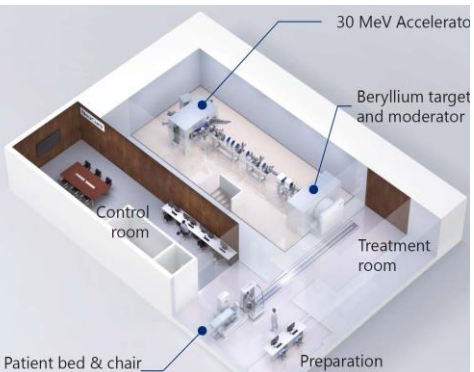
CICS Electrodynamic linear Accelerator
& Li target(2.5MeV, 20mA)



National Cancer Center
(Clinical trials)

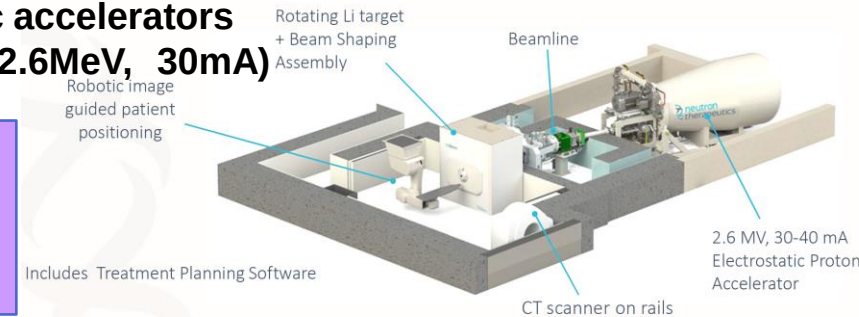
Edogawa Hospital
(Clinical study)

Kansai BNCT Medical Center (Cancer
treatment by health insurance from 2020)



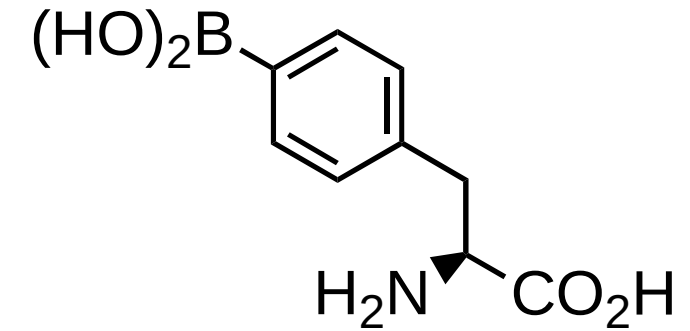
Electrostatic accelerators
& Li target (2.6MeV, 30mA)

Shonan Kamakura
General Hospital
(Preclinical Study)



Boron-10 for BNCT in Japan

Product Name	Steboronine® intravenous drip bag 9000 mg/300 mL
Generic Name	Borofalan [10B]
Indications	Locally unresectable recurrent or unresectable advanced head and neck cancer
Dosage & Administration	For adult patients, Borofalan [10B] is administered intravenous infusion at approximately 500 mg/kg. In particular, for the first two (2) hours, the amount of Borofalan [10B] per hour is adjusted for 200 mg/kg (i.e. total amount for 2 hours: 400 mg/kg). After that 2 hours, neutron irradiation to the cancer lesion begins, and at the same time, Borofalan [10B] is administered at 100 mg/kg for one (1) hour until the neutron irradiation is completed.
NHI Price	JPY 444,215 (per 300mL bag)
Manufactured by	Stella Pharma Corporation



Accelerator based BNCT systems

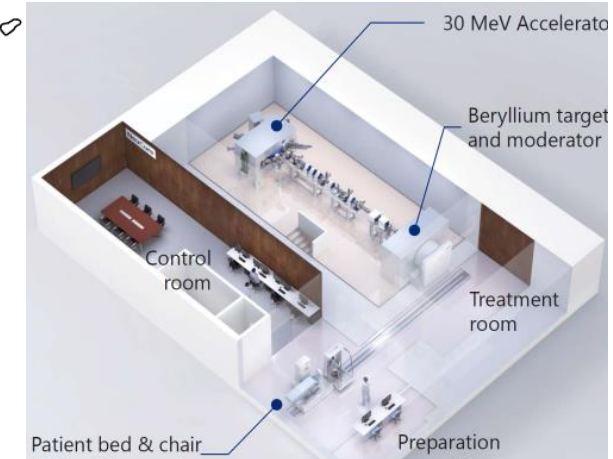
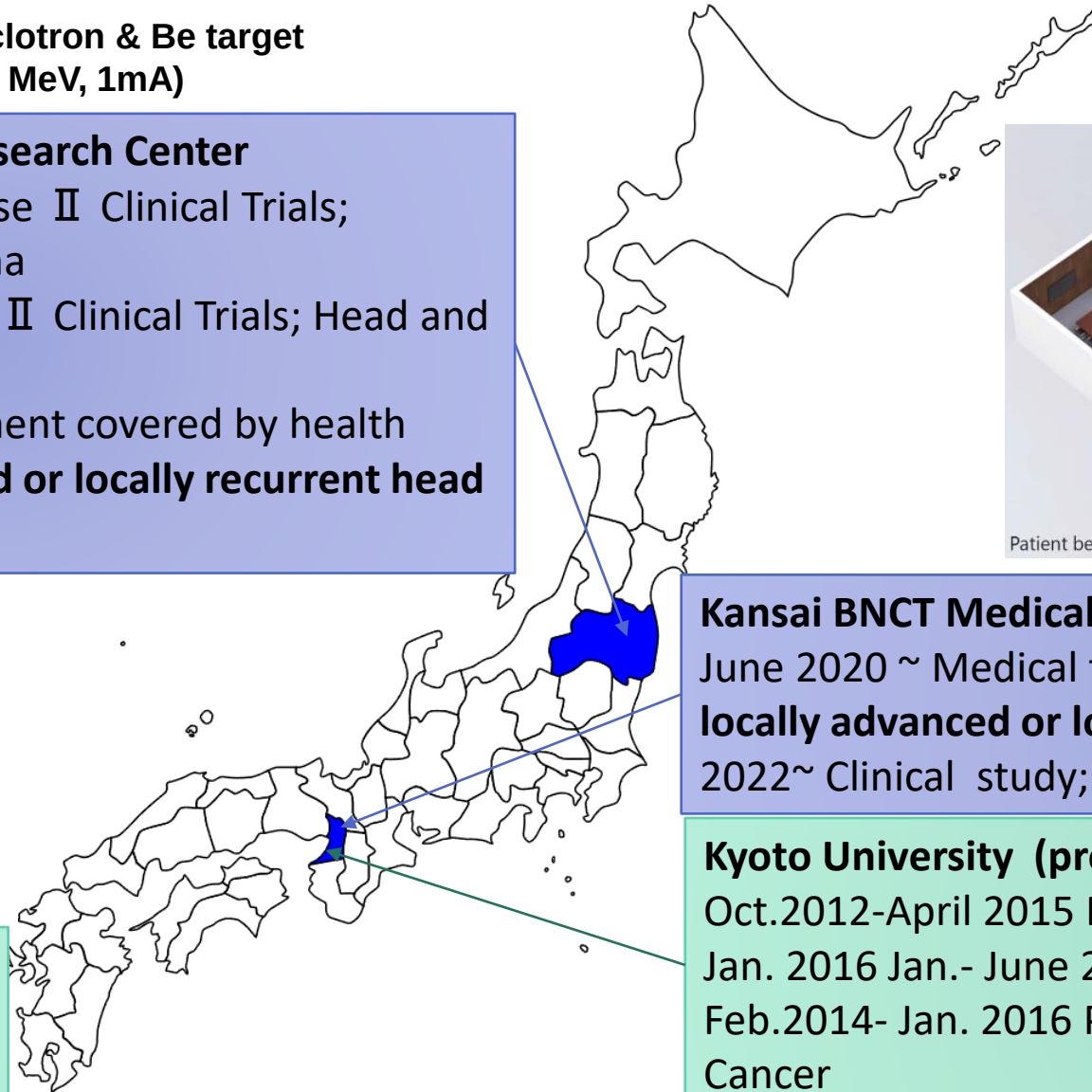
Cyclotron & Be target
(30 MeV, 1mA)

Southern Tohoku BNCT Research Center

Feb. 2016 - June 2018 Phase II Clinical Trials;
Recurrent high-grade glioma
July 2016- Feb.2018 Phase II Clinical Trials; Head and
neck cancer
June 2020~ Medical treatment covered by health
insurance; **locally advanced or locally recurrent head
and neck cancer**



***Pengbo (Hinan) Medical
Technology in China
(2025-planned)**



Kansai BNCT Medical Center

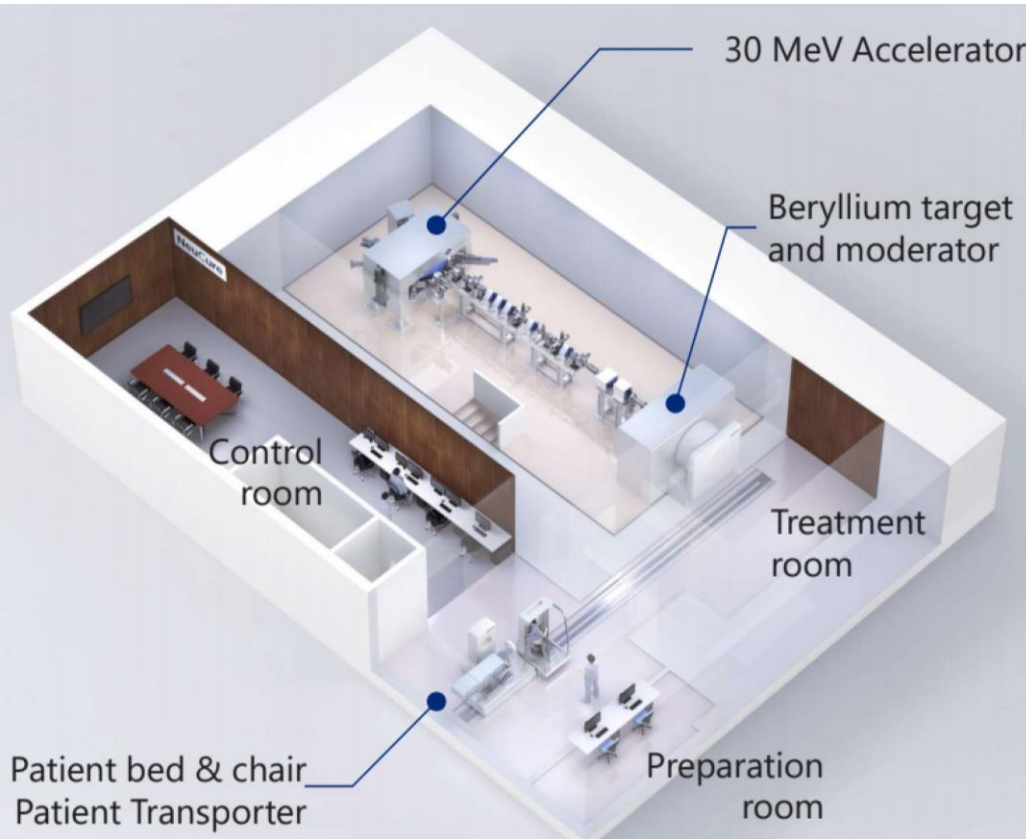
June 2020 ~ Medical treatment covered by health insurance;
locally advanced or locally recurrent head and neck cancer
2022~ Clinical study; Recurrent malignant glioma

Kyoto University (prototype)

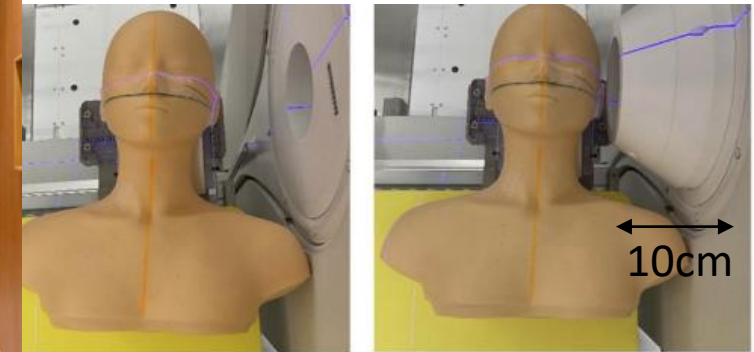
Oct.2012-April 2015 Phase I Clinical trials; Brain tumor
Jan. 2016 Jan.- June 2018 Phase II Clinical Trials; Brain tumor
Feb.2014- Jan. 2016 Phase I Clinical Trials; Head and Neck
Cancer



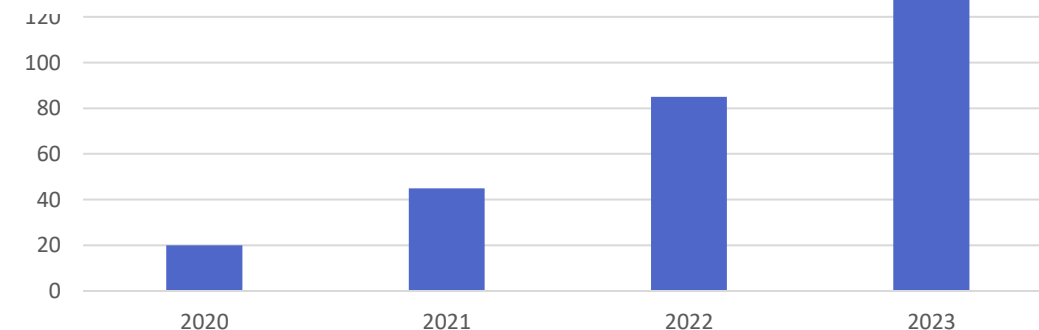
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Development of extended collimator

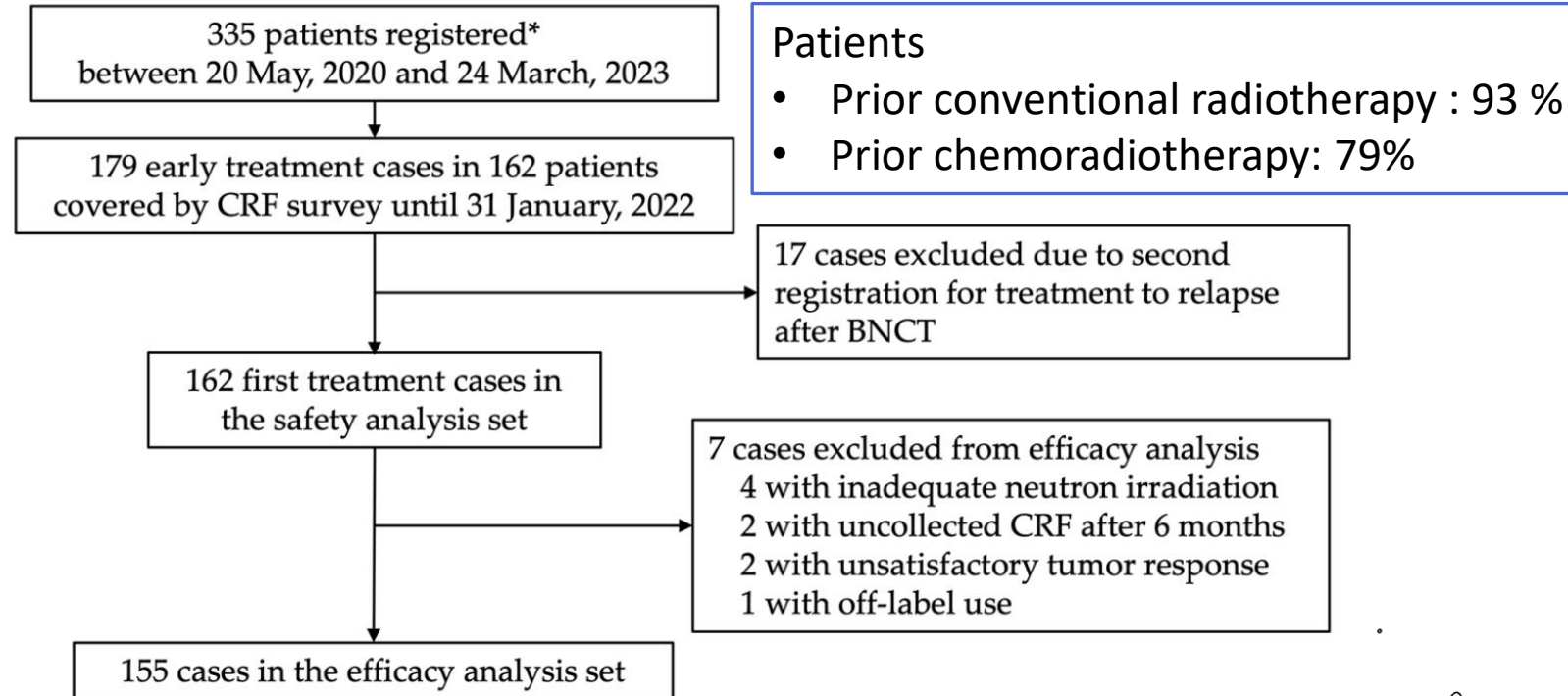


**2020~ BNCT for head and neck cancer
290 cases (until 2024 March)**



2020 ~ BNCT for locally advanced or locally recurrent head and neck cancer

BPA (Steboronin[®]) for BNCT: 558 head and neck cancer cases (~2024 March)



Patients

- Prior conventional radiotherapy : 93 %
- Prior chemoradiotherapy: 79%



一般財団法人 脳神経疾患研究所 附属
南東北BNCT研究センター
Southern Tohoku BNCT Research Center



	SCCHN (n = 137)	NSCCHN (n = 17)
ORR, % (95% CI)	72.3 (64.0–79.6)	64.7 (38.3–85.8)
Best overall response		
CR, n (%)	63 (46.0)	8 (47.1)
PR, n (%)	36 (26.3)	3 (17.7)
SD, n (%)	31 (22.6)	5 (29.4)
PD, n (%)	6 (4.4)	0
NE, n (%)	1 (0.7)	1 (5.9)

Abbreviations: SCCHN, squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck; NSCCHN, non-squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck; ORR, overall response rate; CI, confidence interval; CR, complete response; partial response; SD, stable disease; PD, progressive disease; NE, not evaluated.



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BNCT for Recurrent laryngeal carcinoma



15 patients, median age 74 years

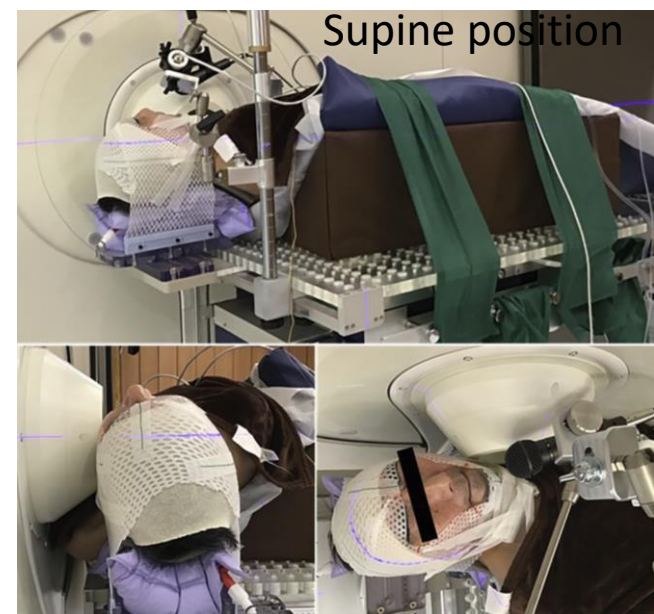
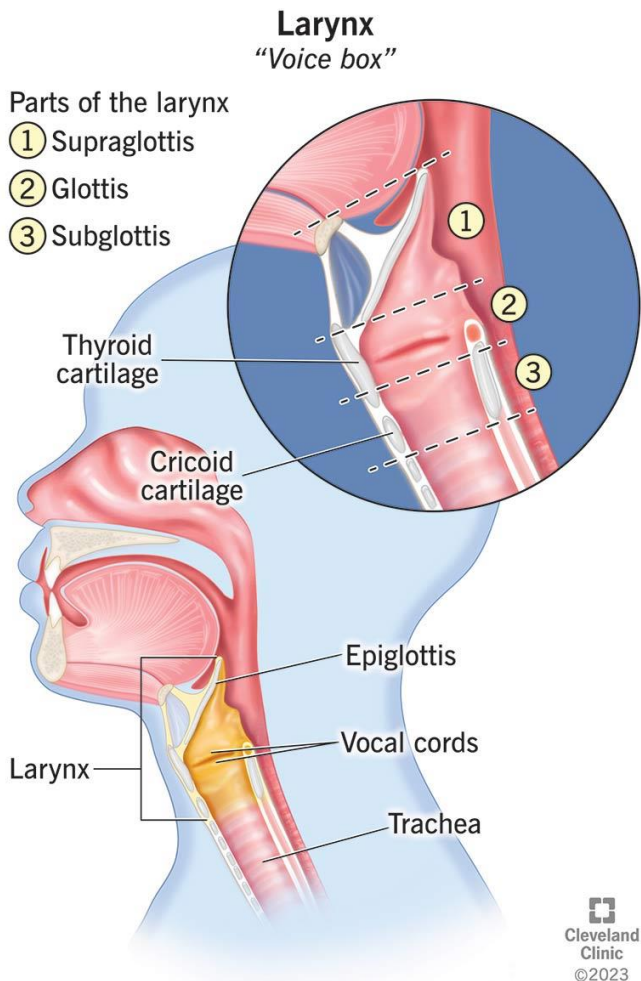
Patient and tumor characteristics and treatments administered.

Patient	Age (y), Gender	Subsite	TNM	Initial therapy	Time from initial RT to BNCT (m)	rTNM	Recurrent tumor diameter (mm)
1	53/M	glottic	T1aN0M0	RT 70Gy	9	rT1aN0	8
2	64/M	glottic	T2N0M0	CRT(CDDP) 70Gy	82	rT2N0	14
3	74/M	glottic	T1aN0M0	RT 66 Gy, TOLS	44	rT2N0	14
4	55/F	glottic	unknown	CRT(CDGP) 66Gy	107	rT2N0	15
5	81/M	glottic	T2N0M0	BRT(Cetuximab)70 Gy, SOHND	76	rT2N0	16
6	84/M	subglottic	T2N0M0	CRT(CDDP) 70Gy	87	rT2N0	17
7	84/M	glottic	unknown	RT (dose unknown)	150	rT2N0	18
8	81/M	glottic	T2N0M0	RT 67 Gy, TOLS × 4	45	rT2N1	9
9	74/M	glottic	T3N0M0	CRT(CDDP) 67 Gy, TOLS,S-1	28	rT3N0	12
10	85/M	glottic	T3N0M0	RT 70Gy	10	rT3N0	15
11	61/M	glottic	T3N0M0	CRT(CDDP) 70Gy	6	rT3N0	20
12	74/F	glottic	T3N1M0	TPF, CRT(CDDP) 16Gy	12	rT3N1	11
13	87/F	glottic	T2N0M0	RT 64.8Gy	47	rT4aN0	15
14	69/M	glottic	T1aN0M0	RT63Gy, TOLS, PIT	95	rT4aN0	20
15	74/M	glottic	T1aN0M0	RT 70 Gy, Partial laryngectomy	139	rT4aN0	22

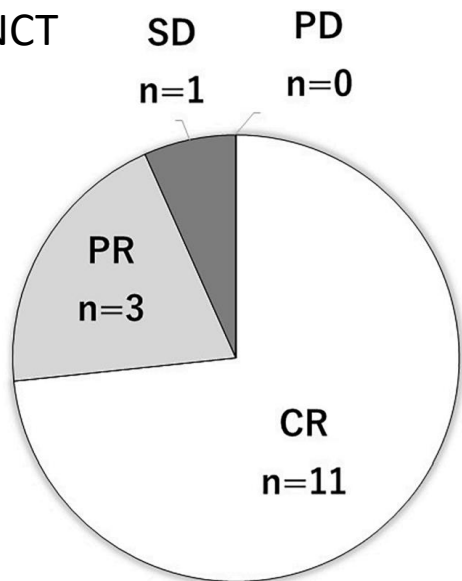
RT: radiation therapy, CRT: concurrent chemoradiotherapy, TOLS: Transoral laser surgery, CDDP: cis-diamminedichloroplatinum, CDGP: cis-diammineglycolatoplatinum, SOHND: supra omohyoid neck dissection, PIT: Photoimmunotherapy.

Function of Larynx

- Respiratory “breathing”: to provide an open airway
- Phonatory “Speaking”: to provide a mechanism for sound production
- Protective: to prevent food or drink from accidentally entering the trachea



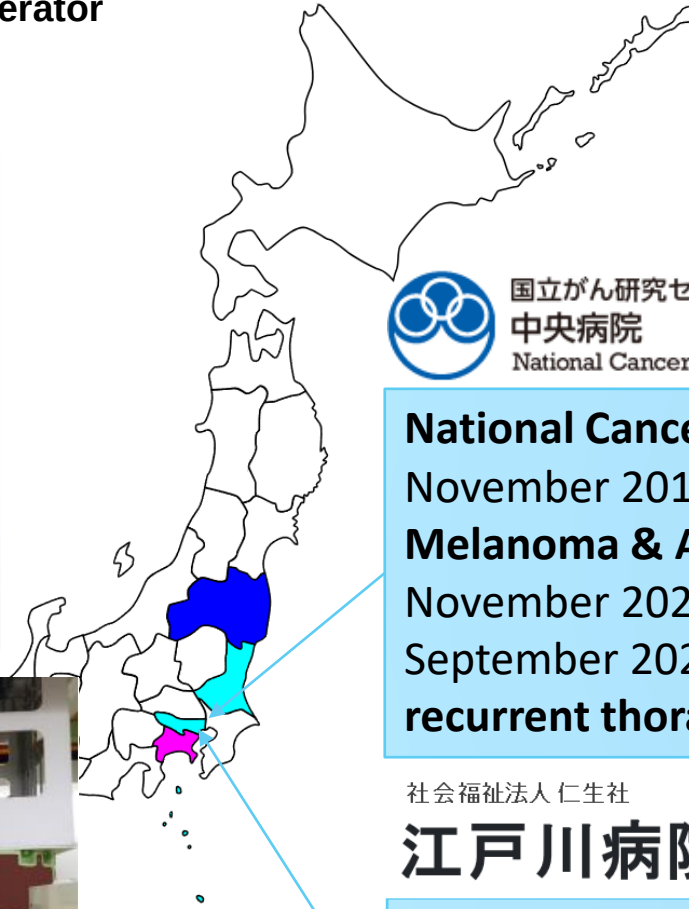
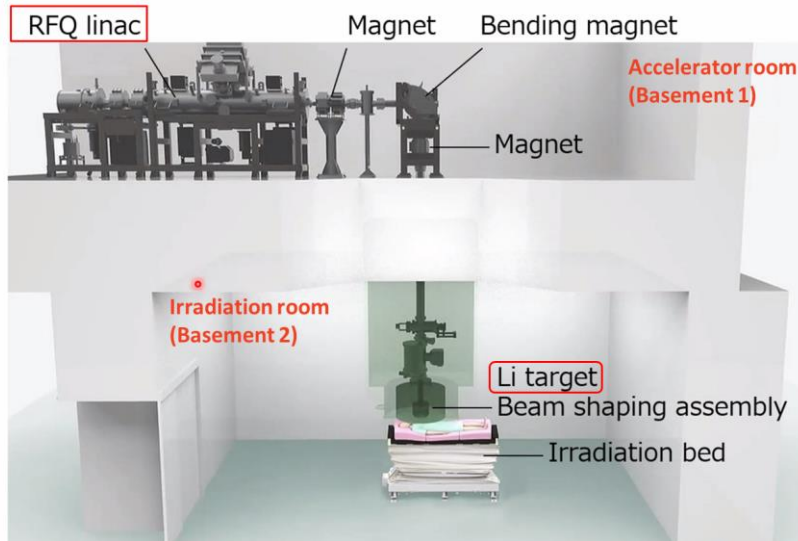
Tumor response at three months after BNCT



Accelerator based BNCT systems

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**Electrodynamic linear Accelerator
& Li target (2.5MeV, 20mA)**



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中央病院
National Cancer Center Hospital

National Cancer Center Hospital

November 2019 ~ 2022 Phase 1 Clinical Trial; **Malignant Melanoma & Angiosarcoma**

November 2022 ~ Phase 2 Clinical Trial; **Angiosarcoma**

September 2024 ~ Phase 1/2 Clinical Trial; **FBPA-PET positive recurrent thoracic solid malignant tumor**

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江戸川病院



Edogawa Hospital

July 2023 ~ March 2024 Clinical study; **Recurrent breast cancer after radiation therapy**

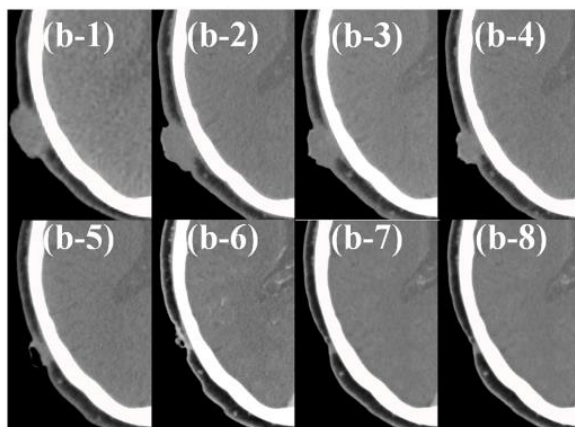
August 2024 ~ Clinical study; **FDG-PET positive tumors**



2019~ BNCT for scalp angiosarcoma

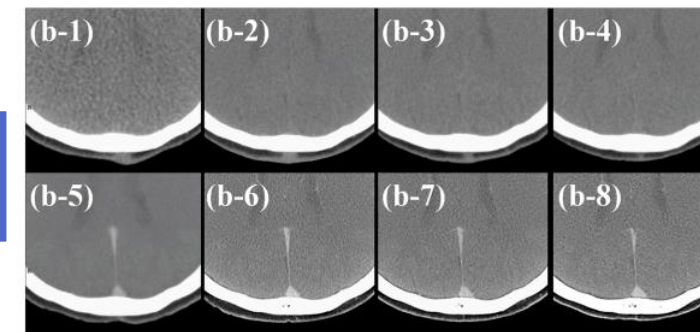
Phase 1 clinical trials; maximum dose to skin 12 Gy-Eq

68-year-old female,
Right temporodorsal scalp mass; 35 × 28 mm and 22 mm
Blood boron concentration; 42.2 ppm
Proton charge; 9526 mC
Irradiation time; 17mins
Epithermal neutron; $5.3 \times 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-2}$



- High QOL
- Complete Response (CR)

66-year-old female,
Dorsal scalp mass; 29 × 23 mm and 10 mm
Blood boron concentration; 36.5ppm
Proton charge; 11636 mC
Irradiation time; 20 mins
Epithermal neutron; $6.3 \times 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-2}$



2022~ BNCT for cutaneous malignant melanoma



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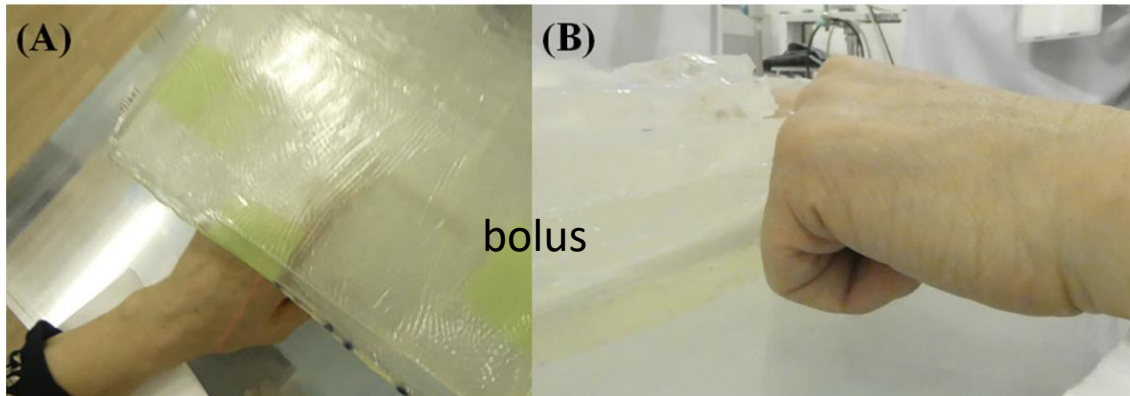
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Acral cutaneous malignant melanoma treated with linear accelerator-based boron neutron capture therapy system: a case report of first patient



72-year-old female, malignant melanoma on a second finger of the left hand, Tumor size; 20 × 12 mm



Maximum dose of the skin; 18 Gy-Eq
Blood boron concentration; 33.7 ppm
Proton charge; 18230 mC
Irradiation time; 30.4 mins
Epithermal neutron; $9.7 \times 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

- High QOL
- Complete Response (CR)

Before BNCT



2023~ BNCT for recurrent breast cancer

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June 2023 ~ March 2024 Specific Clinical Research; Recurrent breast cancer after radiation therapy

Cureus
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Report

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The Effects of Boron Neutron Capture Therapy on the Lungs in Recurrent Breast Cancer Treatment

61-year-old woman

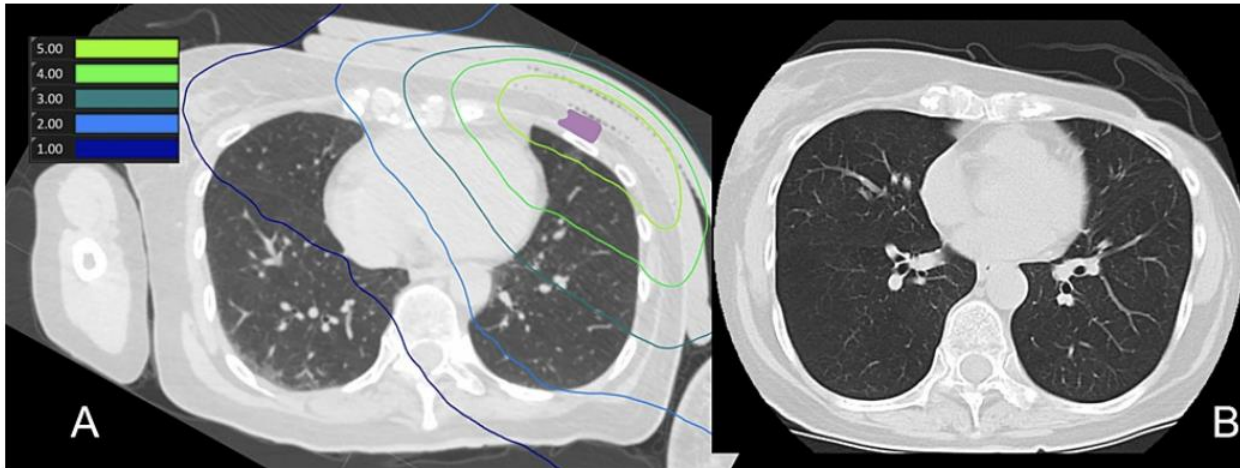
Left breast cancer ; Chemotherapy , mastectomy (ypT2N1M0), and radiotherapy with 54 Gy in 30 fractions

The recurrence in the left chest ; Surgery ,radiotherapy with 50.4 Gy in 28 fractions and chemotherapy for 3 years

The further recurrence on the left chest wall; BNCT

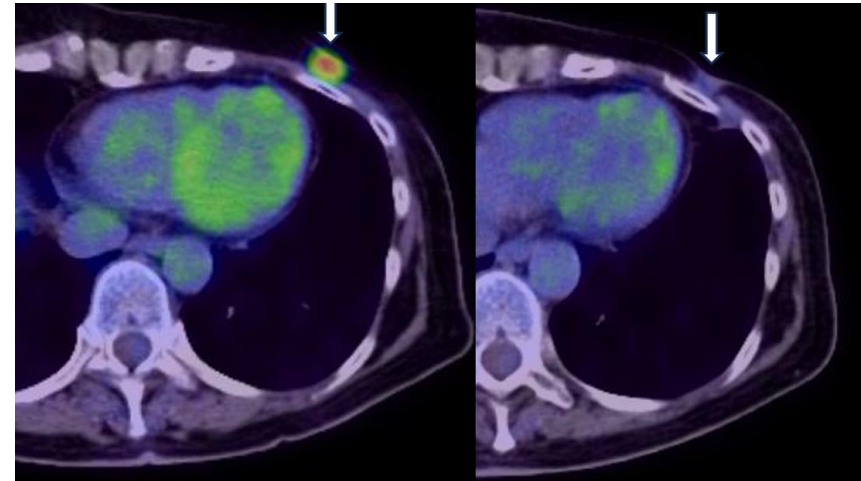
Dose distribution map for BNCT

90 days post-treatment



Before BNCT

6 months post-BNCT



The prescribed dose of ipsilateral lung;

Minimum dose; 23.6 Gy-Eq, Average dose ; 2.7

CT scans after BNCT showed no evidence of radiation pneumonitis.

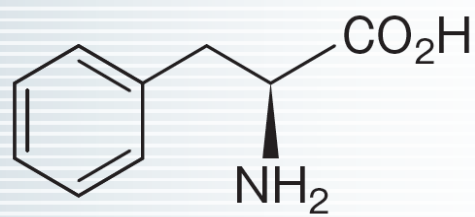
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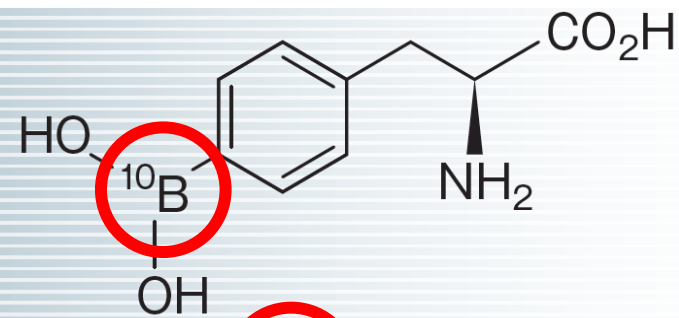
2024 ~ BNCT for FBPA-PET positive recurrent solid thoracic malignant tumor

Recurrent Adenoid Cystic Cancer of rt. Parotis

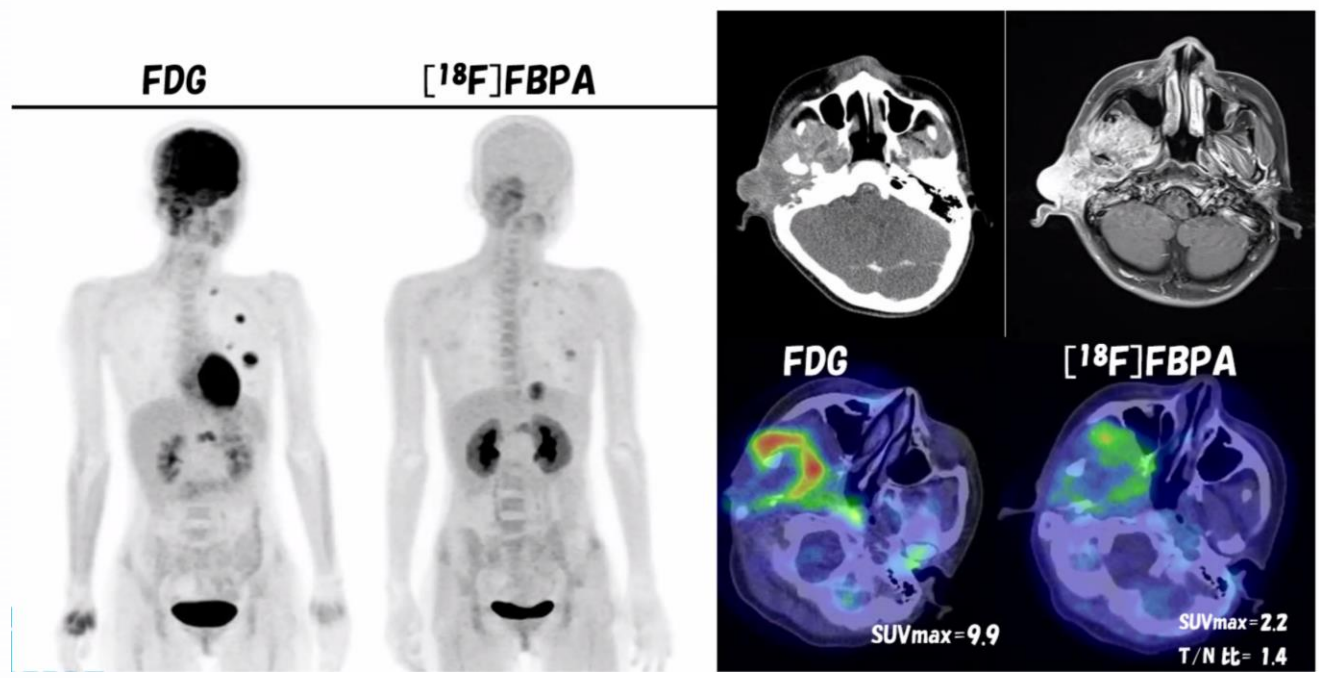
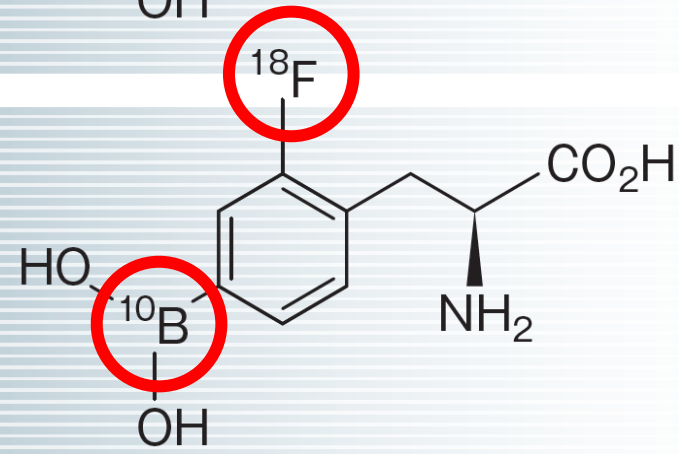
L-phenylalanine



L-BPA



L-FBPA



- ◆ Imaging of tumor site boron accumulation
➔ Indication of BNCT
- ◆ Tumor tissue/normal tissue (T/N ratio)
➔ BNCT Dose Calculation

Accelerator based clinical BNCT systems

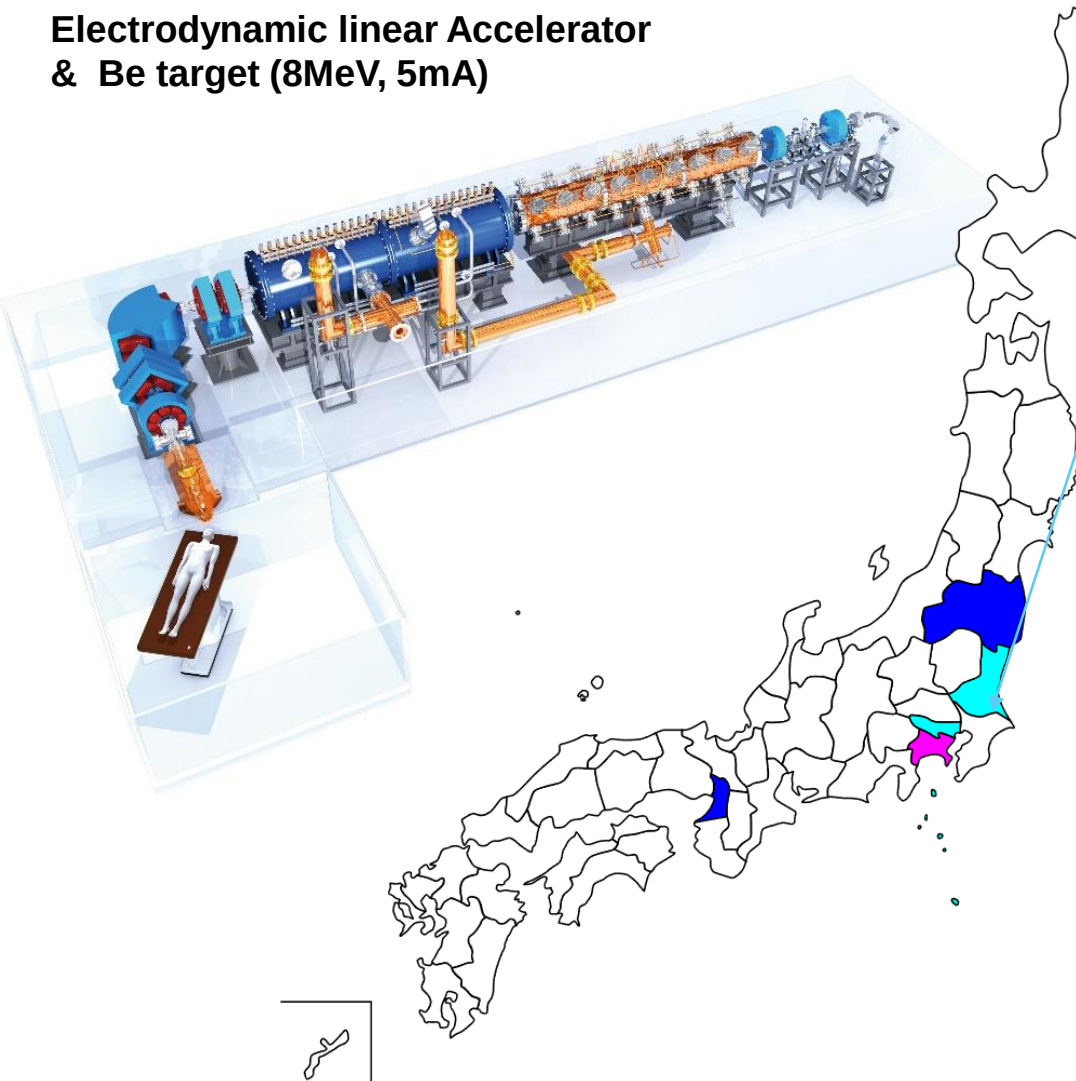
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Electrodynamic linear Accelerator
& Be target (8MeV, 5mA)



Tsukuba University

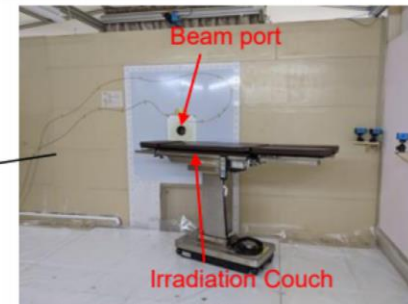
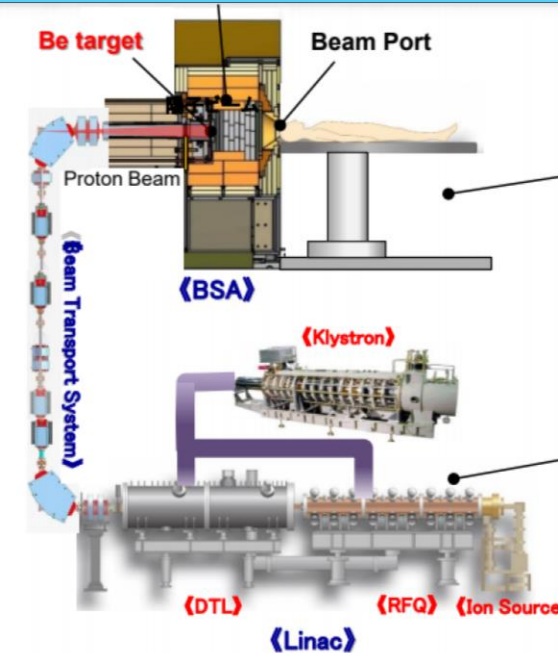
February 2024~ Phase 1 Clinical Trial; Newly diagnosed glioblastoma



Facility building



Biological Experimental Room



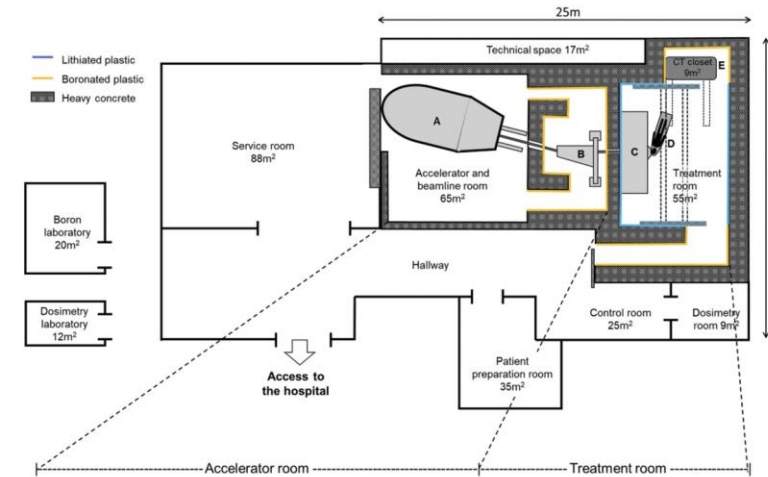
Irradiation room



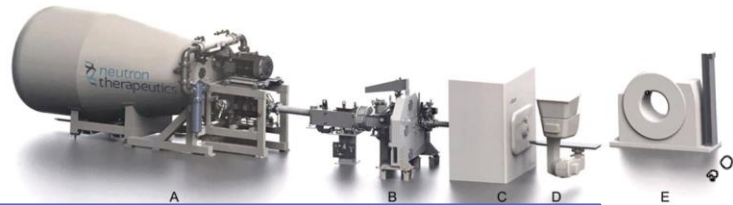
Accelerator room

Accelerator based clinical BNCT systems

Electrostatic accelerators & Li target (2.6MeV, 30mA)



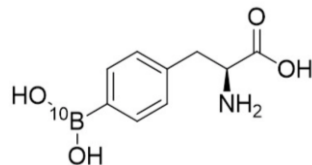
Leo Cancer Care Upright
Patient Positioning
System.



Helsinki University Hospital,
Finland
(Preparation of clinical trials)

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4-(Borono-10B)-L-phenylalanine
Molecular Formula: C₉H₁₂BNO₄
C.A.S. No.: [80994-59-8]



Shonan Kamakura General Hospital
(Preparation of clinical study)

医療法人 徳洲会
湘南鎌倉総合病院
SHONAN KAMAKURA GENERAL HOSPITAL



Rotating Li target
+ Beam Shaping Assembly

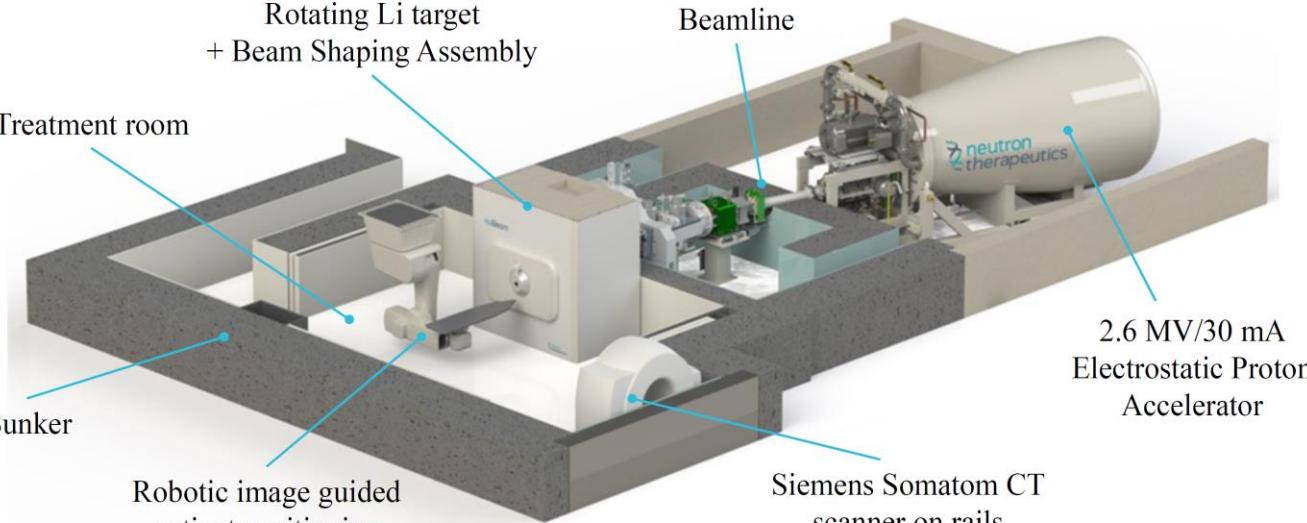
Treatment room

Bunker

Robotic image guided
patient positioning



Beamline



2.6 MV/30 mA
Electrostatic Proton
Accelerator

Siemens Somatom CT
scanner on rails



Development of Accelerator based clinical BNCT (~ Sep. 2024)

China

Xiamen Humanity Hospital (XHH) BNCT Center
October 2022~ clinical study; **Recurrent head and neck cancer, High-grade glioma, Melanoma**
March 2024 **The approval of Accelerated BNCT treatment system (NeuPEX Block-I) as Class III medical device**
May 2024~ Investigational New Drug (IND) clinical trials for Neuboron's boronophenylalanine (NBB-001, BPA)

Korea

Gachon University Gil Medical Center
June 2022 clinical trials phase1/2~; **High-grade glioma**

Japan

South Tohoku BNCT Research Center
2016-2019 Phase 2 Clinical Trial; **Head and neck cancer**
June 2020~ Medical treatment covered by health insurance; **Head and neck cancer**

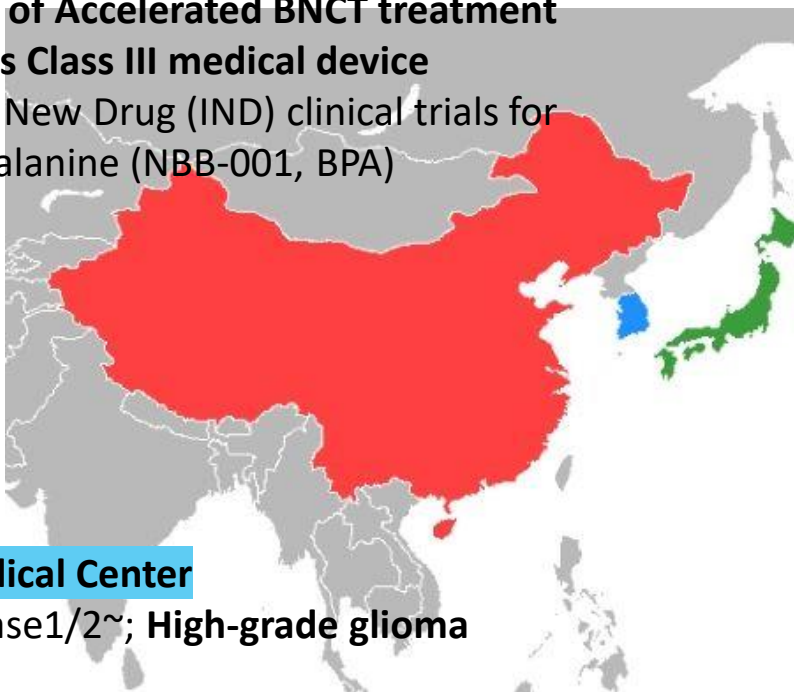
Kansai BNCT Medical Center
June 2020 ~ Medical treatment covered by health insurance; **Head and neck cancer**

National Cancer Center Hospital
November 2019 ~ 2022 Phase 1 Clinical Trial; **Malignant Melanoma & Angiosarcoma**
November 2022~ Phase 2 Clinical Trial; **Angiosarcoma**
September 2024~ Phase1/2 Clinical Trials; **FBPA-PET positive recurrent thoracic solid malignant tumor**

Edogawa Hospital BNCT
June 2023 ~ Specific Clinical Research; **Recurrent breast cancer** after radiation therapy
August 2024 ~Specific Clinical Research; **FDG-positive tumors**

Tsukuba University
February 2024~ Phase 1 Clinical Trial; **Newly Diagnosed Glioblastoma**

Shonan Kamakura Hospital
2025 ~ Clinical Study (Planned)



Ximen Humanity Hospital-Neuboron BNCT Center

NEUBORON

**Tandem & Li target
(2.35MeV, 10mA)**

NeuPex Block-I uses a tandem electrostatic accelerator to provide a low-energy proton beam at a relatively high beam current. Electrostatic accelerators are well-known as a power-efficient, stable machines. Figure III-4 shows the main vessels of the accelerator system.

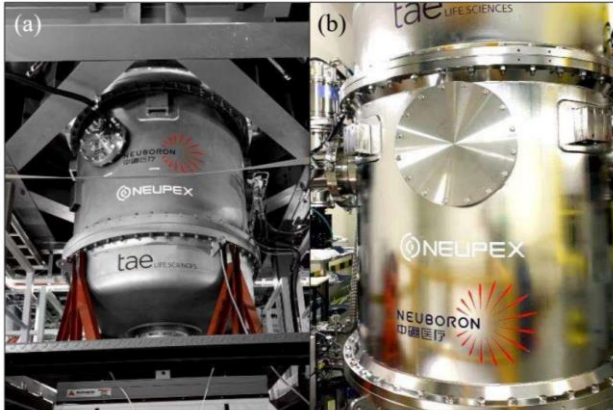
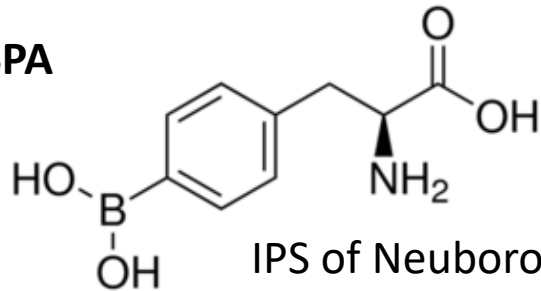


FIG. III-4. Tandem electrostatic accelerator of NeuPex (a) electrostatic power vessel, (b) main accelerator vessel.

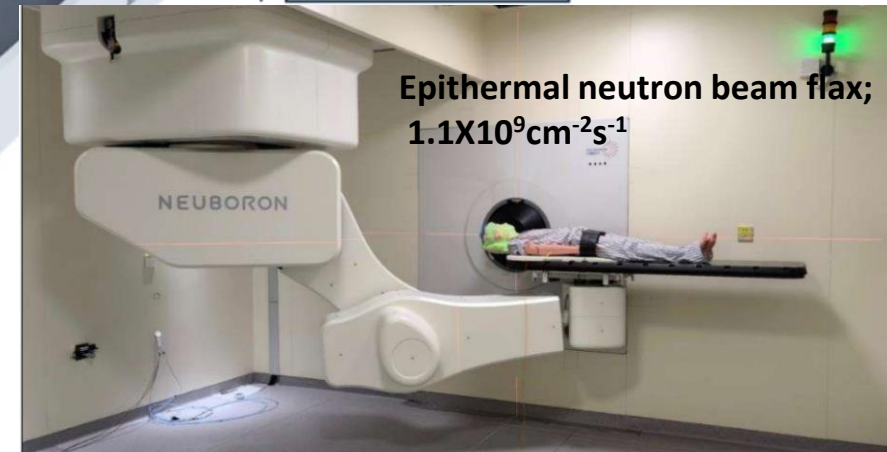
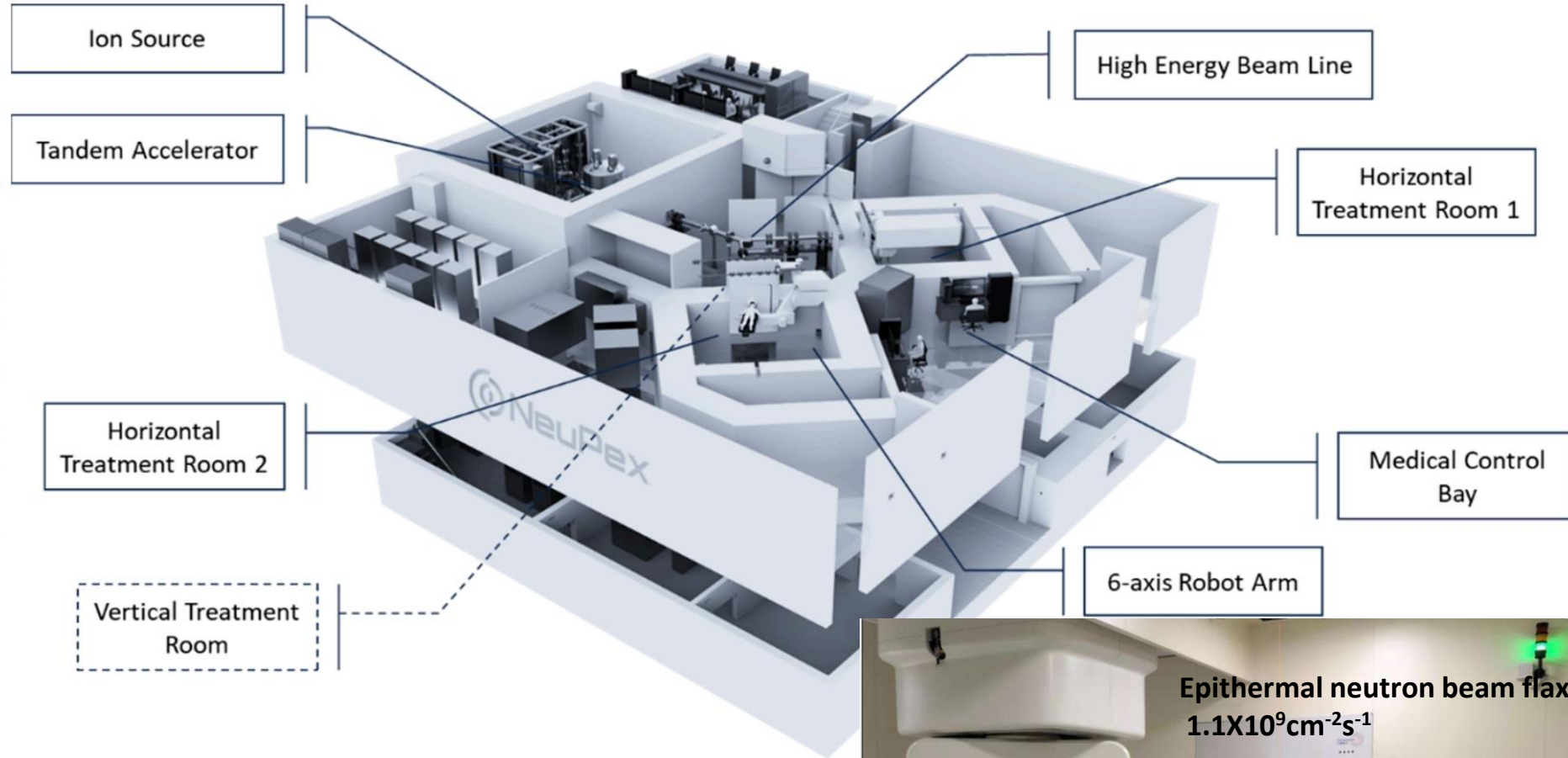
BPA



IPS of Neuboron Medical Group

<https://en.neuboron.com/products>

<https://taelifesciences.com/360/treatment.html>



2022 ~ BNCT for advanced refractory Malignant Tumors

October 2022 ~ June 2024, 24 patients

Investigator-initiated trial (IIT)

- IIT-001(Chinese Clinical Trial Registration Number: ChiCTR2200066473),

“A Single-center, Single-arm Clinical Trial of the Safety and Efficacy of Boron Neutron Capture Therapy (BNCT) for Advanced Refractory Malignant Tumors”

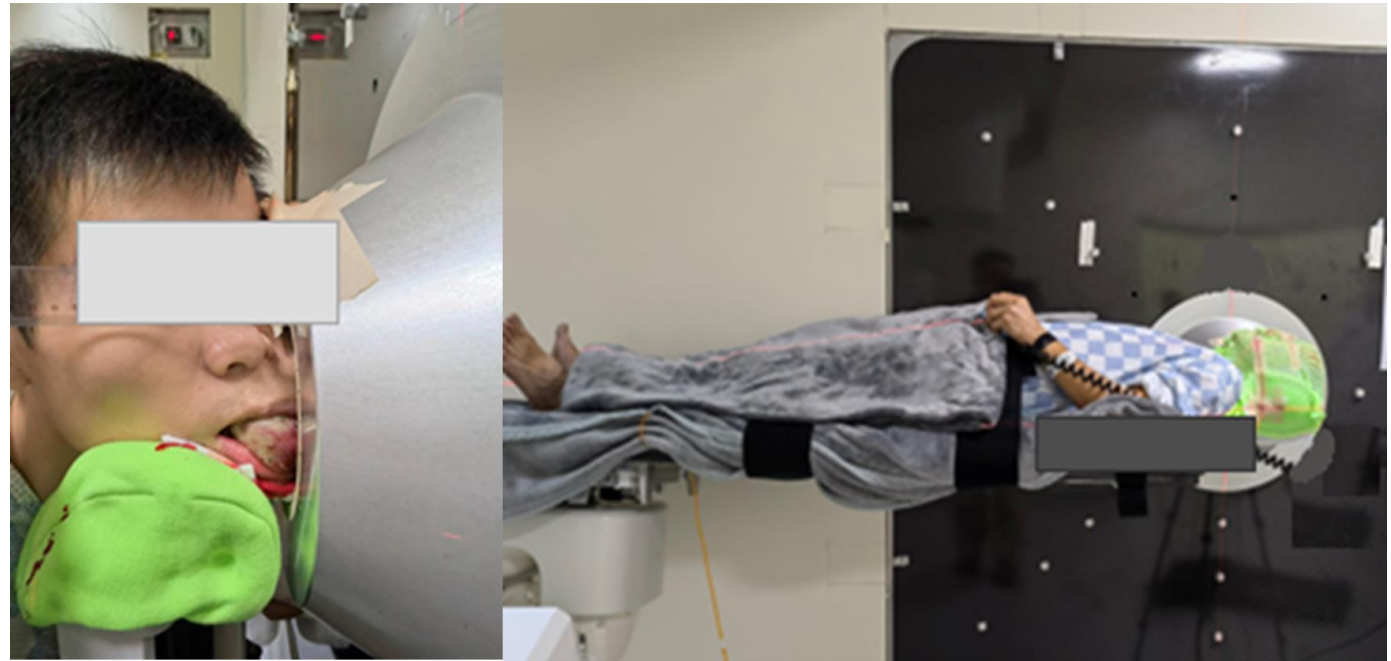
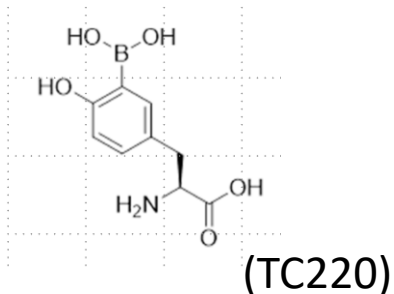
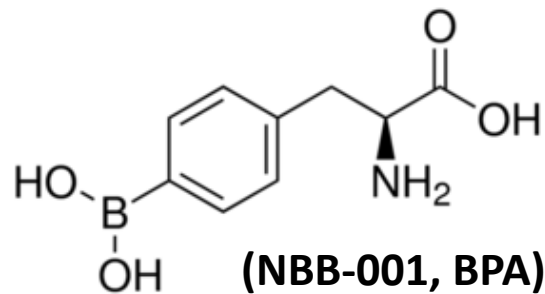
3 month follow up

High QOL, Patients satisfaction and Tumor regression

- IIT-002 on going, 5 patients

Head and neck cancer and brain tumor (glioma)

- IIT-003 LAT-1 and/or 18F-BPA positive tumors



March 2024 The approval of Accelerated BNCT treatment system (NeuPEX Block-I) as Class III medical device

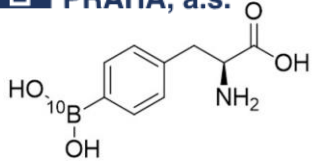
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Accelerator-BNCT Clinical Research Center, Korea

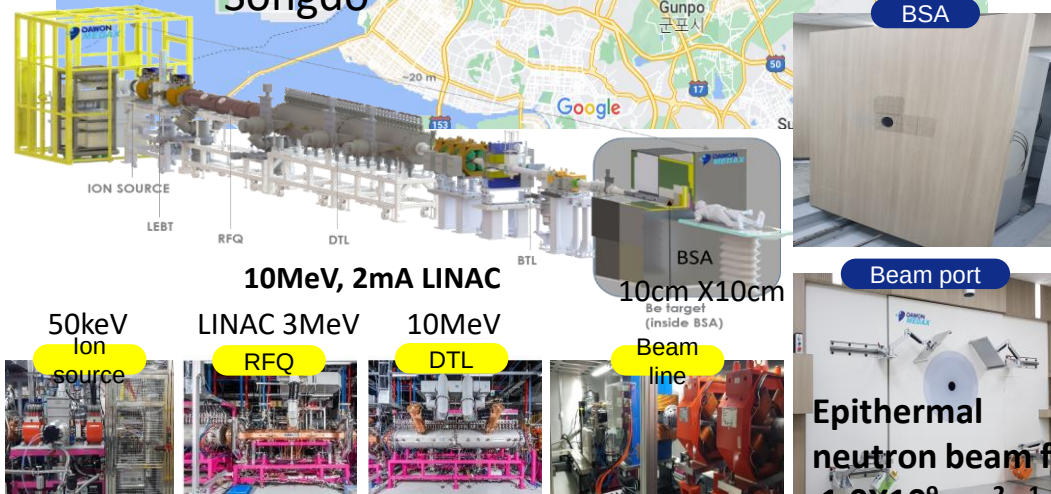


LINAC & Be target
(10MeV, 2mA)

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4-(Borono-10B)-L-phenylalanine
Molecular Formula: C₉H₁₂BN₂O₄
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Courtesy of Dr. Hyo Jung Seo

June 2022~ High-grade glioma
2023 ~ Head and neck cancer

Gachon University
Gil Medical Center



National Cancer Center



The Catholic University of
Korea Seoul St. Mary's
Hospital



Seoul National University
Hospital



Epithermal
neutron beam flux;
 $1.0 \times 10^9 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

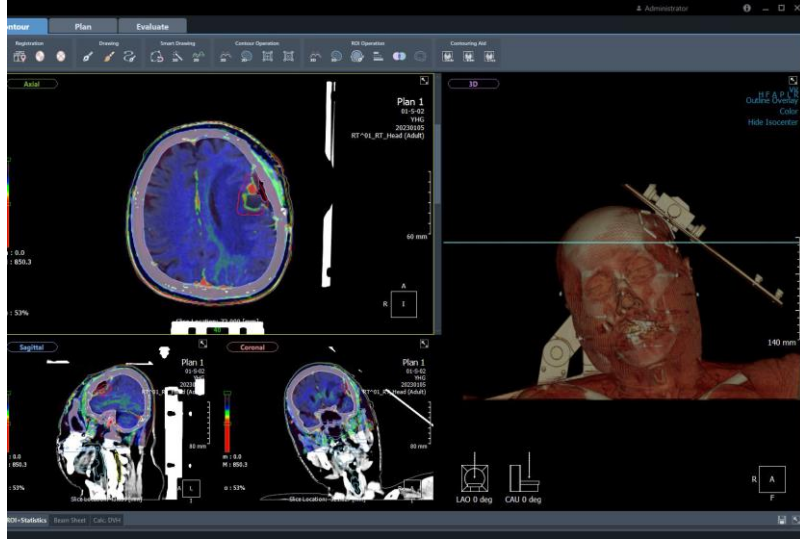
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BNCT for Recurrent Glioblastoma

June 2022~2023 11 High-grade glioma patients (6 clinical trials, 5 compassionate cases)

Treatment planning (TPS system)

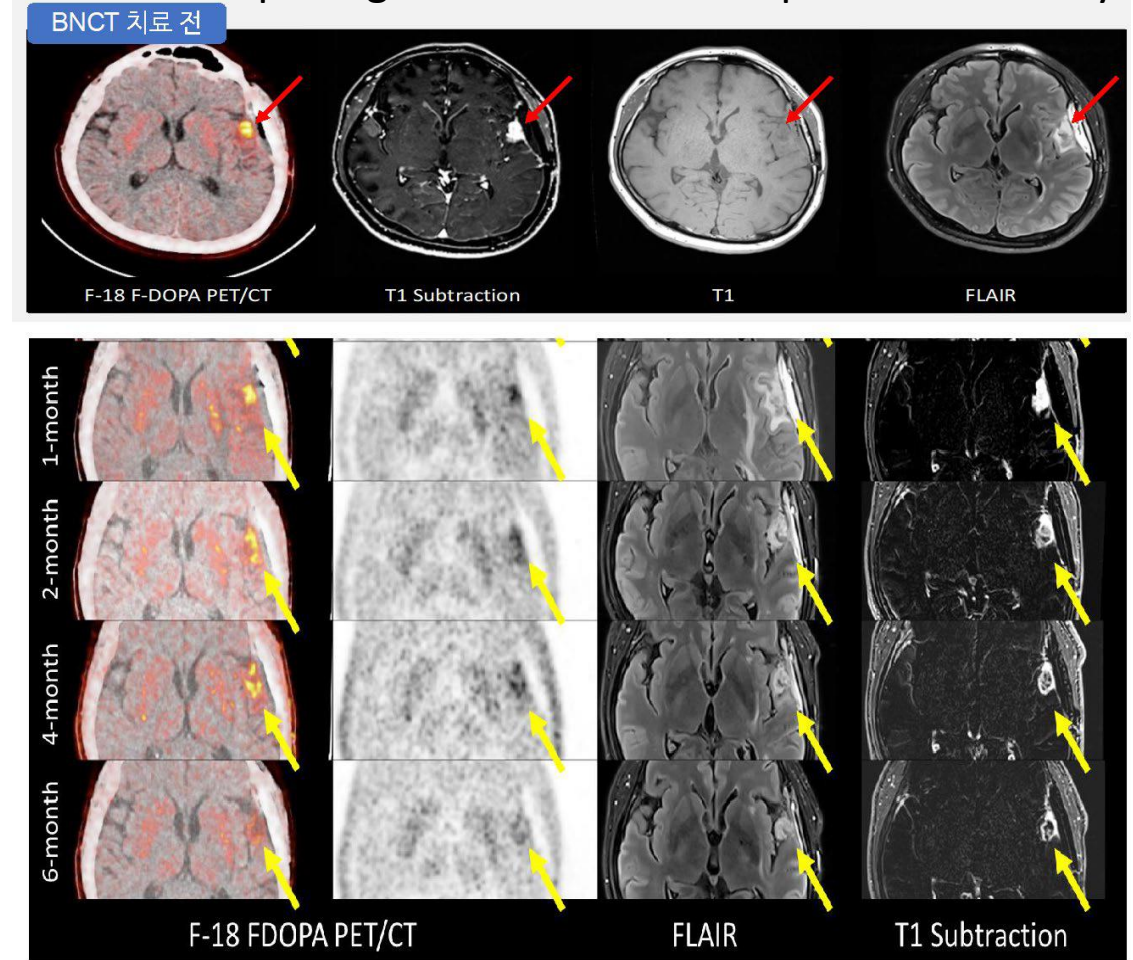


BPA (Interpharma, Czech) administration

Neutron irradiation



6-month follow-up image of a BNCT treated patient with 9 Gy-Eq DLT



- 6 month “progress-free survival”
- Stable disease (SD) or “complete response”

Courtesy of Dr. Young-soon Bae, UCANS10

Summary

- **BNCT is a cancer therapy that uses a nuclear reaction between neutrons and boron to selectively destroy cancer cells with little damage to normal cells.**
- **BNCT usually is treated with a single irradiation. Therefore, early return to society is possible.**
- **With the development of the accelerator BNCT system, hospital-based treatment has started in Japan from 2020.**
- **BNCT has a high level of patient satisfaction, with improvement in post-treatment QOL observed.**

Thank you for listening!

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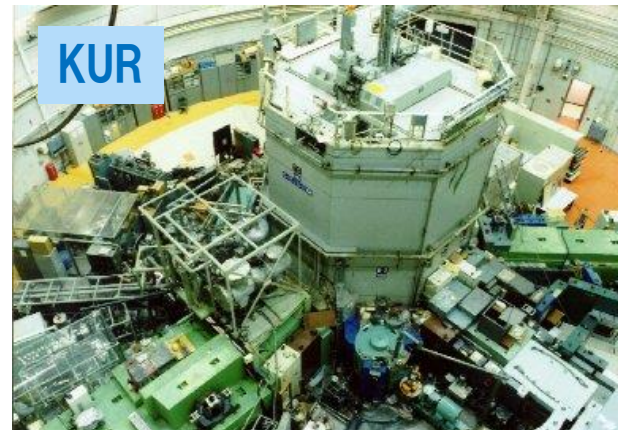
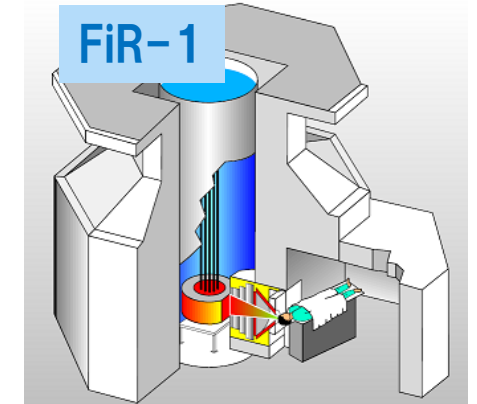
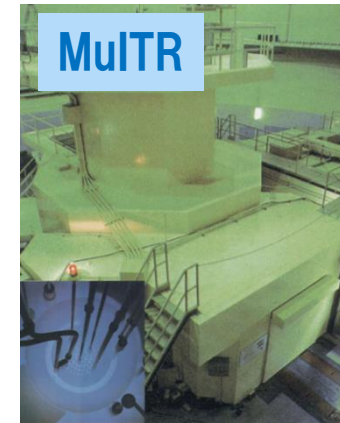
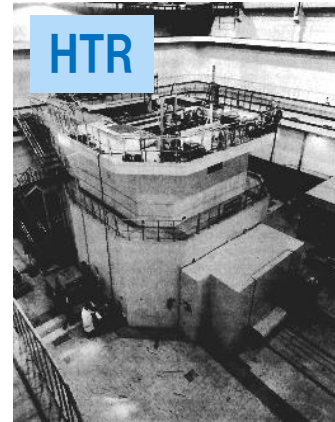
IAEA, Japan's Okayama University to Work Together on Advancing Boron Neutron Capture Therapy to Help Fight Cancer

The IAEA and Japan's Okayama University have agreed to work together in the area of Boron Neutron Capture Therapy (BNCT), a non-invasive therapeutic technique for treating invasive malignant tumours.



SCROLL

The development of reactor-based BNCT

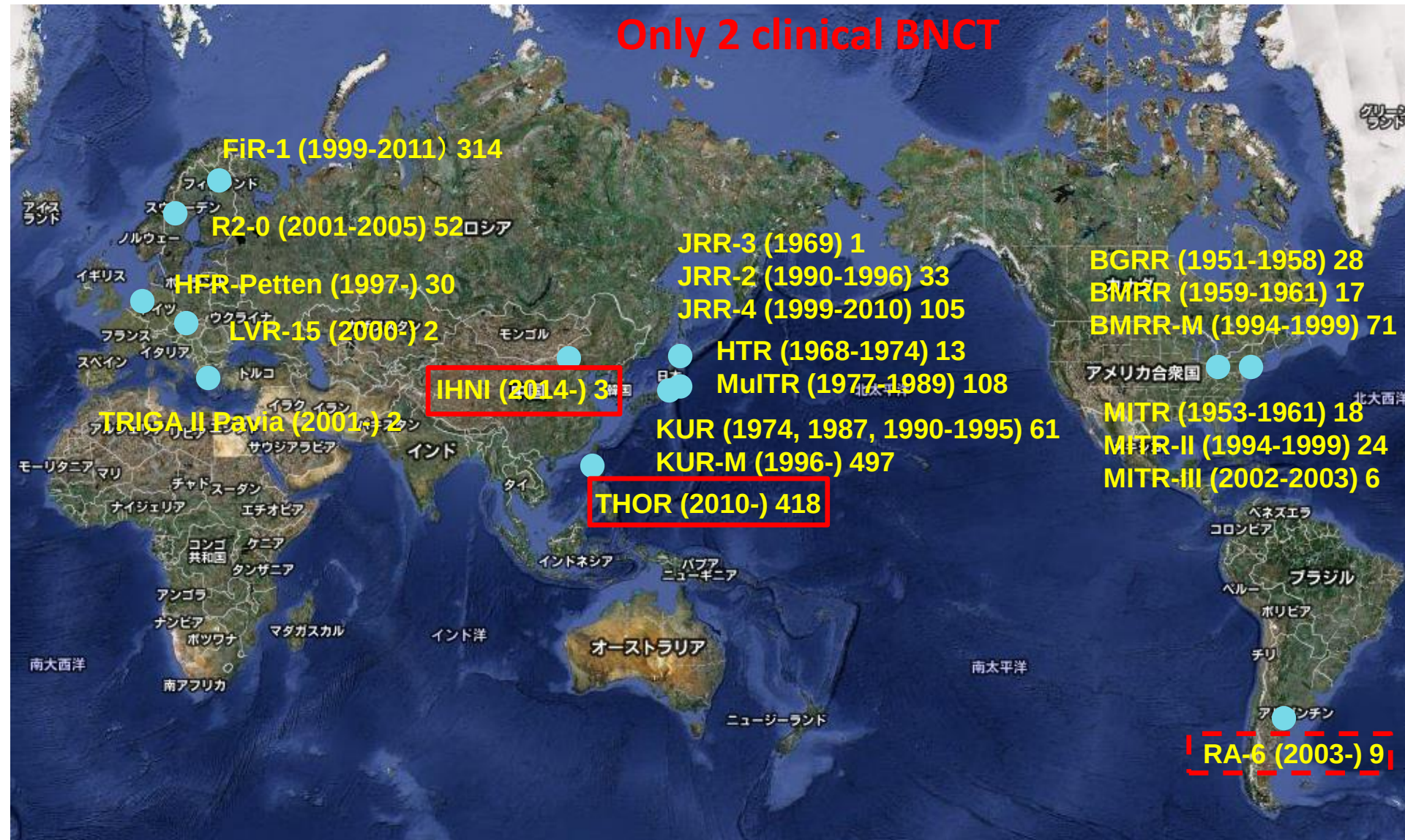


Courtesy of Prof. Sakurai, Kyoto Univ.

Reactor-based neutron sources in the world

>1400 until 2014,
majority after 2001

Only 2 clinical BNCT



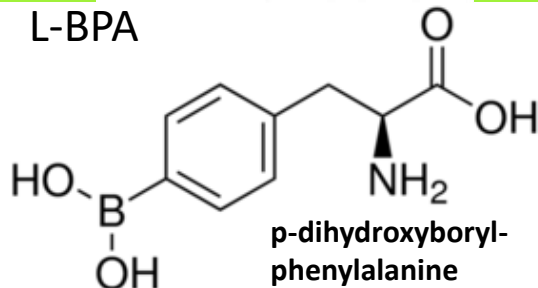
USA	Brain Tumor※	135
	Skin※	6
Netherlands	Brain Tumor※	22
Finland	Brain Tumor※	150
	Head & Neck※※	29
Czech Republic	Brain Tumor※	2
Sweden	Brain Tumor※	52
Italy	Liver Cancer※	2
Argentina	Skin※	7
Taiwan, China	Head & Neck※※	10
Japan	Malignant Brain Tumor※※	393
	Head and Neck Cancer※※	186
	Malignant Melanoma※※	42
	Lung Cancer※※	14
	Liver Cancer※※	7
	Mesothelioma※※	23
	Others※※	10

※ ~ Jan., 2009

※※ ~ March, 2012

2010 ~ Reactor-based BNCT in Taiwan

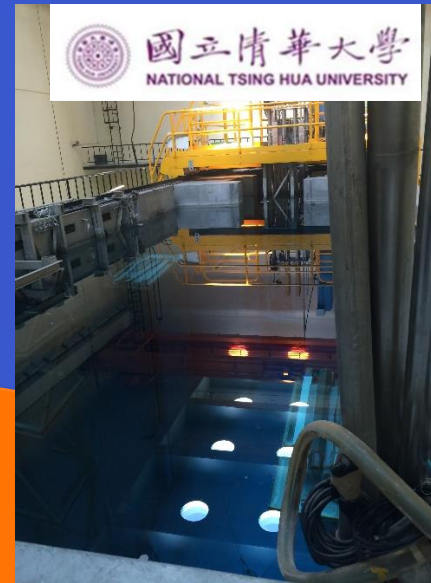
Boron



(Hammercap AB, Stockholm, Sweden and Taiwan Biotech Co. Ltd, Taiwan, China)

(BPA-Fructose, 500 mg/kg)

Neutron



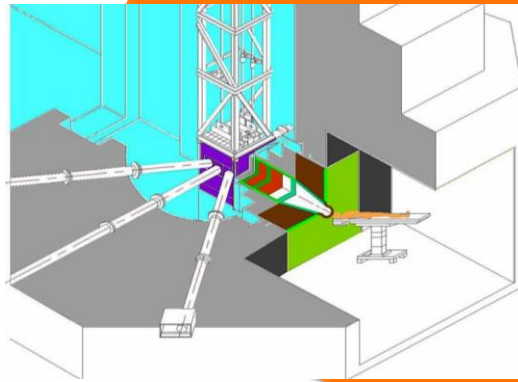
Epithermal neutron flux for 1 MW power is $1.7 \times 10^9 \text{ n cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ in air at the beam exit

2023~ Medical device approval from Taiwan Food and Drug Administration

Tsing Hua Open-pool Reactor

Therapy

Brain tumor
Head and neck cancer



2010~ Head and neck cancer
2017~ salvage BNCT as emergent / compassionate use for recurrent malignant brain tumors

The treatment of foreign patients, including patients from America, Japan, Brazil, Australia, Spain, Swiss, Italy, Singapore and China (~34 patients till Aug.2023)



Dr. Yi-Wei Chen



THOR status	Clinical intent	Indication	Case number	Execution period	Clinical outcome
Not-approved medical facilities by TFDA (2010-2023.5)	Phase I trial	Recurrent H&N cancers	17	2010-2013	Improved patients' QOL, with 6 patients CR and 6 patients with tumor volume reduced by more than 30% (PR)
	Phase II trial	Recurrent H&N cancers	11	2014-2020	Similar as phase I
	Salvage	Recurrent brain and H&N cancers	> 400	2017-	Effective in palliating the disease and improving the patients' QOL; to be evaluated
Approved medical device (2023.6-)	Phase I/II trial	Recurrent glioblastoma after CCRT and Avastin	55	2023.12.01-2026.04.30	To be evaluated

Cancer Conqueror, Precision Medical Technology: Current Status and Future Prospects of THOR-BNCT Development in Taiwan, Sep 2023

Courtesy of Dr. Yi-Wei- Chen

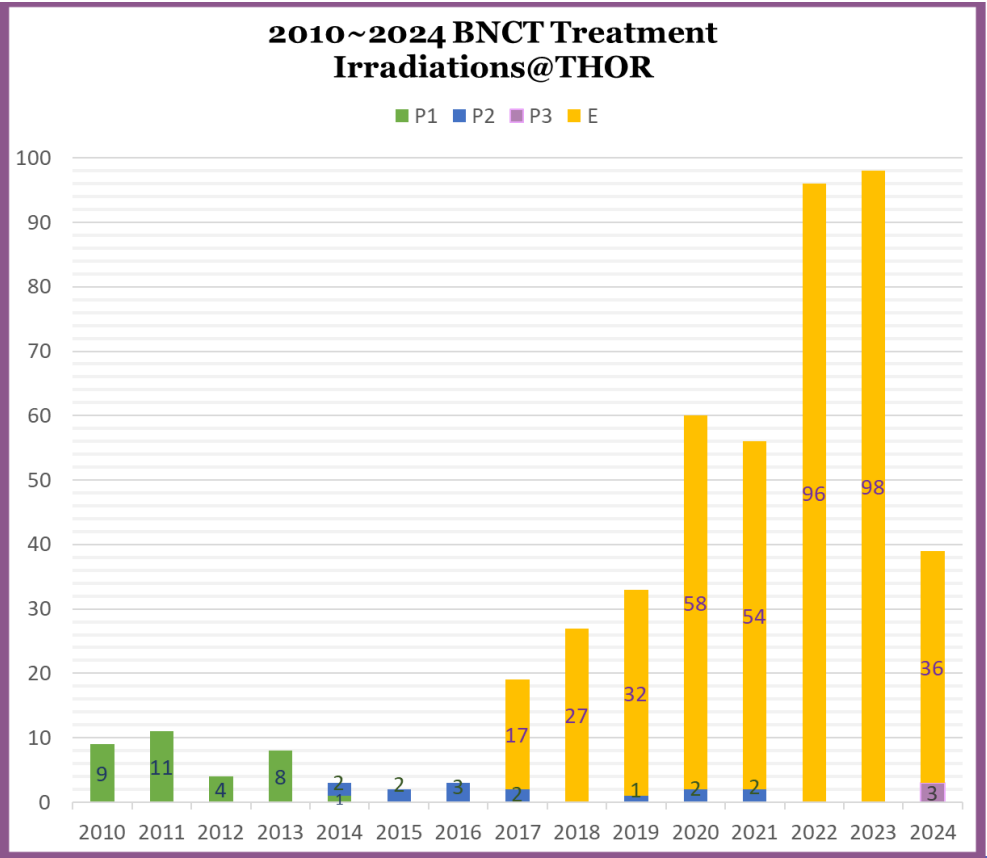
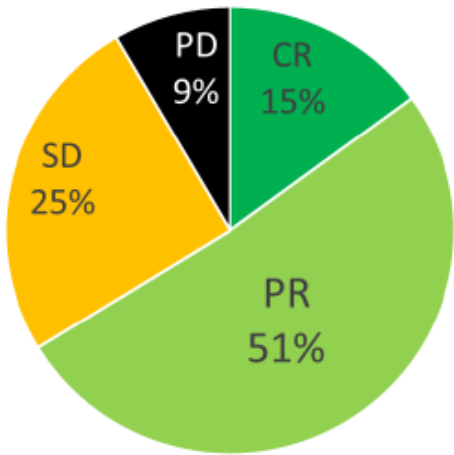
Current BNCT status in Taiwan

Item	Brain	H&N	Others	Total	P1	P2	P3	E
Irradiation times	264	197	7	468	33	14	3	418

2010.08.11~ 2024.04.19

by JJP

Median follow-up time is 7.5 months.
Longest survival is 17.9 months
Shortest survival period after BNCT is 1.1 month.



Courtesy of Dr. Yi-Wei- Chen

BNCT in Taiwan

最新消息 BNCT簡介 BNCT緊急治療 研究團隊 捐款中心 友善連結

BNCT緊急醫療流程

THOR照射申請



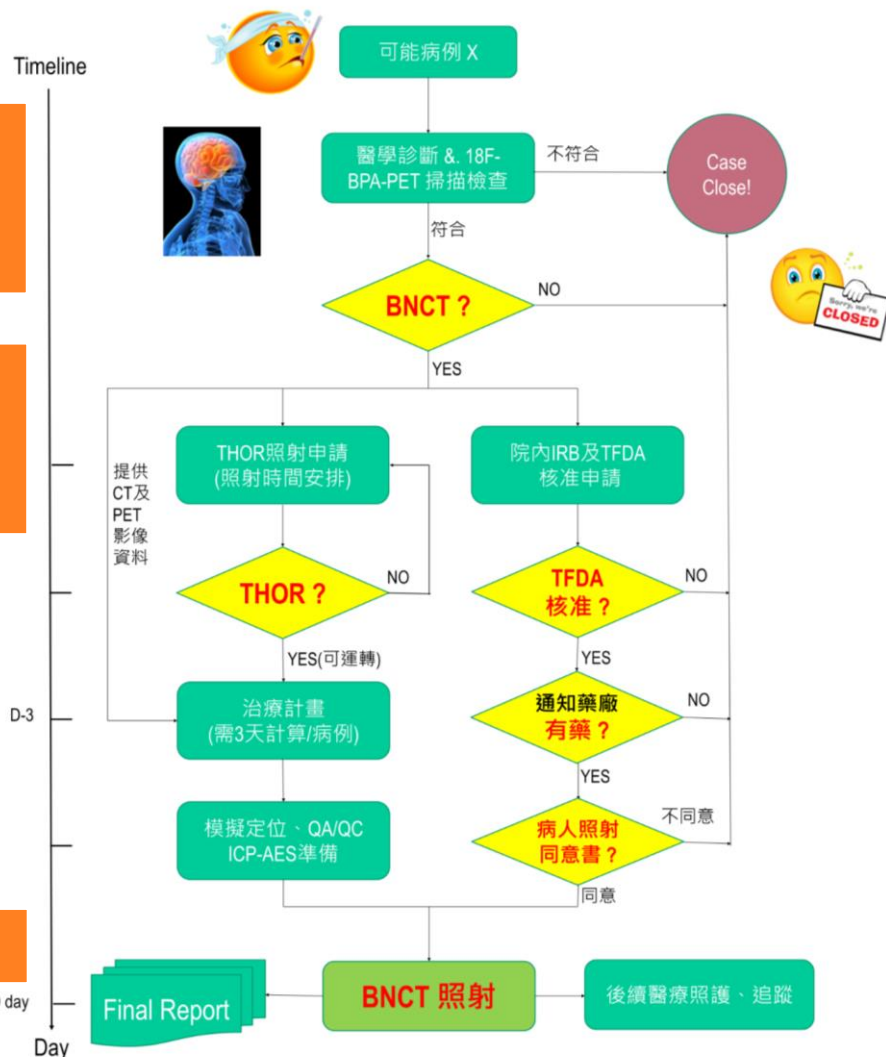
以單次申請BNCT醫療服務計算，為新台幣壹拾貳萬元整，若採計畫性照射，第二次及以後之照射則每次收費新台幣壹拾萬元整。(1st NT\$ 120,000, 2nd NT\$ 100,000)

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Diagnosis of
BNCT by
FBPA-PET

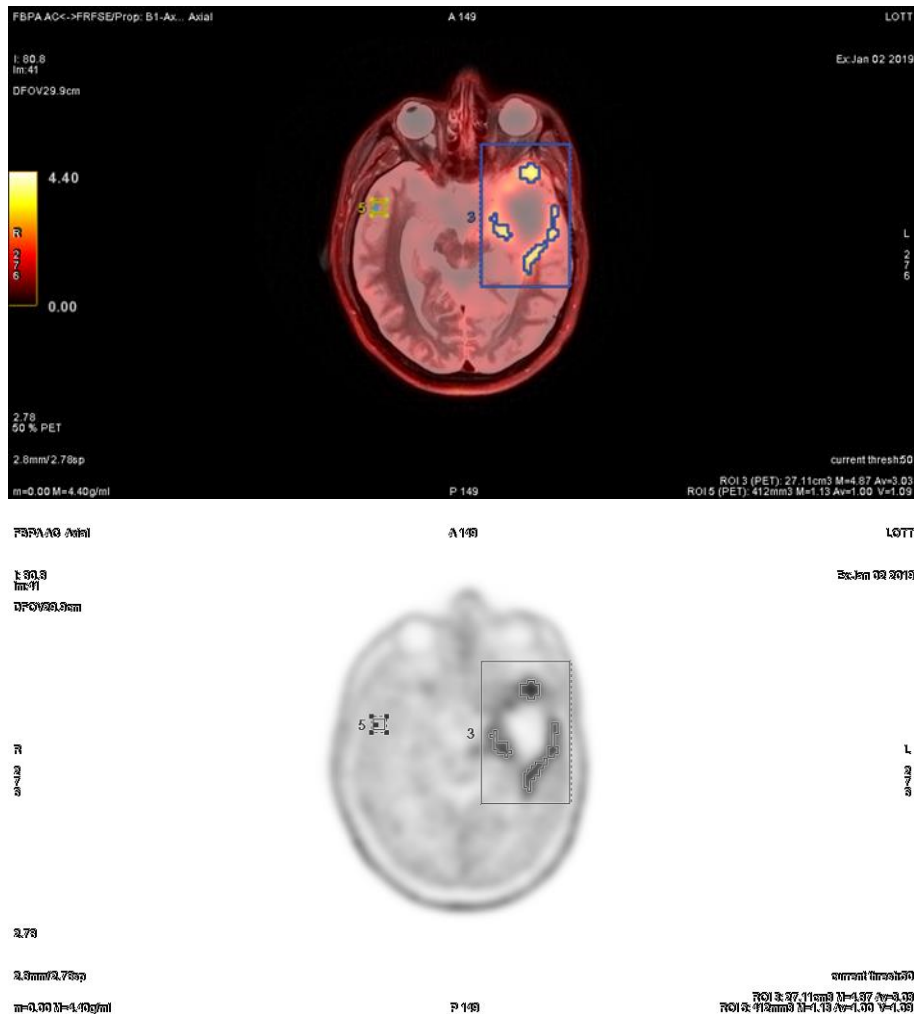
Treatment
planning of
BNCT

BNCT



BNCT for Recurrent glioblastoma (Australian patient)

FBPA-PET Imaging before BNCT

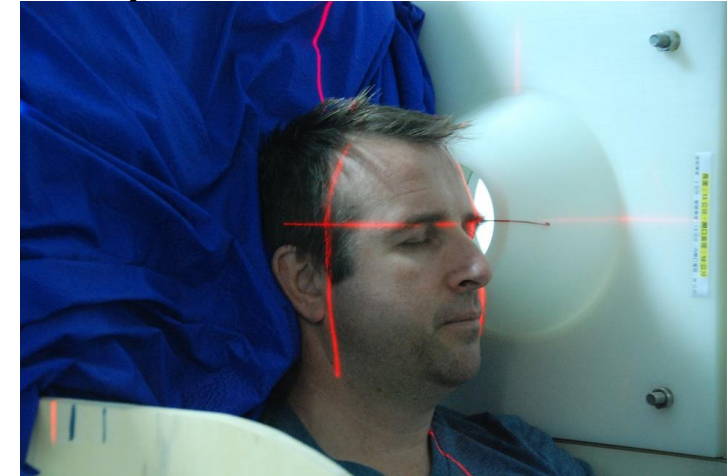


Simulation before BNCT



BNCT

Set up

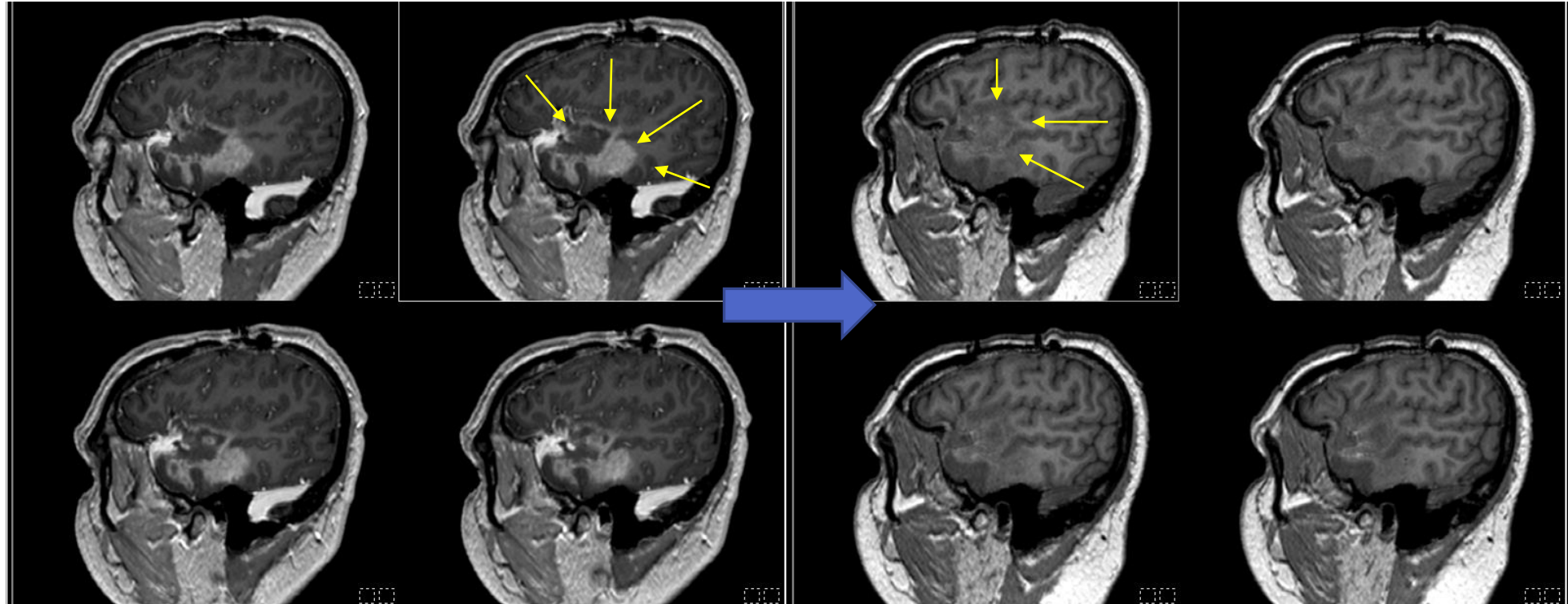


Boron administration



Courtesy of Dr. Yi-Wei- Chen

BNCT for Recurrent glioblastoma (Australian patient)



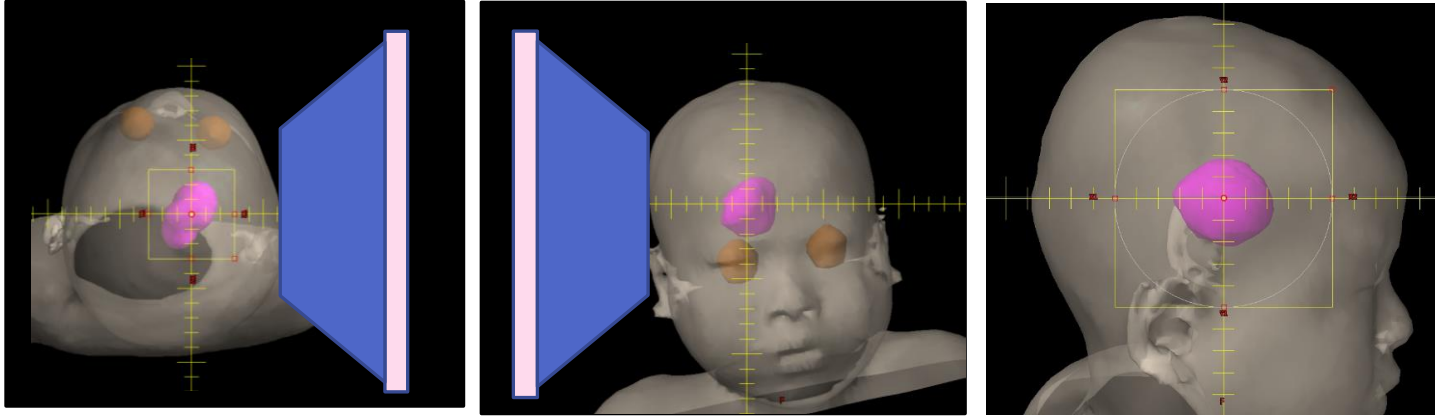
Before BNCT
(2019-01-16)

BNCT on
201901-30

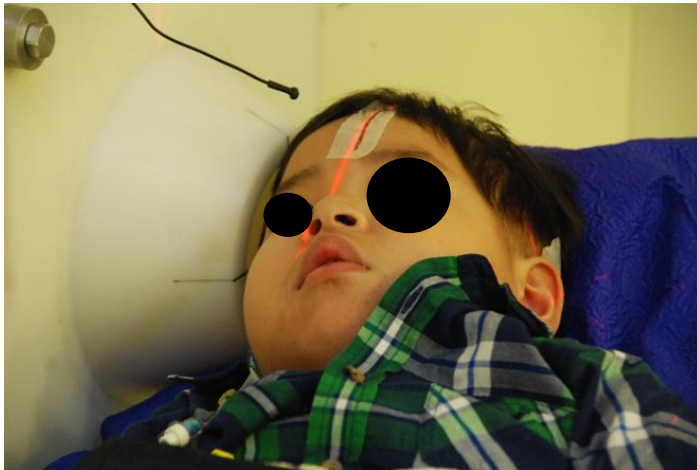
After BNCT
(2019-02-26)

BNCT for brain tumor (8-year-old kid)

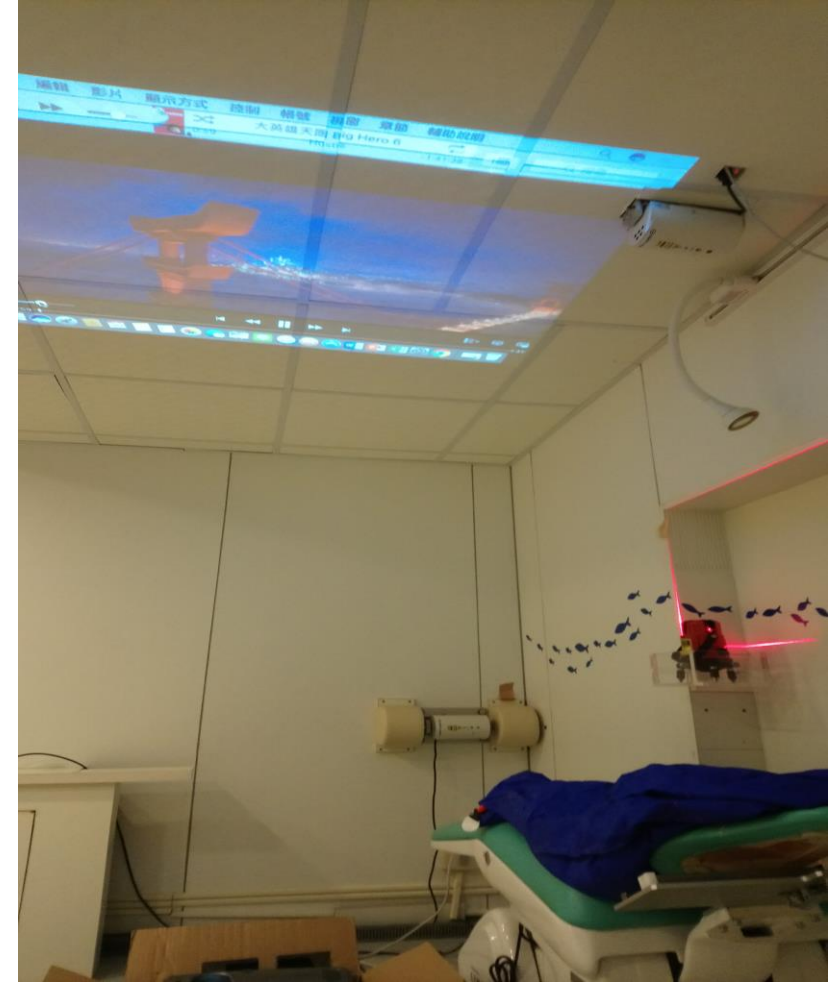
Simulation before epithermal neutron irradiation



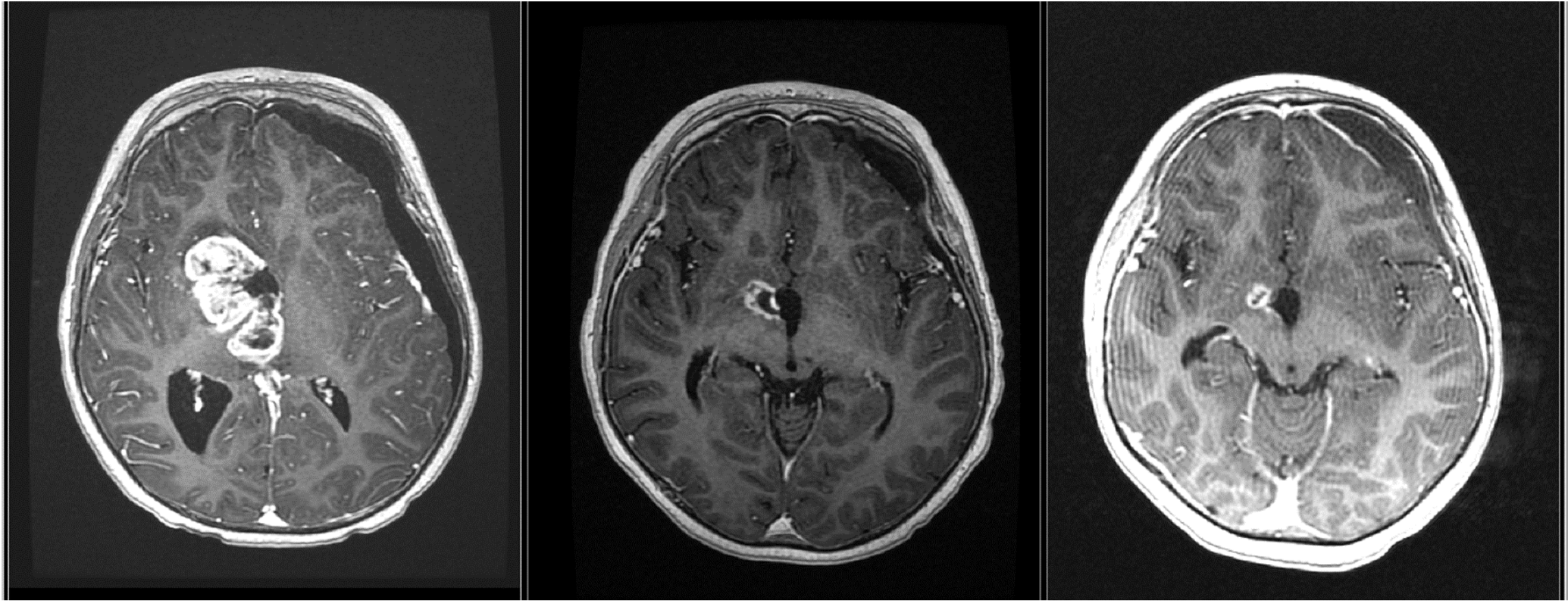
- Collimator length 10 cm, diameter of opening 10 cm
- Neutron source to tumor center distance 18 cm



Treatment room



BNCT for brain tumor (8-year-old kid)



After 40 Gy X-ray RT



After BNCT 20.7 Gy-E



Article

Salvage Boron Neutron Capture Therapy for Malignant Brain Tumor Patients in Compliance with Emergency and Compassionate Use: Evaluation of 34 Cases in Taiwan

Survivals after BNCT

	OS			CSS			RFS	
	Median Survival (Months)	6 Months	12 Months	Median Survival (Months)	6 Months	12 Months	Median Survival (Months)	6 Months
All cases	7.25	52%	29%	7.80	58%	38%	4.18	32%
CR	17.43	100%	64%	28.00	100%	50%	9.23	65%
PR	15.47	73%	62%	15.47	73%	62%	8.21	55%
SD	6.00	14%	0%	6.00	33%	0%	3.00	0%
PD	4.83	0%	0%	4.83	40%	0%	1.50	0%
ORR	15.65	82%	61%	17.11	82%	73%	8.44	59%
DCR	8.10	62%	35%	9.07	62%	41%	4.57	39%

OS, overall survival; CSS, cancer-specific survival; RFS, relapse-free survival;

Treatment Response after BNCT

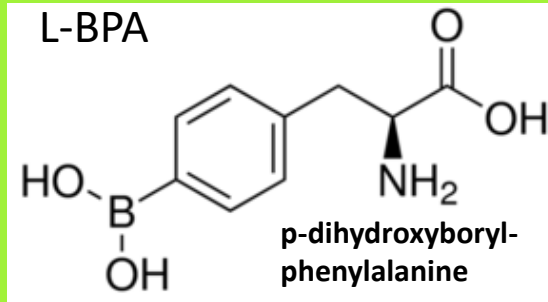
Response	N (%)	95% CI
CR	6 (17.6%)	0.05–0.30
PR	11 (32.4%)	0.17–0.48
SD	12 (35.3%)	0.19–0.51
PD	5 (14.7%)	0.03–0.27
ORR	50.0%	0.33–0.66
DCR	85.3%	0.73–0.97

ORR, objective response rate (ORR = CR + PR); DCR, disease control rate (DCR = CR + PR + SD).

2014 ~ Reactor-based BNCT in the hospital, China

In-Hospital Neutron Irradiator (IHNI-1) in China, Beijing Capture Technology Limited Co. (BCTC)

Boron

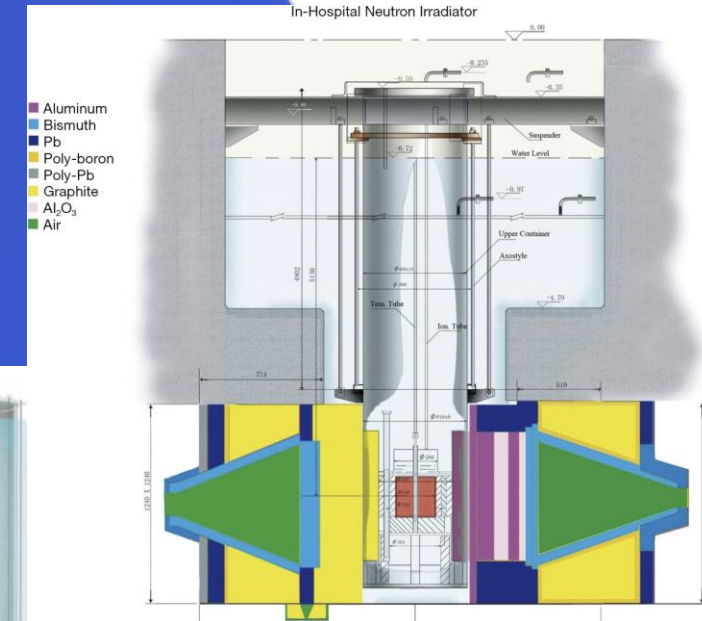


(BPA-Fructose)

Neutron

In-Hospital Neutron Irradiator (IHNI-1)

- Thermal Neutron (<0.4eV)
- Epithermal neutron (0.4 eV – 10keV)



Therapy
Melanoma



Thermal neutron fluence rate;
 $1.90 \times 10^9 \text{ cm}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$

Epithermal neutron fluence rate ;
 $4.90 \times 10^8 \text{ cm}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$



自主创新 造福人类
Self-Innovation and Benefit for Bringing Benefit to Mankind

世界首台医院中子照射器
The First In-Hospital Neutron Irradiator (IHNI-1) in the World

二元靶向放疗治癌新技术：中子俘获疗法
New Technology on Binary Targeting Radiation Therapy of Cancer: Neutron Capture Therapy (NCT)

2014~ BNCT for melanoma @ IHNI-1

Third Xiangya Hospital of Central South University
ClinicalTrials.gov (No. NCT02759536)

Case Report

Boron neutron capture therapy for malignant melanoma: first clinical case report in China

Zhong Yong^{1*}, Zewen Song^{2*}, Yongmao Zhou³, Tong Liu⁴, Zizhu Zhang⁴, Yanzhong Zhao⁵, Yang Chen⁴, Congjun Jin⁴, Xiang Chen⁶, Jianyun Lu⁷, Rui Han⁸, Pengzhou Li⁹, Xulong Sun⁹, Guohui Wang⁹, Guangqing Shi¹, Shaihong Zhu⁹

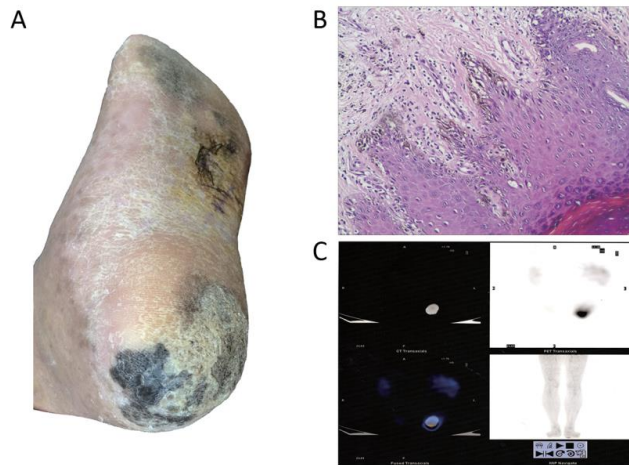


Figure 1 Gross examination, pathological analysis and PET/CT scan of the patient before BNCT. (A) Gross examination of the skin lesions in the patient's left foot before BNCT; (B) Pathological analysis before BNCT; (C) PET/CT before BNCT. BNCT, boron neutron capture therapy; PET, positron emission tomography; CT, computed tomography.

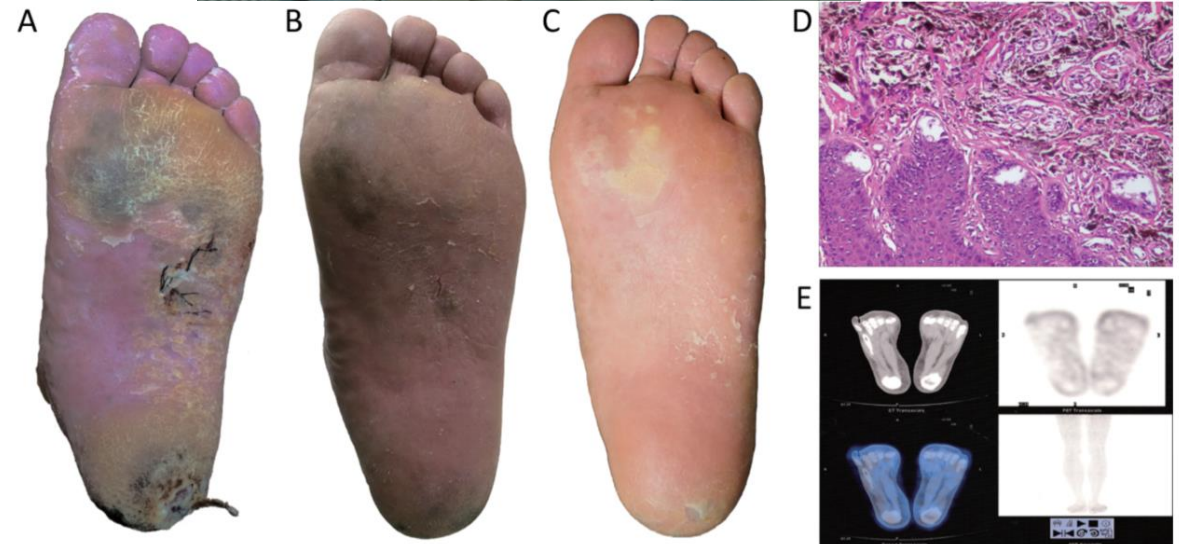


Figure 4 Gross examination, pathological analysis and PET/CT scan of the patient after BNCT. (A-C) Gross examination of the skin lesions in the patient's left foot 2 weeks (A), 5 weeks (B) and 24 months (C) after BNCT; (D) Pathological analysis after BNCT; (E) PET/CT scan after BNCT. BNCT, boron neutron capture therapy; PET, positron emission tomography; CT, computed tomography.

Latest reactor-based BNCT development all over the world

Ca. 2000 patients underwent BNCT all over the world.

1951: 1st clinical trial of BNCT for recurrent glioblastomas in U.S.

2001: 1st BNCT clinical trial for head and neck cancer in Japan

Up to now clinical trials using reactor based BNCT

- Japan: more than 1000 cases
- Finland: 311 cases for both clinical trials and compassionate use
- Taiwan: more than 450 cases for both clinical trials and compassionate use

2014: Reactor based BNCT in the hospital in China

2023: The approval of reactor based BNCT system as medical device in Taiwan