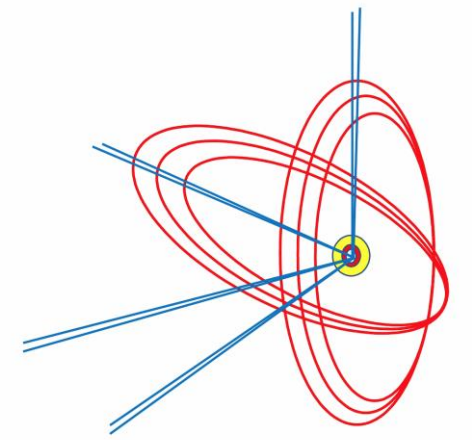


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# SBRT for Portal Vein Tumor Thrombus (PVTT): Paving the way for liver transplant



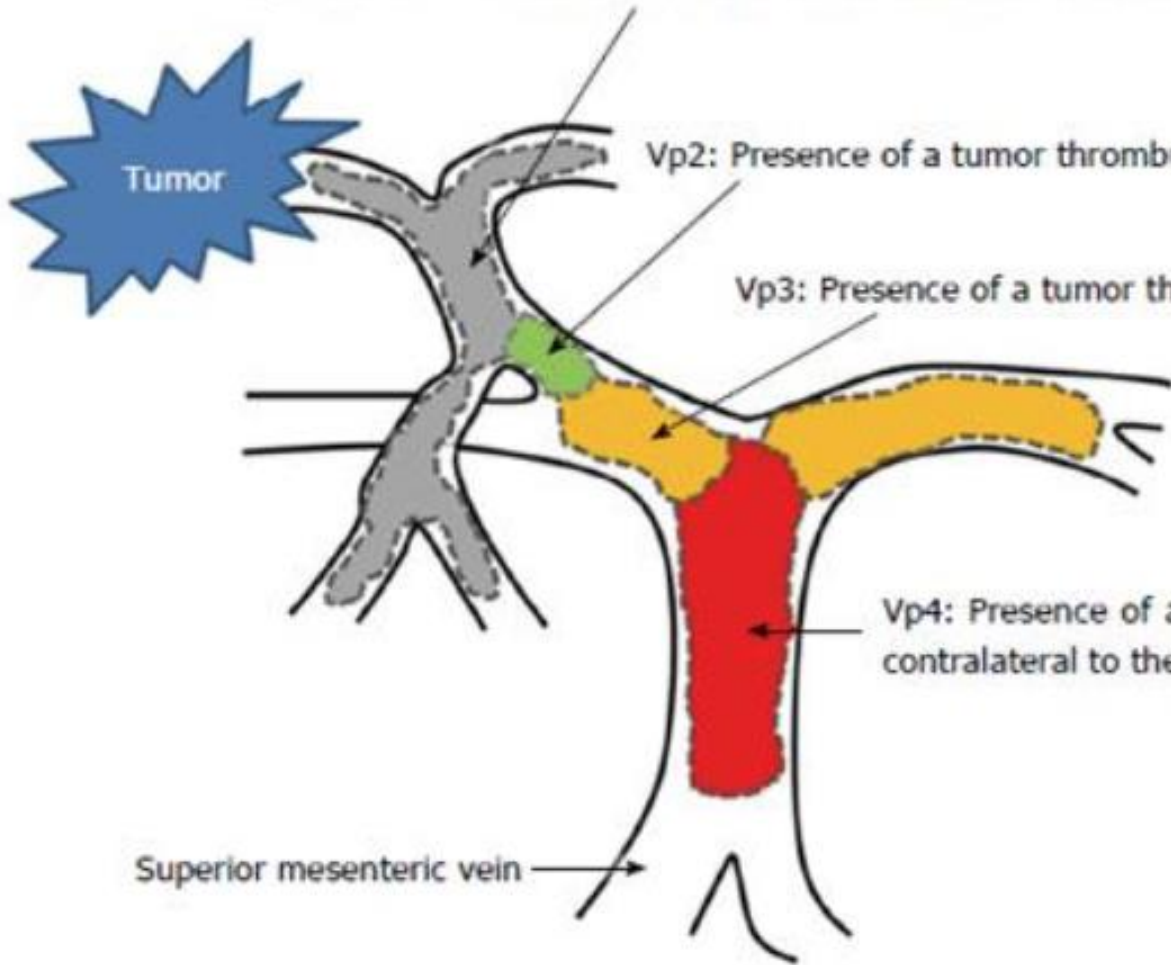
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- HCC - One of the **leading cause** of cancer mortality (6<sup>th</sup> m/c).
- LTx has optimal results ONLY in well-selected candidates (Milan criteria)
  
- 70% HCC detected in advanced-stage disease .
- 35% -detected with Portal vein tumor thrombus ( PVTT)
  - LTx NOT RECOMMENDED– high failure rates.
  - No standard therapies exist (TACE- Contraindicated; TARE- Ineffective)
  - Offered only palliative treatment→ dismal outcome
  
- Downstaging of PVTT with SBRT has the potential to improve outcomes by improving LTx results.

Vp0: No tumor thrombus in the portal vein

subsegmental PV

Vp1: Presence of a tumor thrombus distal to, but not in, the second-order branches of the portal vein



Vp2: Presence of a tumor thrombus in the second-order branches of the portal vein

segmental PV

lobar PV

Vp3: Presence of a tumor thrombus in the first-order branches of the portal vein

Main PV

Vp4: Presence of a tumor thrombus in the main trunk of the portal vein or a portal vein branch contralateral to the primarily involved lobe (or both)

Macrovascular PVTT: Vp2-4

Microvascular PVTT: Vp1

## Classification for hepatocellular carcinoma with portal vein tumor thrombosis

# Purpose

- Evaluate the **downstaging role of SBRT for PVTT** in inoperable cases .
  - Rate of PVTT response**: disappearance of enhancement/ PET activity/ recanalization.
  - Amenability to liver transplant (**conversion rates**).

# Materials & Methods

- Retrospective review of Nonmetastatic HCC
- Initially unfit for LTx due to PVTT.
- Downstaging with SBRT to PVTT attempted.
- We present analysis of 123. (104-curative; 19-Pall:poor GC, N/L<700, BED <75)

## SBRT ABC on Linac



**Concept:**  
stable target : less margin

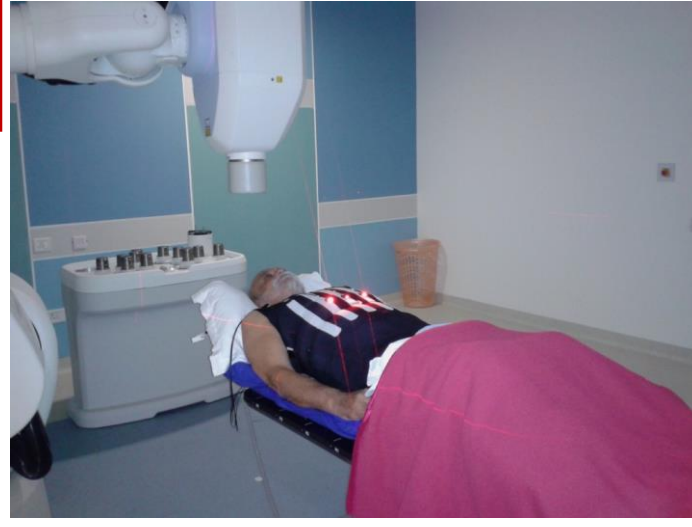
**ABC:**  
Calculated breath-hold  
allows organ sparing



## SBRT : CK



**Concept:**  
Pin point accuracy with tumor tracking  
Free breathing with synchrony gating



# Constraints for organs at risk

## Planning:

Multiphasic RTP CECT done

Dynamic MRI also done

## Contouring:

GTV-PVTT:

Arterial enhancing and PV washout area

MRI also used.

PTV: GTV+ 5 to 7mm margin.

## Critical OAR:

Duodenum

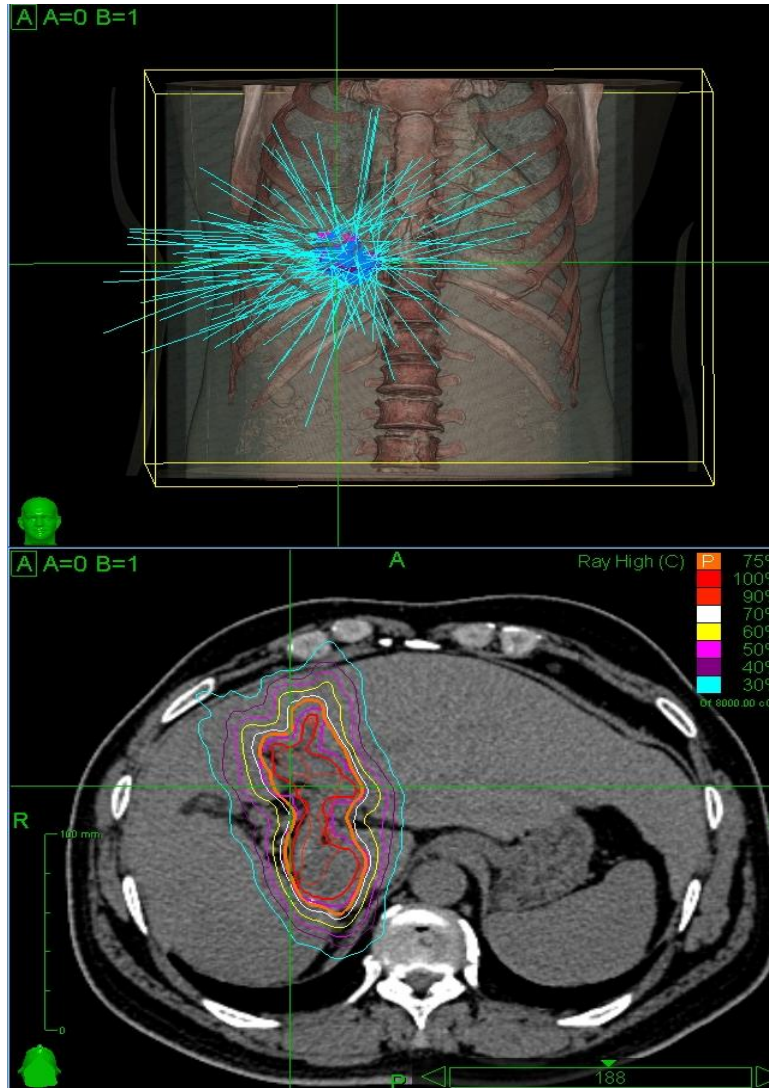
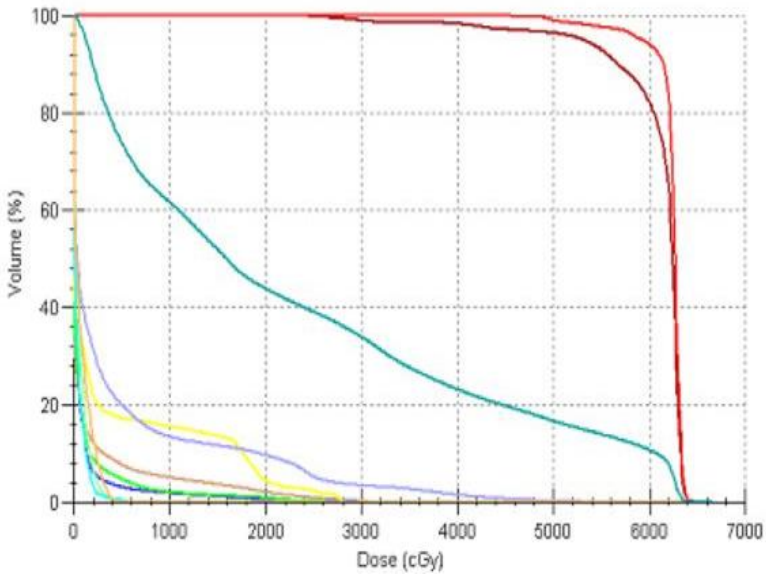
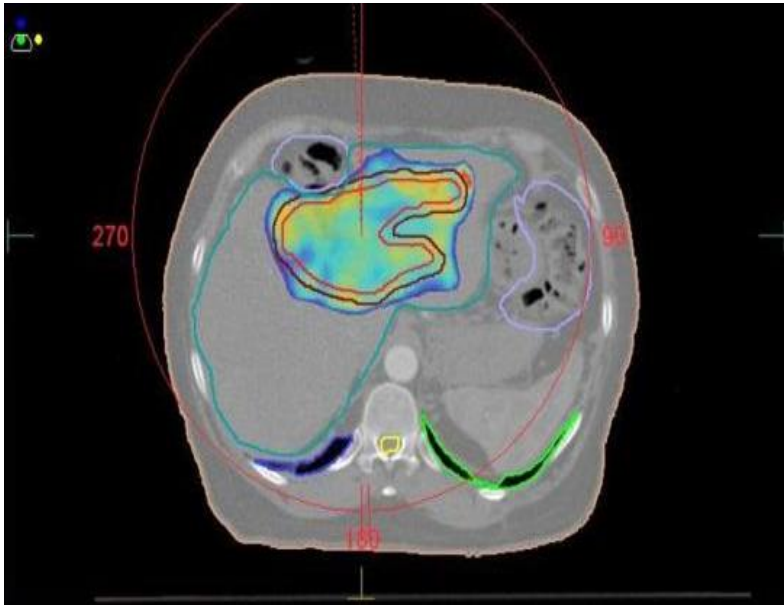
Bowel

Stomach

Normal Liver

Organ	Constraints
Uninvolved Liver	V5 < 50%, V7 < 30%, V15 < 700 cc spared mean liver dose <10-12 Gy
Rt. Kidney	V15 < 35%
Small Bowel Duodenum	max dose <30Gy Max dose(.03cc) <32 5cc dose <18
Spinal Cord	max dose < 18Gy

- PET-CECT @ 6-8 weeks – post SBRT.
- Patients underwent LTx only after **disappearance of PVTT enhancement/ PET activity**



DVH Properties Selected DVH: PTV

Nodes	72	Total MU	68235.53
Beams	151	Min MU	34.50
Max Dose (cGy)	8000.00	Max MU	804.71
Estimated Treatment Time Per Fraction (minutes)			65

Active Plan	
Prescription (% , Dose cGy)	75% , 6000.00 cGy
Dose Calculation Algorithm	Ray-Tracing
Dose Calculation Resolution	Ray High
Number of Fractions	5
Treatment Anatomy	body
Template Path Set	1path_body
Tracking Method	Synchrony
InTempo Imaging	Off
Collimator Type	Iris
Collimators Used (mm)	12.50mm, 30.00mm, 60.00mm



# Results:

Age	38-67yrs	Mean: 53yrs
Gender	M:F=68 %:32%	
CTP	A	71 %
	B	29%
Liver Pathology	Hep B	26%
	Hep C	47%
	ALD	18%
	NASH	9%
Baseline AFP	<400ng/MI	74%
	>400ng/MI	26%
Intent	Curative	84.5% (104/123)
	Palliative	15.5%(19/123)
Dose (BED)	<75 <sub>10</sub>	15.5%(19/123)
	>75Gy <sub>10</sub>	88%(108/123)

# Results:

Location of PVTT	
Vp1	18 (14.6%)
Vp2	23(18.7%)
Vp3	34(27.6%)
Vp4	48(39%)

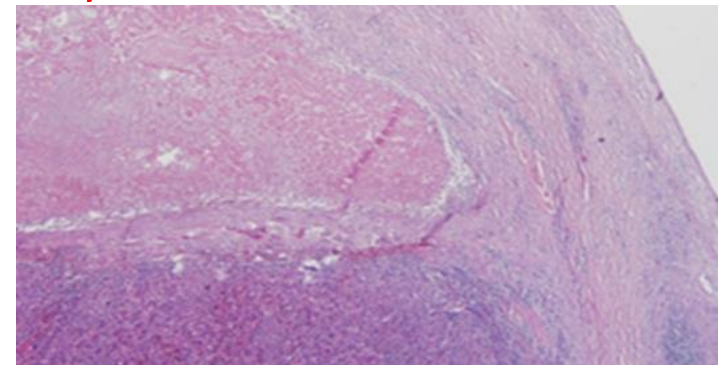
Technique	
Cyberknife	99(80%)
ABC	24(20%)

Most common dose Fractionation	60Gy/5Fx
Dose (Median, Range)	50Gy (25Gy-70Gy)
Fractionation (Median, Range)	5 (3-10)
BED 10 (Mean, Range)	100Gy (31-132Gy10)

Response after SBRT	
Any Radiological response	89/123 (72%)
Decrease in Enhancement	80/123(65%)
Recanalization of PV	27/123(33%)
Decrease in FDG avidity (SUV Max) > 75%	69/123(56%)
Pts having all the 3 responses	25/123 (20%)
Pts having atleast 2 responses	60/123 (48%)

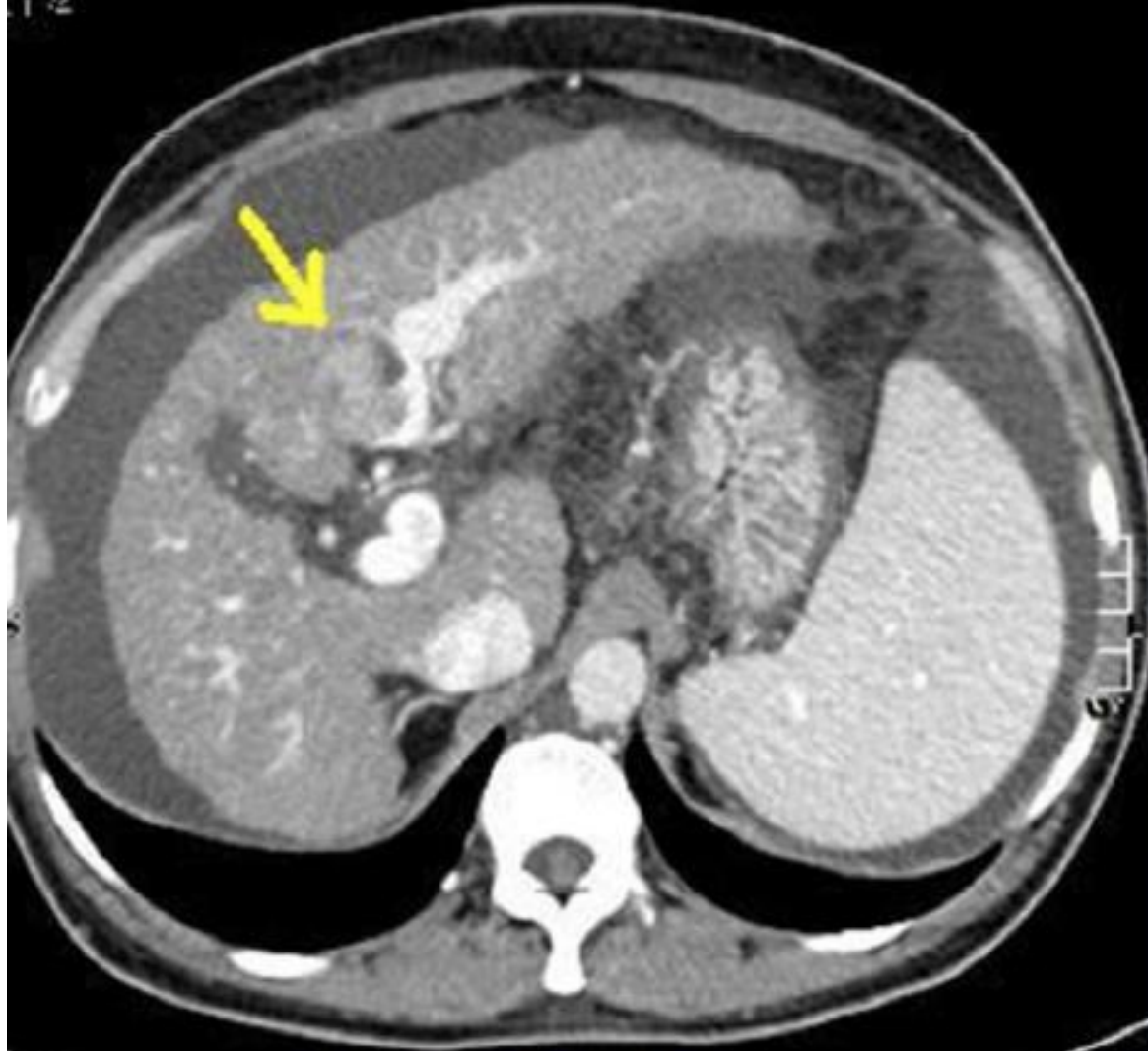
Curative group: At the time of analyses, 30 /104(29%) underwent curative transplant.  
 24 month survival in Transplanted patients: 26/30 (87%)

- Histopathology of Explant PVTT:
  - Microvascular invasion **in 80%--** DOWNSTAGES WITH SBRT
  - Macrovascular invasion in 20%
  - Tumor necrosis (>50%) was seen in 50% cases.



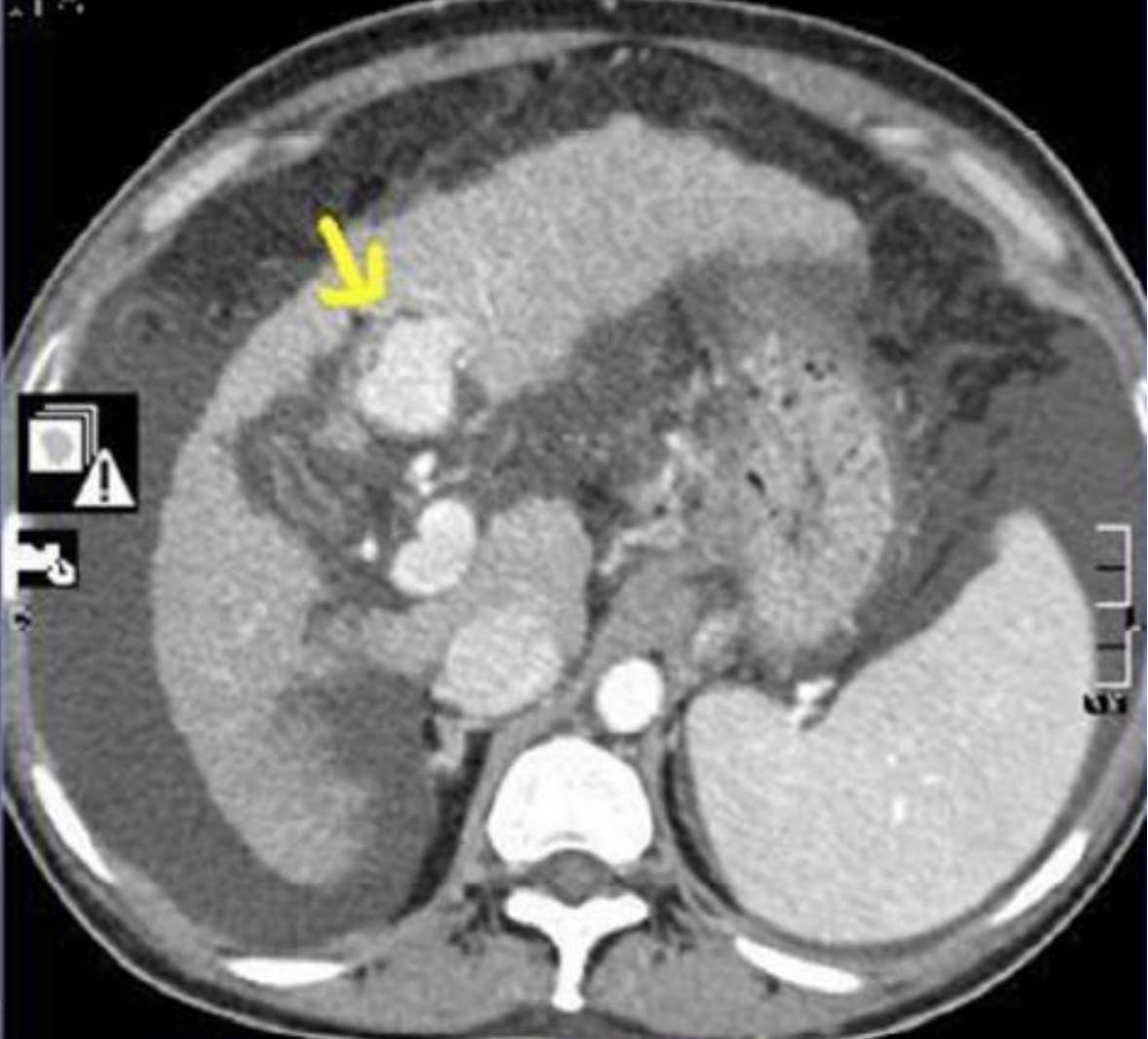
COAGULATIVE NECROSIS

Case Number: 82  
21/12



**Pre - SBRT**

Case Number: 10  
21/12



**Post SBRT - 3 months: PVTT Recanalization**

# Conclusion:

- LTx Conversion rate of 29% and 2 yr OS of 87% in LTx patients: highly promising.
- We concluded that outcomes in HCC PVTT cases can be improved by introducing SBRT .
- Thus SBRT to PVTT merits attention for its potential role in inoperable HCC .

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