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**TOTAL BODY IRRADIATION-
A CHALLENGING EXPERIENCE**

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Objectives: The aim of this study was to audit translational setup errors in TBI patients treated with curative intent and evaluate the need for daily imaging.

Material & Methods: A total of 89 scans were analysed for 10 patients, of which 15 scans were analysed as per the weekly format. Scans were analysed and Mean displacements for the three directions (x, y and z) as per daily and weekly format were calculated. Translational displacements in medial-lateral (x), superior-inferior (y) and anterior-posterior (z) direction were documented according to daily and weekly IGRT schedule formats. Mean displacements, Systematic Errors (\bar{O}), Random Errors (\hat{o}) and PTV margin using Van Herk formula ($2.52 + 0.78$) were calculated for both the formats. Image guidance was done using cone Tomotherapy unit.

Results: The difference between the displacements for the two formats were 0.059cm in medial-lateral, 0.353cm in superior-inferior and 0.076cm in anterior-posterior direction.

I. SYSTEMATIC ERRORS (cm)		
	Daily errors	weekly errors
X	0.116	0.132
Y	0.233	0.108
Z	0.215	0.272

II. PTV MARGIN ERRORS (cm)		
	Daily errors	weekly errors
X	0.433	0.492
Y	0.774	0.421
Z	0.485	0.561

Conclusions: The difference for the medial-lateral and anterior-posterior directions was less than 0.1cm; however the difference was 0.353cm in superior-inferior direction. This is reflected in the difference between the systematic errors for the two formats, thus justifying the need for daily imaging especially to overcome errors in superior-inferior direction.



**BEYOND CANCER: BRACHYTHERAPY FOR
POST-SURGICAL KELOID MANAGEMENT -
A RTT STUDENT'S PERSPECTIVE.**

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Objective: Brachytherapy is a precise radiotherapy technique used in both malignant and selected benign conditions. Its ability to target tissues with minimal exposure to surrounding areas makes it valuable beyond cancer care. One example is post-surgical keloid management, where adjuvant HDR brachytherapy improves local control. A keloid is a thick raised scar, due to excessive fibroblast proliferation and collagen deposition. It can occur wherever you have a skin injury but usually forms on earlobes, shoulders, cheeks or the chest. Even though benign, it can cause cosmetic distress. Keloids are more prone to recurrence, combining treatment such as excision, steroids or radiation significantly reduce recurrence risk. Radiation therapy should ideally be delivered within 24-48 hours after surgical excision of a keloid to achieve the best outcomes and minimize recurrence. Traditional treatment (Steroid injection, surgery) shows limited success while adjuvant brachytherapy improves local control by inhibiting fibroblast activity and collagen synthesis. This case study reflects keloid management and its clinical value from an RTT student's perspective.

**ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN
RADIOTHERAPY:
ENHANCING PRECISION AND
PERSONALIZATION IN CANCER TREATMENT**

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Objective: To evaluate the impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) integration in radiotherapy workflows, focusing on improvements in contouring accuracy, time efficiency, and predictive analytics for patient outcomes

Materials and Methods: A comprehensive analysis was conducted using data from multiple peer-reviewed studies and clinical trials that implemented AI-assisted tools in radiotherapy. Key performance metrics included:

Results:

Parameter	Traditional Approach	AI-Assisted Approach	Improvement
Contour Delineation Time (Head & Neck)	97 minutes	4.4–9.8 minutes	Up to 95% time reduction
CTV Delineation Accuracy (DSC Score)	0.703	0.745	Significant accuracy enhancement
Prostate Cancer Detection Accuracy	67%	84%	17% increase in detection
Treatment Planning Acceptance Rate	Variable	90–95%	High consistency and efficiency
Side-Effect Prediction Accuracy (Breast Cancer)	Limited	73.4%	Enhanced predictive capability

Graphical Representation:

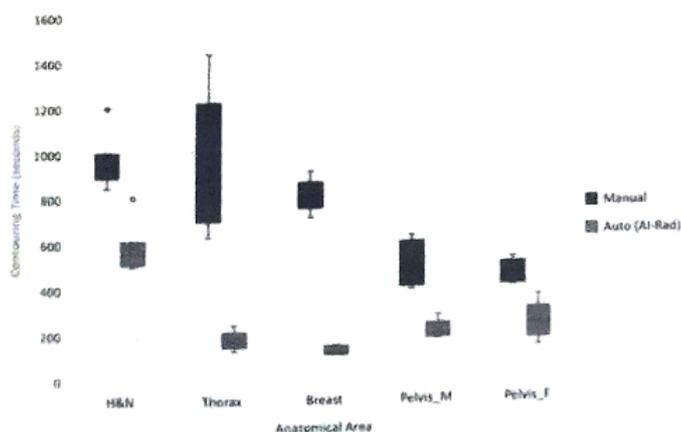


Figure 1: Comparative Analysis of Manual vs. AI-Assisted Radiotherapy Planning

- **Dice Similarity Coefficient (DSC):** Assessing contouring accuracy.
- **Mean Distance to Agreement (MDA):** Evaluating spatial agreement between contours.
- **Time Efficiency:** Measuring reduction in contouring time.
- **Predictive Accuracy:** Evaluating AI's ability to predict treatment side-effects.

Data were synthesized from studies focusing on various cancer types, including lung, prostate, and breast cancers. The analysis involved comparing traditional manual radiotherapy planning methods with AI-assisted approaches across multiple institutions. Metrics were extracted and tabulated to highlight differences in performance. Additionally, graphical representations were created to visualize improvements in efficiency and accuracy.

Note: The above figure illustrates the significant improvements in contouring accuracy and time efficiency achieved through AI integration.

Conclusion: The integration of AI into radiotherapy workflows significantly enhances contouring accuracy, reduces planning time, and improves the prediction of treatment side-effects. These advancements contribute to more personalized and effective cancer treatments. However, challenges such as data privacy, model transparency, and clinical validation need to be addressed to fully realize AI's potential in clinical settings

Conclusion:

Artificial Intelligence holds metamorphic potential for radiation therapy, especially in a developing country like India, where medical resources are limited and cancer care demands are rising. AI enhances treatment precision, workflow efficiency and personalized care, making it an unpriced tool in cancer centre. For radiation therapists, it reduces manual workload, supports clinical decisions, and opens path for skill advancement. As India advances in healthcare innovation, integrating AI responsibly and inclusively will be essential to improve cancer treatment outcomes and empower radiation therapy professionals across both public and private sectors.

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RADIOTHERAPY CHALLENGES AND ADVANCEMENTS IN CNS TUMORS

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Objective: To review the clinical and technical challenges associated with radiotherapy for central nervous system (CNS) tumors and highlight recent advancements that enhance treatment precision, safety, and patient outcomes.

Materials and Methods: This study involved a review of published clinical data, multi-institutional trials, and recent innovations in radiotherapy techniques used for CNS tumors such as gliomas, medulloblastomas, and brain metastases. Key areas of focus included:

- Tumor localization and imaging (MRI, PET, functional imaging)
- Radiotherapy modalities (IMRT, SRS, proton therapy)
- Neurocognitive preservation strategies
- AI and adaptive planning

Results:**Challenges**

Tumor
Localization
Dose Distribution

Traditional Limitation

Limited soft-tissue
contrast on CT
Risk of damaging healthy
brain tissue

Advancement

MRI-based planning,
fMRI, PET fusion
IMRT, VMAT,
Proton Therapy

Impact

Improved target accuracy
Better conformity,
lower toxicity