Cyberknife

Slicing Knife – A Boon without Pain

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Introduction
Cyberknife is a high precision, painless, non-invasive robot guided frameless stereotactic radiosurgery system.

Conclusions

Pioneers:
Dr. John Adler, Prof. of neurosurgery, Dr. Lars Lerkshell, creator of Radiosurgery.

Evolution:
X-ray -> CT imaging -> MRI, IMRT -> PET -> CT -> Cyberknife
**Fig. 3: Evolution**

**Principle:**
Stereotactic Radiosurgery – combination of stereotaxy & radiosurgery.

**Components:**
Multijoint robotic arm, Image Guidance system, Linear accelerator (Linac), Synchrony system, Treatment couch.

**Fig. 4: Components**

**Procedure:**
Patient consultation, Patient preparation, Facemask to hold the head steady during head & neck treatment & Fiducials-metal markers placed near the tumor site to guide the beam for treatment outside the head, Image acquisition using PET CT & Treatment planning, Treatment delivery (30-90min procedure) in single/hypofractioned doses, Follow up: Imaging & consultation to monitor treatment efficacy (6 months).
Treatment team:

Radiation oncologist, Neuroradiologist, Neurosurgeon, Physicist, Dosimetrist, Radiation therapy nurse, Neurologist.

Applications:

Cervical tumors, Radiosensitive structures, Nasal tumors, Orbital tumors, Multiple tumors, AV malformation, Vascular tumors, Inoperable tumors, Maximum irradiated patients, Trigeminal neuralgia.
Fig. 16: Nasal tumors
Fig. 17: Orbital tumors
Fig. 18: Multiple Tumors
Fig. 19: AV malformations
Advantages:

Pinpoint accuracy, Noninvasive, Frameless, Reduced risk of infections, Quick recovery, Better quality of life, Continuous tumor tracking, Multiple tumor treatment.
Disadvantages:
Nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, fatigue, skin itching. Longer time when multiple tumors are ablated during the same session. Placement of fiducials for treating lesions outside head region.
Fig. 34: Side effects: Nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, Fatigue, Skin Itching

Fig. 35: Placement of fiducials

Uniqueness:
Pinpoint accuracy, Ultraflexibility- robot with six joints & delivers over 1200 beams, Continuous tumor tracking, Treatment of sites anywhere in the body, Noninvasive, painless, frameless, Quick recovery & return to normal life.

Fig. 36: Longer Time

Fig. 37: Uniqueness
Conclusion:

Cyberknife is the first and only radiosurgery system designed for treatment anywhere in the body & it uses continual X-ray image guidance technology and computer-controlled robotic mobility to automatically track, detect, and correct for patient movements and target without interrupting the treatment. Cyberknife gives a renewed ray of hope for a better quality of life especially for patients with previously diagnosed inoperable or inaccessible tumors and for those who have already received the maximum amount of radiation through other treatment methods and offers quick recovery and return to normal life.

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