

# **QART** at **EORTC**

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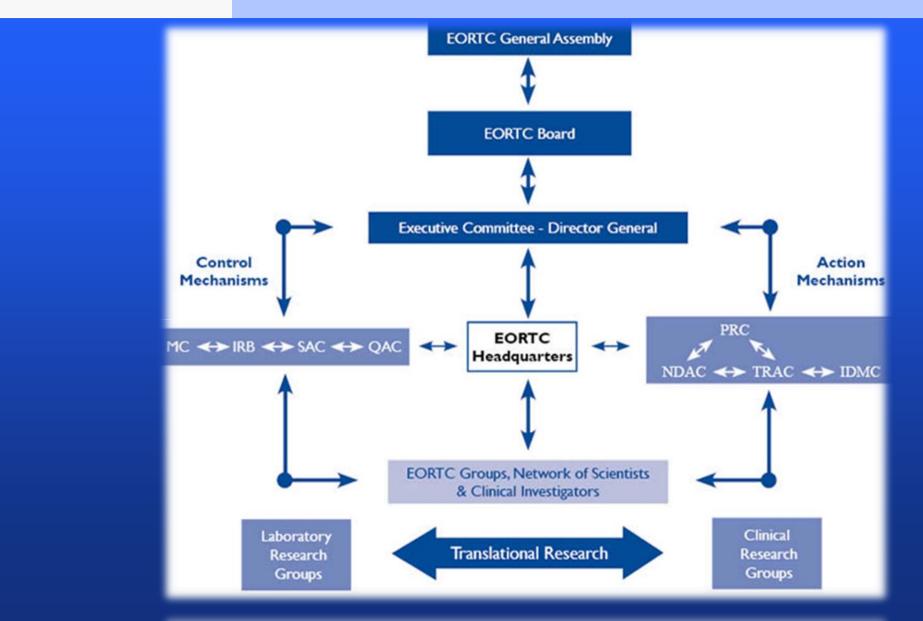
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### **EORTC structure and network**





## **EORTC Radiation Oncology Group (ROG)**

#### EORTC Headquarters

& other Disease Oriented Groups

> Brain Tumor Group (BTG)

**Radiation Oncology Group (ROG)** 

### **ROG Executive Committee**

**ROG Steering Committee** Website, PR, Membership, Publication, Radiotherapy Technologist

QART Committee

Breast Cancer Group (BCG)

**Collaboration with other** 

**Disease Oriented Groups** 

(by WP chairs)

Working Party Brain, Head&Neck, Breast, Lung, GU, GI,

### **Individual ROG members**

(in EORTC members institution)



## EORTC HQ and ROG / QART



### Full-time employed at HQ

- EvdS fellow (radiation oncologist)
- QART manager (medical physicist)

#### Main responsibilities

- Coordination
- Preparation
- Organization
- Report

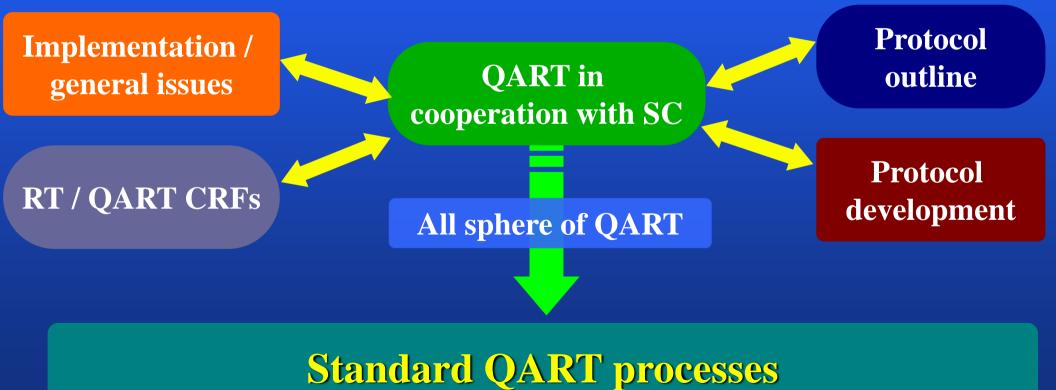
#### **Professional volunteers**

- **3** radiation oncologist
- 4 medical physicist
- I radiation technologist
- Main responsibilities
  - Expert opinion
  - Determination of QART level
  - Validation / finalization



"All roads lead to QART..."

A binome is formed at start of each project
 Are member of the ROG QART
 HQ QART (EvdS fellow, QART manager)





## **Definition of the QART levels**

- Level 1 (minimal requirement, included in all levels)
  - **EORTC** Facility Questionnaire and External Reference Dosimetry Audit
  - Trial specific Questionnaire (if neccesary)
- Level 2
  - **Dummy Run / Dry Run exercise and validation**
- Level 3
  - Limited Individual Case Review (~20% of treated patients)
- Level 4
  - **Extended Individual Case Review (majority or all randomized patients)**
- Level 5
  - Complex dosimetry check (phantom study)
- Reference document endorsed by QART and ROG



- The defined QART level is depending on
  - How complex is the RT component within the trial
  - Phase of the trial
  - Available grant (academic, sponsored)
  - Aimed population

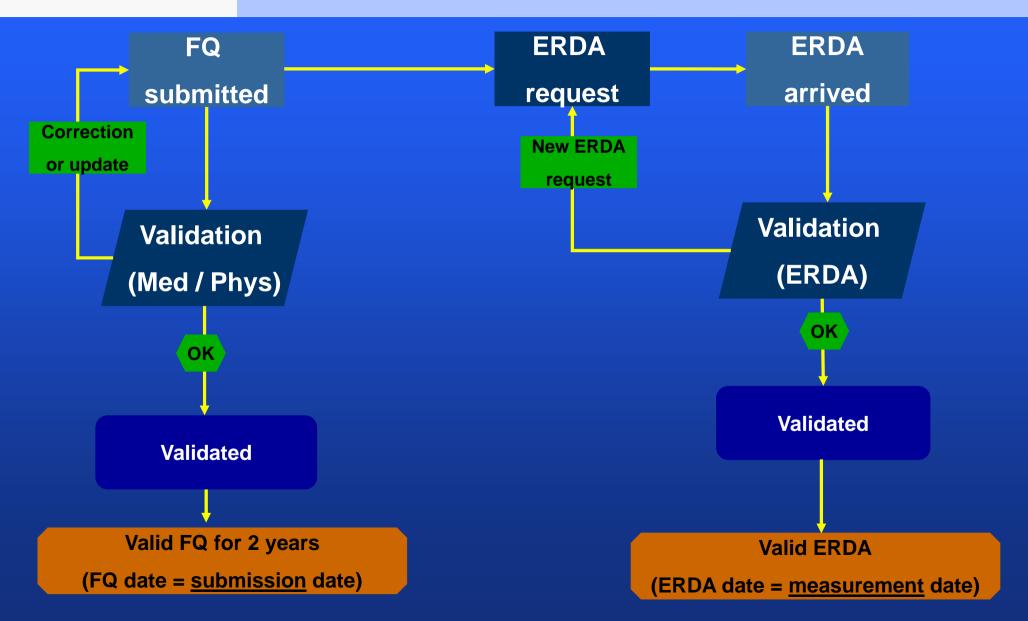


- Credential Questionnaire to evaluate
  - **RT** equipment (min: two MV equipment with EPID)
  - Human workload (max / year: 300 pts / rad. onc. + 500 pts / physicist)
- ERDA = independent dosimetry output check (< 3% error allowed)
- Mandatory for ROG membership
- Web-based system (submission, update and validation)

No	New	Center	City	Med	Phys	FQ Validated	ERDA	Last ERDA date	Last phot.	ERDA elec.		Comments
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104	No				۲	28/07/2008	0	28/07/2008	2007		View - Update Summary - Old - Copy	
109	No				۲	21/06/2007	0	21/06/2007			View - Update Summary - Old - Copy	
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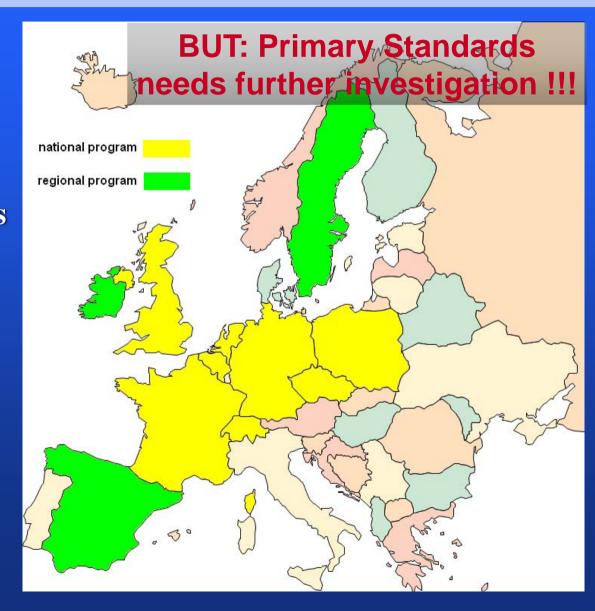
### **QART level 1 - Validation process**





## **QART level 1 – recognized ERDA programs**

- International ERDA services
  RPC (TLD audit)
  EQUAL-ESTRO
  IAEA (postal TLD)
  Recognized national programs
  - **8** countries
  - 2 regional
- For other countries (optional)
   Eastern Europe (IAEA)
   RPC (recommended)
   EQUAL-ESTRO





- Dummy/Dry Run is a "clinical case exercise before the site authorization or in the very early phase of the study
- Evaluation through elected QART expert(s)
- Ongoing studies with DR program
  - **22033** Low grade glioma (partly DICOM-RT based, with FTP transfer)
  - 22042 Meningeoma (through the ATC/ITC)
  - 22051 Supremo (breast)
  - 22055 LungART (through EQUAL-ESTRO)

### • Forthcoming studies

- 22042 adjuvant prostate
- **22082 glioma**



### **QART level 3/4 – Individual Case Review**

- Individual Case Review is ensures an independent evaluation of the patient RT treatment plan in a specific study.
- Evaluation through QART radiation oncologist + medical physicist experts mainly during the group meetings

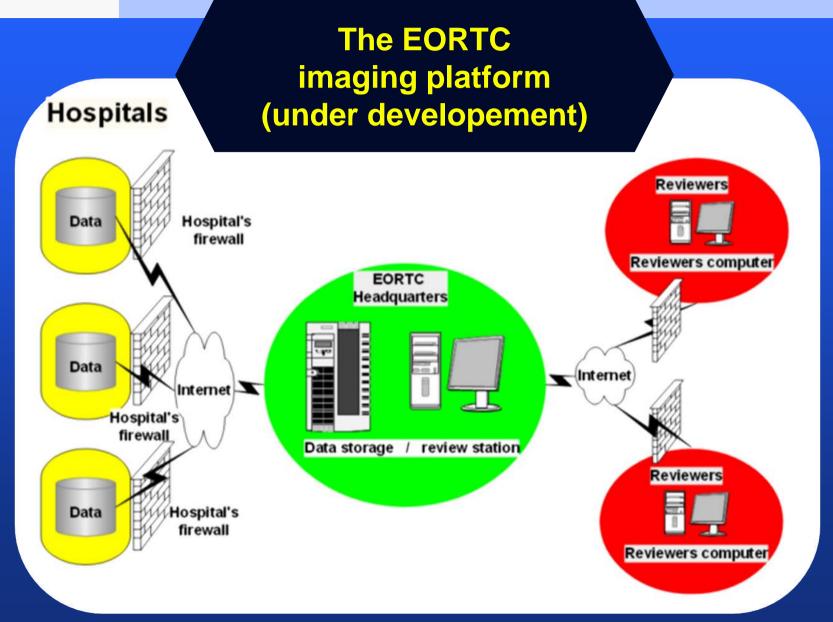
- Ongoing studies with limited number of ICR
  22054 CATNON (brain) (hardcopy, screen grab based)
- Ongoing study with extended number of ICR
  22042 Meningeoma (through the ATC/ITC)
- Forthcoming studies
  - Adjuvant pancreas ? (RTOG-EORTC collaboration)



- Complex dosimetry check through phantom irradiation
  - Partly combined with several site visits
  - Evaluation of the complete radiotherapy workflow
  - Partly covering educational purposes
  - It was once introduced in the frame of EORTC trials
    - Opera phantom was used in the 22991 trial by Sigma7 to verify the few centers introducing IMRT
- QART committee consider the on-site visits, if it is necessary on the basis of previous DR/ICR concerns
- Forthcoming studies
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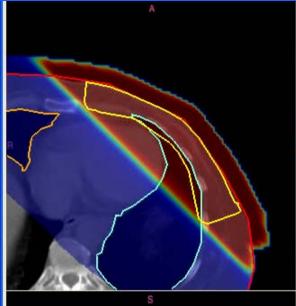


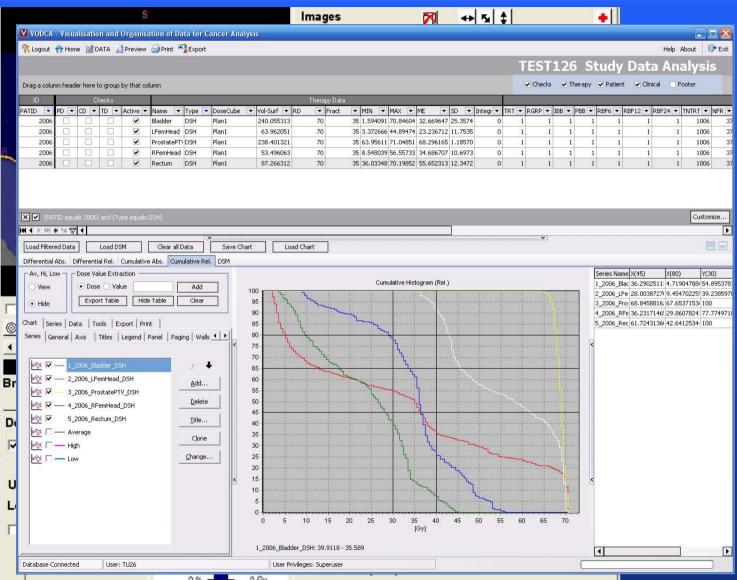
## **Central imaging review project (QART involved)**





### **VODCA: QART central review**







- Acquisition of VODCA software
  - Vodca RT + Vodca DB
  - DICOM-RT based central review capability
  - Upgrade of existing web-based data transfer framework
  - Clear FDA and clinical validation plan

- We are ready to perform central QART review
   ATC/ITC EORTC/VODCA cross-check collaboration?
- New studies / challenges:
  - 22043: adjuvant prostate
  - **22081: glioma**
  - Adjuvant pancreas ? (RTOG-EORTC collaboration)



### **Thanks for your attention**

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