

MOTION SYNCHRONIZATION: NO-TRADEOFF RADIATION THERAPY

Traditional Motion Compensation Requires Difficult Tradeoffs

You can't have it all. It's a common adage – and commonly accepted thinking in radiation therapy (RT), particularly when it comes to accounting for target motion. Clinicians have come to accept that they must make tradeoffs among key goals – minimal margins, efficient delivery and natural patient behavior – sacrificing one or more goals to achieve another. Moreover, this "choice" is typically pre-defined by the system currently in place. Many of the leading radiation therapy systems have been designed to optimize one goal at the expense of others.

Common Clinical Compromises

RESTRICT PATIENT MOVEMENT

Techniques: Restraint devices, breath holding

Benefit: Smaller margin expansion required

Cost:

- Slower treatments, more treatment fractions, higher total cost of treatment, resource intensive
- Lower patient comfort and poorer patient experience

INCREASE MARGIN SIZE

Techniques: ITV's encompassing motion

Benefit: Minimal resources required and no patient restrictions

Cost:

- More treatment fractions and higher total cost of treatment
- Potential for increased side effects, lower efficacy and secondary malignancies

PAUSE OR STOP TREATMENT

Techniques: Gating, breath holding, motion monitoring

Benefit: Small reduction in margin size

Cost:

- Slower treatments, more treatment fractions, higher total cost of treatment, resource intensive
- Poorer patient experience, work-flow disruptive

Motion Synchronization Shifts the Paradigm Without Compromise

To compensate is to attempt to reduce or counteract a force – in this case, target motion. By definition, there's a built-in conflict that leads to tradeoffs and sacrifices. Accuray enables a completely different approach that shifts the paradigm. Automated, real-time tracking, detection and beam correction truly synchronizes beam delivery with target motion in real time – enabling more accurate, more efficient and more comfortable RT treatments, **without compromise**.

NATURAL PATIENT BEHAVIOR

Greater Patient Comfort

Improving the Patient Experience

MINIMAL MARGINS

Potential for Better Clinical Outcomes with Fewer Side Effects

Freedom to Hypofractionate Treatment Delivery

EFFICIENT CONTINUOUS DELIVERY

More Efficient Treatments to More Patients at a Lower Cost

Potential for Increased Profitability

Synchrony®: Confidence in Motion

TREATMENT DELIVERY FACTORS	Motion Synchronization Synchrony®	Conventional Radiation Therapy Systems: Motion Compensation				
		Gating	Breath Holding	Restraint	Monitor Motion Stop & Move Patient	Internal Target Volume (ITV)
Behavior	5	3	2	1	4	5
Efficient Delivery	5	2	2	3	1	4
Minimal Margins	5	3	3	3	2	1

Synchrony frees clinicians from being forced to make trade-offs that may be less than optimal for their patients, their practice or their center.

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