



# One Stop One Shop Strategy for Lung Nodules: What the Future may hold

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# Content

- Background
- Hybrid OR hookwire localization (iVATS)
- Hybrid OR & Electromagnetic Navigation Bronchoscopy (iENB)
  - Biopsy
  - Marking –surgical localisation
  - Hybrid Value
  - Ablation & others

## REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT – ASIA:

- 51 % of the world's lung cancer cases occur in Asia.
- 21 % of cancer deaths in Asia are due to lung cancer

IASLC database

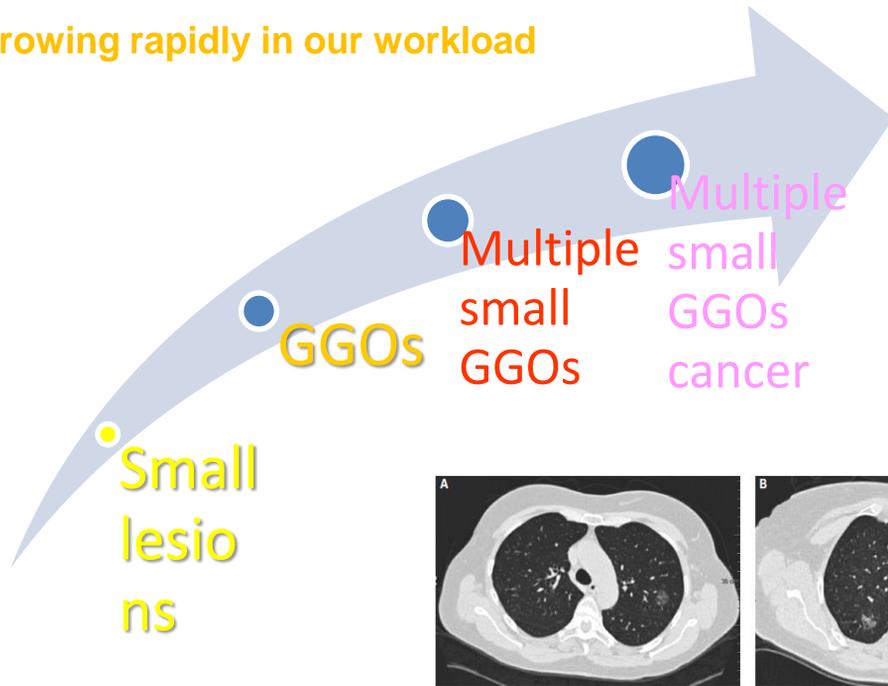
# Lung Cancer- The Changing Trend

- Younger patients
- Non-smokers
- Earlier detection
- More patient awareness
  - Annual healthchecks
  - More liberal use of CT scan
  - Very small lesions at detection



# Diagnostic & treatment challenge

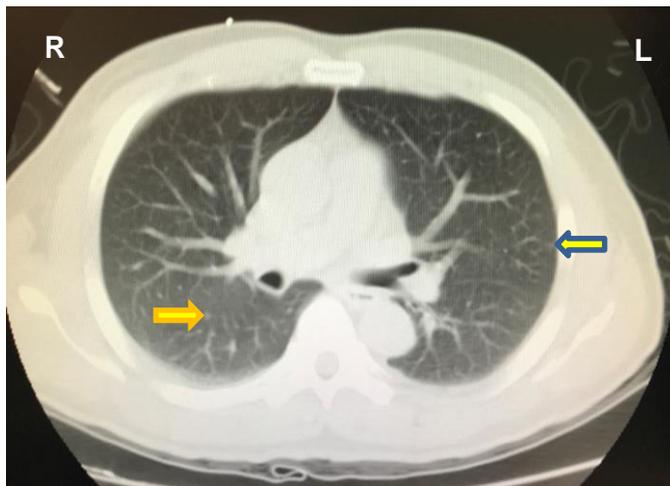
- Growing rapidly in our workload



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# Small Ground Glass Opacity (GGO) lung shadow

- Right lower lobe 3mm GGO



- Left upper lobe 3mm GGO

**Table 1** Brief summary of pulmonary nodules localization techniques without the need for palpation

Pulmonary Nodules Localization Techniques					
Techniques					
Hookwire	Percutaneous placement	Widely used	Puncture-associated complication; dislodgement	Apical, diaphragmatic, or mediastinal regions; multiple lesions	Real-time adjustment by DynaCT
Metallic fiducials	Percutaneous placement/ENB	Multi-site localization	Puncture-associated complication; fiducials migration	No	Accurate placement by intraoperative ENB and/or DynaCT
Dye marking	Percutaneous placement	Easy to perform	Puncture-associated complication; contrast medium migration	Deep and posterior nodules	Accurate placement by intraoperative ENB and/or DynaCT, ICG fluorescence thoracoscopy
Radionuclide labelling	Percutaneous placement	Multi-site localization; also locates sentinel node	Puncture-associated complication; contrast medium migration; radiation exposure	Deep and posterior nodules	Accurate placement by intraoperative ENB and/or DynaCT
Ultrasound	Intraoperative use	Noninvasive; detect occult nodule; helps to define pathology	No	Operator dependent; emphysema	Cross-check with DynaCT

OR, operation room; ENB, electromagnetic navigation bronchoscopy; DynaCT, on-table cone-beam computed tomography; ICG, indocyanine green.

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# International Minimally Invasive Surgery Conference

## Hybrid OR Concept : IRCAD : Jacques Marescaux

Image Guided Minimally Invasive Surgery Institute

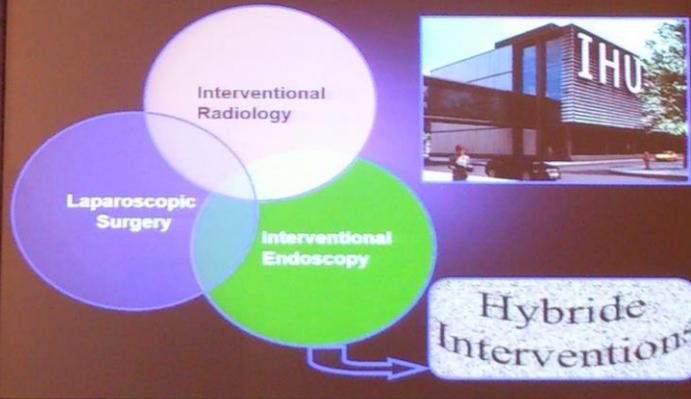
3 clinical Hybrid ORs  
4 experimental Hybrid ORs  
Budget: 220 ME  
Opening: mid-2017

Hybrid OR MR CT-Scan C-Arm I.I. IIGOO STNGO



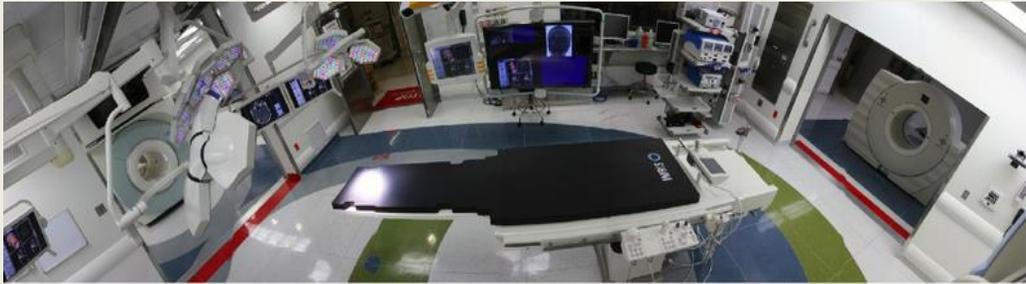
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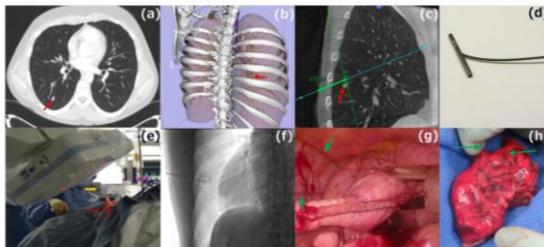
# Thoracic

## *Advanced Multi-modality Imaging Guided Operating Room (AMIGO)*



# World First Image Guided VATS (iVATS) in AMIGO 2013

A Step Forward in Lung Cancer Treatment



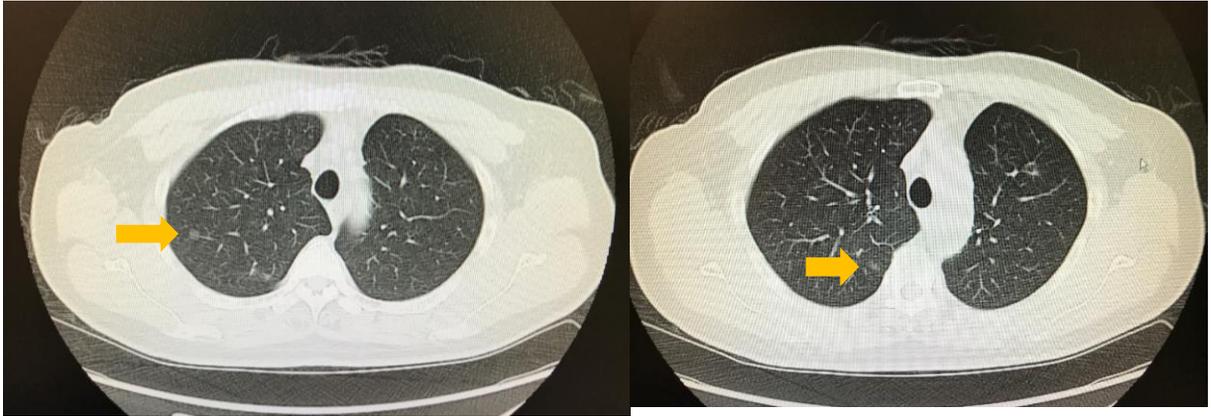
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# Hybrid OR- The Chinese University of Hong Kong: Artis Zeego CBCT (PURE platform) - since 2014



# Hybrid OR Dual Hookwire Localization

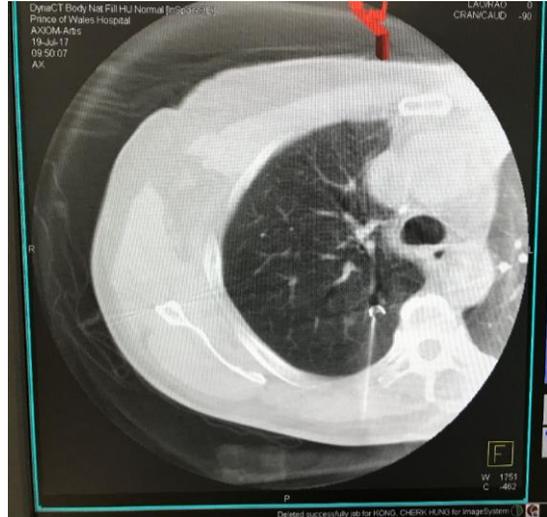


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# Hybrid OR Dual Hookwire Localization



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**Atypical  
adenomatous  
Hyperplasia  
(AAH)**

**Adenocarcinoma  
in-situ (AIS)**





- RISK of :**
- 1. PNEUMOTHORAX**
  - 2. DISLODGED WIRE**
  - 3. PROLONGED PATIENT DISCOMFORT**



**HYBRID THEATRE**  
 Artis Zeego system      DynaCT

**General Ward**



**HOOKWIRE + VATS**  
 in the SAME session



**Real-Time CT Image-Guided Hookwire Insertion**

## Hybrid OR hookwire localization (iVATS) versus Standard hookwire localization (S-VATS)

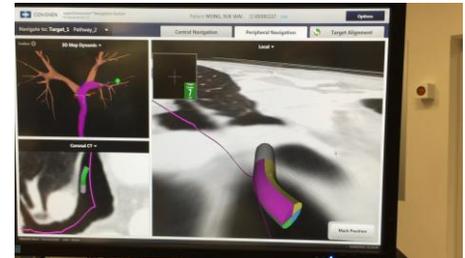
	iVATS	S-VATS	p value
<b>Lung Nodule: Radiological Features</b>			
Size (mm)	9.6 ± 4.6	9.1 ± 2.6	0.751
Distance from visceral pleura (mm)	10.1 ± 7.8	13.5 ± 10.8	0.452
Depth : Diameter ratio	1.3 ± 1.1	1.6 ± 1.4	0.632
% Soft/Ground Glass Opacity	63%	25%	0.068
Duration of 'at-risk' period (minutes)	41.2 ± 14.2	109.5 ± 53.4	<b>0.011</b>
Pneumothorax	41%	75%	0.096
Dislodged hookwire	N = 0	N = 2	<b>0.047</b>

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# Electromagnetic Navigation Bronchoscopy (ENB) to target lesion



- FOB: 2.8mm working channel
- GA, Single Lumen Endotracheal tube size 7.5 or above

# Siemens Artis Zeego with ENB since 2015



# iENB – CBCT in Hybrid Theatre



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Lau WH, Chow CY, Chu C, Ng CS. Hybrid OR DynaCT Real-Time Image Guided ENB Biopsy–The Initial Experience. *Respirology* 2016;21:(S3)74

# Hybrid OR iENB workflow



ENB Navigation



CBCT confirmation

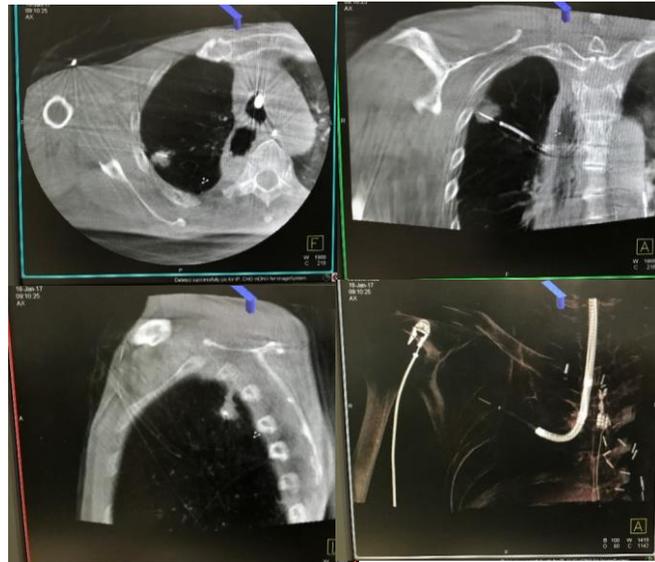
1. Renavigate if failure

2. Guided by i-guide/fluoro/CBCT



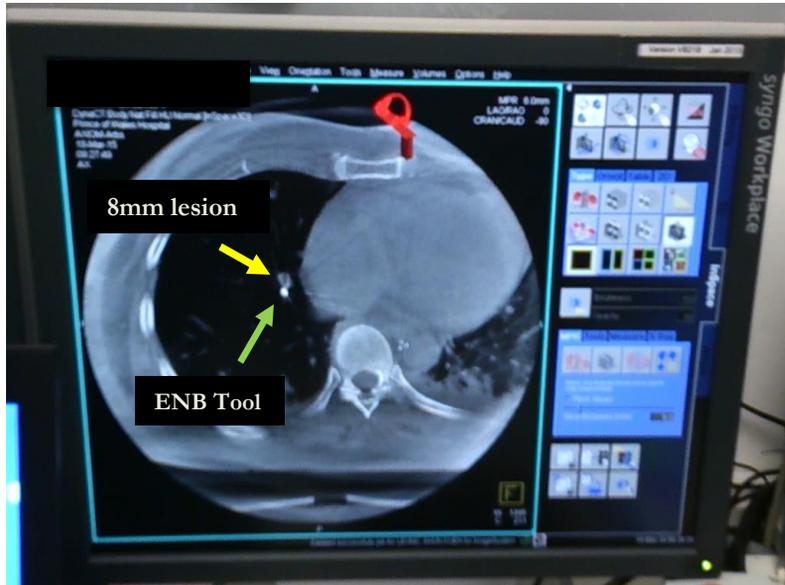
## Hybrid OR iENB

- CBCT can confirm **accurate successful** ENB navigation/ biopsy



## Hybrid OR iENB

- Can also confirm **inaccurate unsuccessful** ENB navigation/ biopsy



Ng CSH, et al. *Eur J Cardiothorac Surg* 2016

## Hybrid OR iENB

- After adjustment guided by CT scan
- Successful biopsy 8mm lesion



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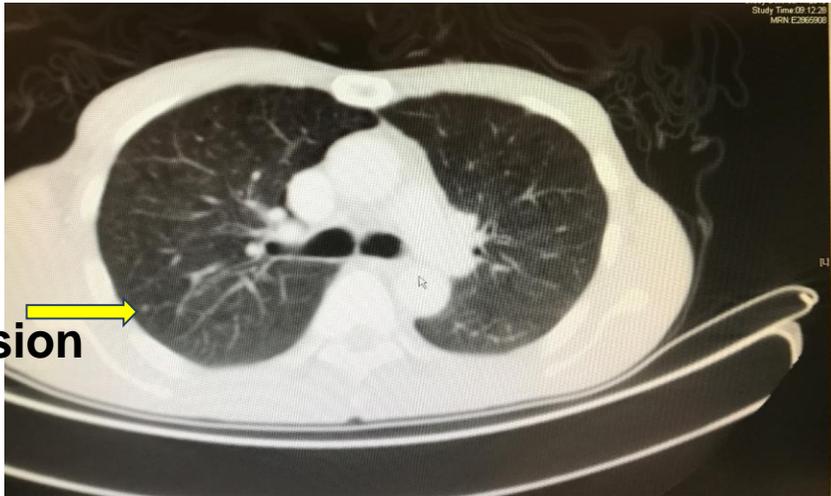
# Hybrid OR iENB : Lung Dye Marking VATS resection



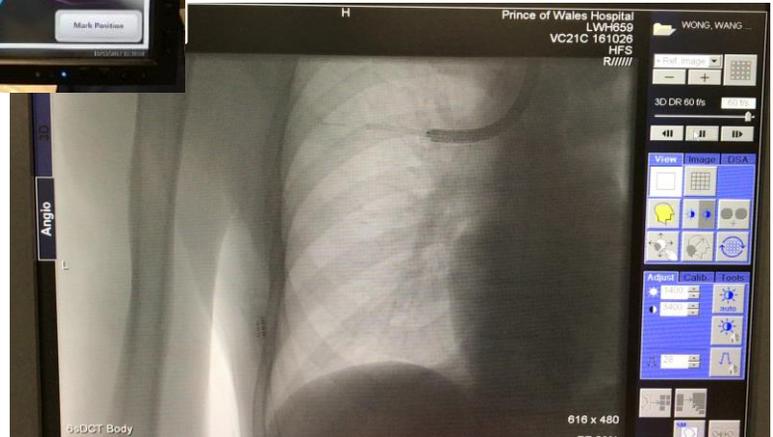
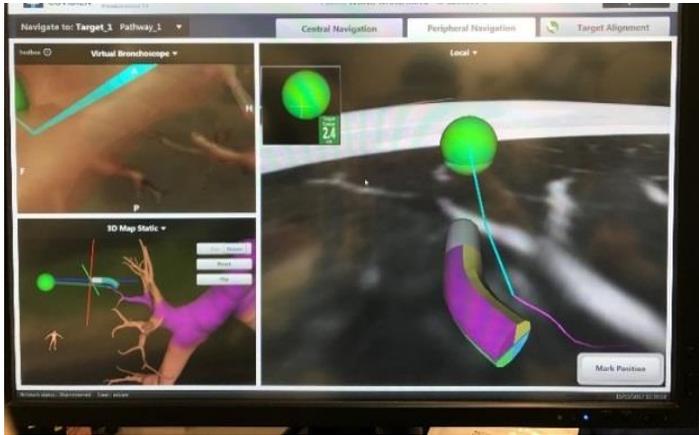
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# iENB Hybrid Theatre - Lung Dye Marking

2mm  
lung lesion



# iENB Hybrid Theatre - Lung Dye Marking



## iENB Hybrid Theatre - Lung Dye Marking



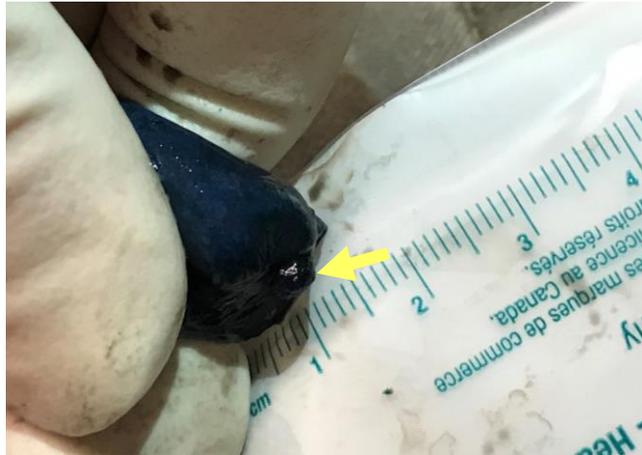
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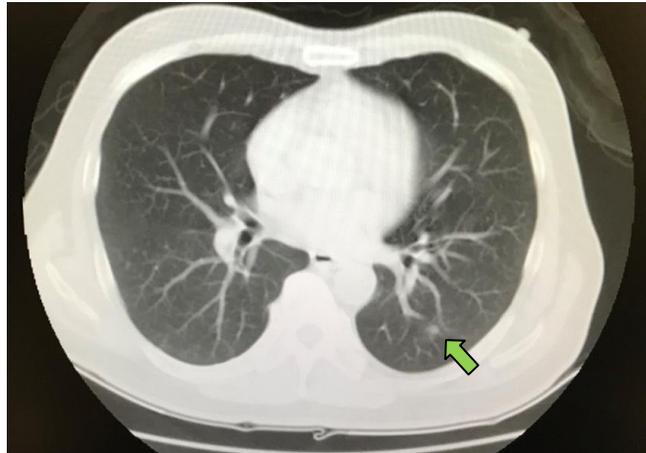


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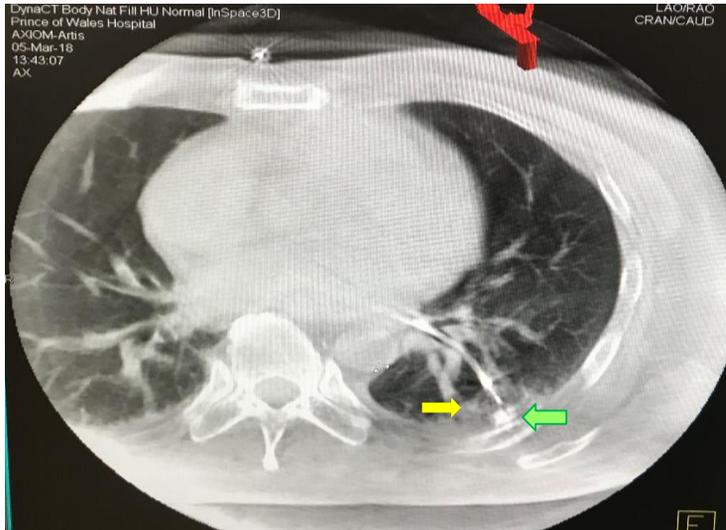
# iENB Hybrid Theatre - Lung Dye Marking



**Dye (version 3.0): Hybrid OR iENB triple dye**  
***Indocyanine Green (ICG) Fluorescence* Marking-**  
**Deeper Lesions**



# iENB Hybrid OR triple Dye *ICG* Marking 3.0



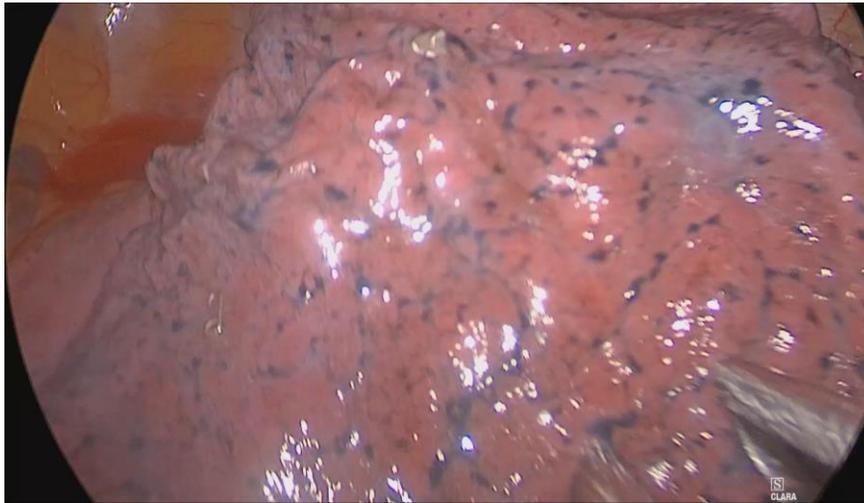
Mix triple  
ICG dye  
Marking



Lung lesion

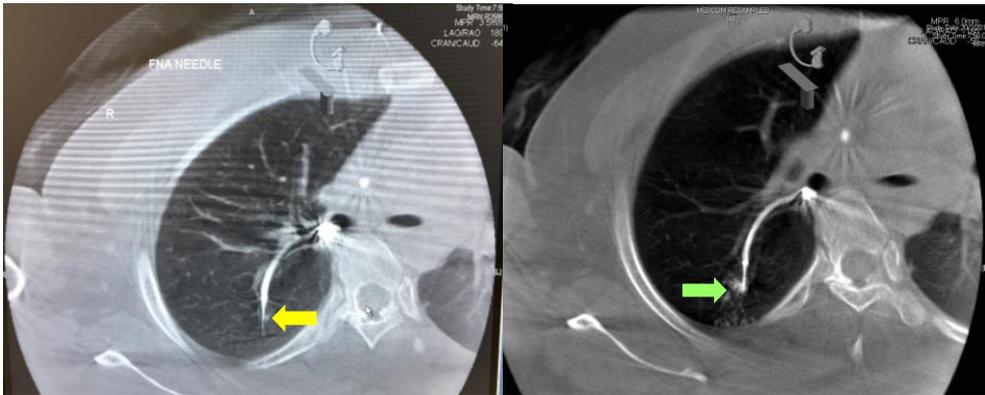


# iENB Hybrid OR triple dye *ICG* Marking 3.0 Karl Storz Camera



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# iENB Hybrid OR Triple Dye **ICG** Marking

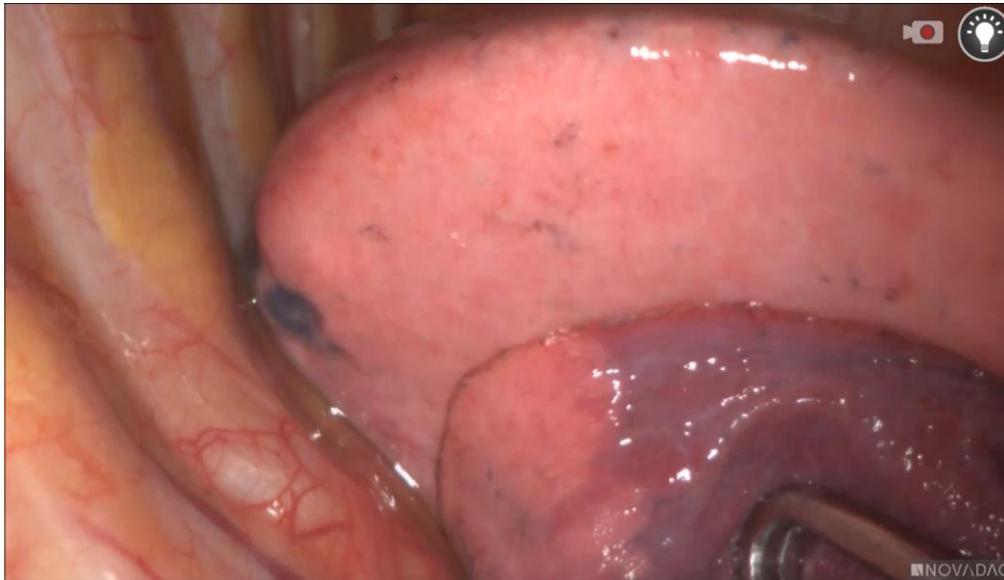


← 3mm lung nodule

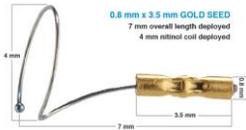
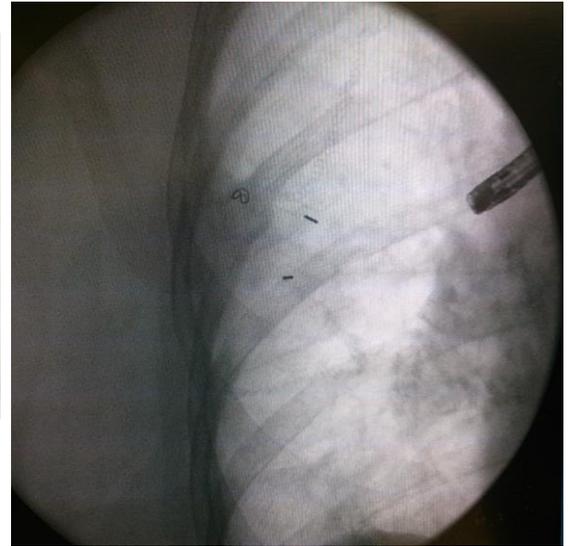
→ Triple ICG dye Marking



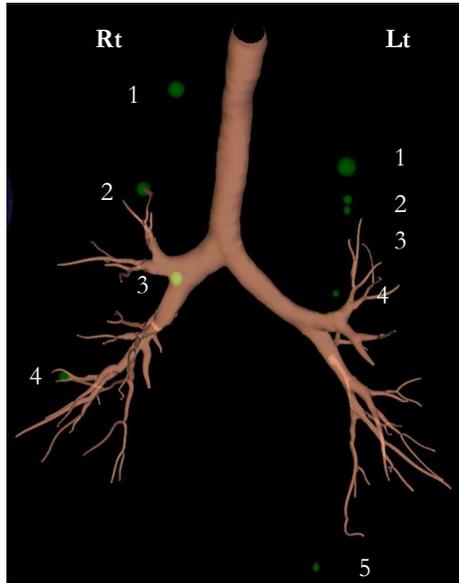
# iENB Hybrid OR Triple Dye *ICG* Marking Stryker Camera



# Marking of deep lesions – addition Metallic marker(s) to capture deep margin



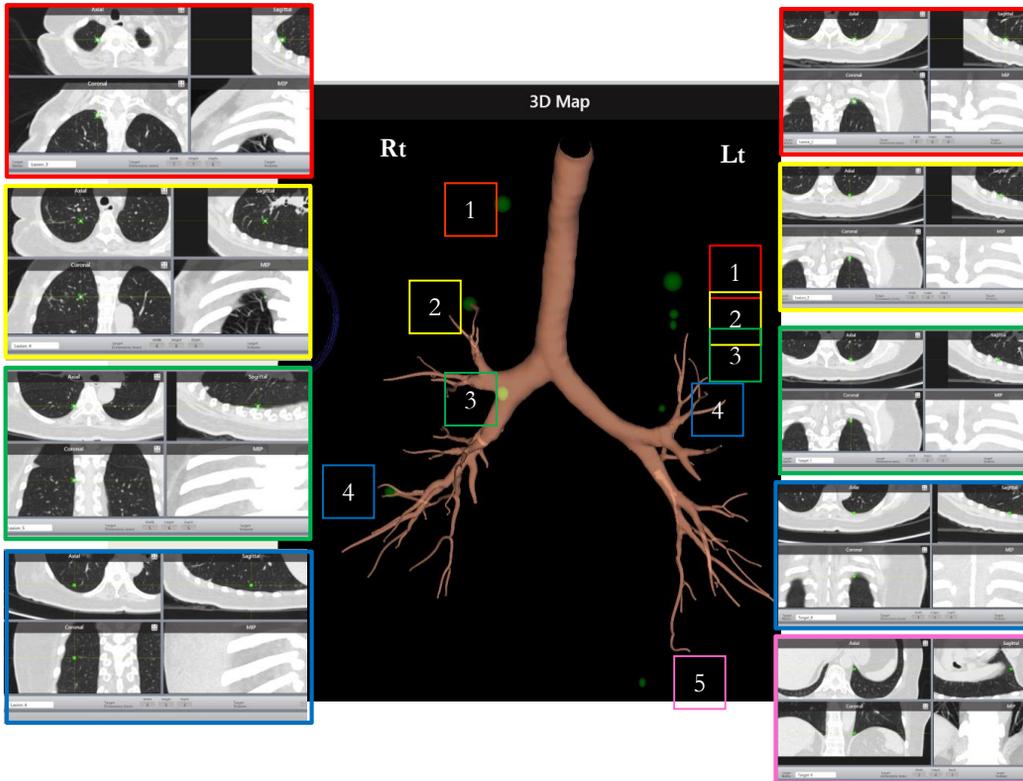
# Hybrid OR Combine iENB hookwire iVATS



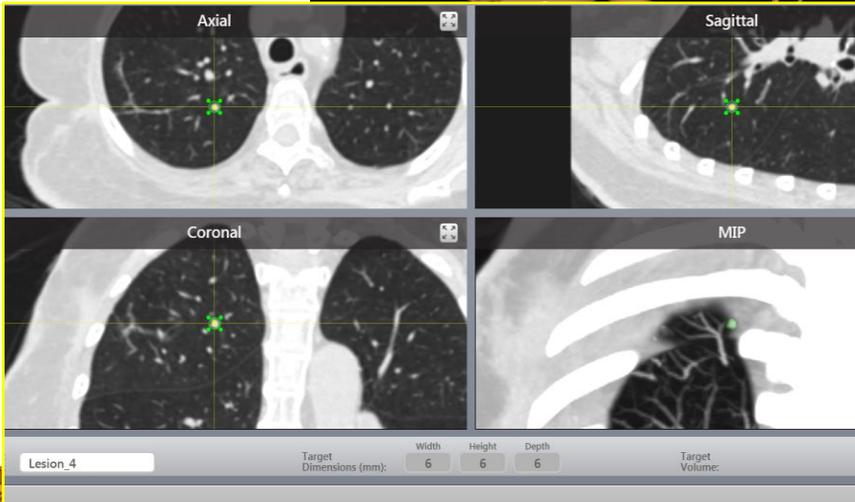
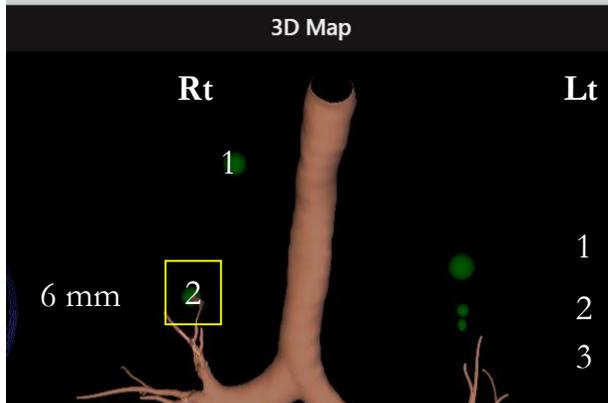
- 46 yr old female
- Hx leiomyosarcoma- Rt upper forequarter amputation
- 2 yrs later multiple tiny lung lesions (all subcentimeter)

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# R2 Lesion



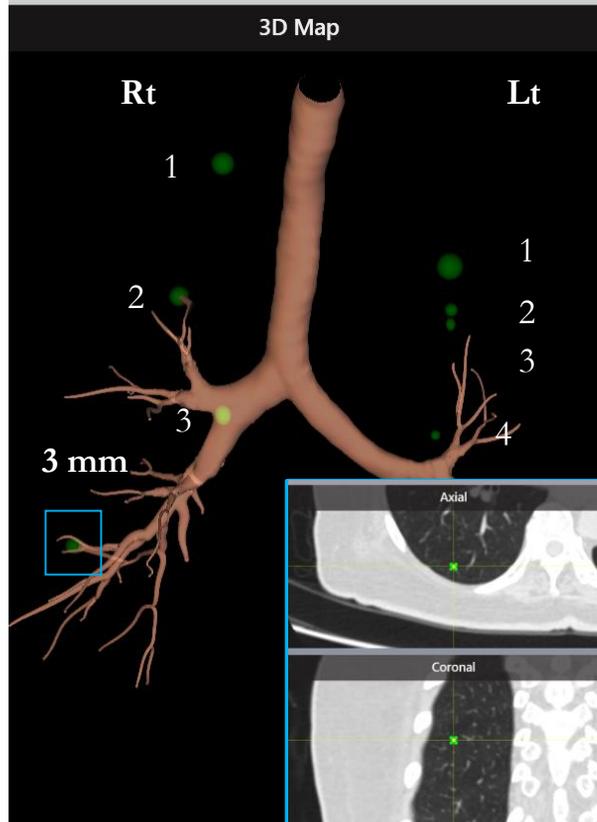
- Central, Small
- Surgically Unlocatable
- ENB planning  
Poor airway access  
& may not see dye
- For Hybrid OR  
Hookwire Localization

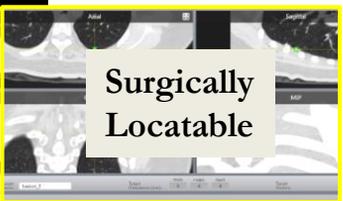
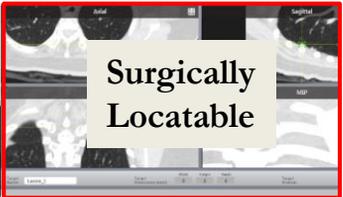
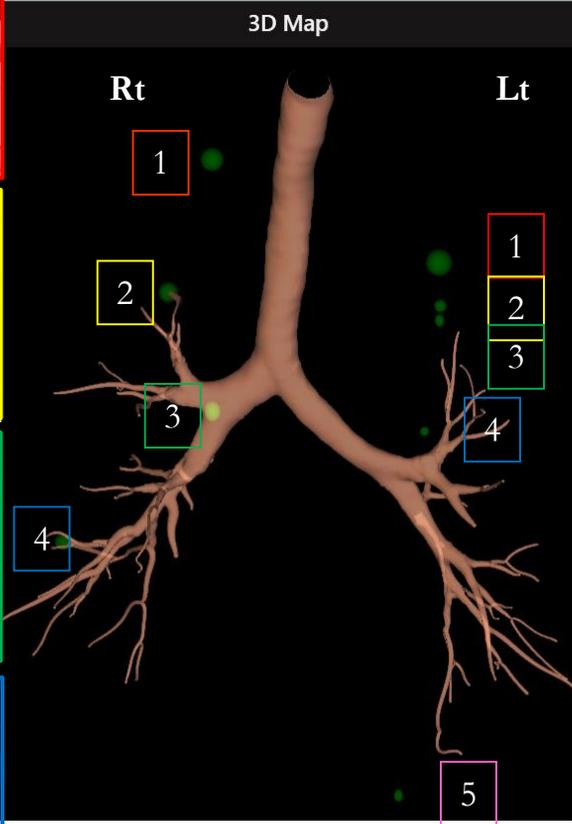
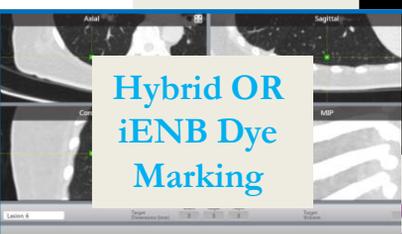


# R4 Lesion

- Peripheral
- Very small
- Surgically Unlocatable

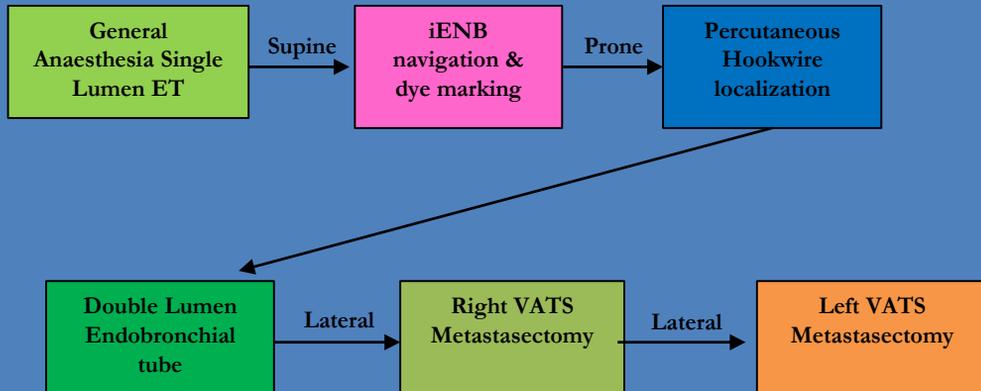
- ENB planning: Airway adequate
- Hybrid OR iENB dye marking



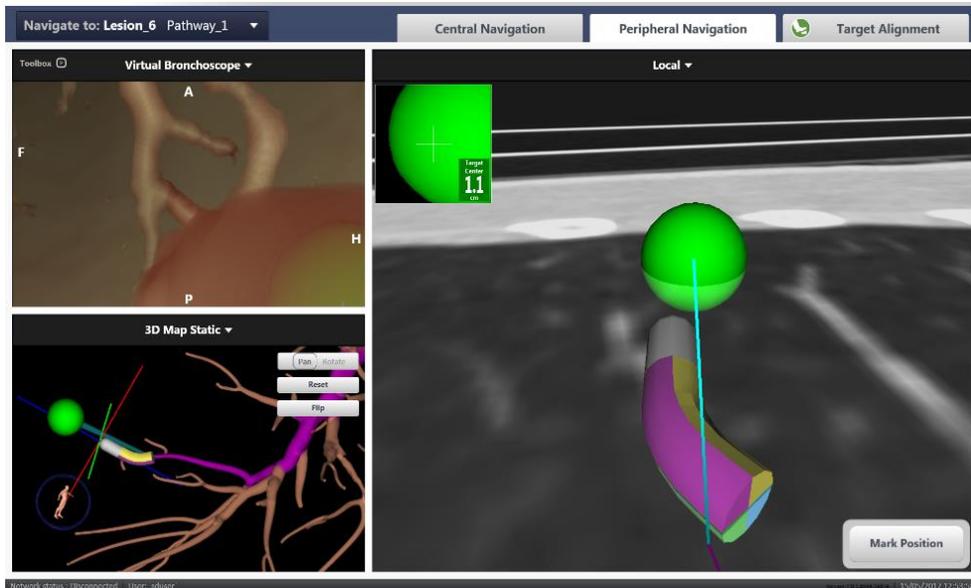


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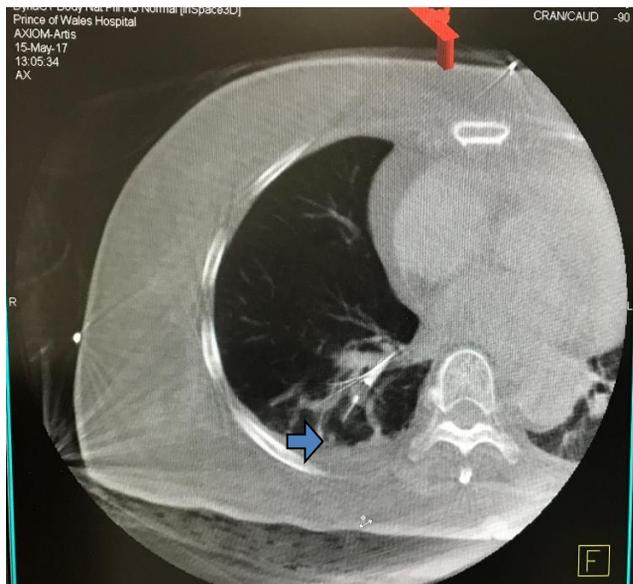
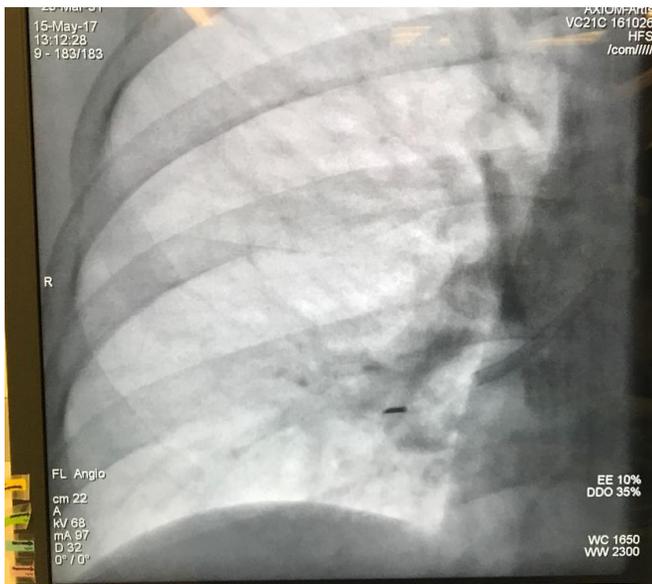
## Hybrid OR



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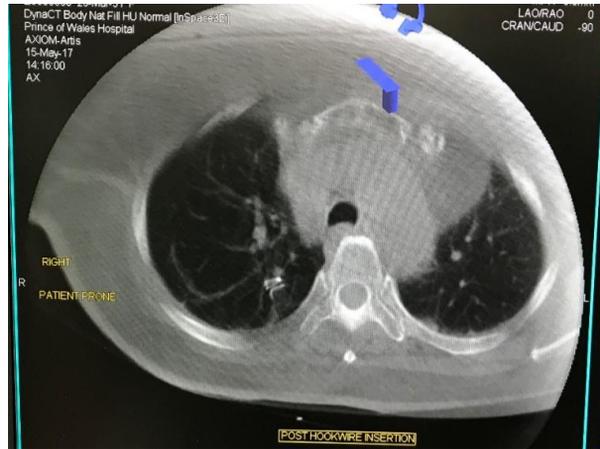


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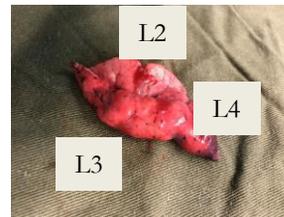
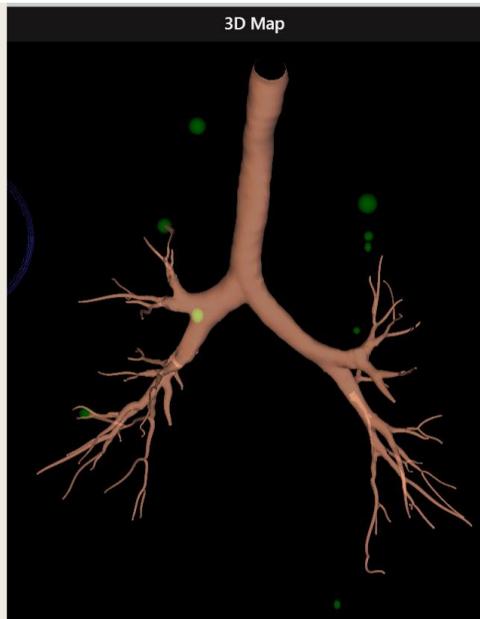
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# Challenge of Lesion Localization with Less & Smaller Wounds - Uniportal VATS



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## Uniportal/Single-Port Video-Assisted Thoracic Surgery

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Supplemental

## Hybrid Theater and Uniportal Video-Assisted Thoracic Surgery The Perfect Match for Lung Nodule Localization

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### KEYWORDS

- Image-guided • Hybrid theater • Localization • Uniportal • Video-assisted thoracic surgery
- Hook wire • Electromagnetic navigation bronchoscopy

### KEY POINTS

- Uniportal thoracoscopic surgery is a minimally invasive option for managing small pulmonary nodules and is gaining in popularity globally.
- Intraoperative nodule localization can be problematic, increasing the necessity for adjunct localizing techniques.
- Cone-beam computed tomography has the promising ability to visualize the target lesion and its surrounding critical anatomy with an error of less than 2 mm.
- Real-time imaging helps to increase the procedural accuracy of electromagnetic navigation bronchoscopy by identifying misplacement of and guiding biopsy tools deployment.
- Centralization of the hook wire placement with simultaneous resection inside the hybrid theater may reduce wire-associated complications and provide a promising, cost-effective solution.

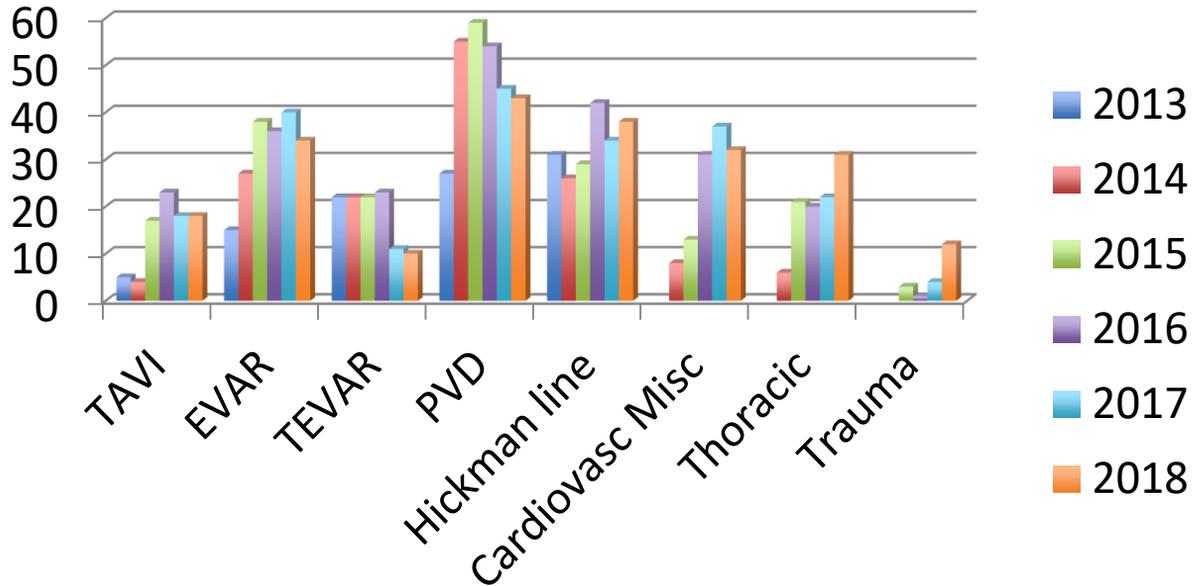


# Hybrid OR & Associate Technology – Getting Best Value

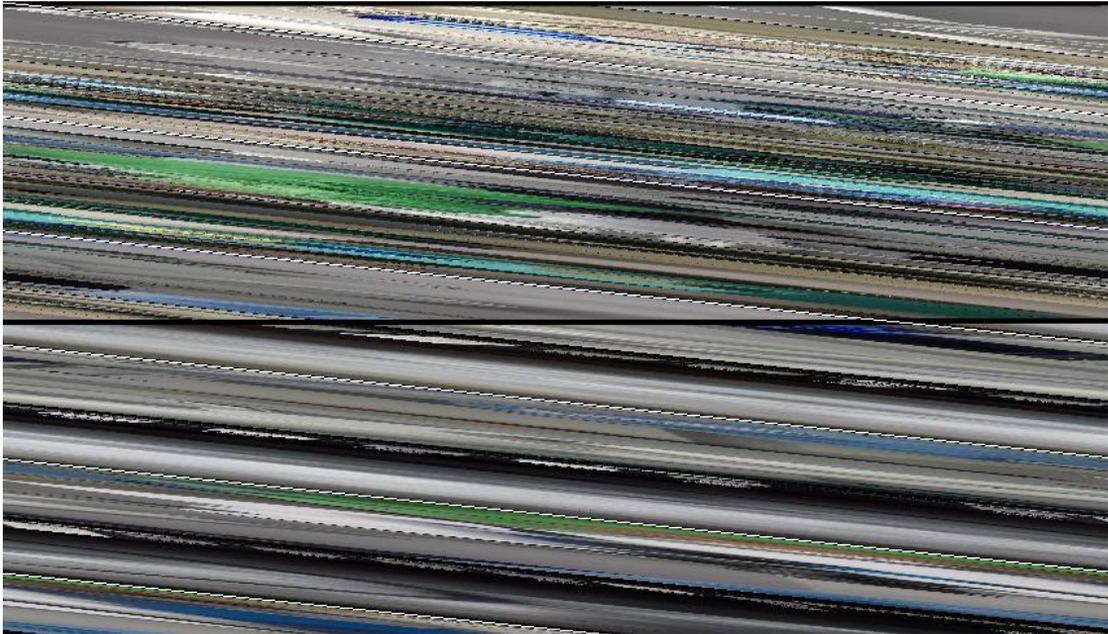
- Full usage of hybrid theatre
  - management / liaising with other specialties
- Optimizing its performance
  - squeeze all the value you can get from it
- Value for one hospital or country , may not be value for another



## PWH Hybrid OR Throughput 2013-2018



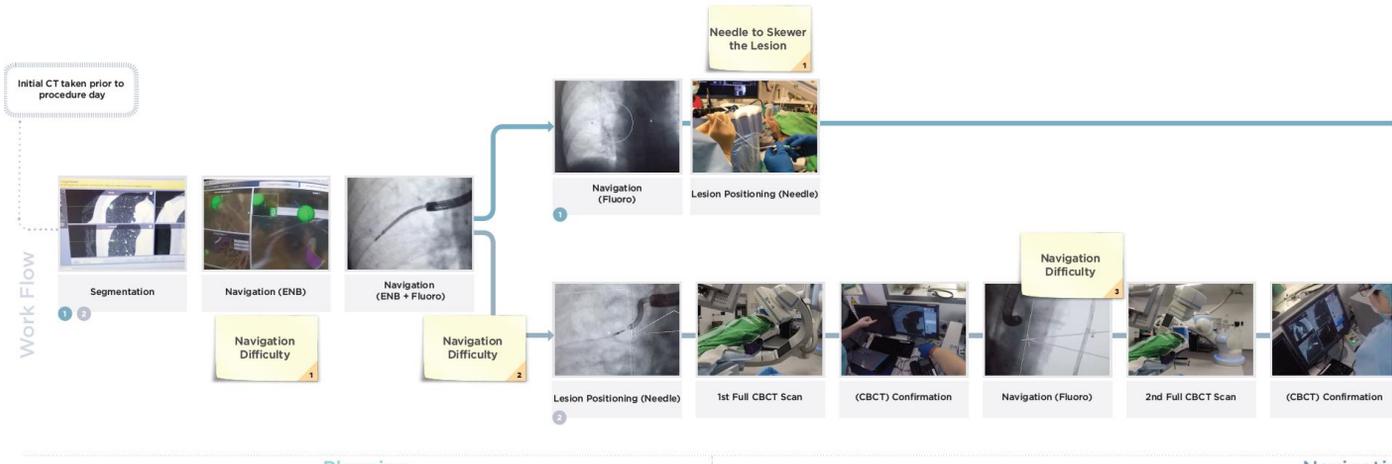
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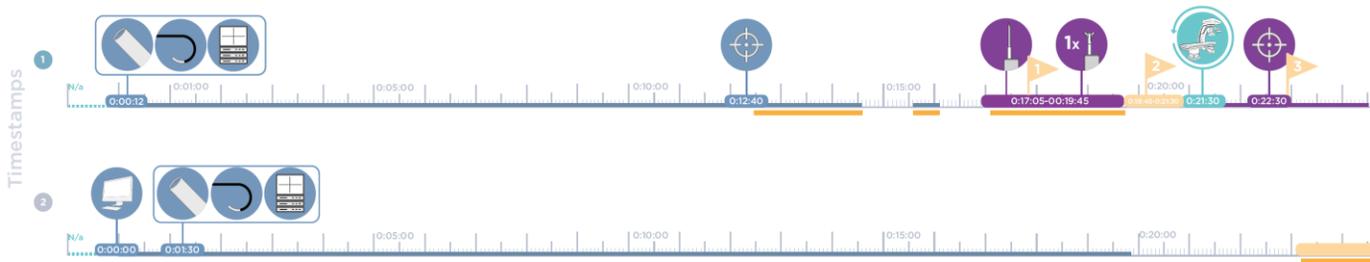
NAVIGATION



# Time-stamps analysis for efficiency

## Hybrid OR ENB procedure

Allowing us to look into reasons for delays ,  
prolong procedure duration, streamline



Note: ■ FLUOROSCOPY



# Efficiency analysis - Hybrid OR ENB procedure

## Workflow

HONG KONG  
CBCT Diagnostic Cases

Overview and Background  
Date: 14/01/2019  
Author: Dr. [Name]  
Reviewer: Dr. [Name]

Videos  
Photos  
Layout  
Conversation  
Timing



## Time-stamps

# Cone-Beam CT With Augmented Fluoroscopy Combined With Electromagnetic Navigation Bronchoscopy for Biopsy of Pulmonary Nodules

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Cone-beam CT With ENB for  
 Biopsy of Lung Nodules

**TABLE 3.** Diagnostic Performance of ENB and CBCT With Augmented Fluoroscopy

Diagnostic Performance	Diagnostic Yield (95% CI)	Diagnostic Accuracy (95% CI)*
All lesions (n = 92) (mm)	83.7% (74.8%-89.9%)	93.5% (86.5%-97.0%)
Lesions ≤ 10 (n = 19)	84.2% (62.4%-94.5%)	89.5% (68.6%-97.1%)
Lesions ≤ 20 (n = 65)	83.1% (72.2%-90.3%)	90.8% (81.3%-95.7%)
Lesions > 20 (n = 27)	96.3% (81.7%-99.8%)	100% (87.5%-100%)
Minimum sensitivity for malignancy†	91.3% (82.3%-96.0%)	
Maximum sensitivity for malignancy‡	95.5% (87.5%-98.4%)	
Minimum prevalence of malignancy†	71.7% (61.8%-79.9%)	
Maximum prevalence of malignancy‡	75.0% (65.3%-82.7%)	
Minimum negative predictive value	79.3% (61.6%-90.2%)	
Maximum negative predictive value	89.7% (73.6%-96.4%)	

\*Diagnostic accuracy represents the malignant and benign lesions as well as the indeterminate lesions confirmed as benign with clinical and radiographic follow-up divided by the total number of lesions biopsied.

†Minimum sensitivity and maximum prevalence were based on the assumption that patients with uncompleted follow-up (n = 3) actually had lung cancer (ie, were false negative).

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CBCT indicates cone-beam computed tomography; CI, confidence interval; ENB, electromagnetic navigation bronchoscopy.

## Technology improving outcomes versus Costs

- If you improve outcomes enough → offset cost of tech



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## Cost Analysis of Hybrid Operation Room versus non-Hybrid use in General Thoracic Surgery

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**INTRODUCTION / OBJECTIVE**

The use of the hybrid OR was first reported in 2013 for intraoperative localization of lung lesions [1]. In the past decade, electromagnetic navigation bronchoscopy (ENB) emerged as an useful technology for lung localization for biopsies and marking of lung lesions, or deployment of fiducial markers [2].

These days, the combination of hybrid OR and ENB for lung lesion localization has shown a significant increase in the accuracy of diagnosis and treatment, which become viable and suitable in selected patients [3].

The advent of the hybrid OR on-table CT-scan created the opportunity for innovative, stream-lined approaches to diagnosis, staging and ultimately treatment for the thoracic surgical oncologist (Figure 1) [4,5].

The cost impact for the institution is unknown. We therefore analyzed the cost of 35 consecutive hybrid OR cases compared to historical data on non-hybrid OR cases.

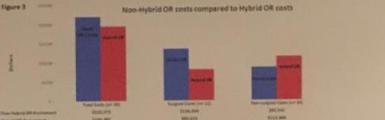
**METHODS**

A prospective database review of 35 consecutive patients was performed. Patients underwent different combinations of navigation bronchoscopy (Figure 2A), EBUS, CT-guided biopsy (Figure 2B), and image-guided surgical resection (IVATS, Figure 2C-G), as indicated, in the hybrid OR.

The costs of the procedures were available via the department financial reporting. Costs of a comparative non-hybrid OR setting were estimated by using departmental cross charges of equivalent treatments and adjusting for inpatient costs, assumed diagenic yield difference and downstream costs due to complication (e.g. pneumothorax) management.

**FIGURES**

Figure 3  
Non-Hybrid OR costs compared to Hybrid OR costs



Category	Non-Hybrid OR Costs (Mean)	Hybrid OR Costs (Mean)
Non-Hybrid OR (n=35)	\$134,634	-
Hybrid OR (n=35)	-	\$85,541

Figure 1  
A: Intraoperative CT-scan on-table. B: Image-guided localization of lung lesions. C: Image-guided localization of lung lesions. D: Image-guided localization of lung lesions. E: Image-guided localization of lung lesions. F: Image-guided localization of lung lesions. G: Image-guided localization of lung lesions.

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**RESULTS**

34 patients (97%) had successful same day diagnosis using a combination of techniques in the hybrid OR. The cost for the 11 surgical cases in the Hybrid OR amounted to \$80,823 compared to \$134,634 if the procedures would have been performed without the benefit of the hybrid OR, which currently involves different departments, locations and multiple appointments.

The cost for 24 non-surgical (bronchoscopy and percutaneous) procedures was higher in the hybrid OR setting (\$113,664) compared to the costs calculated from a non-OR setting (\$85,541), due mainly to the use of general anesthesia in the hybrid OR (Figure 3).

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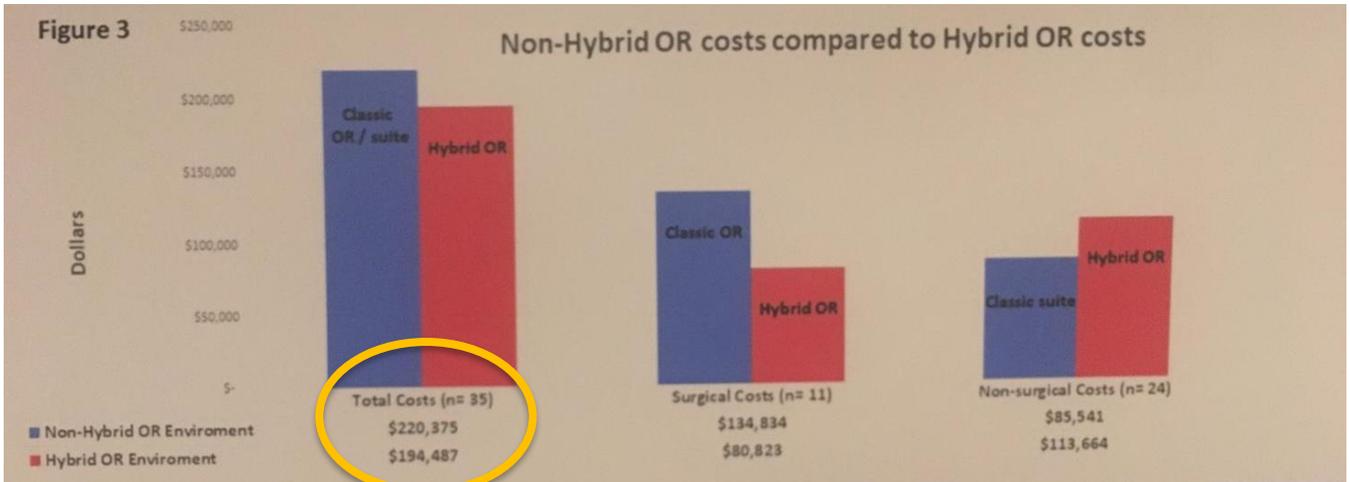
**CONCLUSION**

The hybrid OR can be used for a stream-lined, same-day approach to obtaining tissue diagnosis, staging, and treatment and provides a more cost-effective solution than the use of a standard OR and multiple sequential procedure events. In addition the overall yield of 97% led to a shorter time from diagnosis to treatment, which should have a significant impact on lung cancer survival and downstream costs.

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# Cost: Non-hybrid v. hybrid OR



# Same day one-stop one-shop

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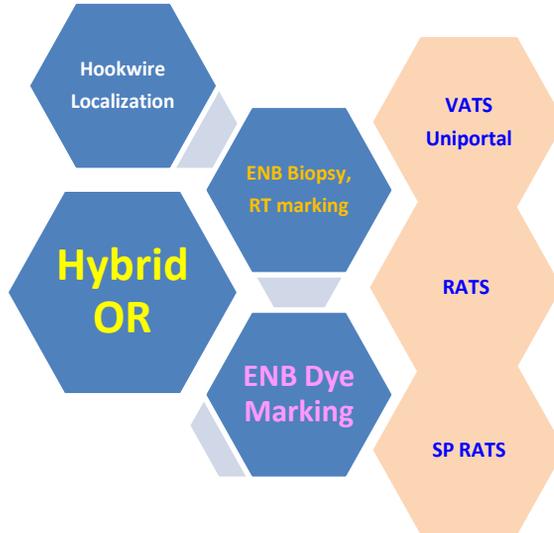
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## Conclusion:

- \$5000 savings per case when diagnosis and treatment is performed in the Hybrid OR preferably with a 97% same day diagnosis rate.



# Hybrid OR: Operative Bx & Localisation

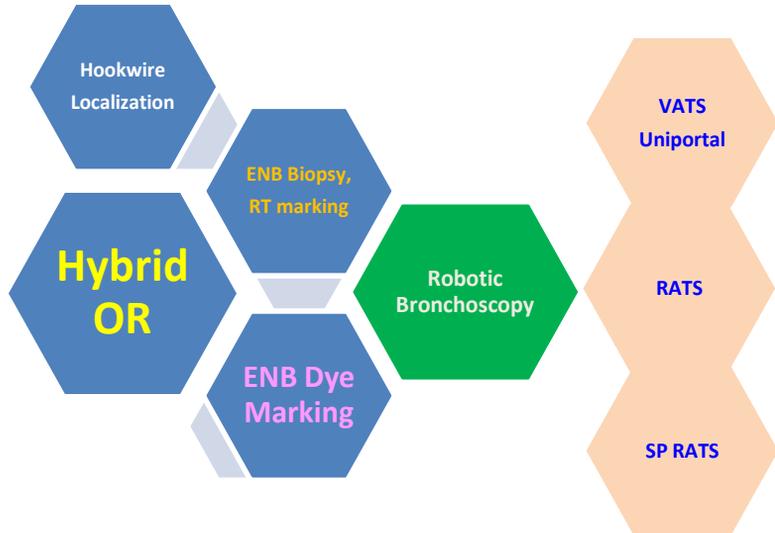


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# Hybrid OR: Operative Bx & Localisation

## Robotic Bronchoscopy



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## “Local Therapy” Choices for Lung

### ● Wedge Resection v. SBRT v. Ablation

#### ● Ablation conventionally

1) => Percutaneous

- => Pneumothorax / Hemothorax
- => Pulmonary-pleural Fistula
- => Limited access

2) => Radiofrequency RF energy

- => Ablation zone small
- => Ablated zone less predictable

3) => Less data than SBRT



# Survival Rates after Thermal Ablation versus Stereotactic Radiation Therapy for Stage 1 Non–Small Cell Lung Cancer: A National Cancer Database Study

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**Purpose:** To compare survival rates of thermal ablation and stereotactic radiation therapy (SRT) for stage 1 non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC).

**28834 patients : 1102 thermal ablation ; SRT 27732**

**Results:** This study included 28 834 patients (TA, 1102 patients; SRT, 27 732 patients). Patients treated with TA had more comorbidities (Charlson comorbidity index of 1 vs  $\geq 2$ , 32.8% [362 of 1102] vs 19.7% [217 of 1102], respectively) compared with SRT (Charlson comorbidity index of 1 vs  $\geq 2$ , 26.9% [7448 of 27 732] vs 15.3% [4251 of 27 732], respectively;  $P < .001$ ) and smaller tumor size (mean tumor size, TA vs SRT: 19 mm vs 22 mm, respectively;  $P < .001$ ). In the propensity score–matched cohort with balanced distribution of potential confounders, there was no significant difference in overall survival

## Conclusion:

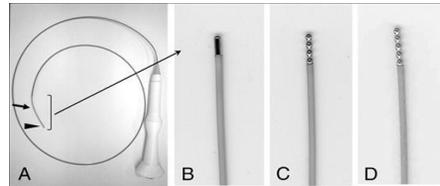
Regarding overall survival, thermal ablation was not inferior to stereotactic radiation therapy for primary treatment of stage 1 NSCLC

Online supplemental material is available for this article.



## Bronchoscopic Catheter Based Therapy: RF/ Microwave ablation/ Cryotherapy

- RF / microwave ablation



- Cryotherapy



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# Lung Ablation: Endobronchial route - “Game changer” ?

- Route to ablation

=> ~~Percutaneous~~ → Endobronchial

=> Pneumothorax / Hemothorax ↓ ↓

=> Pulmonary-pleural Fistula ↓ ↓ ↓

=> Limited access ↓ ?

=> ~~RF energy~~ → Microwave

=> Ablation zone bigger

=> Ablated zone more predictable



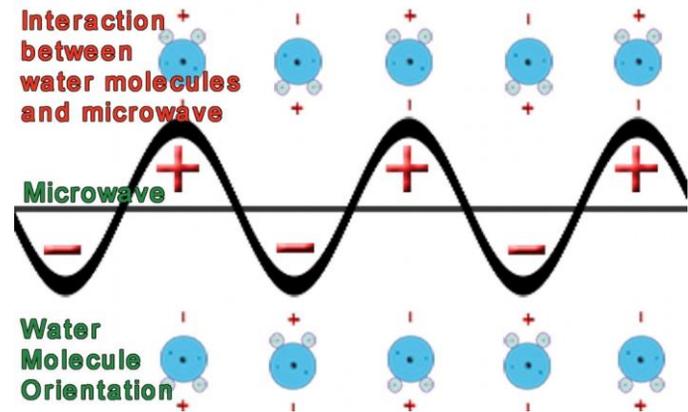
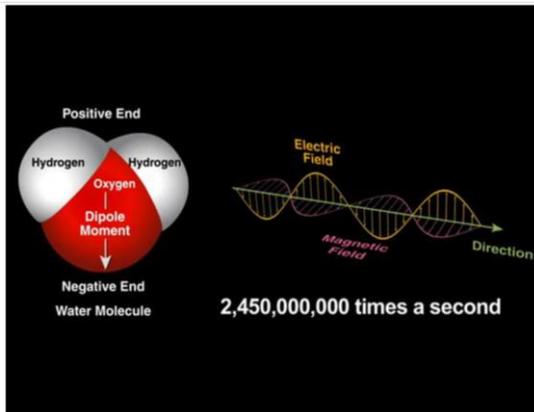
# Microwave – Game Changer

Video of ablation zones:

Left – Microwave (Neuwave) & Right – RF



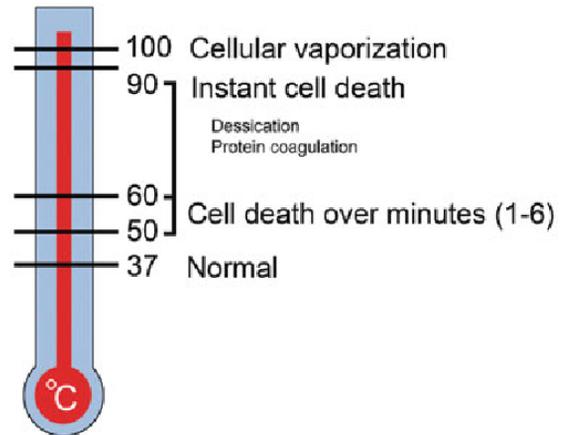
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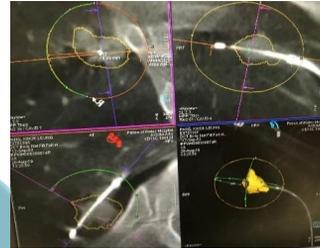
# Microwave Ablation

## What does microwave & heat do to tissues?

- At above 60° C all living cells, including cancer cells will die, effectively destroying the cancer



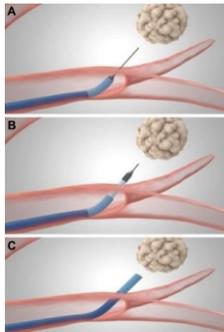
# Bronchoscopic Microwave Ablation enable by Amalgamation of Technologies



Hybrid  
Operating  
Room

Advance  
ENB  
tools and  
skills

Microwave  
Ablation  
technology



# Bronchoscopic Microwave Ablation (BMA) of Lung Tumours

Step 1: Navigate to lung cancer using hybrid OR CBCT guided ENB



# Bronchoscopic Microwave Ablation (BMA) of Lung Tumours

Step 2: Precise placement of MW catheter into cancer with CBCT guidance



# Bronchoscopic Microwave Ablation (BMA) of Lung Tumours

## Step 3: Microwave Ablation of Cancer

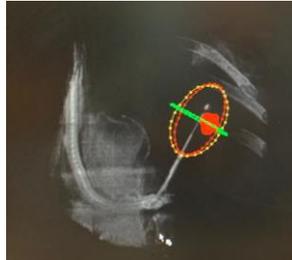
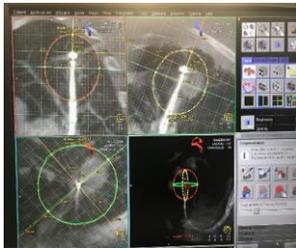
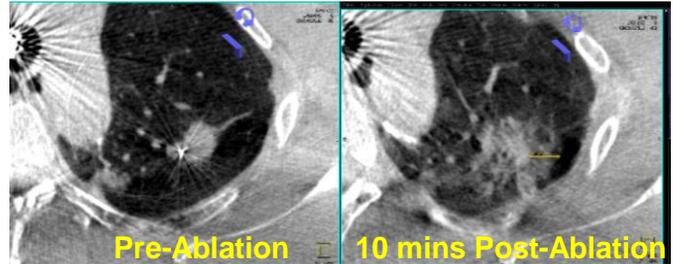


# Bronchoscopic Microwave Ablation (BMA) of Lung Tumours

Step 4: Evaluation of CT images confirm adequate ablation of cancer



# Our First Hybrid OR CBCT Guided bronchoscopic microwave ablation of lung cancer, March 2019



# Bronchoscopic Microwave Ablation

## May be offered to:

Primary lung cancer:

- not suitable to undergo surgery:
  - advanced age, major co-morbidities or limited lung function;
- decline/ not suitable for SBRT
- those who decline surgery for personal reasons

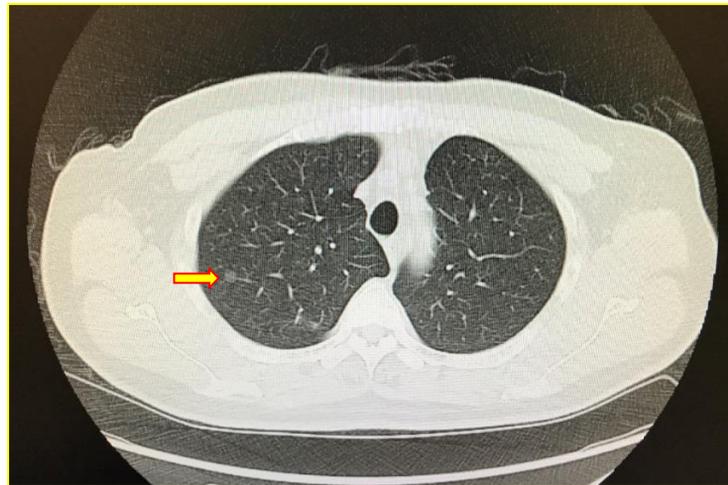


# Bronchoscopic Microwave Ablation

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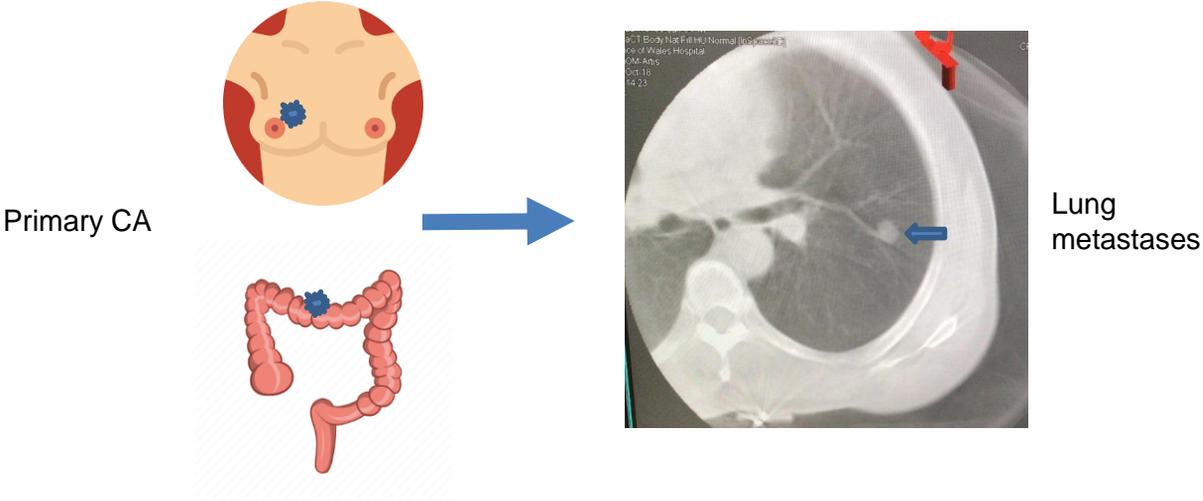
- Patients with small ground glass opacities that can be pre-cancerous or very early lung cancers

- Right upper lobe  
5mm  
GGO



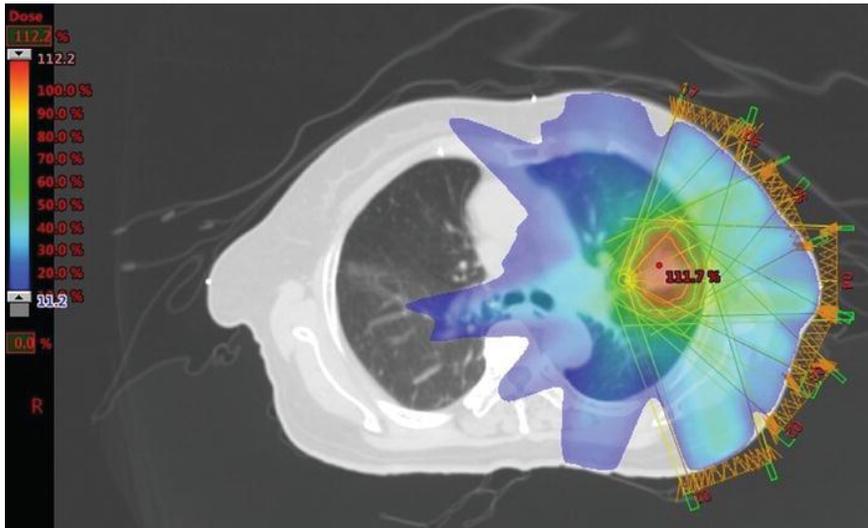
# Bronchoscopic Microwave Ablation

## Patients with lung metastases



# Bronchoscopic Microwave Ablation

Lung cancer patients who had previous radiotherapy to the same region of the lung



## Bronchoscopic Microwave Ablation

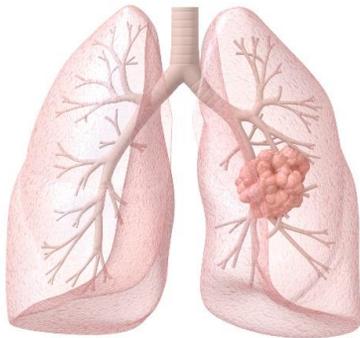
Patients with multiple or bilateral lung cancers requiring local control



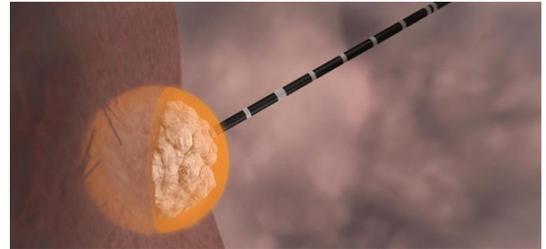
# Bronchoscopic Microwave Ablation

**Important to select the appropriate patients for the best outcomes:**

- Lung lesion to be ablated is less than 3 cm.
- (maximum treatment zone of microwave catheter is 4.2cm)



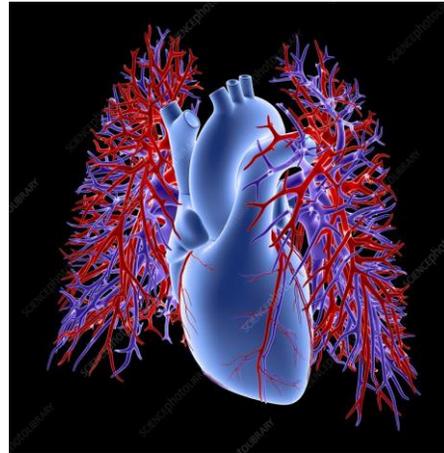
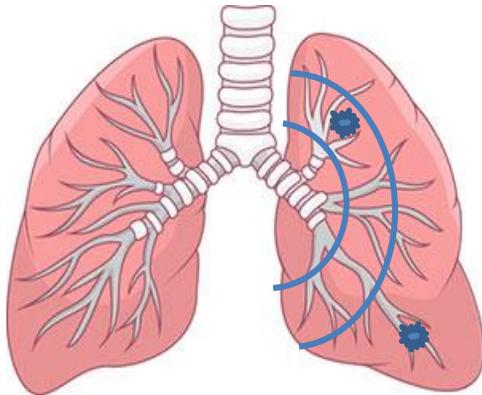
Lung cancer  
Size < 3cm



# Bronchoscopic Microwave Ablation

**Important to select the appropriate patients for the best outcomes:**

- Lung cancer is at the outer two-thirds of the lung.
- Lung lesion is away from large pulmonary blood vessels.



# Bronchoscopic Microwave Ablation (BMA)



	Conventional Surgery	BMA
Access trauma	++	-
Blood loss	++	-
Pain	++	+/-
Scars	++	-
Hospital Stay	++	+



# BMA-CUHK

- March – Nov 2019; 22 patients
- Mean age 67 (range 54-87), 12 patients were female.
- Twelve (55%) had a pre-operative or intra-operative diagnosis of NSCLC or pulmonary metastases, and 10 had no definitive confirmation of cancer
  
- Mean size of lesion ablated 2.1 cm (range 0.8-3).
- Mean total procedure time was 132 mins (range 82-190)
- 4 cases required “double” ablation in same GA session to ensure adequate margins



# BMA-CUHK

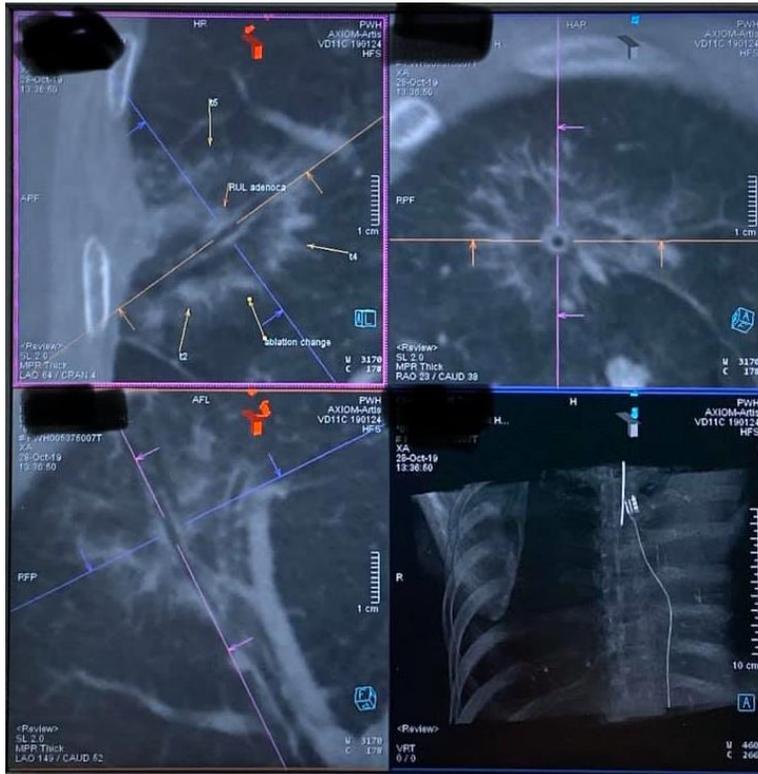
- Mean intra-operative blood loss was 0.2 mls (range 0-2)
- 1 pneumothorax and 1 hemopneumothorax requiring chest drain insertion
- 17 patients (77%) had no pain reported during their hospital stay.
  
- Median hospital stay was 1 day (range 1-16).
- Mean follow-up duration was 4.8 months (range 0-8).
  
- There are no radiological signs of local recurrence



# Case A: 1cm RUL adenoCA lung



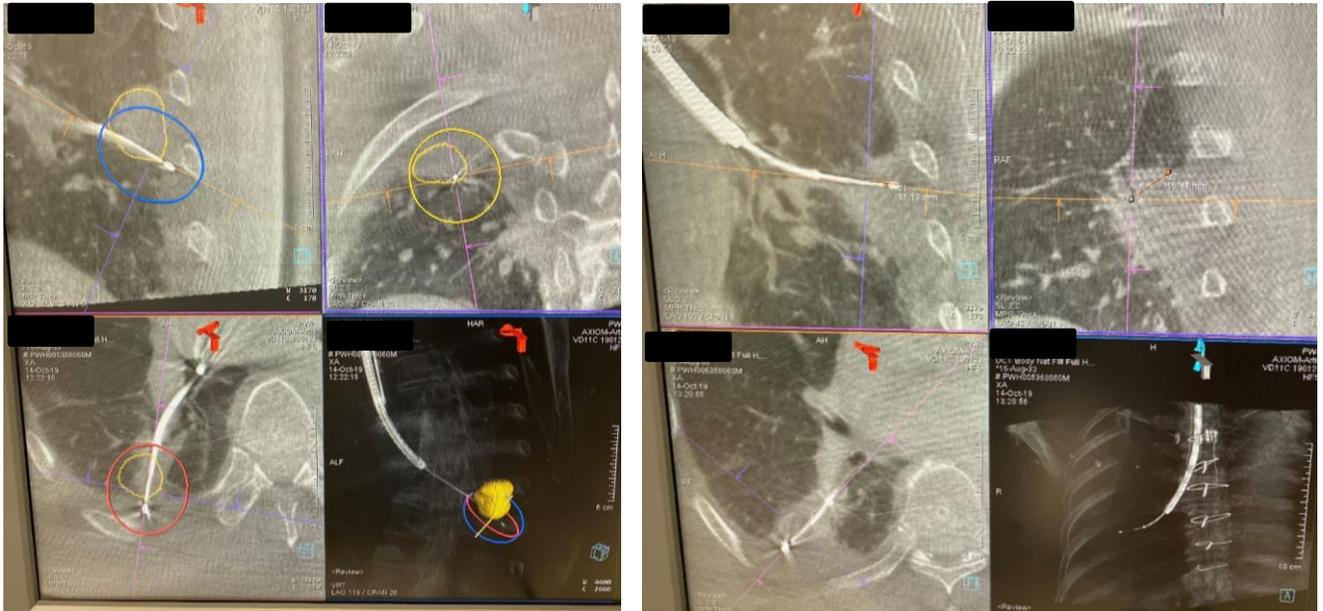
# Case A: Post-ablation CBCT 20 mins- *Halo effect*



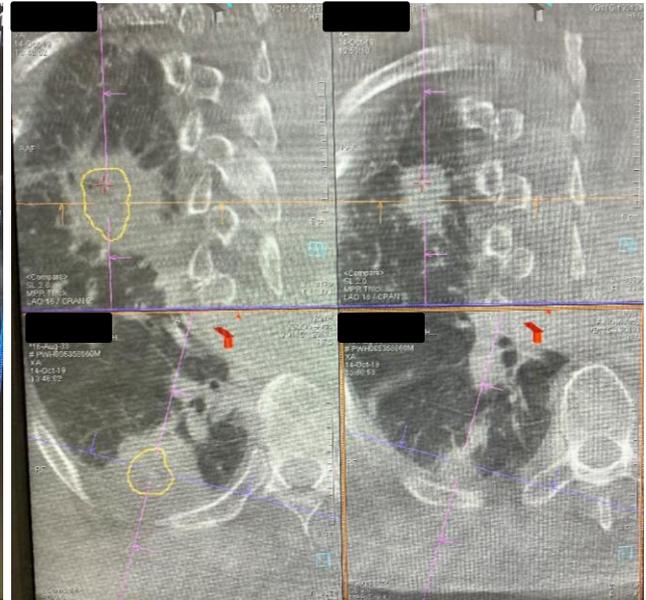
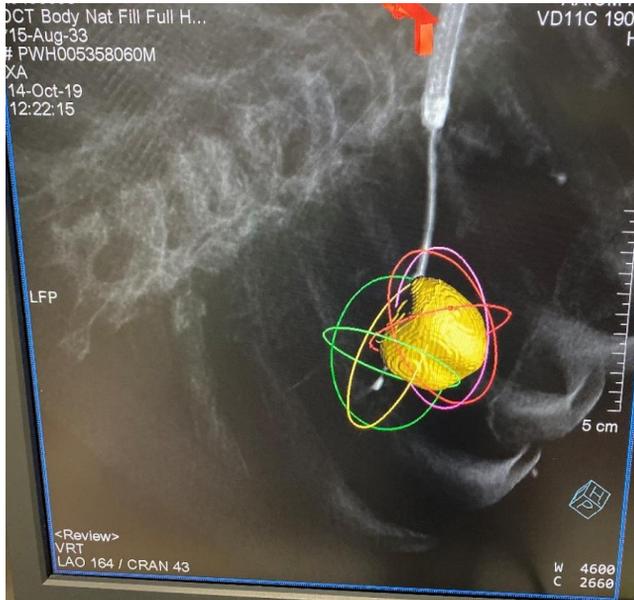
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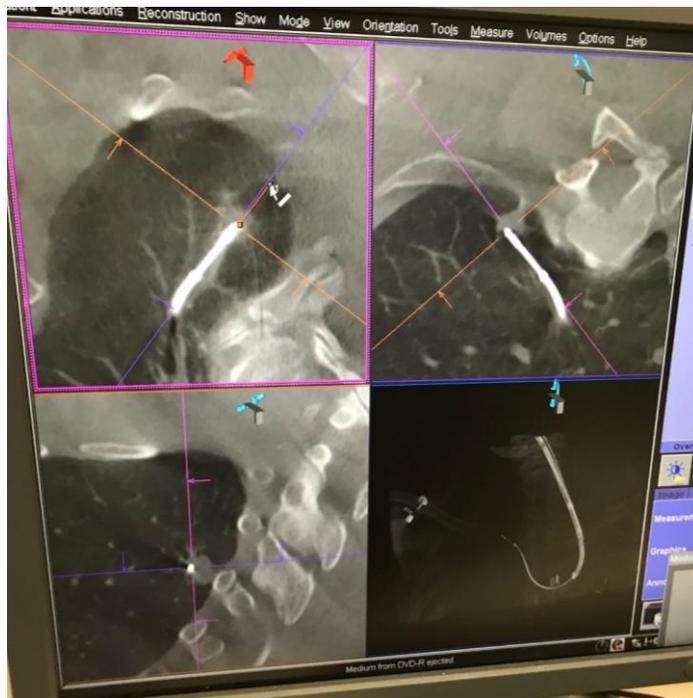
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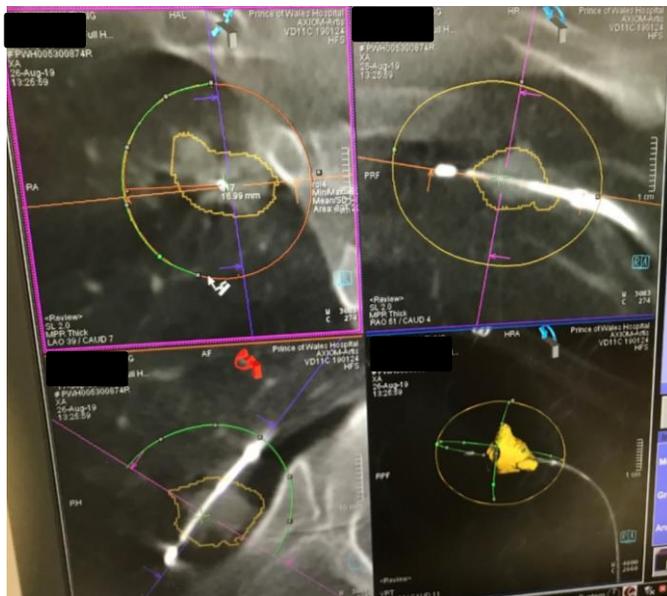


# Case C: 55/M, Post Lt Pneumonectomy RUL Bx proven SqCC 1.5cm



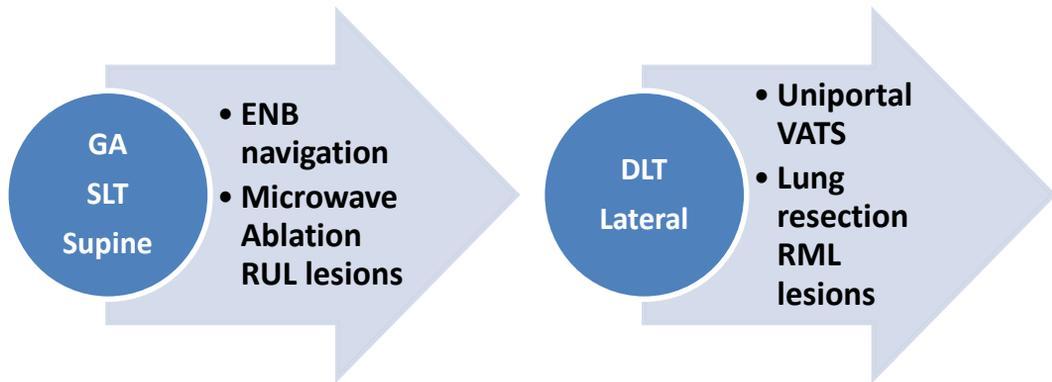
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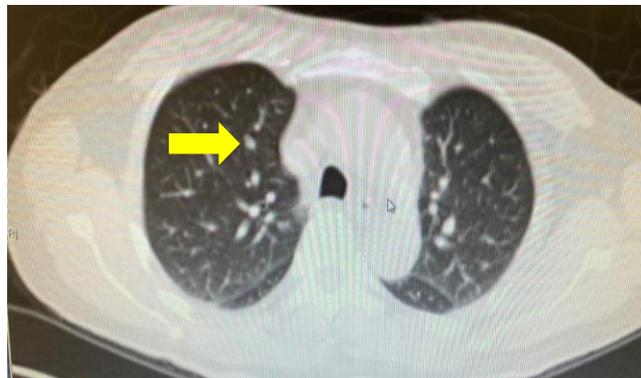
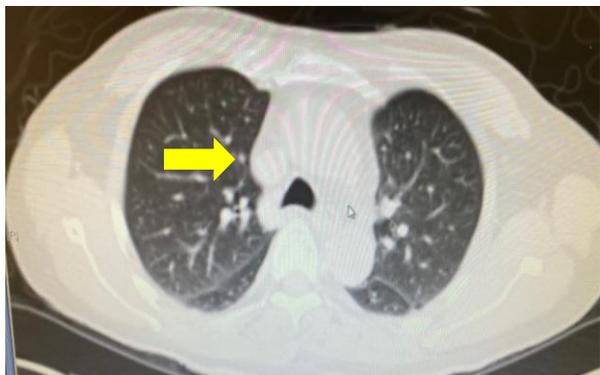


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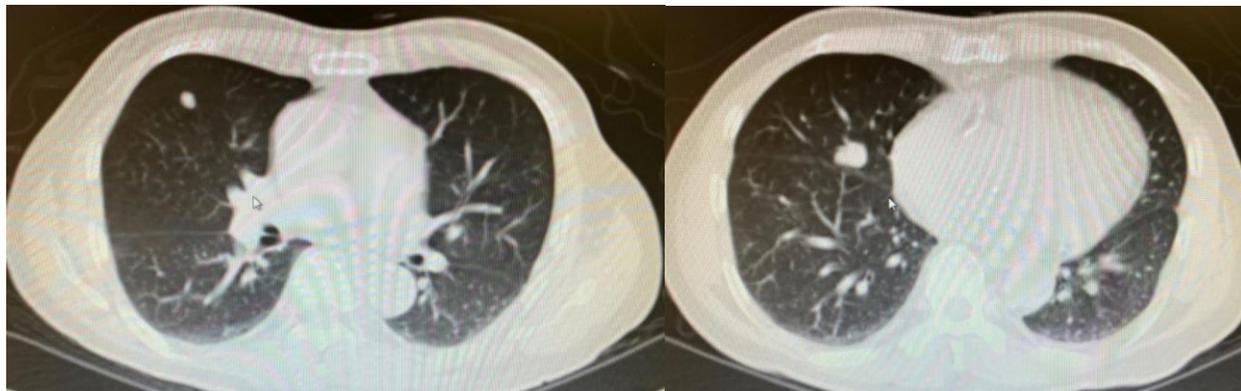
## • *Hybrid Approach in Hybrid Operating Theatre*



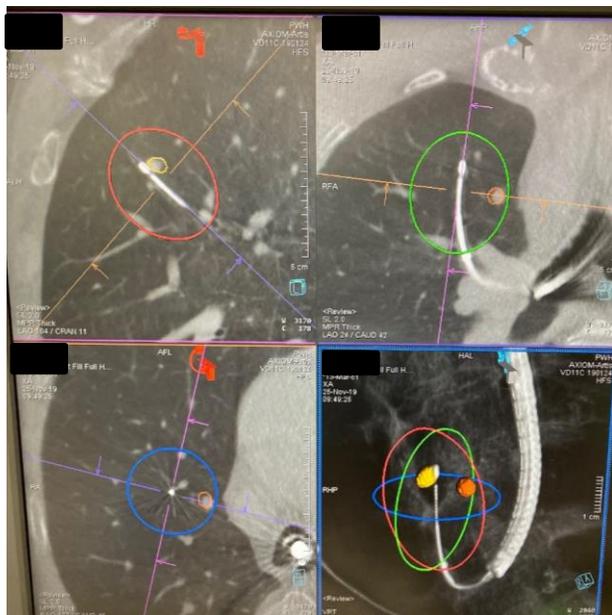
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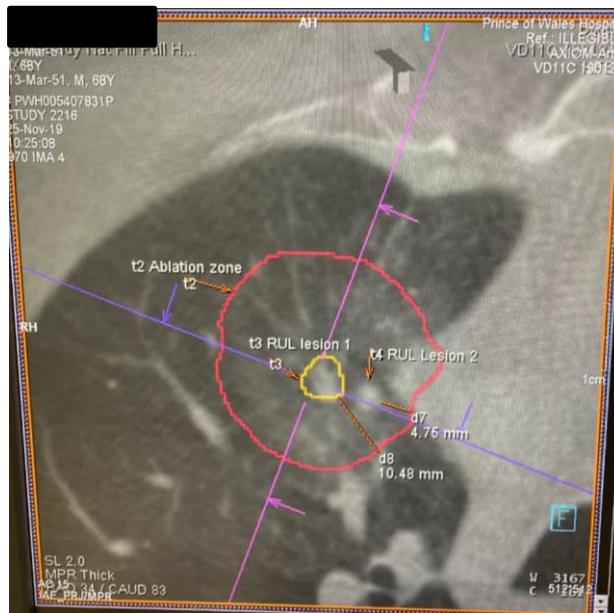
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**Pre-ablation predicted**

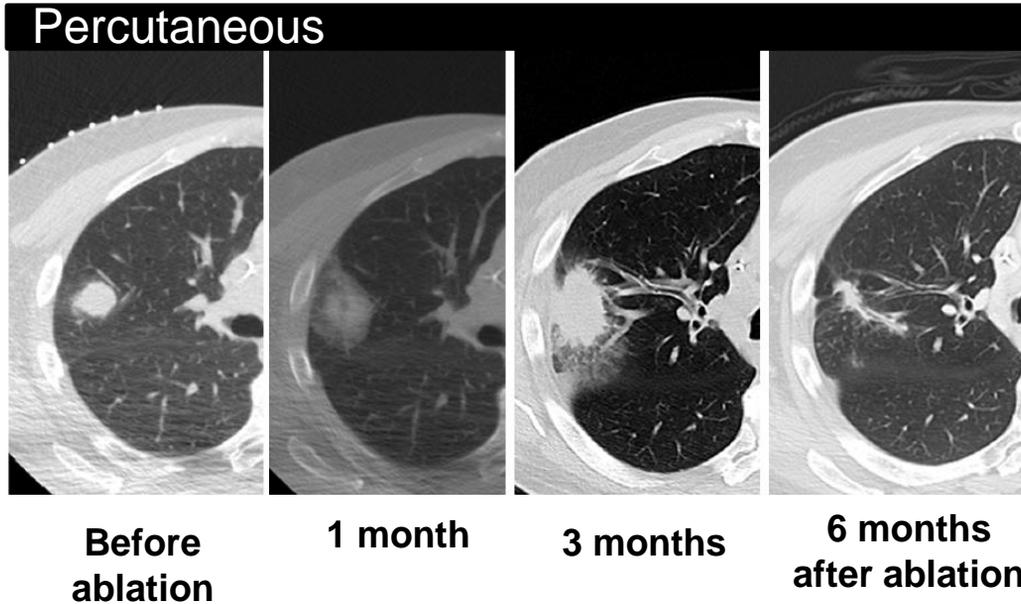


**CBCT 20 mins Post-ablation**

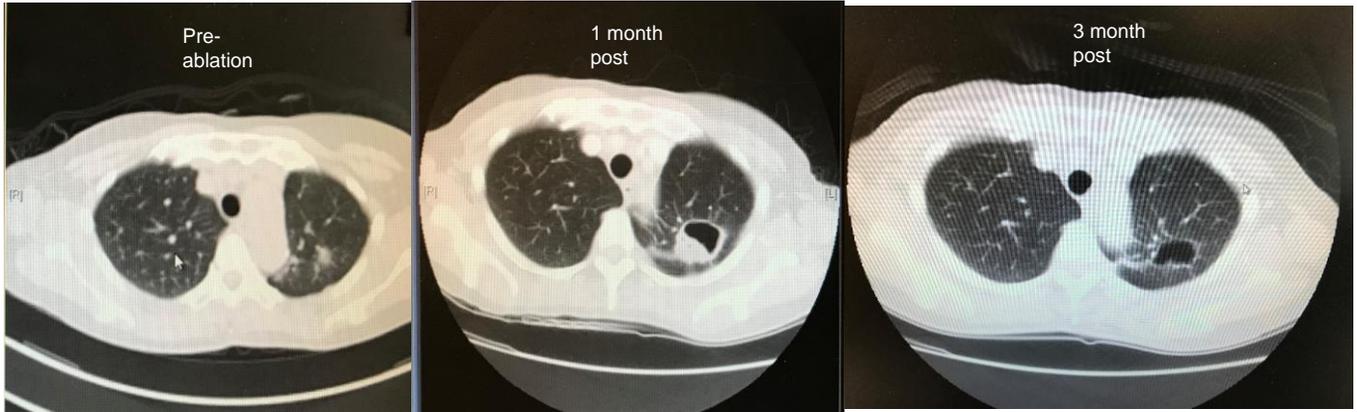
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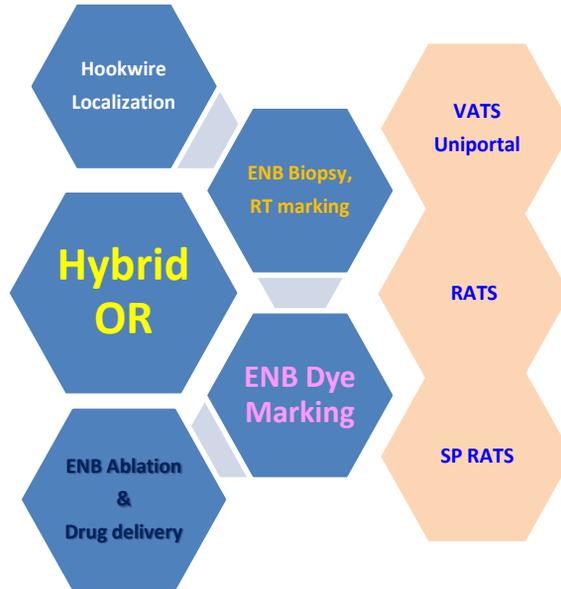
# Expected CT findings Post-Microwave Ablation of Lung lesion



# Case: Pre-ablation (left) v. 1 month Post Ablation (middle) v. 3 months Post Ablation (right)



# Hybrid Operating Room:

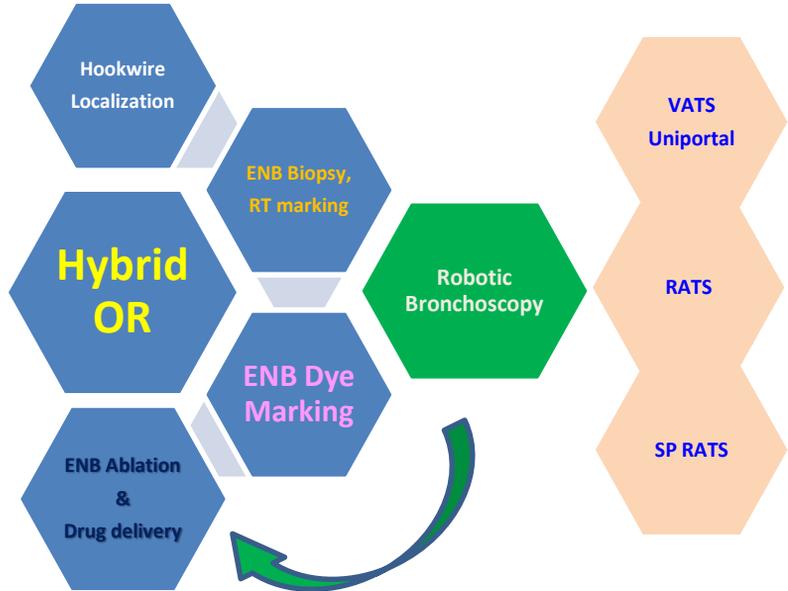


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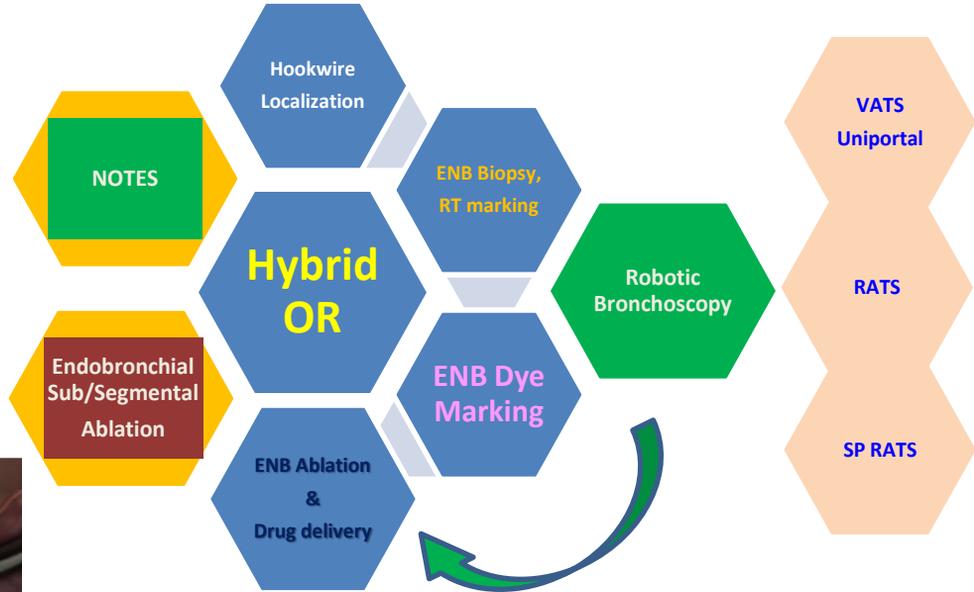
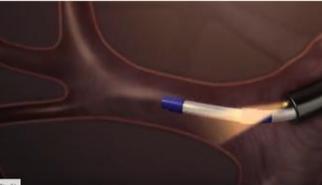


# Hybrid Operating Room:

## Robotic Bronchoscopy



# Look into the Future



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# Building International Alliance



Direct Tumour Injection

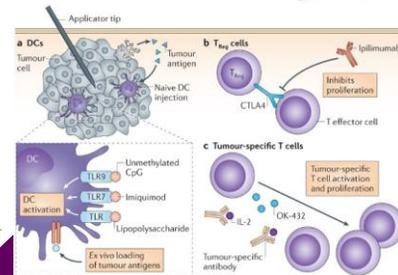
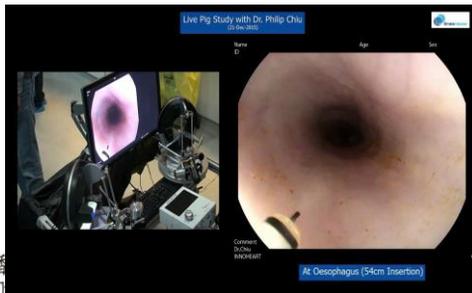
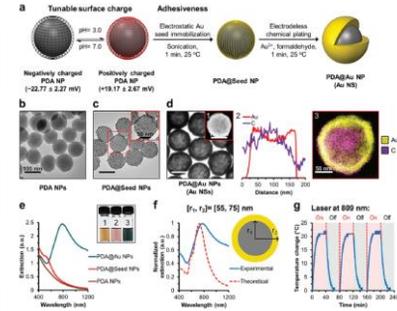
- Immune – Dan Sterman, NYU Langone & Industry
- Nanoparticles – CUHK

Sub/ Segmental ablation

- Energy – Bill Krimsky, Baltimore
- Steam – Felix Herth, Heidelberg & Industry & CUHK

NOTES

- Robotic NOTES – CUHK & Imperial College, John Hopkins, ETH Zurich & Industry



# Summary: “One stop, one shop”

- Hybrid OR CBCT percutaneous & endobronchial image guidance improves our ability to diagnose & localize small lesions for surgery
- For the foreseeable future, the imaging capabilities of the hybrid room CBCT is essential for confirming:
  - accurate placement/ positioning of effector devices (eg, ablation catheters) & adequate treatment delivered



# Summary: “One stop, one shop”

- “One stop, one shop” strategy for mx of small nodules could be attractive compared with the current “ multi- stop, multi shop, multi day” approach
- Continue to evolve
  - Streamlined workflow
  - Improve economy, add value
  - Decrease complexity
  - Increase tools & efficacy





**“Intelligence is the  
ability to adapt to  
change.”**

Stephen Hawking



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