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Treatment Calculations

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Overview

- Math Concepts
 - Definitions
- Basic MU Calculations

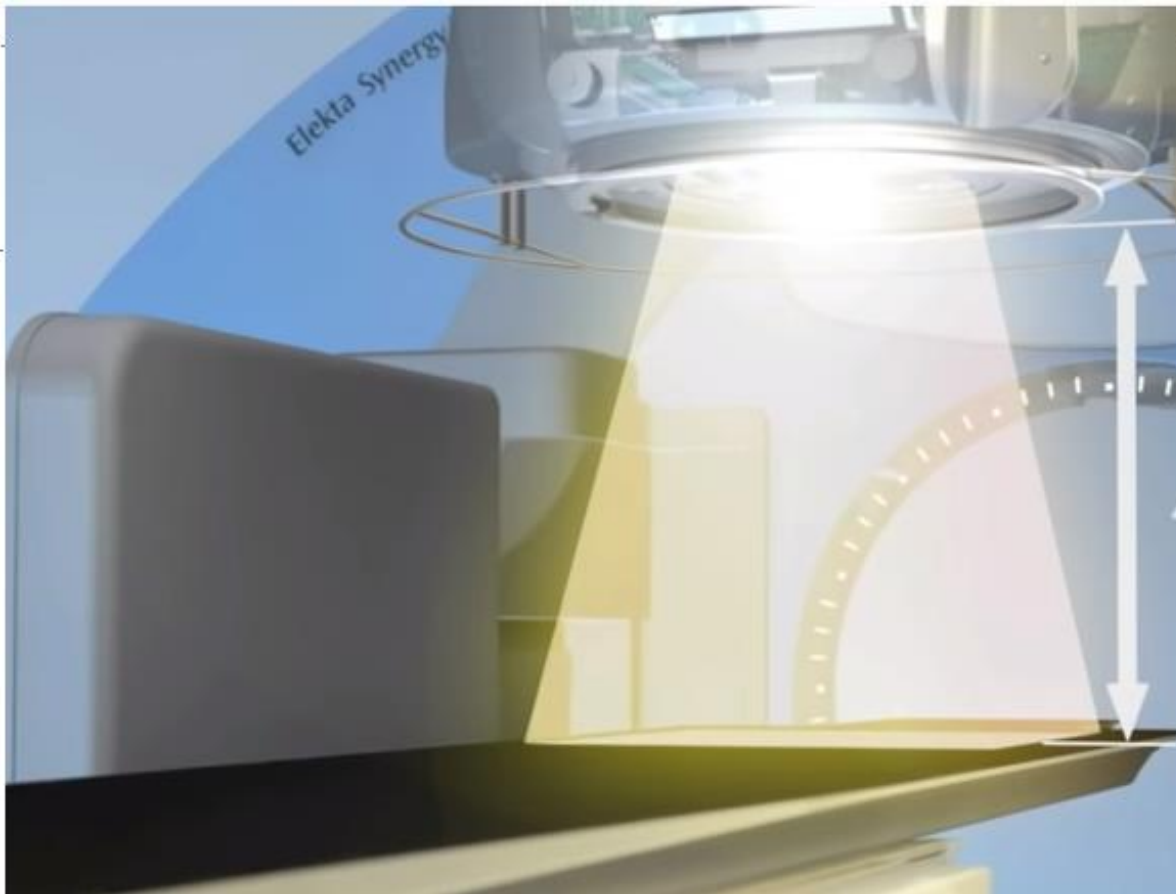


Divergence & *Intensity*



What are we calculating?

- Divergence Formula – calculates the **SIZE** of the radiation field
- Inverse Square Formula – helps us calculate the **INTENSITY** of a radiation beam

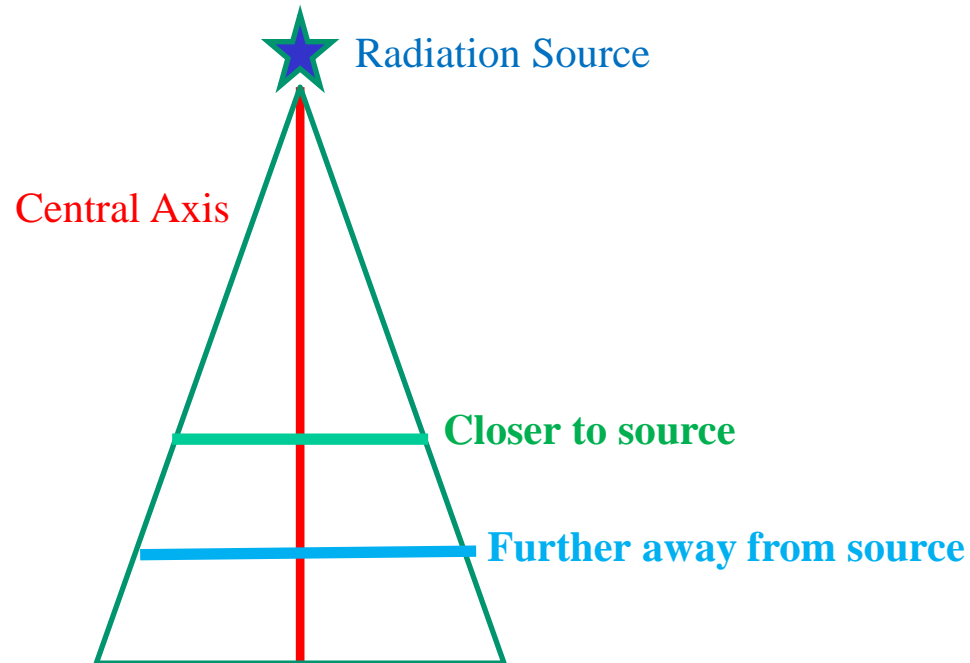


Increasing Distance from Source

- **Increase Field Size** --- Direct Proportion
- **Decrease Intensity** --- Indirect Proportion

Divergence

- X-rays travel in Straight but divergent lines



Divergence Formula

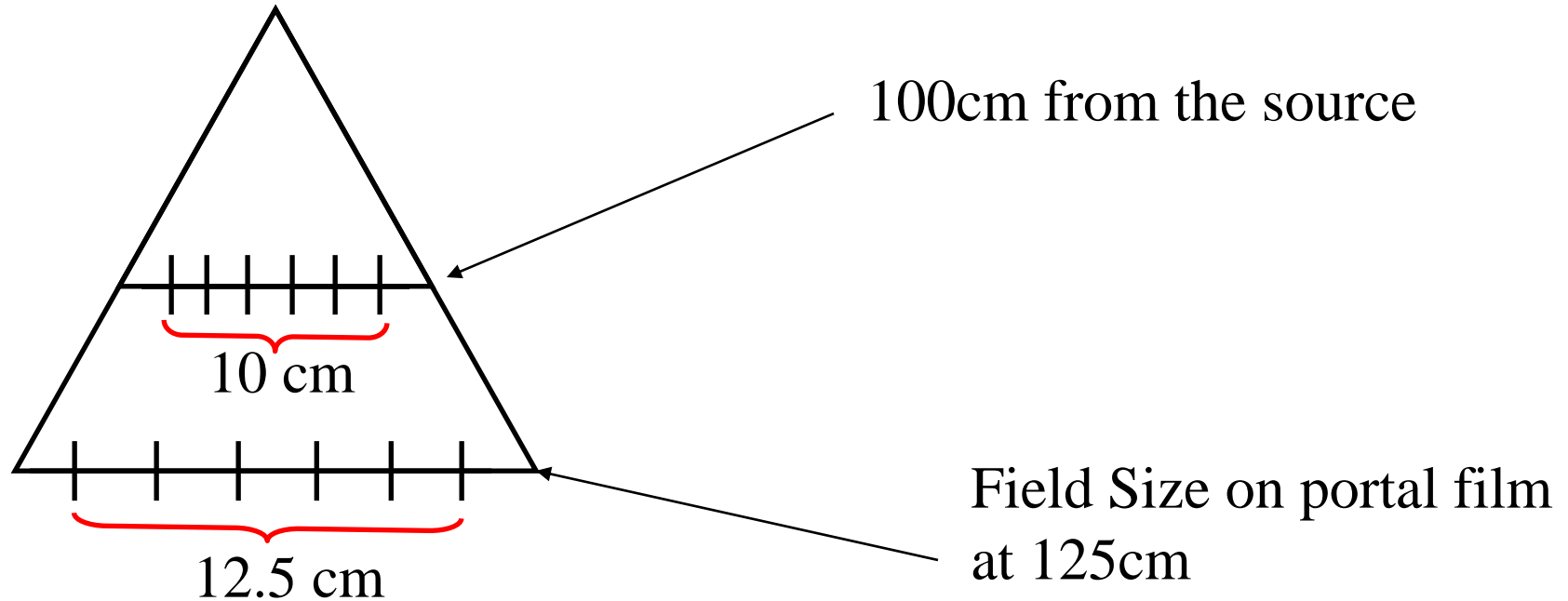
(Direct Proportion)

$$\frac{\text{Field width}_1}{\text{Field width}_2} = \frac{\text{distance}_1}{\text{distance}_2}$$

$$\frac{\text{Field length}_1}{\text{Field length}_2} = \frac{\text{distance}_1}{\text{distance}_2}$$

Divergence

If the field size is 10x15 at 100cm, what is it on a port film at 125cm?



$$\frac{\text{Field width}_1}{\text{Field width}_2} = \frac{\text{distance}_1}{\text{distance}_2} \quad \frac{10}{x} = \frac{100}{125}$$

$$x = 12.5$$

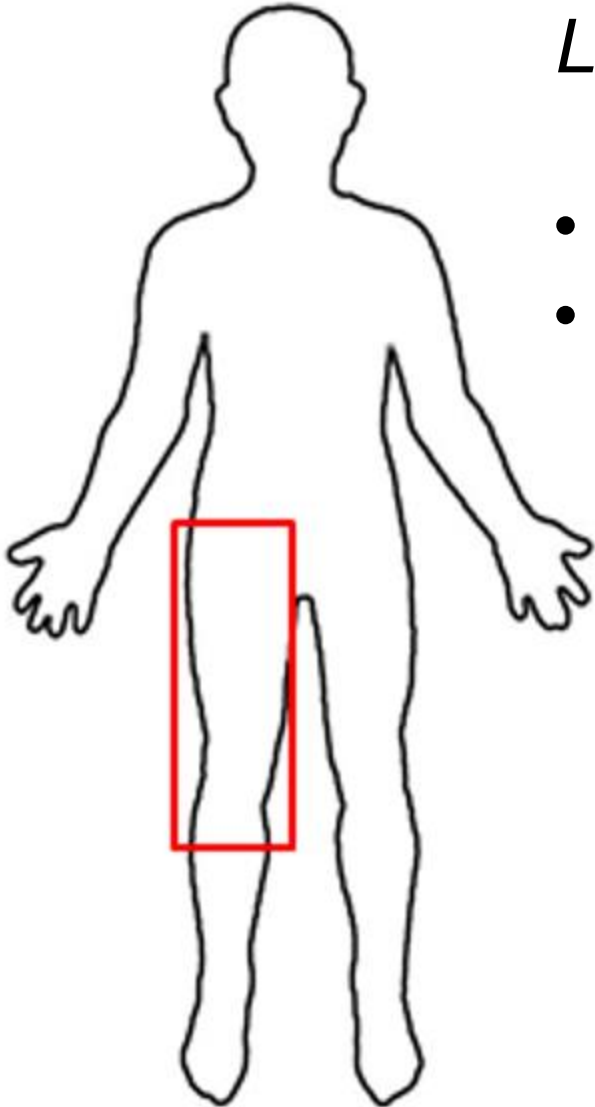
$$\frac{\text{Field length}_1}{\text{Field length}_2} = \frac{\text{distance}_1}{\text{distance}_2} \quad \frac{15}{y} = \frac{100}{125}$$

$$y = 18.75$$

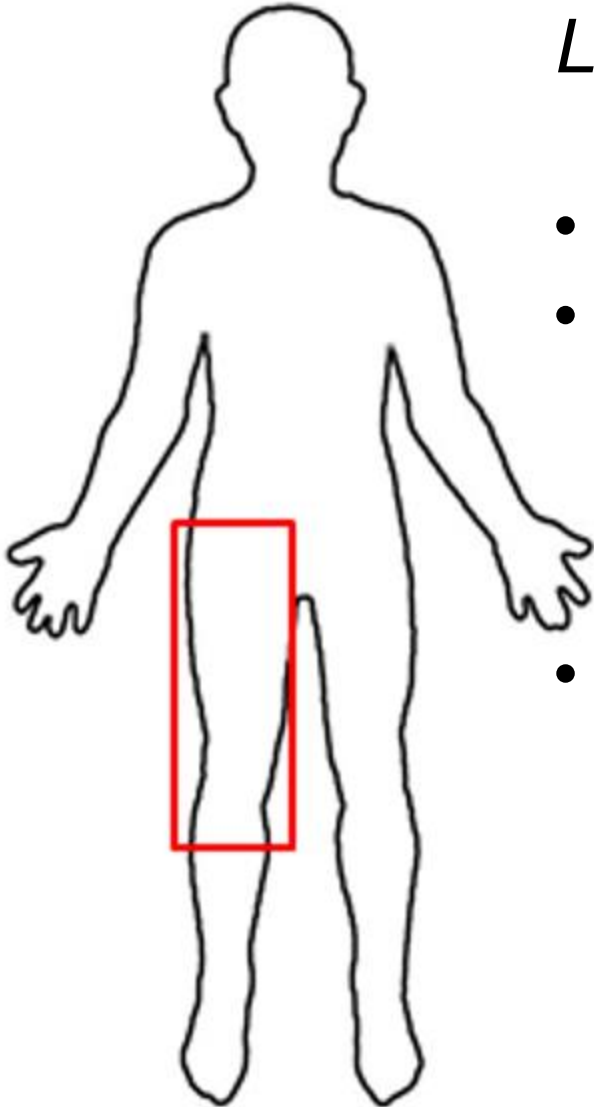
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- *Need 56cm length*
- *What would be the SSD required?*



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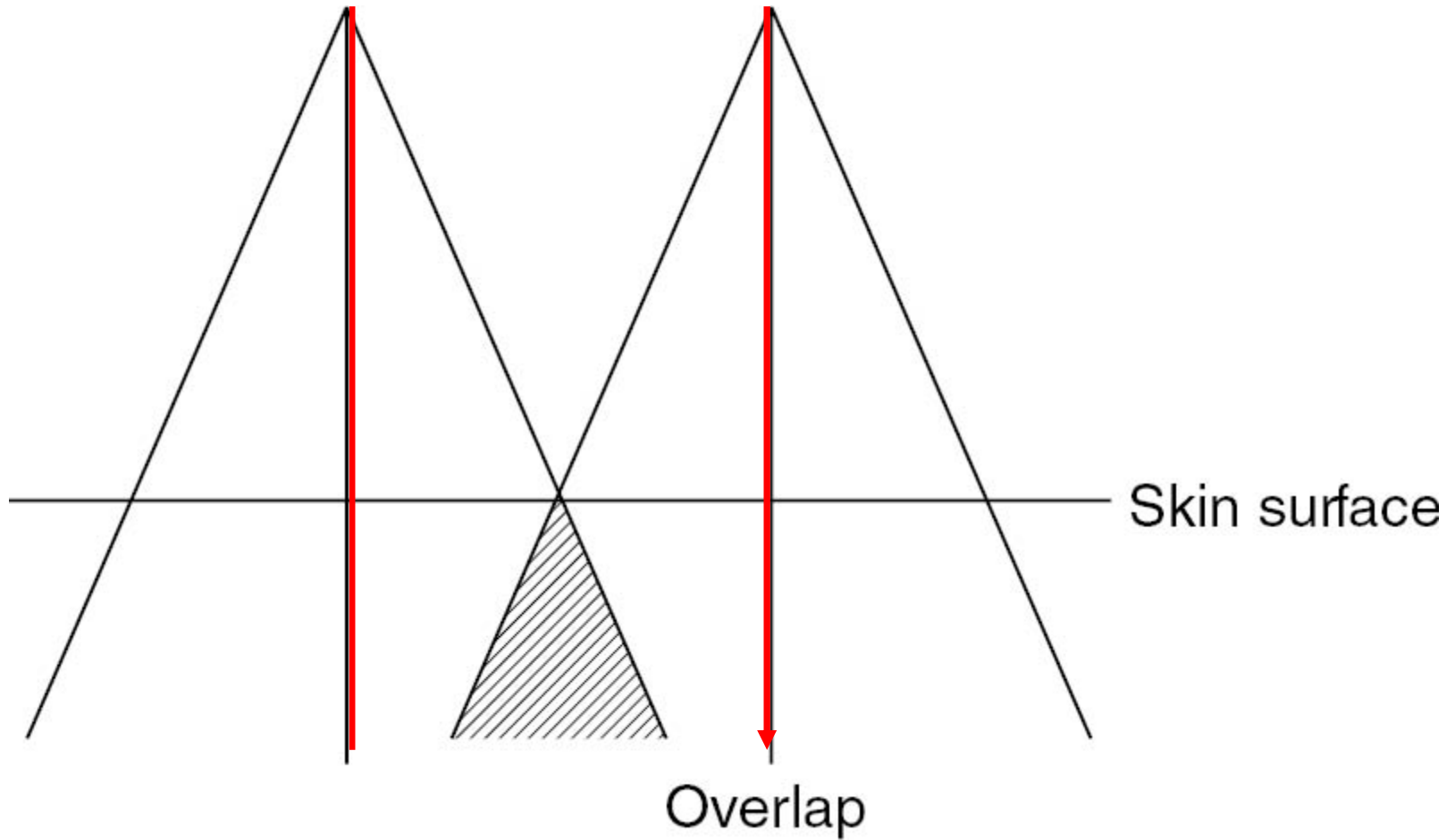
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- *Need 56cm length*
- *What would be the SSD required?*

$$\bullet \quad \frac{40\text{cm}}{56\text{cm}} = \frac{100\text{cm}}{??}$$

$$?? = \mathbf{140\text{cmSSD}}$$

Divergence



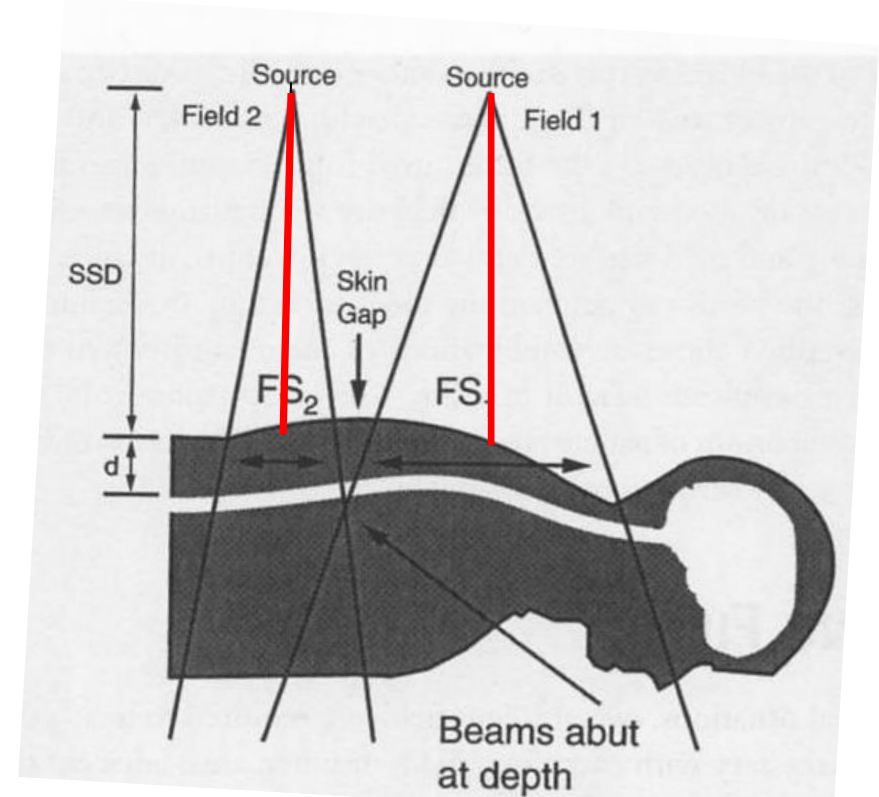
Gap Problem

$$\text{Gap} = \left(\frac{\text{field size}_1}{2} \times \frac{\text{depth}}{\text{SSD}} \right) + \left(\frac{\text{field size}_2}{2} \times \frac{\text{depth}}{\text{SSD}} \right)$$

What is the gap needed between two adjacent fields to a depth of 6cm. The field lengths of the fields are 8cm and 20cm, respectively at 100cm SSD?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Gap} &= \left(\frac{8}{2} \times \frac{6}{100} \right) + \left(\frac{20}{2} \times \frac{6}{100} \right) \\ &= (4 \times .06) + (10 \times .06) \\ &= .24 + .6 \end{aligned}$$

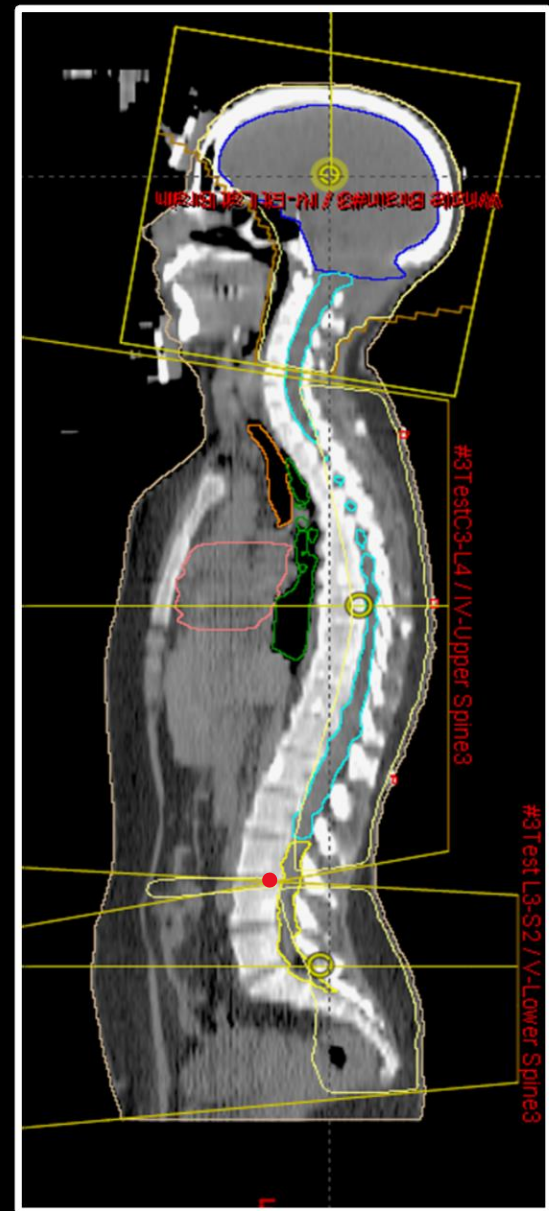
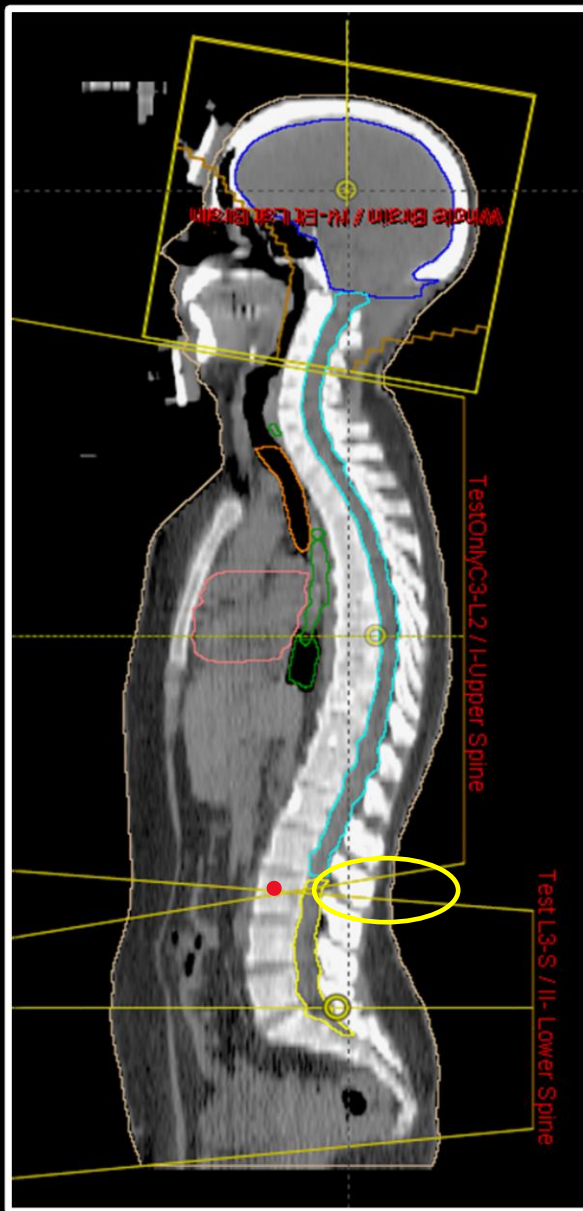
$$\text{Gap} = .84\text{cm}$$



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Feathering



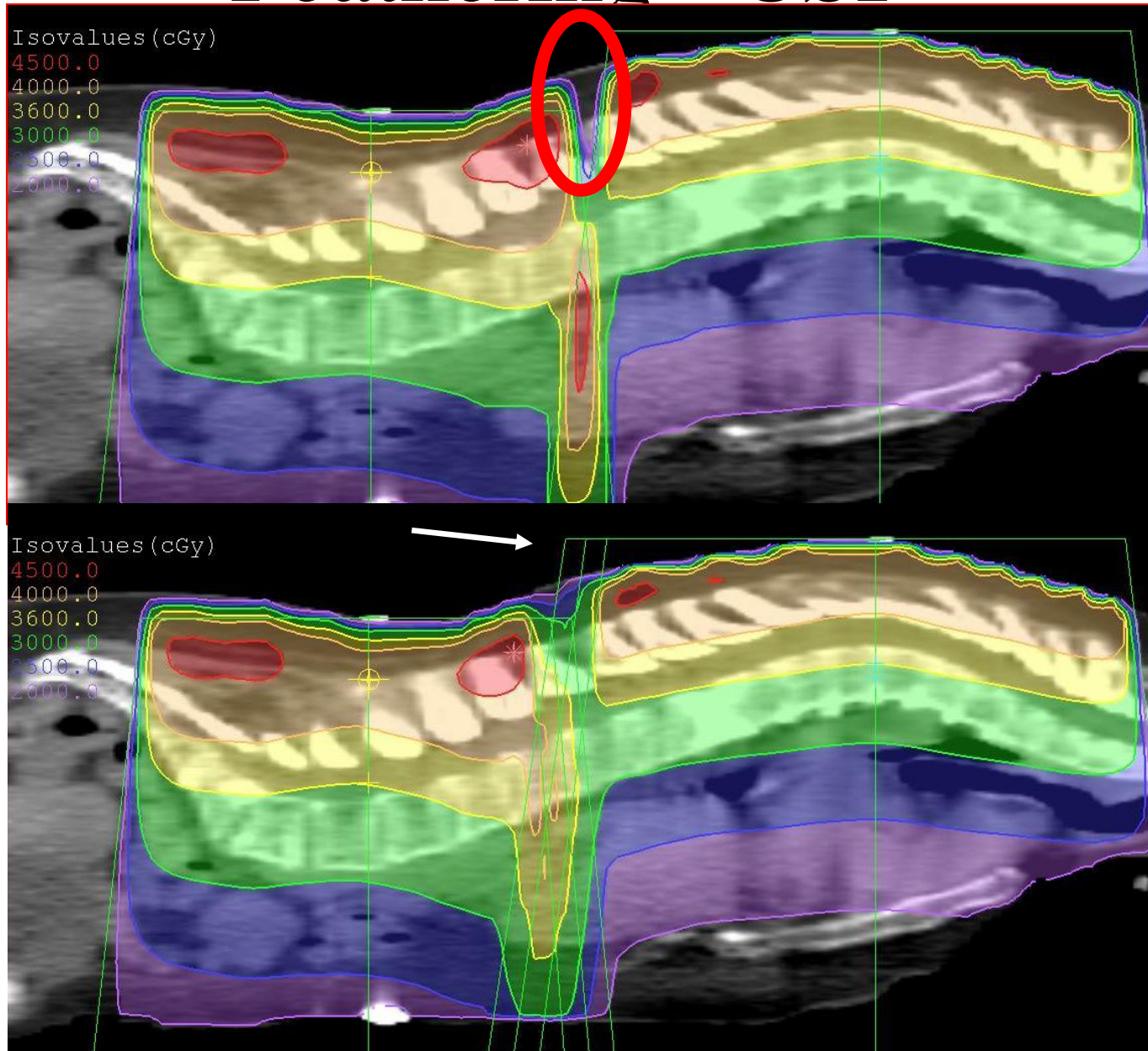


Initial Plan

2nd Plan - Feathered
1cm inferiorly

3rd Plan- Feathered
additional 1 cm inferiorly

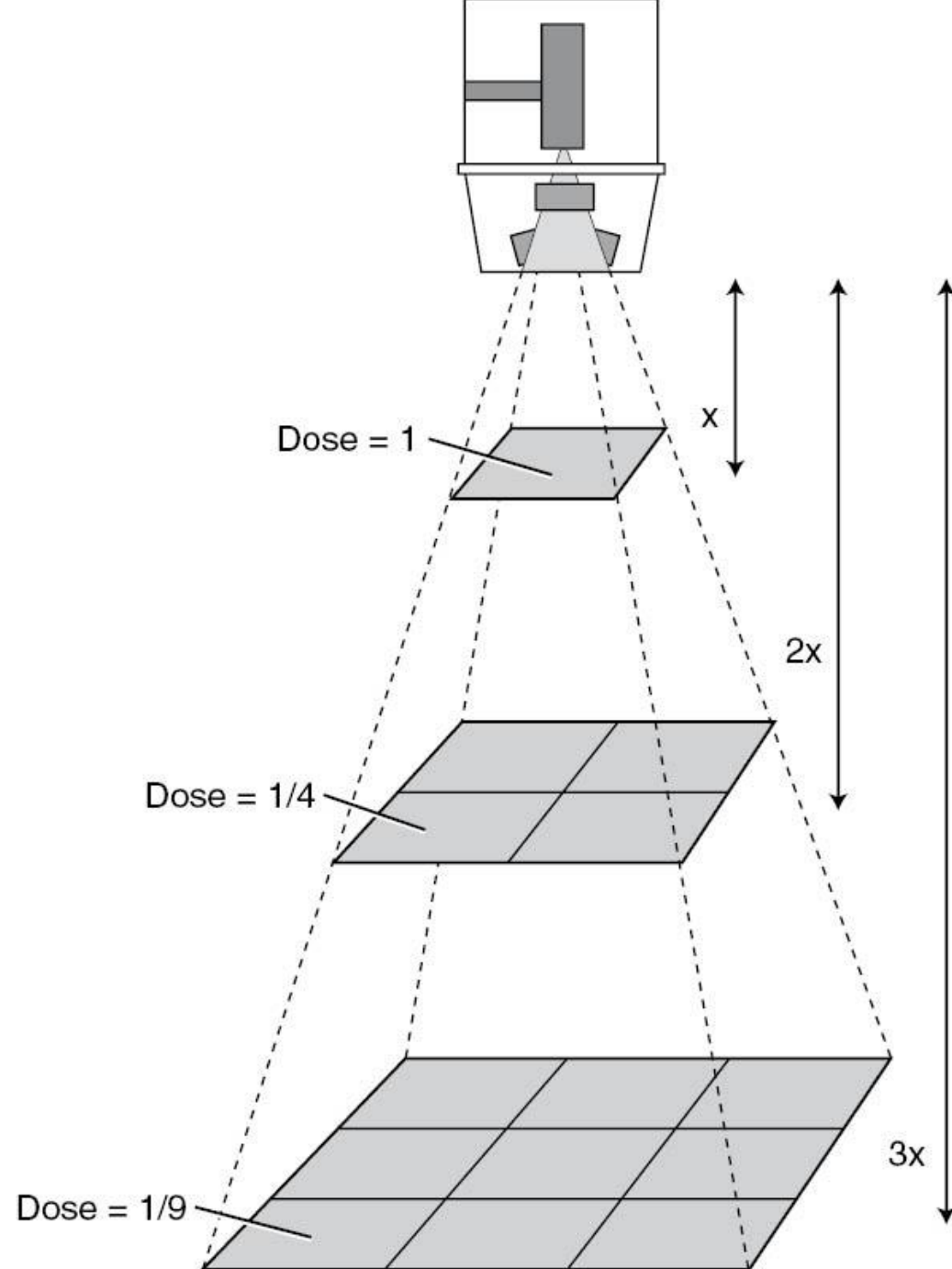
Feathering - CSI





Inverse Square Law

states that the intensity is inversely proportional to the *square* of the distance from the source



Inverse Square Formula

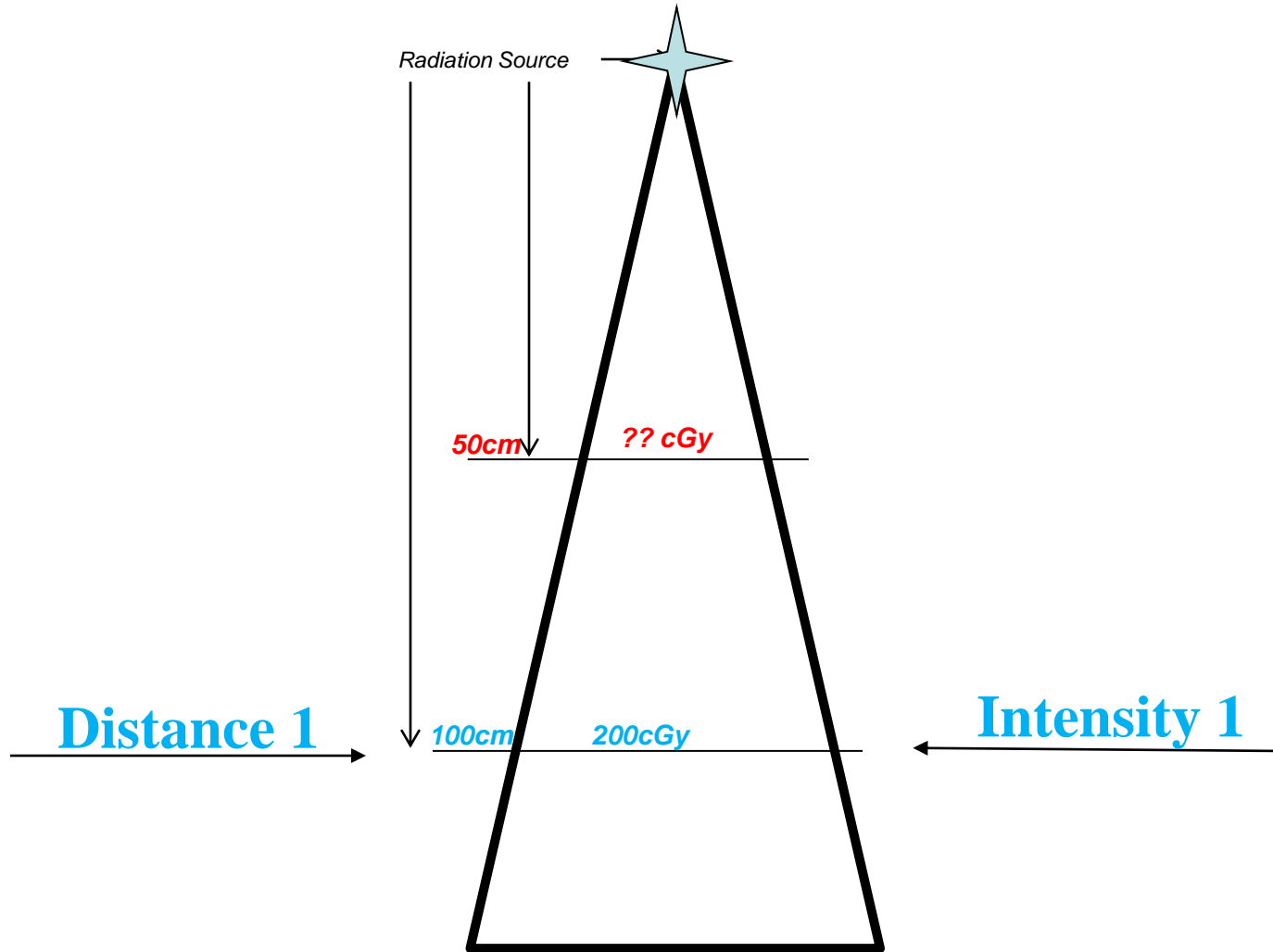
$$\frac{\text{Intensity}_1}{\text{Intensity}_2} = \frac{(\text{Distance}_2)^2}{(\text{Distance}_1)^2}$$



OR

$$\frac{(\text{Distance where Intensity is KNOWN})^2}{(\text{Distance where Intensity is UNKNOWN})^2} \times \text{Intensity}$$

If the Intensity at 100cm is 200cGy, what is the Intensity at 50cm?

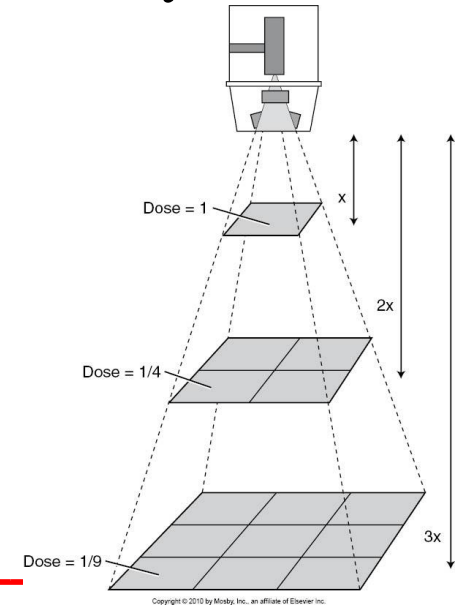


Inverse Square Problem

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$$\frac{\text{Intensity}_1}{\text{Intensity}_2} = \frac{(\text{Distance}_2)^2}{(\text{Distance}_1)^2}$$

$$\frac{200\text{cGy}}{x} = \frac{(50)^2}{(100)^2} = \text{Intensity at 50cm} = 800\text{cGy}$$



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Definitions

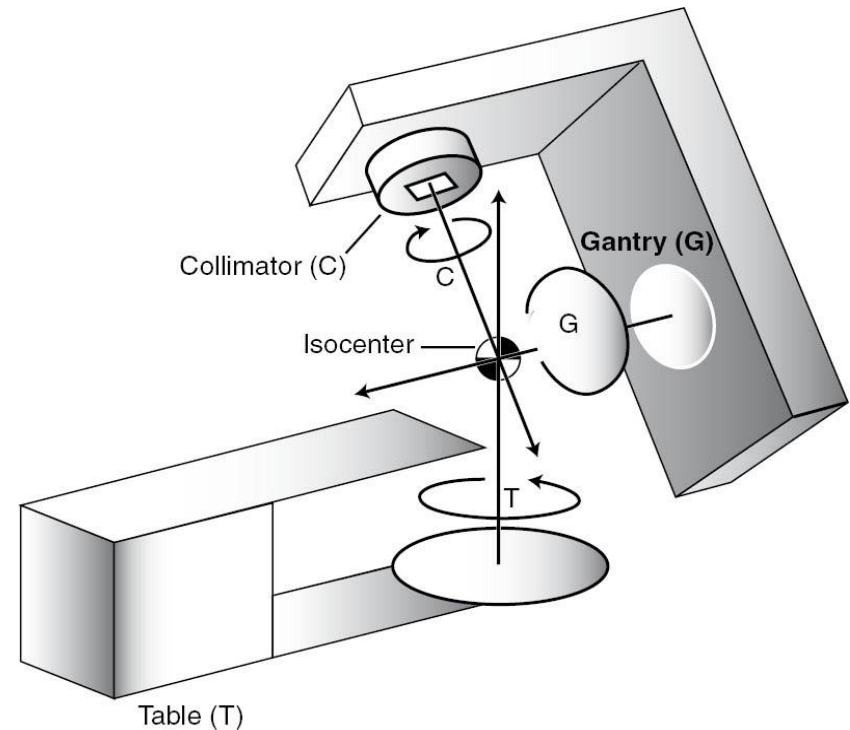
Basic Concepts

Equivalent Square

Isocenter

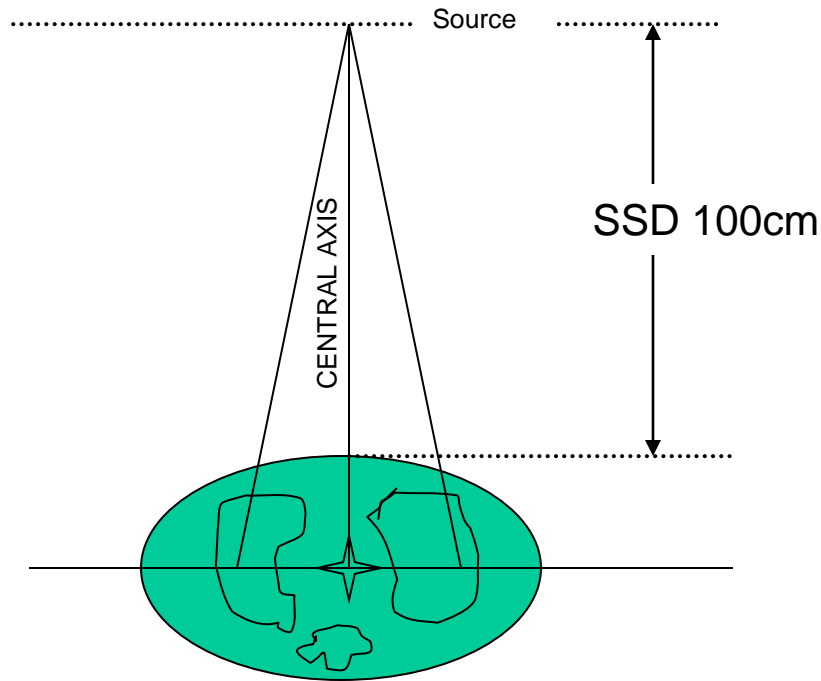


Point around which a
gantry rotates
Intersection of the
collimator axis and the
axis of rotation
Point within the patient
or on the patient's skin



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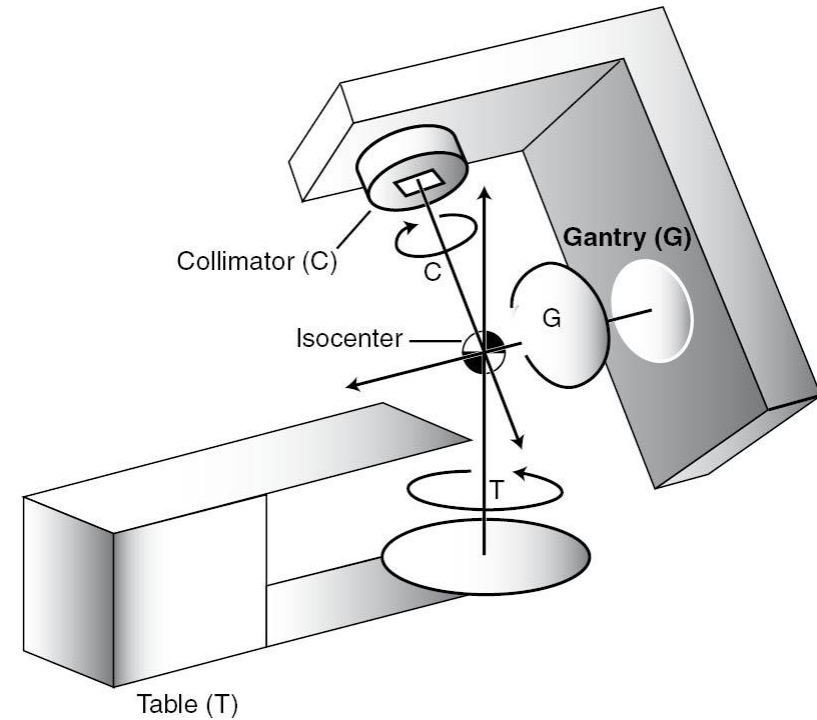
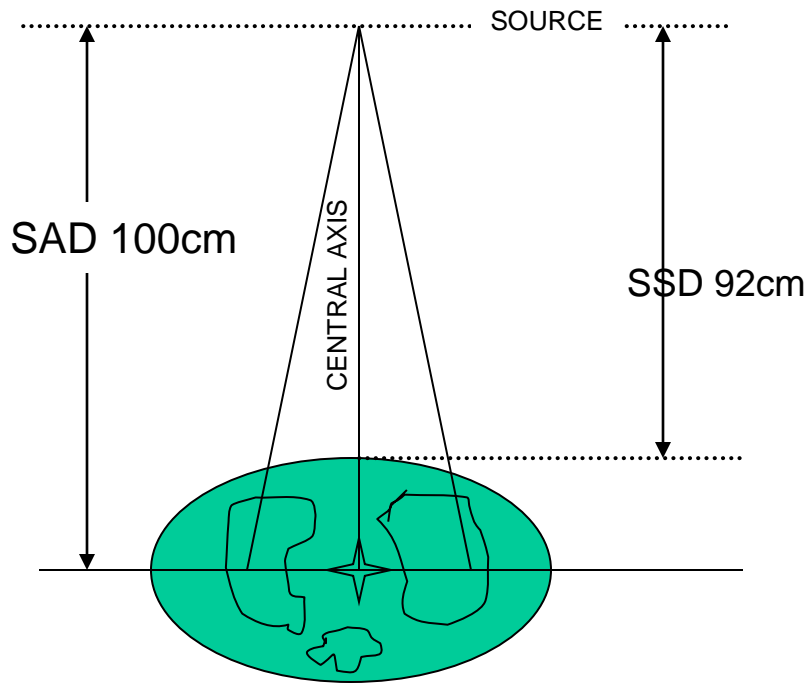
SSD



SSD – SOURCE TO SKIN DISTANCE

Field size is defined at SKIN surface

SAD



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SAD – SOURCE TO AXIS DISTANCE

$$\text{SSD} + \text{depth} = \text{SAD}$$

$$92 + \text{depth} = 100$$

Field size is defined at Isocenter

Bolus

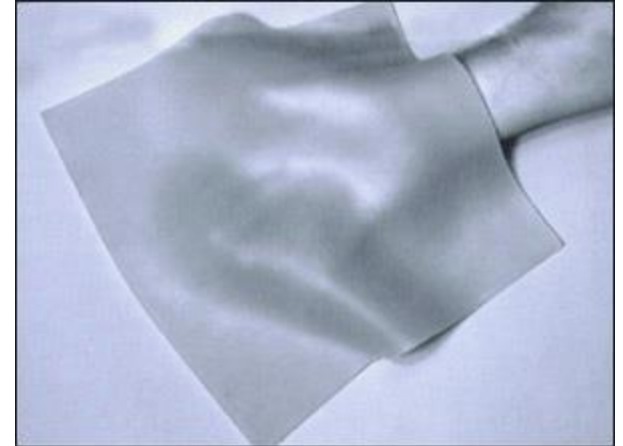
- Tissue Equivalent Material

- Same density

- Same Z

- Examples:

Water, rice, wax, brass mesh, superflab, superstuff



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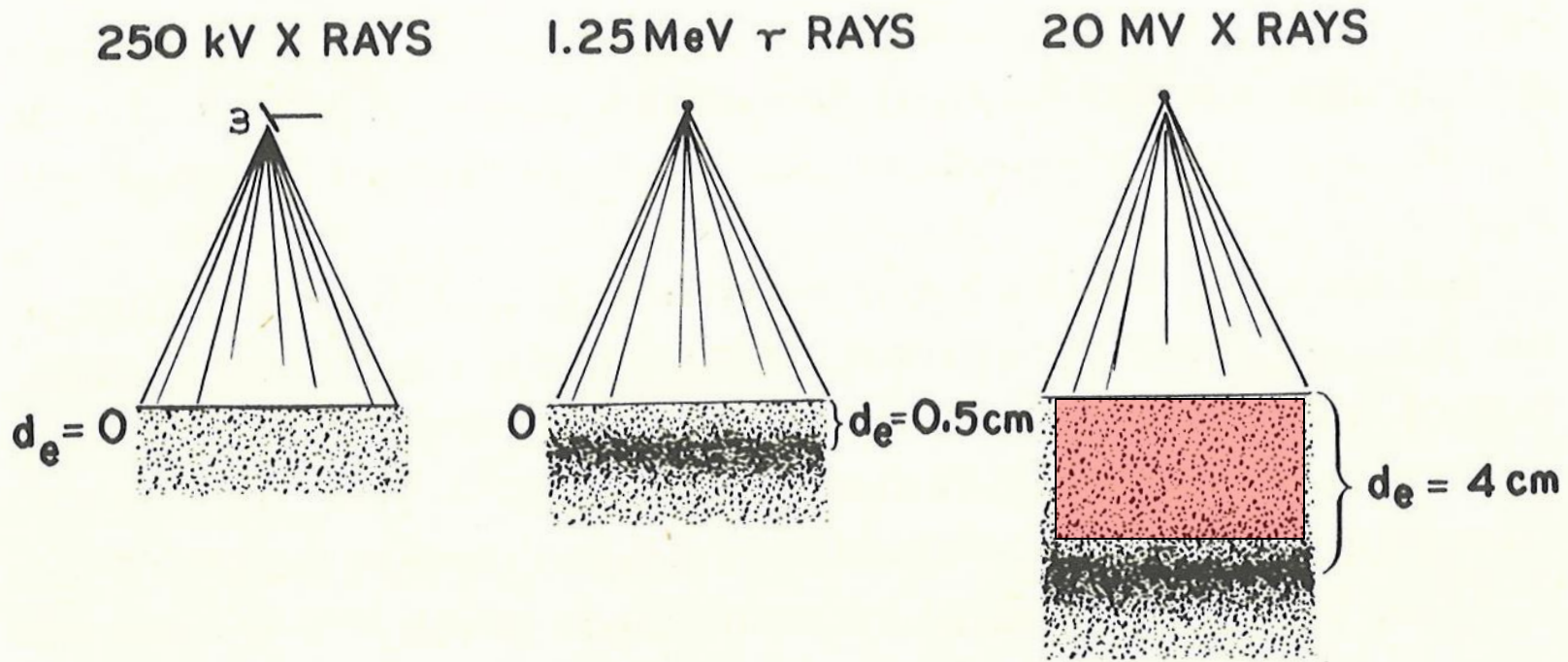


Can Swing Over Short



- **G**renz Ray – $\leq 10-15$ KvP HVL in mm AL
- **C**ontact Therapy – 40-50 KvP HVL mm AL
- **S**uperficial – 50-150 KvP HVL in mm AL
- **O**rthovoltage – 1921 150-500 KvP HVL in mm Cu
uses **Thoreaus filter** – Tin, Copper, Aluminum from tube to patient
- **S**upervoltage – 500-1000 KvP
- **M**egavoltage – 1961 ≥ 1000 KvP HVL in mm Pb

D/Max – depth of maximum ionization



d_e Is Equilibrium Depth or Buildup Region

FIGURE 9.03. Simplified diagram showing the comparative electron buildup regions for radiation of various energies.

Some D/Max Depths to Know

Beam Energy		D/Max Depth	
Cobalt 60		.5cm	
4Mv		1.0cm	
6Mv		1.5cm	
10Mv		2.5cm	
18Mv		3.5cm	

Remember: D/max Depth is Primarily dependent on **Beam Energy**

f Factor

- Roentgen (exposure in air) to cGy (absorbed dose) conversion factor
- Dependent on: Beam Energy and density of material

Table 7.3. Roentgen to cGy Conversion Factors for Water Muscle, and Bone

Description	Photon Energy	f_{med}		
		water	muscle	bone
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Grenz rays	10 keV	0.909	0.912	4.96
Superficial	30 keV	0.885	0.914	6.17
	100 keV	0.956	0.956	1.716
	Cs-137	0.971	0.962	0.900
Megavoltage x-rays:				
	1 MeV	0.970	0.961	0.898
	Co-60	0.967	0.958	0.922
	1.5 MeV	0.973	0.962	0.900
	5 MeV	0.958	0.948	0.933
	10 MeV	0.945	0.933	0.987
	100 MeV	0.888	0.873	1.049

f factor Problem

- For 100Kev photons, what is the dose delivered to muscle if the exposure to that muscle is 100R?

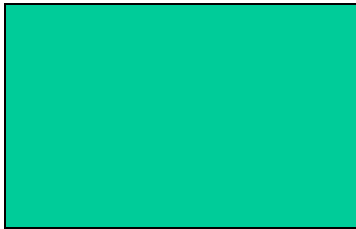
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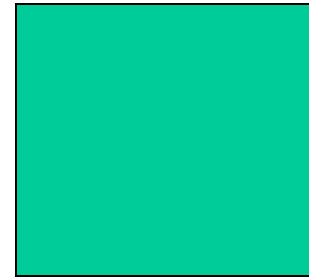
$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Dose}_{\text{muscle}} &= \text{Exposure} \times f_{\text{muscle}} \\
 &= 100\text{R} \times 0.956 \\
 &= \mathbf{95.6 \text{ cGy}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Equivalent Square

Find the equivalent square for a rectangular treatment field



≈



Sterling's Formula

$$FS_{\text{eq.}} = 4 \cdot \frac{\text{Area}}{\text{Perimeter}}$$

14 cm

10 cm



Example 1

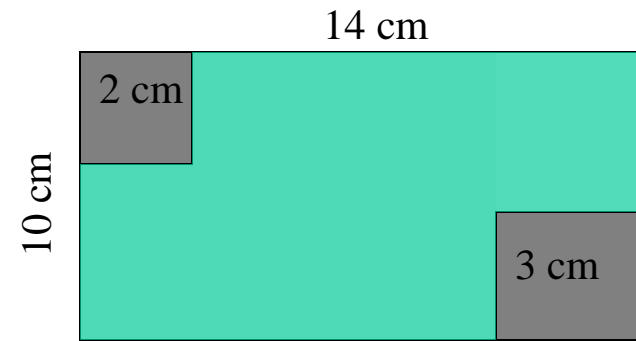
$$FS_{eq.} = 4 \cdot \frac{\text{Area}}{\text{Perimeter}} \quad \frac{L \times W}{2(L + W) \text{ or sum of sides}}$$

$$\frac{10 \times 14}{2(10 + 14)} = \frac{140}{48} = 2.917$$

$$4 \times 2.917$$

$$FS_{eq.} = 11.667 \text{ cm}$$

Example 2



$$FS_{eq.} = 4 \cdot \frac{\text{Area}}{\text{Perimeter}} \quad \frac{L \times W}{2(L + W) \text{ or sum of sides}}$$

$$\text{Area} = (10 \cdot 14) - (2 \cdot 2) - (3 \cdot 3)$$

$$\text{Perimeter} = 8 + 2 + 2 + 12 + 7 + 3 + 3 + 11$$

$$FS_{eq.} = 4 \cdot \frac{127}{48}$$

$$FS_{eq.} = 10.58 \text{ cm}$$



Calculations

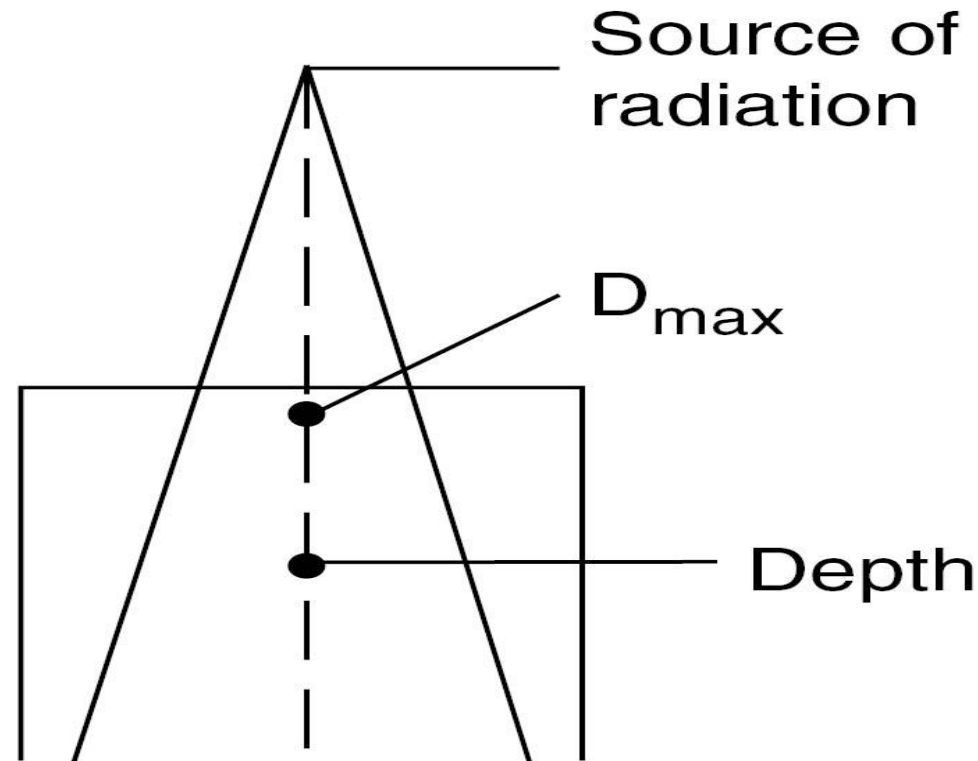
Monitor Unit

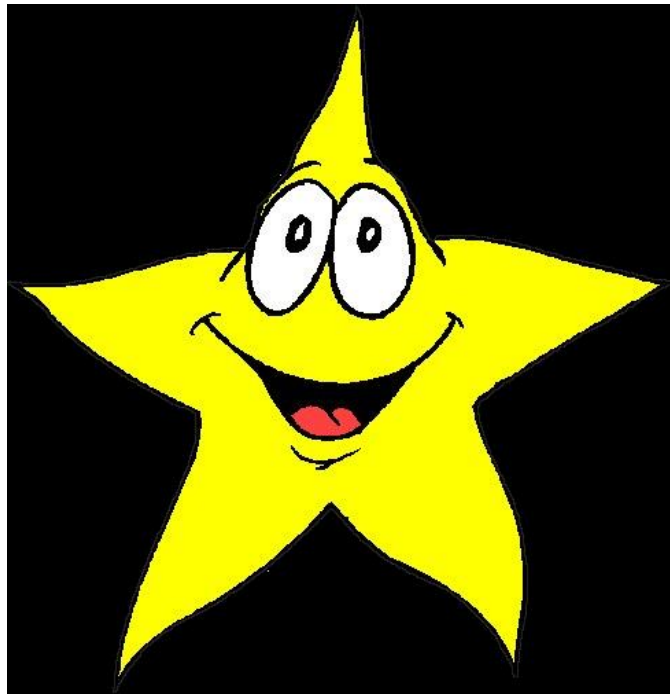
- PDDs
- TARs / TMRs

- Irregular Field
(Clarkson)

Percentage Depth Dose (PDD or %DD)

Ratio of Dose at Depth compared to
the dose at D_{max}
expressed as a percentage

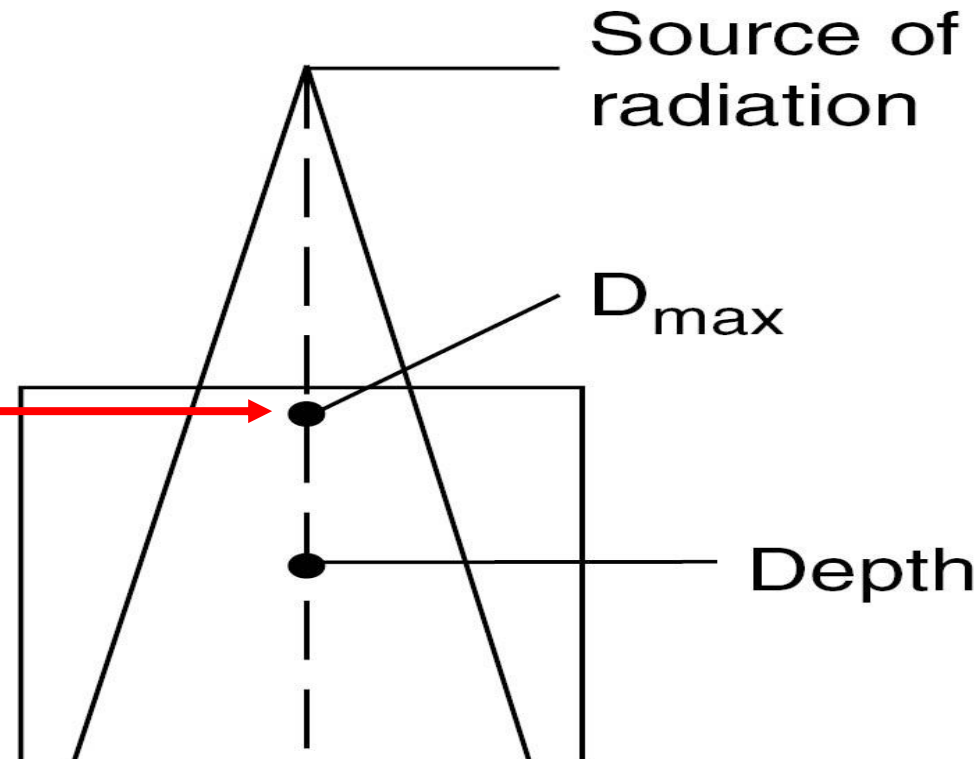




PDD at D/Max for ANY field Size,
SSD, Beam Energy
is 100% = 1.00 (decimal form)

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What IF:

220cGy at D/max depth
What is PDD value?

$$220\text{cGy}/220\text{cGy} = 1.00$$

Table 11-7

6 MV percentage depth dose at 100 cm SSD

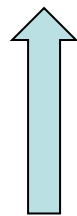
Eq Sq Depth (cm)	0.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	10.0	11.0	12.0	13.0	14.0	15.0	16.0	17.0	18.0	19.0	20.0	22.0	24.0	26.0	28.0	30.0	32.0	35.0
0.0	19.2	19.2	19.2	20.5	21.8	23.0	24.3	25.6	26.7	27.9	29.1	30.2	31.4	32.6	33.8	35.1	36.3	37.5	39.0	40.4	41.9	43.2	44.5	45.7	47.6
1.0	96.8	96.9	96.9	97.0	97.0	97.0	97.1	97.1	97.2	97.2	97.3	97.3	97.4	97.4	97.5	97.5	97.6	97.6	97.7	97.8	98.0	98.1	98.1	98.2	98.3
1.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2.0	97.4	98.2	98.4	98.4	98.5	98.5	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7
3.0	91.1	93.8	94.4	94.7	94.9	95.0	95.0	95.1	95.1	95.1	95.2	95.2	95.2	95.3	95.3	95.4	95.4	95.5	95.5	95.6	95.6	95.6	95.6	95.6	95.5
4.0	85.3	89.6	90.6	90.9	91.3	91.4	91.5	91.5	91.5	91.6	91.6	91.7	91.7	91.8	91.9	92.0	92.1	92.2	92.2	92.3	92.4	92.3	92.3	92.3	92.2
5.0	79.9	84.5	85.6	86.1	86.6	86.8	87.0	87.1	87.3	87.5	87.7	87.8	87.9	88.1	88.2	88.3	88.5	88.6	88.7	88.8	89.0	89.0	89.0	89.0	88.9
6.0	74.8	79.7	80.9	81.5	82.1	82.4	82.7	83.0	83.2	83.5	83.8	84.0	84.1	84.3	84.5	84.7	84.8	85.0	85.2	85.4	85.6	85.6	85.7	85.8	85.7
7.0	70.1	75.1	76.3	77.1	77.8	78.3	78.7	79.0	79.3	79.6	79.9	80.3	80.4	80.6	80.8	81.0	81.2	81.4	81.7	82.0	82.2	82.3	82.4	82.5	82.3
8.0	65.7	70.8	72.1	72.9	73.7	74.2	74.7	75.1	75.5	75.9	76.2	76.6	76.8	77.0	77.3	77.5	77.8	77.9	78.3	78.6	78.8	78.9	79.0	79.1	79.0
9.0	61.5	66.7	68.0	68.9	69.8	70.4	71.0	71.4	71.8	72.2	72.6	73.0	73.2	73.5	73.8	74.1	74.3	74.5	74.9	75.3	75.5	75.6	75.8	76.0	75.7
10.0	57.7	62.8	64.1	65.1	66.1	66.7	67.4	67.8	68.3	68.8	69.2	69.6	69.8	70.1	70.5	70.8	71.0	71.2	71.6	72.0	72.3	72.5	72.7	72.8	72.6
11.0	54.0	59.2	60.4	61.5	62.4	63.1	63.8	64.2	64.8	65.3	65.8	66.1	66.4	66.8	67.1	67.5	67.7	67.9	68.4	68.8	69.0	69.2	69.4	69.6	69.3
12.0	50.7	55.7	57.0	58.0	58.9	59.7	60.4	60.9	61.4	61.9	62.4	62.8	63.1	63.5	63.9	64.3	64.5	64.8	65.3	65.8	66.0	66.2	66.4	66.5	66.2
13.0	47.5	52.4	53.6	54.6	55.6	56.4	57.2	57.7	58.2	58.8	59.3	59.7	60.0	60.4	60.8	61.2	61.5	61.7	62.2	62.7	63.0	63.2	63.4	63.5	63.3
14.0	44.6	49.4	50.6	51.6	52.5	53.3	54.1	54.6	55.1	55.7	56.3	56.6	57.0	57.4	57.8	58.2	58.5	58.8	59.4	59.9	60.1	60.3	60.6	60.6	60.4
15.0	41.8	46.6	47.8	48.7	49.6	50.5	51.2	51.7	52.3	52.9	53.5	53.9	54.2	54.7	55.1	55.5	55.8	56.1	56.6	57.1	57.4	57.6	57.9	57.8	57.6
16.0	39.2	43.9	45.1	46.0	46.9	47.8	48.5	49.1	49.7	50.3	50.9	51.2	51.6	52.0	52.5	52.8	53.1	53.4	54.0	54.5	54.8	55.1	55.4	55.2	55.1
17.0	36.8	41.4	42.5	43.5	44.3	45.2	45.9	46.4	47.1	47.7	48.2	48.6	49.0	49.4	49.9	50.2	50.6	50.9	51.5	52.0	52.3	52.6	52.9	52.7	52.6
18.0	34.5	39.0	40.1	41.0	41.9	42.7	43.4	44.0	44.6	45.3	45.8	46.2	46.6	47.0	47.5	47.8	48.2	48.5	49.1	49.6	49.9	50.2	50.5	50.3	50.2
19.0	32.4	36.8	37.8	38.7	39.6	40.5	41.1	41.7	42.3	43.0	43.5	43.9	44.3	44.7	45.1	45.5	45.8	46.1	46.8	47.2	47.6	48.0	48.2	48.0	47.9
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21.0	28.6	32.7	33.7	34.5	35.3	36.1	36.8	37.4	38.0	38.6	39.1	39.5	39.9	40.3	40.7	41.1	41.4	41.8	42.4	42.9	43.2	43.6	43.7	43.6	43.5
22.0	26.8	30.8	31.8	32.6	33.4	34.2	34.8	35.4	36.0	36.9	37.1	37.5	37.9	38.3	38.7	39.1	39.4	39.8	40.4	40.8	41.2	41.6	41.7	41.6	41.5
23.0	25.2	29.1	30.0	30.8	31.6	32.4	33.0	33.6	34.2	34.8	35.2	35.6	36.0	36.4	36.8	37.2	37.5	37.9	38.5	38.9	39.3	39.7	39.8	39.6	39.5
24.0	23.6	27.5	28.4	29.1	29.9	30.6	31.2	31.8	32.4	32.9	33.4	33.7	34.1	34.6	35.0	35.3	35.7	36.0	36.7	37.1	37.5	37.9	37.8	37.7	37.6
25.0	22.2	26.0	26.8	27.6	28.3	29.0	29.6	30.1	30.7	31.3	31.7	32.0	32.4	32.9	33.2	33.6	33.9	34.3	34.9	35.3	35.7	36.1	36.0	35.9	35.8
26.0	20.9	24.5	25.3	26.0	26.7	27.4	27.9	28.5	29.1	29.6	30.0	30.4	30.8	31.2	31.5	31.9	32.2	32.6	33.2	33.6	34.0	34.4	34.3	34.2	34.1
27.0	19.6	23.2	24.0	24.7	25.3	26.0	26.5	27.0	27.6	28.1	28.4	28.8	29.2	29.6	30.0	30.3	30.7	31.0	31.6	32.0	32.4	32.7	32.6	32.6	32.4
28.0	18.4	21.9	22.6	23.3	24.0	24.6	25.1	25.6	26.1	26.6	26.9	27.3	27.7	28.1	28.4	28.8	29.2	29.5	30.1	30.5	30.9	31.1	31.1	31.0	30.9
29.0	17.3	20.7	21.4	22.0	22.7	23.3	23.7	24.2	24.7	25.2	25.6	25.9	26.3	26.7	27.0	27.4	27.7	28.1	28.6	29.0	29.4	29.6	29.5	29.5	29.4
30.0	16.2	19.5	20.2	20.8	21.4	22.0	22.4	22.9	23.4	23.8	24.2	24.6	24.9	25.3	25.7	26.0	26.4	26.7	27.2	27.6	28.0	28.1	28.0	28.0	27.9
PSF	1.000	1.002	1.003	1.007	1.012	1.016	1.021	1.025	1.028	1.031	1.033	1.036	1.039	1.040	1.041	1.043	1.044	1.045	1.048	1.051	1.054	1.057	1.060	1.063	1.067

PDD 6 MV

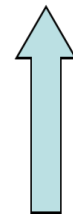
Factors Affecting PDD

- Beam Energy - \uparrow Energy \rightarrow \uparrow PDD
- Field Size – \uparrow FS \rightarrow \uparrow PDD
- Go deeper into patient - \downarrow PDD
- Source to Skin Distance - \uparrow SSD \rightarrow \uparrow PDD

(Mayneord's F Factor)



Beam Energy



PDD

PDD Table Summary

Beam Energy	dmax(cm)	PDD d10
0.25 Mev	0	1
1.25 MeV	0.5	56
4 MV	1.0	60
6 MV	1.5	67
10 MV	2.5	73
18 MV	3.5	80

Mayneord's F Factor

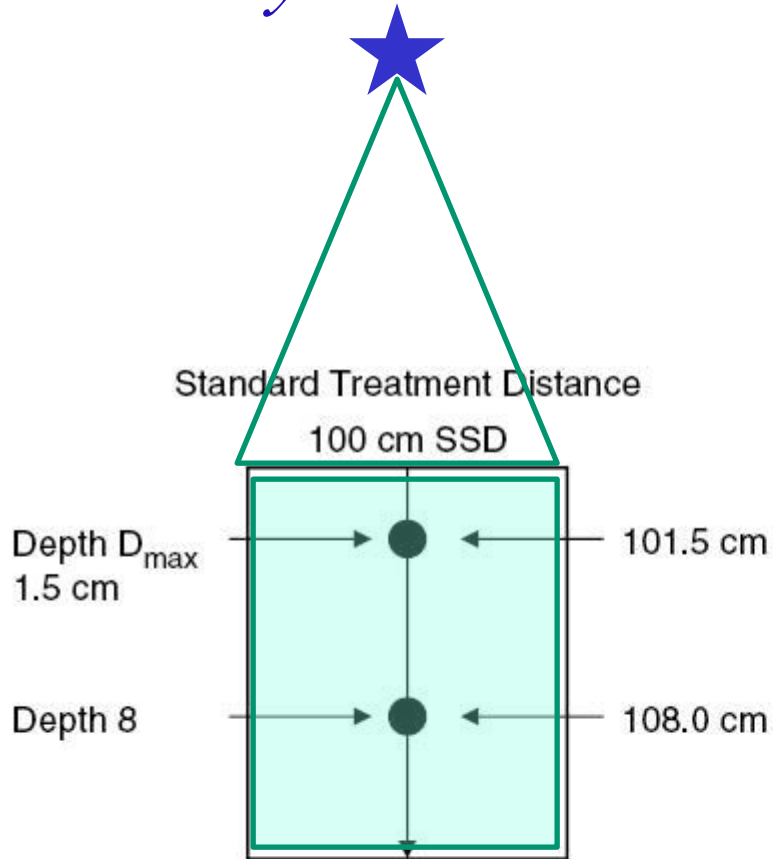
Source to Skin Distance - \uparrow SSD \rightarrow \uparrow PDD (Mayneord's F Factor)

- This is used when there is a change in the SSD from the chart. It is an application of the **INVERSE SQUARE LAW !!**

- $$F = \frac{(\text{old SSD} + \text{depth})^2}{(\text{old SSD} + D/\text{Max})^2} \times \frac{(\text{new SSD} + D/\text{Max})^2}{(\text{new SSD} + \text{depth})^2}$$

- $F \times \%DD \text{ value from chart} = \%DD \text{ at new SSD}$

Mayneord's F Factor Problem for 6Mv



Info from PDD Chart

15x15 at 8cm depth @ 100SSD = 76.8

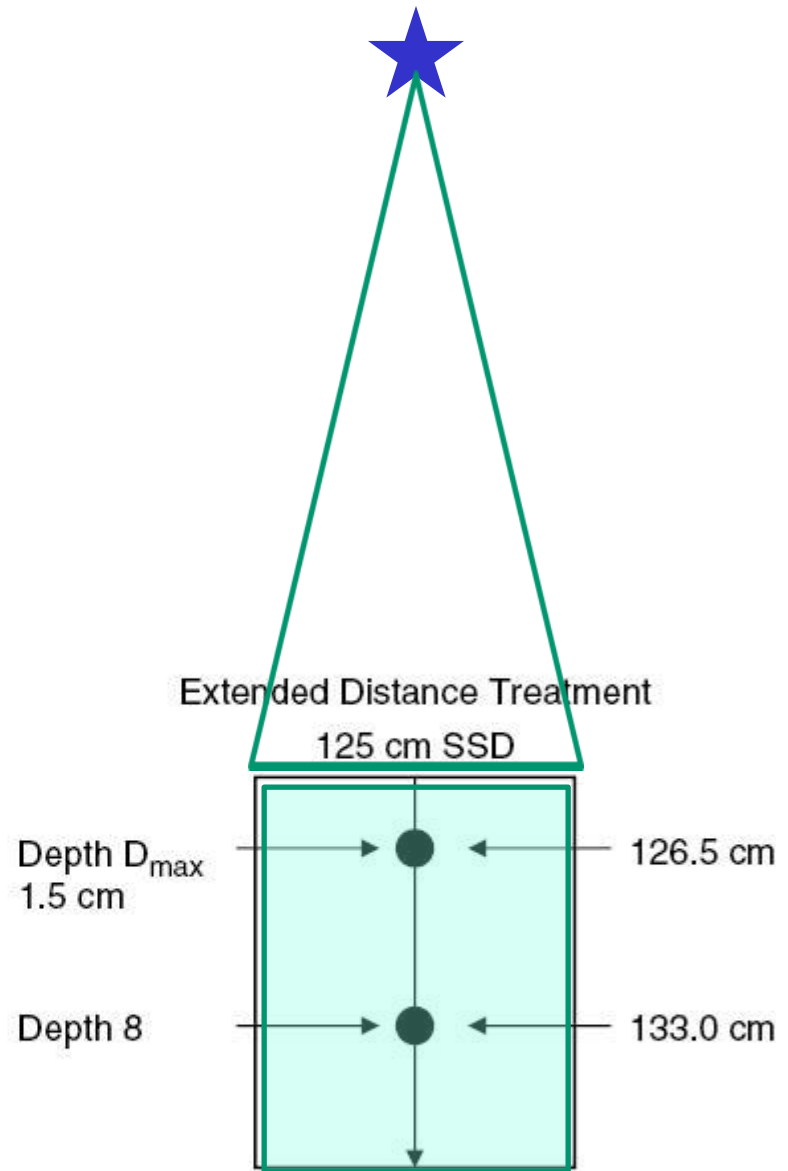
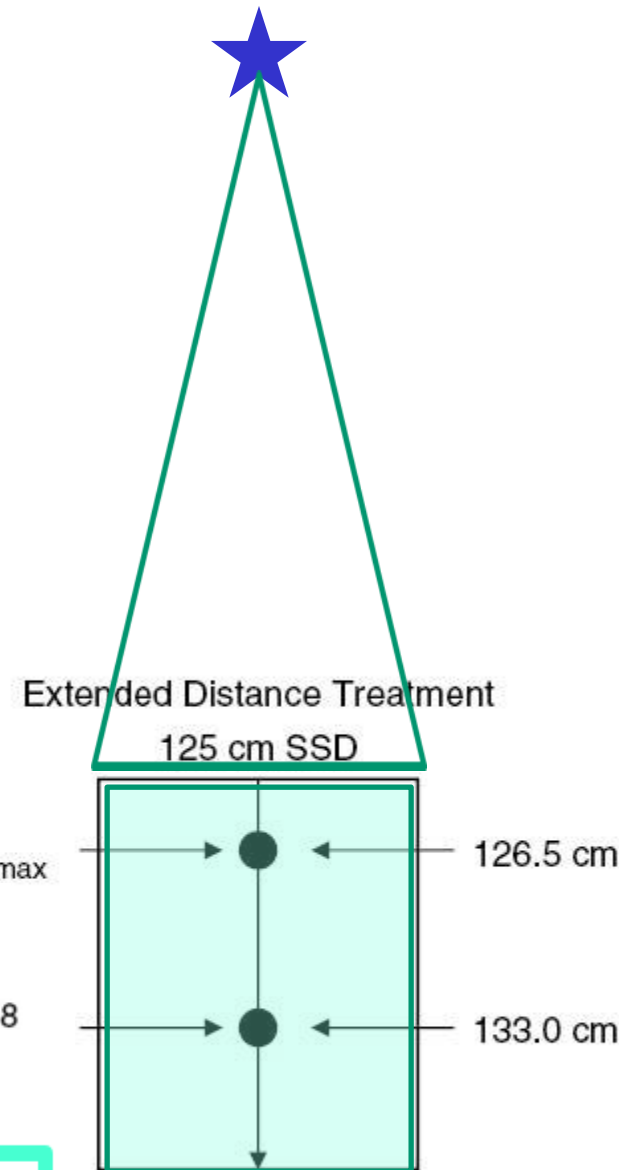
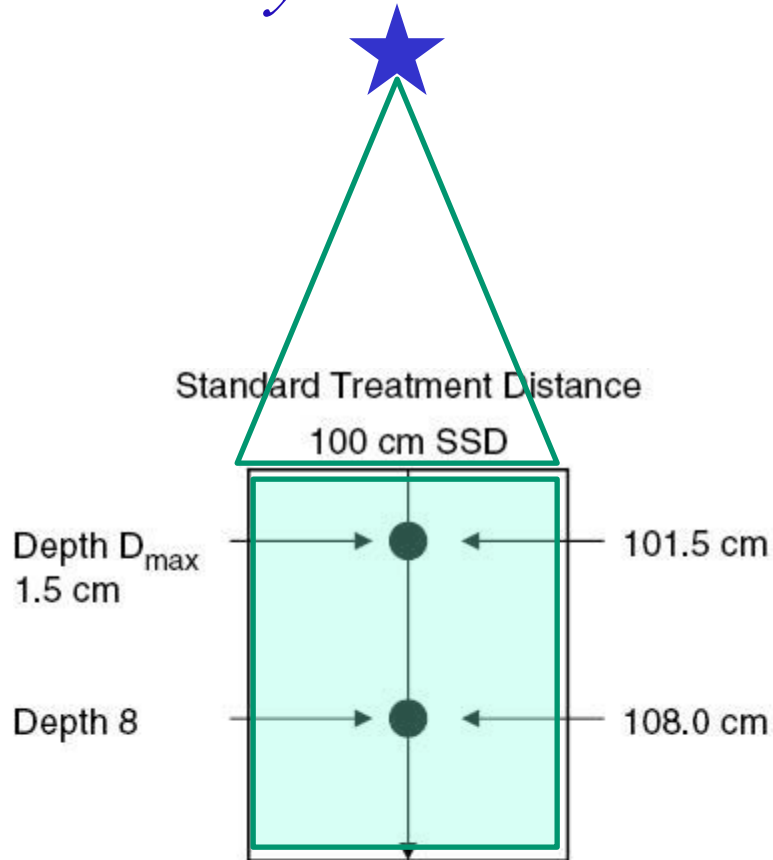


Table 11-7

6 MV percentage depth dose at 100 cm SSD

Eq Sq Depth (cm)	0.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	10.0	11.0	12.0	13.0	14.0	15.0	16.0	17.0	18.0	19.0	20.0	22.0	24.0	26.0	28.0	30.0	32.0	35.0
0.0	19.2	19.2	19.2	20.5	21.8	23.0	24.3	25.6	26.7	27.9	29.1	30.2	31.4	32.6	33.8	35.1	36.3	37.5	39.0	40.4	41.9	43.2	44.5	45.7	47.6
1.0	96.8	96.9	96.9	97.0	97.0	97.0	97.1	97.1	97.2	97.2	97.3	97.3	97.4	97.4	97.5	97.5	97.6	97.6	97.7	97.8	98.0	98.1	98.1	98.2	98.3
1.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2.0	97.4	98.2	98.4	98.4	98.5	98.5	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7
3.0	91.1	93.8	94.4	94.7	94.9	95.0	95.0	95.1	95.1	95.1	95.2	95.2	95.2	95.3	95.3	95.4	95.4	95.5	95.5	95.6	95.6	95.6	95.6	95.6	95.5
4.0	85.3	89.6	90.6	90.9	91.3	91.4	91.5	91.5	91.5	91.6	91.6	91.7	91.7	91.8	91.9	92.0	92.1	92.2	92.2	92.3	92.4	92.3	92.3	92.3	92.2
5.0	79.9	84.5	85.6	86.1	86.6	86.8	87.0	87.1	87.3	87.5	87.7	87.8	87.9	88.1	88.2	88.3	88.5	88.6	88.7	88.8	89.0	89.0	89.0	89.0	88.9
6.0	74.8	79.7	80.9	81.5	82.1	82.4	82.7	83.0	83.2	83.5	83.8	84.0	84.1	84.3	84.5	84.7	84.8	85.0	85.2	85.4	85.6	85.6	85.7	85.8	85.7
7.0	70.1	75.1	76.3	77.1	77.8	78.3	78.7	79.0	79.3	79.6	79.9	80.3	80.4	80.6	80.8	81.0	81.2	81.4	81.7	82.0	82.2	82.3	82.4	82.5	82.3
8.0	65.7	70.8	72.1	72.9	73.7	74.2	74.7	75.1	75.5	75.9	76.2	76.6	76.8	77.0	77.3	77.5	77.8	77.9	78.3	78.6	78.8	78.9	79.0	79.1	79.0
9.0	61.5	66.7	68.0	68.9	69.8	70.4	71.0	71.4	71.8	72.2	72.6	73.0	73.2	73.5	73.8	74.1	74.3	74.5	74.9	75.3	75.5	75.6	75.8	76.0	75.7
10.0	57.7	62.8	64.1	65.1	66.1	66.7	67.4	67.8	68.3	68.8	69.2	69.6	69.8	70.1	70.5	70.8	71.0	71.2	71.6	72.0	72.3	72.5	72.7	72.8	72.6
11.0	54.0	59.2	60.4	61.5	62.4	63.1	63.8	64.2	64.8	65.3	65.8	66.1	66.4	66.8	67.1	67.5	67.7	67.9	68.4	68.8	69.0	69.2	69.4	69.6	69.3
12.0	50.7	55.7	57.0	58.0	58.9	59.7	60.4	60.9	61.4	61.9	62.4	62.8	63.1	63.5	63.9	64.3	64.5	64.8	65.3	65.8	66.0	66.2	66.4	66.5	66.2
13.0	47.5	52.4	53.6	54.6	55.6	56.4	57.2	57.7	58.2	58.8	59.3	59.7	60.0	60.4	60.8	61.2	61.5	61.7	62.2	62.7	63.0	63.2	63.4	63.5	63.3
14.0	44.6	49.4	50.6	51.6	52.5	53.3	54.1	54.6	55.1	55.7	56.3	56.6	57.0	57.4	57.8	58.2	58.5	58.8	59.4	59.9	60.1	60.3	60.6	60.6	60.4
15.0	41.8	46.6	47.8	48.7	49.6	50.5	51.2	51.7	52.3	52.9	53.5	53.9	54.2	54.7	55.1	55.5	55.8	56.1	56.6	57.1	57.4	57.6	57.9	57.8	57.6
16.0	39.2	43.9	45.1	46.0	46.9	47.8	48.5	49.1	49.7	50.3	50.9	51.2	51.6	52.0	52.5	52.8	53.1	53.4	54.0	54.5	54.8	55.1	55.4	55.2	55.1
17.0	36.8	41.4	42.5	43.5	44.3	45.2	45.9	46.4	47.1	47.7	48.2	48.6	49.0	49.4	49.9	50.2	50.6	50.9	51.5	52.0	52.3	52.6	52.9	52.7	52.6
18.0	34.5	39.0	40.1	41.0	41.9	42.7	43.4	44.0	44.6	45.3	45.8	46.2	46.6	47.0	47.5	47.8	48.2	48.5	49.1	49.6	49.9	50.2	50.5	50.3	50.2
19.0	32.4	36.8	37.8	38.7	39.6	40.5	41.1	41.7	42.3	43.0	43.5	43.9	44.3	44.7	45.1	45.5	45.8	46.1	46.8	47.2	47.6	48.0	48.2	48.0	47.9
20.0	30.4	34.6	35.7	36.6	37.4	38.2	38.9	39.5	40.1	40.7	41.2	41.6	42.0	42.5	42.9	43.2	43.6	43.9	44.6	45.0	45.4	45.7	45.9	45.8	45.6
21.0	28.6	32.7	33.7	34.5	35.3	36.1	36.8	37.4	38.0	38.6	39.1	39.5	39.9	40.3	40.7	41.1	41.4	41.8	42.4	42.9	43.2	43.6	43.7	43.6	43.5
22.0	26.8	30.8	31.8	32.6	33.4	34.2	34.8	35.4	36.0	36.9	37.1	37.5	37.9	38.3	38.7	39.1	39.4	39.8	40.4	40.8	41.2	41.6	41.7	41.6	41.5
23.0	25.2	29.1	30.0	30.8	31.6	32.4	33.0	33.6	34.2	34.8	35.2	35.6	36.0	36.4	36.8	37.2	37.5	37.9	38.5	38.9	39.3	39.7	39.8	39.6	39.5
24.0	23.6	27.5	28.4	29.1	29.9	30.6	31.2	31.8	32.4	32.9	33.4	33.7	34.1	34.6	35.0	35.3	35.7	36.0	36.7	37.1	37.5	37.9	37.8	37.7	37.6
25.0	22.2	26.0	26.8	27.6	28.3	29.0	29.6	30.1	30.7	31.3	31.7	32.0	32.4	32.9	33.2	33.6	33.9	34.3	34.9	35.3	35.7	36.1	36.0	35.9	35.8
26.0	20.9	24.5	25.3	26.0	26.7	27.4	27.9	28.5	29.1	29.6	30.0	30.4	30.8	31.2	31.5	31.9	32.2	32.6	33.2	33.6	34.0	34.4	34.3	34.2	34.1
27.0	19.6	23.2	24.0	24.7	25.3	26.0	26.5	27.0	27.6	28.1	28.4	28.8	29.2	29.6	30.0	30.3	30.7	31.0	31.6	32.0	32.4	32.7	32.6	32.6	32.4
28.0	18.4	21.9	22.6	23.3	24.0	24.6	25.1	25.6	26.1	26.6	26.9	27.3	27.7	28.1	28.4	28.8	29.2	29.5	30.1	30.5	30.9	31.1	31.1	31.0	30.9
29.0	17.3	20.7	21.4	22.0	22.7	23.3	23.7	24.2	24.7	25.2	25.6	25.9	26.3	26.7	27.0	27.4	27.7	28.1	28.6	29.0	29.4	29.6	29.5	29.5	29.4
30.0	16.2	19.5	20.2	20.8	21.4	22.0	22.4	22.9	23.4	23.8	24.2	24.6	24.9	25.3	25.7	26.0	26.4	26.7	27.2	27.6	28.0	28.1	28.0	28.0	27.9
																									PDD 6 MV
PSF	1.000	1.002	1.003	1.007	1.012	1.016	1.021	1.025	1.028	1.031	1.033	1.036	1.039	1.040	1.041	1.043	1.044	1.045	1.048	1.051	1.054	1.057	1.060	1.063	1.067

Mayneord's F Factor Problem for 6Mv

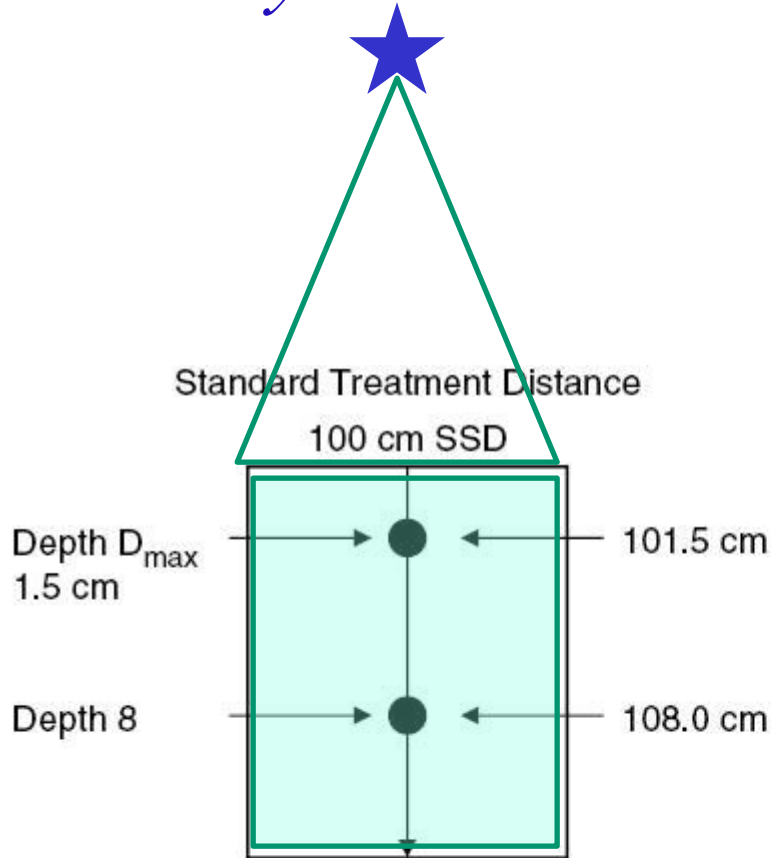


$$F = \frac{(108.0)^2}{(101.5)^2} \times \frac{(126.5)^2}{(133.0)^2} = 1.0242$$

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$$F \times \%DD @ 100\text{cm SSD} = \%DD \text{ at } 125\text{cm SSD}$$

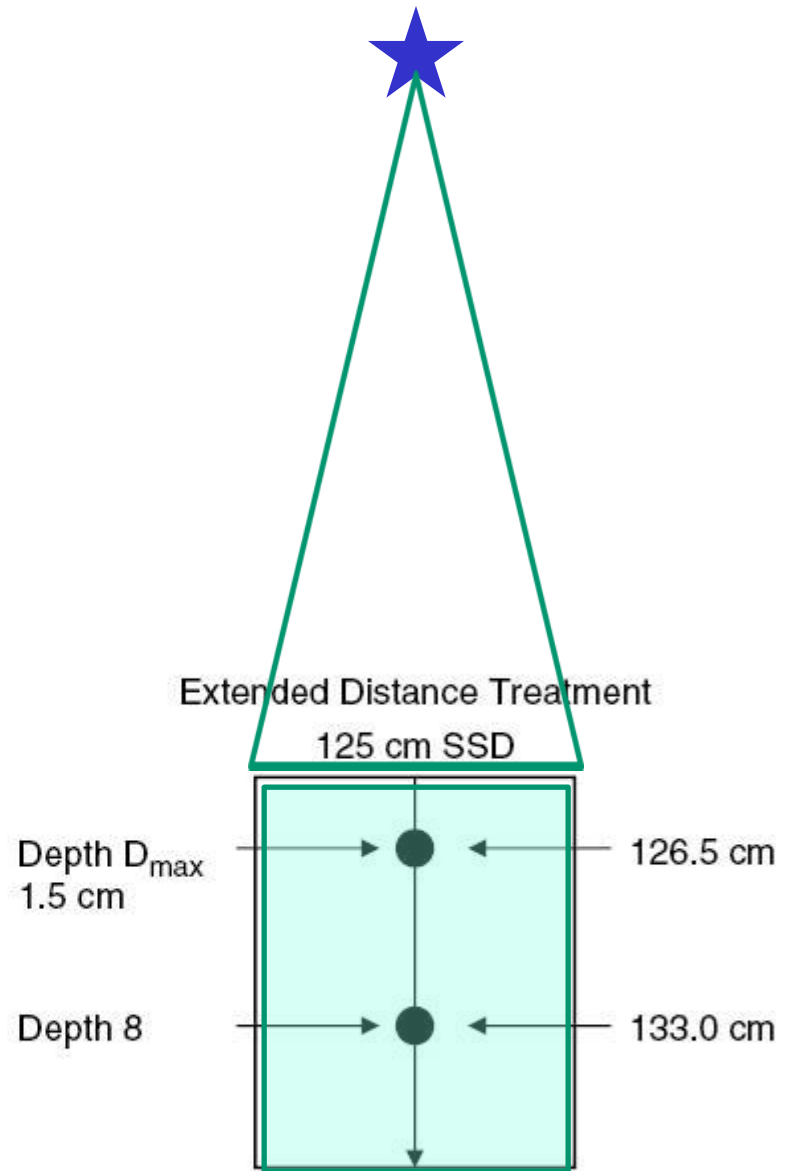
Mayneord's F Factor Problem for 6Mv



Using Mayneord's F Factor

15x15 at 8cm depth @ 125SSD =

$$1.0242 \times 76.8 = 78.7$$



Monitor Unit

Unit of Output Measure for Linear Accelerator

- Specific number of MUs needed for EACH patient's treatment
- Dependent on:
 - dose
 - Field Size
 - depth
 - Beam Energy

Monitor Unit Calculations Using PDD

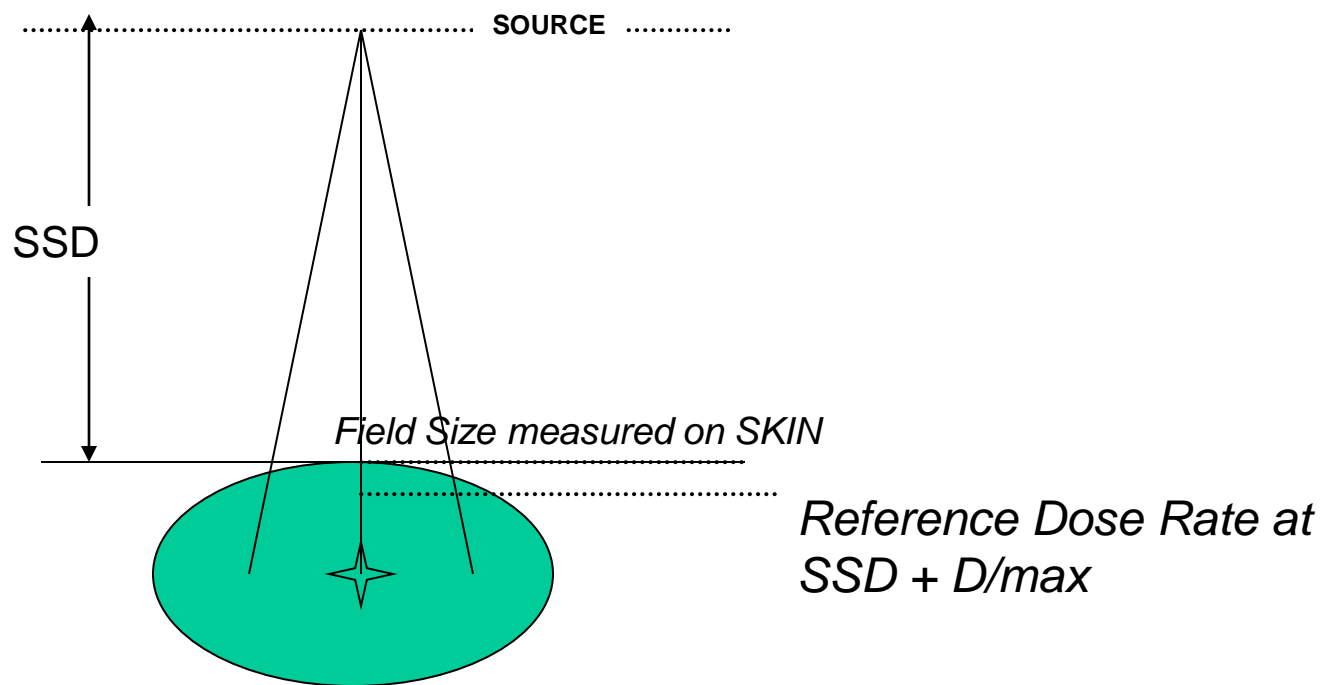
Monitor Unit =

Tumor Dose

Reference Dose Rate x Sc x Sp x PDD x (any other absorption factors)

(at distance of Rx SSD + D/Max)

Monitor Unit Calculations Using PDD



Reference Field Size generally 10x10

Scatter (Output) Factor

- This factor adjusts the machine output when the Treatment Field Size is “different” than 10x10
- If the Field Size is greater than 10x10, the Output Factor will be GREATER than 1.0 (more scatter)
- If the Field Size is smaller than 10x10, the Output Factor will be Less than 1.0 (less scatter)
- The Output Factor can be subdivided into Collimator Scatter (**Sc**) and Phantom Scatter (**Sp**)

Tumor Dose

Reference Dose Rate x **Sc** x **Sp** x PDD x (any other absorption factors)

(at distance of Rx SSD + D/Max)

Scatter Factor Tables

Table 24-4 Scatter Factors

10x10 Reference Field Size

SCATTER FACTOR/COMBINED SCATTER (Sc, Sp)

Mach/Eq Sq	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	10.0	11.0	12.0	13.0	14.0	15.0	16.0	17.0	18.0	19.0	20.0	22.0	24.0	26.0	28.0	30.0	32.0	35.0
Cobalt-60	0.928	0.945	0.962	0.971	0.980	0.990	1.000	1.009	1.019	1.028	1.037	1.046	1.053	1.060	1.067	1.074	1.081	1.089	1.096	1.102	1.105	1.109		
6 MV	0.927	0.940	0.954	0.967	0.979	0.990	1.000	1.007	1.014	1.021	1.028	1.035	1.039	1.044	1.049	1.053	1.058	1.065	1.072	1.079	1.084	1.088	1.092	1.098
10 MV	0.925	0.938	0.953	0.967	0.979	0.990	1.000	1.005	1.011	1.016	1.022	1.027	1.032	1.037	1.041	1.046	1.051	1.058	1.065	1.069	1.071	1.073	1.077	1.081
18 MV	0.904	0.922	0.941	0.961	0.976	0.988	1.000	1.007	1.014	1.021	1.028	1.036	1.041	1.046	1.051	1.056	1.060	1.067	1.073	1.079	1.084	1.087	1.090	1.093

SCATTER FACTOR FOR COLLIMATOR SCATTER (Sc) (USED WITH PDD, TAR, TMR/TPR)

Mach/Eq Sq	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	10.0	11.0	12.0	13.0	14.0	15.0	16.0	17.0	18.0	19.0	20.0	22.0	24.0	26.0	28.0	30.0	32.0	35.0
Cobalt-60	0.946	0.961	0.975	0.981	0.987	0.993	1.000	1.006	1.012	1.018	1.024	1.030	1.035	1.039	1.044	1.048	1.053	1.057	1.061	1.063	1.063	1.063		
6 MV	0.948	0.961	0.970	0.979	0.987	0.994	1.000	1.004	1.008	1.013	1.017	1.021	1.024	1.028	1.031	1.035	1.038	1.041	1.045	1.048	1.051	1.052	1.053	1.055
10 MV	0.938	0.951	0.962	0.973	0.982	0.991	1.000	1.005	1.009	1.014	1.018	1.023	1.026	1.030	1.033	1.037	1.040	1.044	1.048	1.051	1.052	1.054	1.057	1.061
18 MV	0.914	0.931	0.948	0.965	0.978	0.989	1.000	1.006	1.012	1.017	1.023	1.029	1.032	1.036	1.039	1.043	1.046	1.052	1.057	1.063	1.066	1.067	1.069	1.070

SCATTER FACTOR FOR PHANTOM SCATTER (Sp) (USED WITH PDD, TMR/TPR)

Mach/Eq Sq	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	10.0	11.0	12.0	13.0	14.0	15.0	16.0	17.0	18.0	19.0	20.0	22.0	24.0	26.0	28.0	30.0	32.0	35.0
Cobalt-60	0.981	0.983	0.987	0.990	0.993	0.997	1.000	1.003	1.007	1.010	1.013	1.016	1.017	1.020	1.022	1.025	1.027	1.030	1.033	1.037	1.040	1.043		
6 MV	0.978	0.978	0.984	0.988	0.992	0.996	1.000	1.003	1.006	1.008	1.011	1.014	1.015	1.016	1.017	1.017	1.019	1.023	1.026	1.030	1.031	1.034	1.037	1.041
10 MV	0.986	0.986	0.991	0.994	0.997	0.999	1.000	1.000	1.002	1.002	1.004	1.004	1.006	1.007	1.008	1.009	1.011	1.013	1.016	1.017	1.018	1.018	1.019	1.019
18 MV	0.989	0.990	0.993	0.996	0.998	0.999	1.000	1.001	1.002	1.004	1.005	1.007	1.009	1.010	1.012	1.012	1.013	1.014	1.015	1.015	1.017	1.019	1.020	1.021

PDD, Percent depth dose; TAR, tissue-air ratio; TMR, tissue-maximum ratio; TPR, tissue-phantom ratio.

Monitor Unit Calculations Using PDD

Monitor Unit =

Tumor Dose

Reference Dose x Sc x Sp x PDD x (any other factors as needed)
Rate (at distance of Rx SSD + D/Max)

PDD Monitor Unit Problem for 6Mv Linear Accelerator

Calculate the MU necessary to deliver
200cGy to a depth of 3cm

(PDD value = 95.1%)

10x10 field size 6Mv Linear Accelerator
100cmSSD

Reference Dose Rate at 101.5cm from source
is 1.0cGy/monitor unit

Scatter Factor Tables

10x10 Reference Field Size

Table 24-4 Scatter Factors

SCATTER FACTOR/COMBINED SCATTER (Sc, Sp)

Mach/Eq Sq	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	10.0	11.0	12.0	13.0	14.0	15.0	16.0	17.0	18.0	19.0	20.0	22.0	24.0	26.0	28.0	30.0	32.0	35.0
Cobalt-60	0.928	0.945	0.962	0.971	0.980	0.990	1.000	1.009	1.019	1.028	1.037	1.046	1.053	1.060	1.067	1.074	1.081	1.089	1.096	1.102	1.105	1.109		
6 MV	0.927	0.940	0.954	0.967	0.979	0.990	1.000	1.007	1.014	1.021	1.028	1.035	1.039	1.044	1.049	1.053	1.058	1.065	1.072	1.079	1.084	1.088	1.092	1.098
10 MV	0.925	0.938	0.953	0.967	0.979	0.990	1.000	1.005	1.011	1.016	1.022	1.027	1.032	1.037	1.041	1.046	1.051	1.058	1.065	1.069	1.071	1.073	1.077	1.081
18 MV	0.904	0.922	0.941	0.961	0.976	0.988	1.000	1.007	1.014	1.021	1.028	1.036	1.041	1.046	1.051	1.056	1.060	1.067	1.073	1.079	1.084	1.087	1.090	1.093

SCATTER FACTOR FOR COLLIMATOR SCATTER (Sc) (USED WITH PDD, TAR, TMR/TPR)

Mach/Eq Sq	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	10.0	11.0	12.0	13.0	14.0	15.0	16.0	17.0	18.0	19.0	20.0	22.0	24.0	26.0	28.0	30.0	32.0	35.0
Cobalt-60	0.946	0.961	0.975	0.981	0.987	0.993	1.000	1.006	1.012	1.018	1.024	1.030	1.035	1.039	1.044	1.048	1.053	1.057	1.061	1.063	1.063	1.063		
6 MV	0.948	0.961	0.970	0.979	0.987	0.994	1.000	1.004	1.008	1.013	1.017	1.021	1.024	1.028	1.031	1.035	1.038	1.041	1.045	1.048	1.051	1.052	1.053	1.055
10 MV	0.938	0.951	0.962	0.973	0.982	0.991	1.000	1.005	1.009	1.014	1.018	1.023	1.026	1.030	1.033	1.037	1.040	1.044	1.048	1.051	1.052	1.054	1.057	1.061
18 MV	0.914	0.931	0.948	0.965	0.978	0.989	1.000	1.006	1.012	1.017	1.023	1.029	1.032	1.036	1.039	1.043	1.046	1.052	1.057	1.063	1.066	1.067	1.069	1.070

SCATTER FACTOR FOR PHANTOM SCATTER (Sp) (USED WITH PDD, TAR/TPR)

Mach/Eq Sq	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	10.0	11.0	12.0	13.0	14.0	15.0	16.0	17.0	18.0	19.0	20.0	22.0	24.0	26.0	28.0	30.0	32.0	35.0
Cobalt-60	0.981	0.983	0.987	0.990	0.993	0.997	1.000	1.003	1.007	1.010	1.013	1.016	1.017	1.020	1.022	1.025	1.027	1.030	1.033	1.037	1.040	1.043		
6 MV	0.978	0.978	0.984	0.988	0.992	0.996	1.000	1.003	1.006	1.008	1.011	1.014	1.015	1.016	1.017	1.017	1.019	1.023	1.026	1.030	1.031	1.034	1.037	1.041
10 MV	0.986	0.986	0.991	0.994	0.997	0.999	1.000	1.000	1.002	1.002	1.004	1.004	1.006	1.007	1.008	1.009	1.011	1.013	1.016	1.017	1.018	1.018	1.019	1.019
18 MV	0.989	0.990	0.993	0.996	0.998	0.999	1.000	1.001	1.002	1.004	1.005	1.007	1.009	1.010	1.012	1.012	1.013	1.014	1.015	1.015	1.017	1.019	1.020	1.021

PDD, Percent depth dose; TAR, tissue-air ratio; TMR, tissue-maximum ratio; TPR, tissue-phantom ratio.

Table 11-7

6 MV percentage depth dose at 100 cm SSD

Eq Sq Depth (cm)	0.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	10.0	11.0	12.0	13.0	14.0	15.0	16.0	17.0	18.0	19.0	20.0	22.0	24.0	26.0	28.0	30.0	32.0	35.0
0.0	19.2	19.2	19.2	20.5	21.8	23.0	24.3	25.6	26.7	27.9	29.1	30.2	31.4	32.6	33.8	35.1	36.3	37.5	39.0	40.4	41.9	43.2	44.5	45.7	47.6
1.0	96.8	96.9	96.9	97.0	97.0	97.0	97.1	97.1	97.2	97.2	97.3	97.3	97.4	97.4	97.5	97.5	97.6	97.6	97.7	97.8	98.0	98.1	98.1	98.2	98.3
1.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2.0	97.4	98.2	98.4	98.4	98.5	98.5	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7
3.0	91.1	93.8	94.4	94.7	94.9	95.0	95.0	95.1	95.1	95.2	95.2	95.2	95.2	95.3	95.3	95.4	95.4	95.5	95.5	95.6	95.6	95.6	95.6	95.6	95.6
4.0	85.3	89.6	90.6	90.9	91.3	91.4	91.5	91.5	91.5	91.6	91.6	91.7	91.7	91.8	91.9	92.0	92.1	92.2	92.2	92.3	92.4	92.3	92.3	92.3	92.2
5.0	79.9	84.5	85.6	86.1	86.6	86.8	87.0	87.1	87.3	87.5	87.7	87.8	87.9	88.1	88.2	88.3	88.5	88.6	88.7	88.8	89.0	89.0	89.0	89.0	88.9
6.0	74.8	79.7	80.9	81.5	82.1	82.4	82.7	83.0	83.2	83.5	83.8	84.0	84.1	84.3	84.5	84.7	84.8	85.0	85.2	85.4	85.6	85.6	85.7	85.8	85.7
7.0	70.1	75.1	76.3	77.1	77.8	78.3	78.7	79.0	79.3	79.6	79.9	80.3	80.4	80.6	80.8	81.0	81.2	81.4	81.7	82.0	82.2	82.3	82.4	82.5	82.3
8.0	65.7	70.8	72.1	72.9	73.7	74.2	74.7	75.1	75.5	75.9	76.2	76.6	76.8	77.0	77.3	77.5	77.8	77.9	78.3	78.6	78.8	78.9	79.0	79.1	79.0
9.0	61.5	66.7	68.0	68.9	69.8	70.4	71.0	71.4	71.8	72.2	72.6	73.0	73.2	73.5	73.8	74.1	74.3	74.5	74.9	75.3	75.5	75.6	75.8	76.0	75.7
10.0	57.7	62.8	64.1	65.1	66.1	66.7	67.4	67.8	68.3	68.8	69.2	69.6	69.8	70.1	70.5	70.8	71.0	71.2	71.6	72.0	72.3	72.5	72.7	72.8	72.6
11.0	54.0	59.2	60.4	61.5	62.4	63.1	63.8	64.2	64.8	65.3	65.8	66.1	66.4	66.8	67.1	67.5	67.7	67.9	68.4	68.8	69.0	69.2	69.4	69.6	69.3
12.0	50.7	55.7	57.0	58.0	58.9	59.7	60.4	60.9	61.4	61.9	62.4	62.8	63.1	63.5	63.9	64.3	64.5	64.8	65.3	65.8	66.0	66.2	66.4	66.5	66.2
13.0	47.5	52.4	53.6	54.6	55.6	56.4	57.2	57.7	58.2	58.8	59.3	59.7	60.0	60.4	60.8	61.2	61.5	61.7	62.2	62.7	63.0	63.2	63.4	63.5	63.3
14.0	44.6	49.4	50.6	51.6	52.5	53.3	54.1	54.6	55.1	55.7	56.3	56.6	57.0	57.4	57.8	58.2	58.5	58.8	59.4	59.9	60.1	60.3	60.6	60.6	60.4
15.0	41.8	46.6	47.8	48.7	49.6	50.5	51.2	51.7	52.3	52.9	53.5	53.9	54.2	54.7	55.1	55.5	55.8	56.1	56.6	57.1	57.4	57.6	57.9	57.8	57.6
16.0	39.2	43.9	45.1	46.0	46.9	47.8	48.5	49.1	49.7	50.3	50.9	51.2	51.6	52.0	52.5	52.8	53.1	53.4	54.0	54.5	54.8	55.1	55.4	55.2	55.1
17.0	36.8	41.4	42.5	43.5	44.3	45.2	45.9	46.4	47.1	47.7	48.2	48.6	49.0	49.4	49.9	50.2	50.6	50.9	51.5	52.0	52.3	52.6	52.9	52.7	52.6
18.0	34.5	39.0	40.1	41.0	41.9	42.7	43.4	44.0	44.6	45.3	45.8	46.2	46.6	47.0	47.5	47.8	48.2	48.5	49.1	49.6	49.9	50.2	50.5	50.3	50.2
19.0	32.4	36.8	37.8	38.7	39.6	40.5	41.1	41.7	42.3	43.0	43.5	43.9	44.3	44.7	45.1	45.5	45.8	46.1	46.8	47.2	47.6	48.0	48.2	48.0	47.9
20.0	30.4	34.6	35.7	36.6	37.4	38.2	38.9	39.5	40.1	40.7	41.2	41.6	42.0	42.5	42.9	43.2	43.6	43.9	44.6	45.0	45.4	45.7	45.9	45.8	45.6
21.0	28.6	32.7	33.7	34.5	35.3	36.1	36.8	37.4	38.0	38.6	39.1	39.5	39.9	40.3	40.7	41.1	41.4	41.8	42.4	42.9	43.2	43.6	43.7	43.6	43.5
22.0	26.8	30.8	31.8	32.6	33.4	34.2	34.8	35.4	36.0	36.9	37.1	37.5	37.9	38.3	38.7	39.1	39.4	39.8	40.4	40.8	41.2	41.6	41.7	41.6	41.5
23.0	25.2	29.1	30.0	30.8	31.6	32.4	33.0	33.6	34.2	34.8	35.2	35.6	36.0	36.4	36.8	37.2	37.5	37.9	38.5	38.9	39.3	39.7	39.8	39.6	39.5
24.0	23.6	27.5	28.4	29.1	29.9	30.6	31.2	31.8	32.4	32.9	33.4	33.7	34.1	34.6	35.0	35.3	35.7	36.0	36.7	37.1	37.5	37.9	37.8	37.7	37.6
25.0	22.2	26.0	26.8	27.6	28.3	29.0	29.6	30.1	30.7	31.3	31.7	32.0	32.4	32.9	33.2	33.6	33.9	34.3	34.9	35.3	35.7	36.1	36.0	35.9	35.8
26.0	20.9	24.5	25.3	26.0	26.7	27.4	27.9	28.5	29.1	29.6	30.0	30.4	30.8	31.2	31.5	31.9	32.2	32.6	33.2	33.6	34.0	34.4	34.3	34.2	34.1
27.0	19.6	23.2	24.0	24.7	25.3	26.0	26.5	27.0	27.6	28.1	28.4	28.8	29.2	29.6	30.0	30.3	30.7	31.0	31.6	32.0	32.4	32.7	32.6	32.6	32.4
28.0	18.4	21.9	22.6	23.3	24.0	24.6	25.1	25.6	26.1	26.6	26.9	27.3	27.7	28.1	28.4	28.8	29.2	29.5	30.1	30.5	30.9	31.1	31.1	31.0	30.9
29.0	17.3	20.7	21.4	22.0	22.7	23.3	23.7	24.2	24.7	25.2	25.6	25.9	26.3	26.7	27.0	27.4	27.7	28.1	28.6	29.0	29.4	29.6	29.5	29.5	29.4
30.0	16.2	19.5	20.2	20.8	21.4	22.0	22.4	22.9	23.4	23.8	24.2	24.6	24.9	25.3	25.7	26.0	26.4	26.7	27.2	27.6	28.0	28.1	28.0	28.0	27.9
PSF	1.000	1.002	1.003	1.007	1.012	1.016	1.021	1.025	1.028	1.031	1.033	1.036	1.039	1.040	1.041	1.043	1.044	1.045	1.048	1.051	1.054	1.057	1.060	1.063	1.067

PDD 6 MV

PDD Monitor Unit Problem for 6Mv Linear Accelerator

200cGy

210.3 MU

$$\frac{200\text{cGy}}{1.0\text{cGy/MU} \times 1.0 \times 1.0 \times .951} = 210.3 \text{ MU}$$

Reference Dose Rate at

Sc

Sp

PDD (in decimal form)

Rx SSD + D/max (100 + 1.5cm)

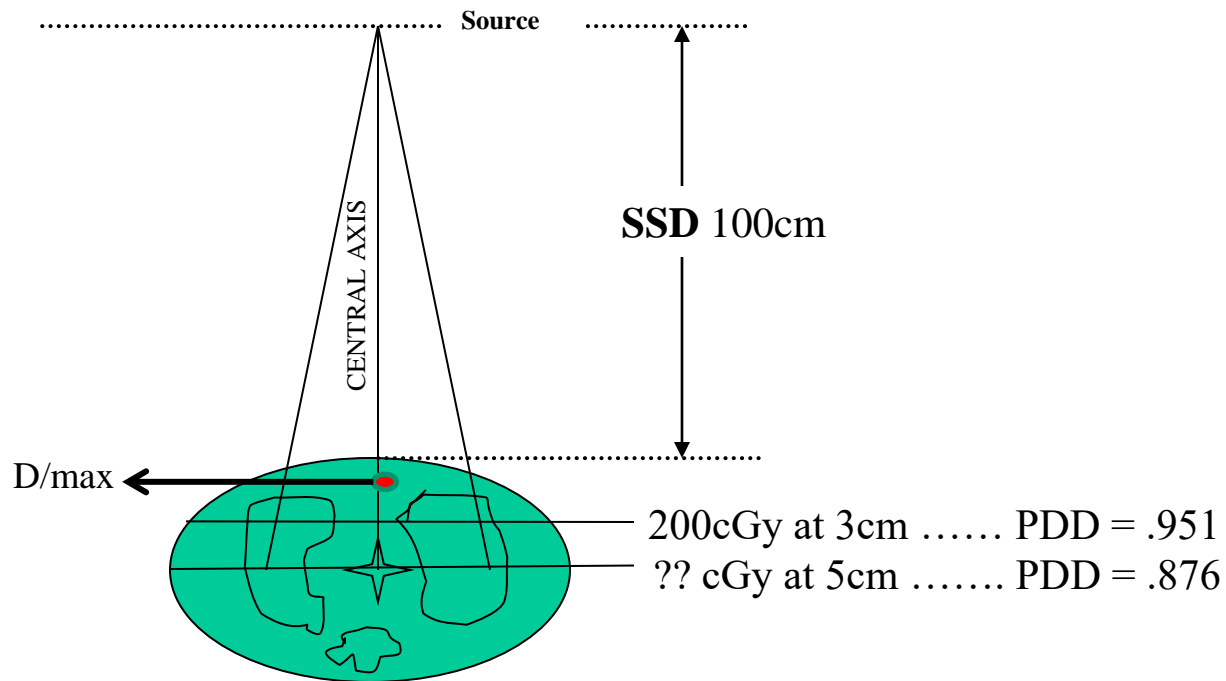
Dose to Another Point Using PDD

- To calculate the dose at some point along the central axis – use direct proportion.
- $$\frac{\text{Dose at Point A}}{\%DD \text{ at Point A}} = \frac{\text{Dose at Point B}}{\%DD \text{ at Point B}}$$
- **Problem:** *For a 6Mv beam, what is the dose to the depth of 5cm when the dose at 3cm is 200cGy?*
- PDD value at D3 = .951
- PDD value at D5 = .876

Dose at Another Depth

Hint: Since 5cm depth is further **AWAY** from the source, the dose

would be **LESS** than the dose at 3cm



Dose at Another Depth

- PDD value at D3 = .951 PDD value at D5 = .876

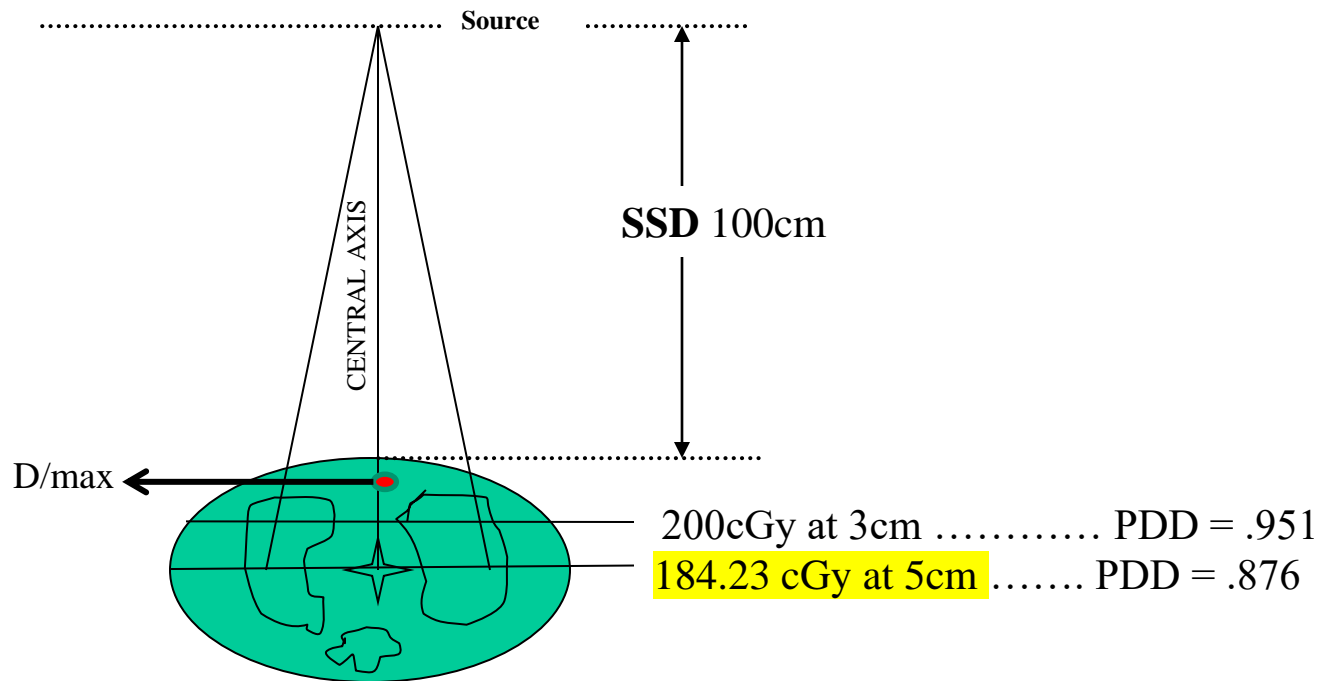
- $$\frac{\text{Dose at D3}}{\text{PDD at D3}} = \frac{\text{Dose at D5}}{\text{PDD at D5}}$$

$$\frac{200\text{cGy}}{.951} = \frac{x}{.876}$$

dose at 5cm Depth $x = 184.23 \text{ cGy}$

Dose at Another Depth

Hint: Since 5cm depth is further AWAY from the source, the dose would be LESS than the dose at 3cm

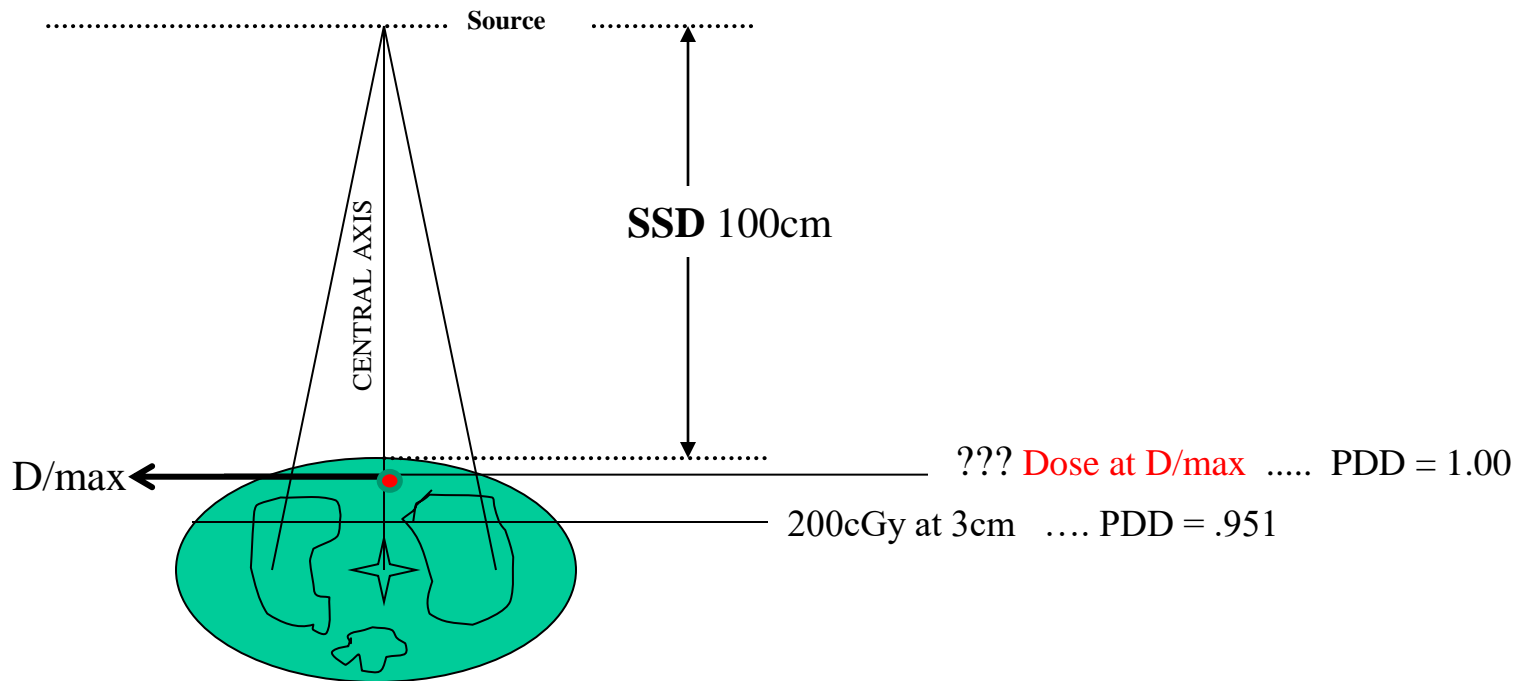


Dose at Another Depth

- **Problem:** *For a 6Mv beam, what is the dose to the D/Max when the dose at 3cm is 200cGy?*
- **PDD value at D3 = .951**
- $$\frac{\text{Dose at D3}}{\text{PDD at D3}} = \frac{\text{Dose at D/Max}}{\text{PDD at D/Max}}$$

Dose at Another Depth

Hint: Since 1.5cm depth (D/max depth for 6MV) is closer **TOWARDS** the source, the dose would be **MORE** than the dose at 3cm



Dose at Another Depth

- **Problem:** *For a 6Mv beam, what is the dose to the D/Max when the dose at 3cm is 200cGy?*

PDD value at D3 = .951

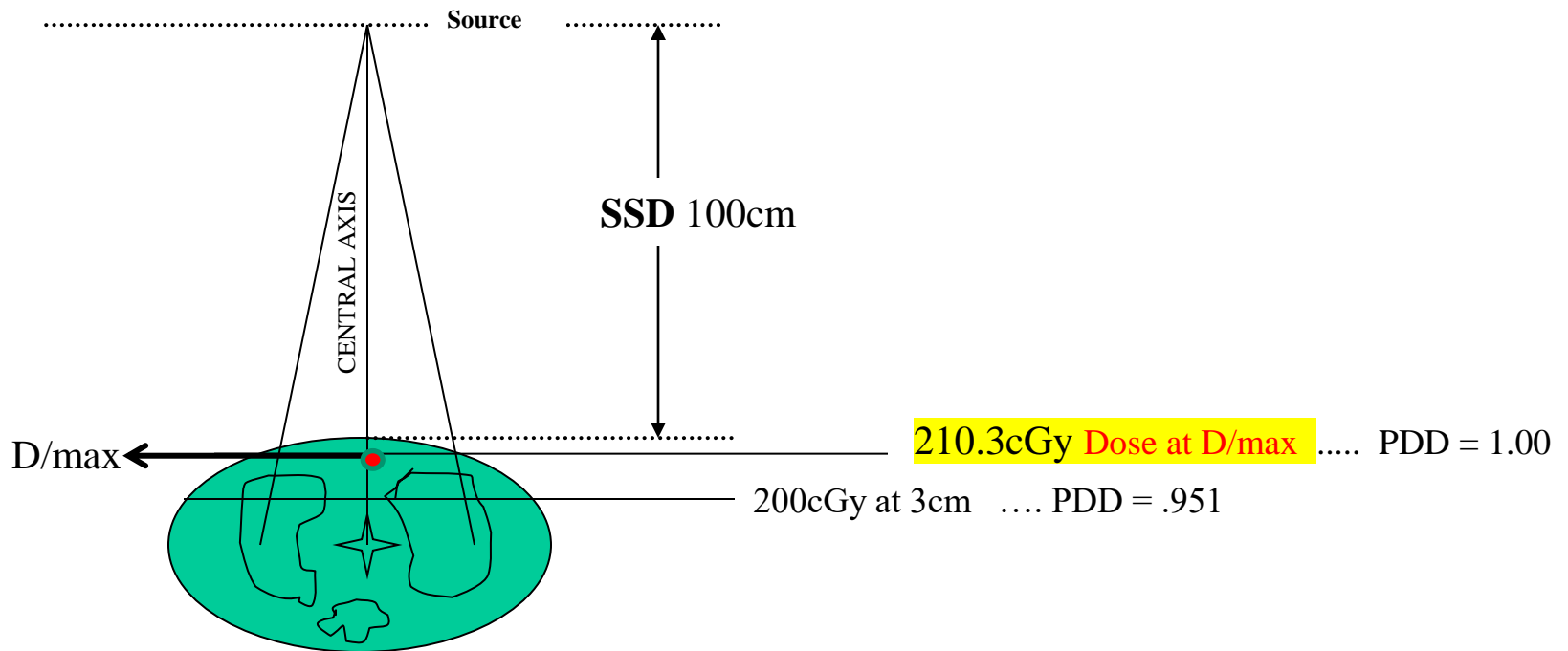
- $$\frac{\text{Dose at D3}}{\text{PDD at D3}} = \frac{\text{Dose at D/Max}}{\text{PDD at D/Max}}$$

$$\frac{200\text{cGy}}{.951} = \frac{x}{1.00} \img alt="smiley star" data-bbox="408 634 451 691"/>$$

dose at D/Max $x = 210.30 \text{ cGy}$

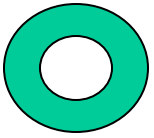

Dose at Another Depth

Hint: Since 1.5cm depth (D/max depth for 6MV) is closer TOWARDS the source, the dose would be MORE than the dose at 3cm

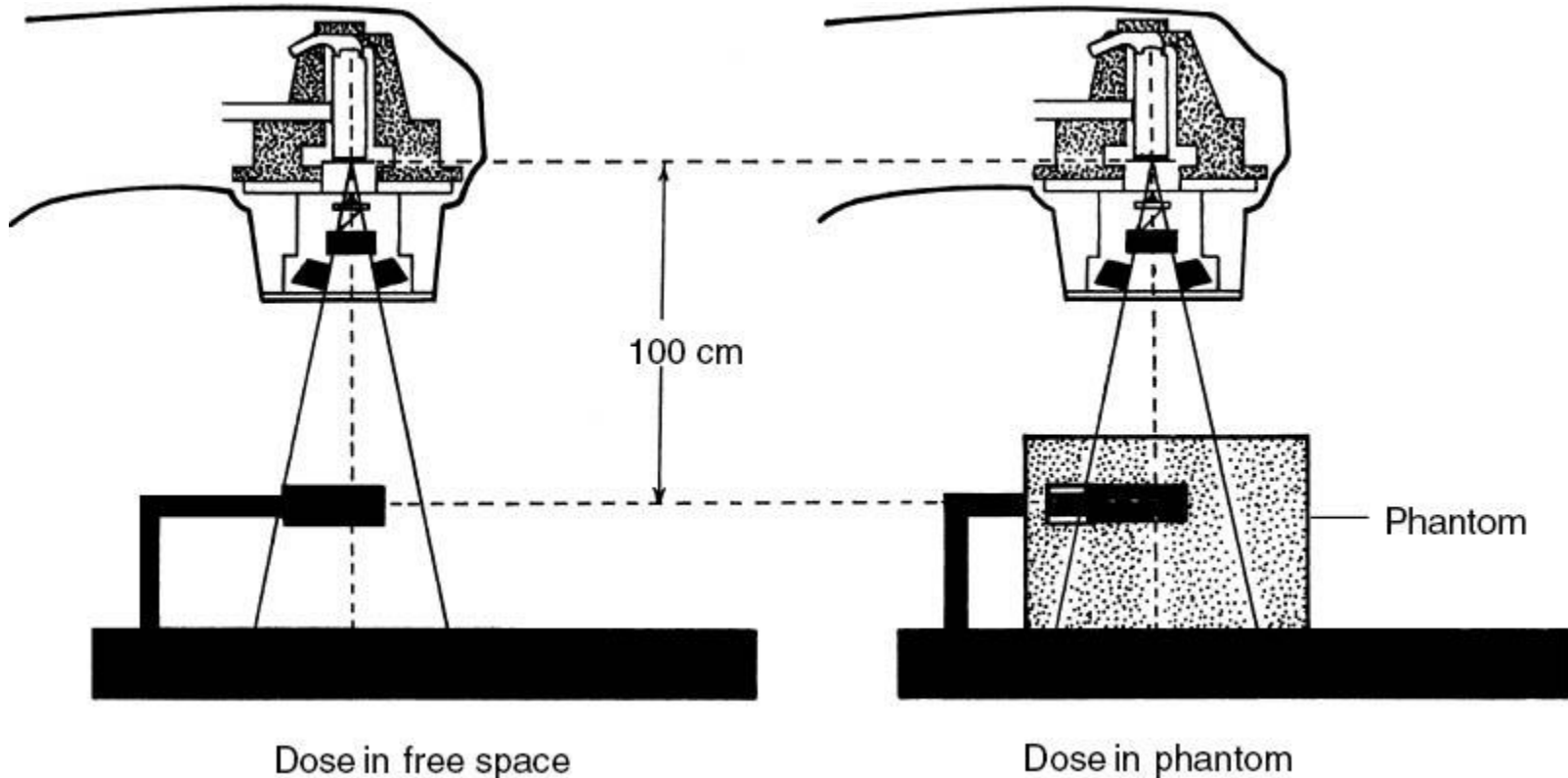




Tissue to Air Ratio (TAR)

- Developed by Johns to be used in Rotational Therapy
- Rotational Therapy has the gantry moving DURING the treatment – while the beam is ON.
- A full 360° treatment is called a “Rotation” 
- Any treatment $< 360^{\circ}$ is called an “arc” 

Tissue Air Ratio (TAR)



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****TAR at D/Max is also called *Back Scatter Factor*****

Factors Affecting TAR

- Field Size – \uparrow FS \rightarrow \uparrow TAR
- Beam Energy - \uparrow Energy \rightarrow \uparrow TAR
- Go deeper into patient - \downarrow TAR

- ****Source to Skin Distance

DOES NOT AFFECT TAR

(~2% accuracy)****

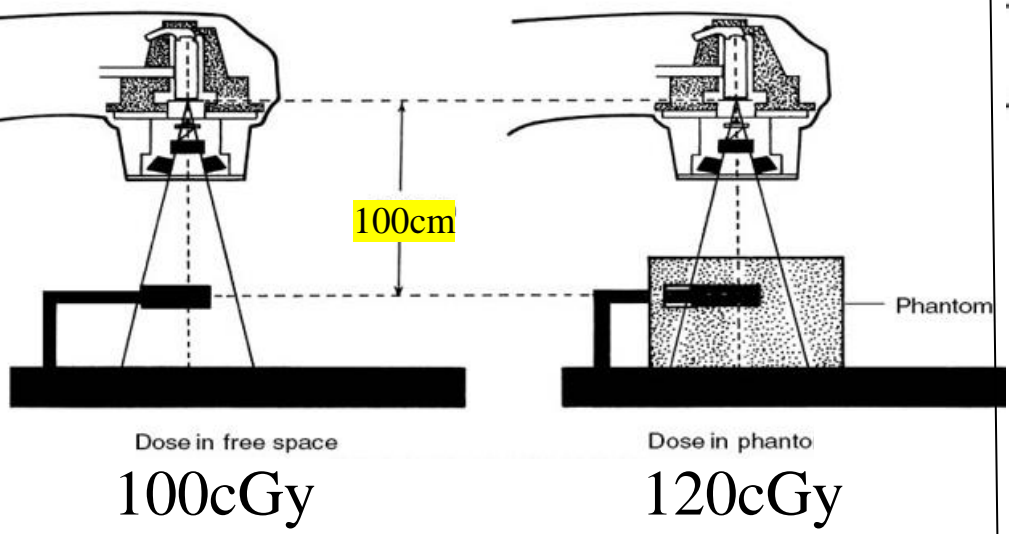
6MV TAR

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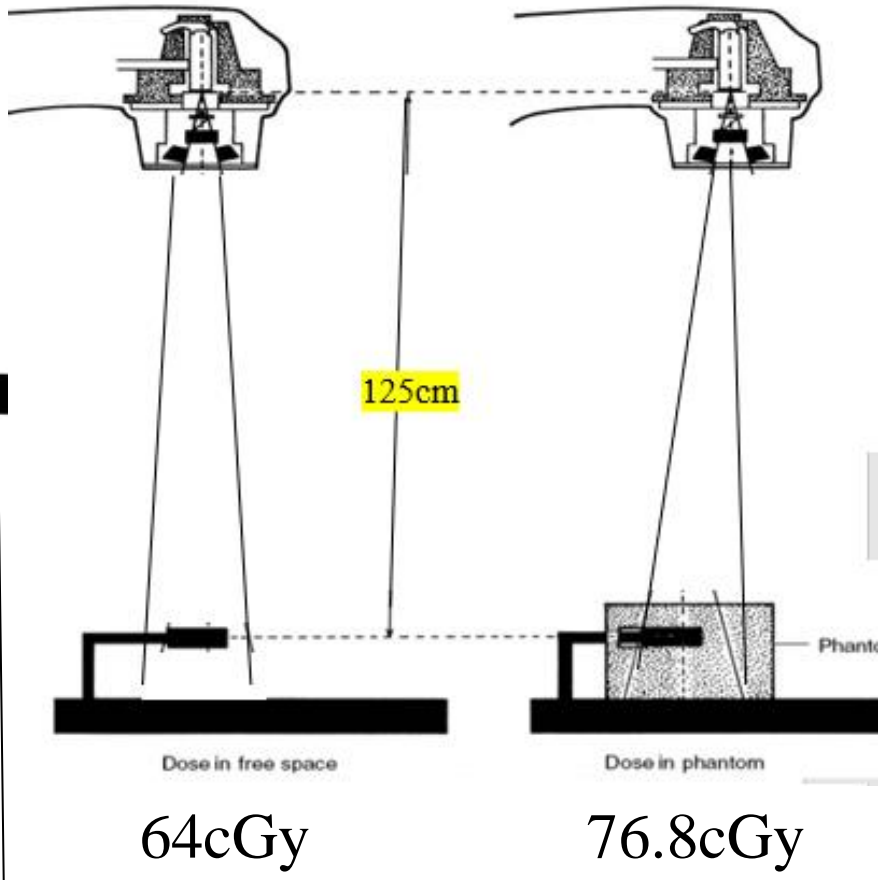


Table 24-8	6-MV Tissue-Air Ratio																								
Eq. S. Dep. (cm)	0	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	35
0.0	0.186	0.187	0.187	0.200	0.213	0.227	0.240	0.254	0.266	0.279	0.291	0.304	0.316	0.329	0.342	0.354	0.367	0.380	0.396	0.412	0.428	0.443	0.457	0.471	0.492
1.0	0.957	0.960	0.961	0.965	0.970	0.974	0.979	0.984	0.987	0.990	0.994	0.997	1.000	1.002	1.003	1.005	1.006	1.008	1.012	1.017	1.021	1.025	1.028	1.032	1.037
1.5	1.000	1.002	1.003	1.007	1.012	1.016	1.021	1.025	1.028	1.031	1.033	1.036	1.039	1.040	1.041	1.043	1.044	1.045	1.048	1.051	1.054	1.057	1.060	1.063	1.067
2.0	0.982	0.992	0.994	0.999	1.004	1.009	1.014	1.018	1.021	1.024	1.027	1.030	1.032	1.034	1.035	1.037	1.038	1.039	1.043	1.046	1.049	1.052	1.055	1.057	1.061
3.0	0.936	0.966	0.973	0.979	0.986	0.991	0.996	1.001	1.004	1.007	1.010	1.013	1.016	1.018	1.020	1.021	1.023	1.025	1.028	1.032	1.035	1.038	1.041	1.043	1.047
4.0	0.894	0.940	0.951	0.959	0.966	0.972	0.977	0.982	0.985	0.988	0.991	0.994	0.997	0.999	1.001	1.004	1.006	1.008	1.012	1.015	1.019	1.022	1.025	1.027	1.031
5.0	0.853	0.903	0.915	0.924	0.933	0.941	0.946	0.952	0.956	0.961	0.965	0.970	0.974	0.977	0.979	0.982	0.984	0.987	0.991	0.996	1.000	1.003	1.006	1.009	1.013
6.0	0.814	0.867	0.880	0.890	0.900	0.909	0.916	0.923	0.928	0.933	0.939	0.944	0.949	0.952	0.955	0.958	0.961	0.964	0.969	0.974	0.979	0.984	0.987	0.990	0.995
7.0	0.777	0.831	0.845	0.857	0.868	0.878	0.886	0.894	0.900	0.906	0.911	0.917	0.923	0.926	0.930	0.933	0.937	0.940	0.946	0.951	0.957	0.962	0.965	0.969	0.974
8.0	0.742	0.798	0.812	0.824	0.837	0.847	0.856	0.865	0.871	0.878	0.884	0.891	0.897	0.901	0.905	0.908	0.912	0.916	0.922	0.928	0.934	0.939	0.943	0.946	0.952
9.0	0.708	0.765	0.779	0.792	0.805	0.817	0.826	0.836	0.843	0.850	0.856	0.863	0.870	0.874	0.878	0.883	0.887	0.891	0.898	0.904	0.911	0.916	0.920	0.924	0.930
10.0	0.676	0.733	0.747	0.761	0.775	0.787	0.798	0.808	0.815	0.822	0.830	0.837	0.844	0.848	0.853	0.857	0.862	0.866	0.873	0.880	0.887	0.892	0.897	0.901	0.908
11.0	0.645	0.702	0.716	0.730	0.744	0.756	0.767	0.778	0.786	0.793	0.801	0.808	0.816	0.821	0.826	0.830	0.835	0.840	0.847	0.854	0.861	0.867	0.872	0.876	0.883
12.0	0.616	0.672	0.686	0.700	0.714	0.727	0.738	0.749	0.757	0.765	0.772	0.780	0.788	0.793	0.798	0.804	0.809	0.814	0.822	0.829	0.837	0.843	0.848	0.852	0.859
13.0	0.588	0.643	0.657	0.671	0.684	0.697	0.709	0.721	0.729	0.737	0.745	0.753	0.761	0.766	0.772	0.777	0.783	0.788	0.796	0.804	0.812	0.818	0.823	0.828	0.835
14.0	0.561	0.616	0.630	0.643	0.656	0.669	0.681	0.693	0.701	0.709	0.718	0.726	0.734	0.740	0.745	0.751	0.756	0.762	0.771	0.779	0.788	0.794	0.799	0.804	0.811
15.0	0.536	0.590	0.604	0.617	0.630	0.642	0.655	0.667	0.675	0.684	0.692	0.701	0.709	0.715	0.721	0.726	0.732	0.738	0.747	0.755	0.764	0.771	0.776	0.781	0.788

*BSF is **NOT** affected by SSD (readings at ion chamber)*

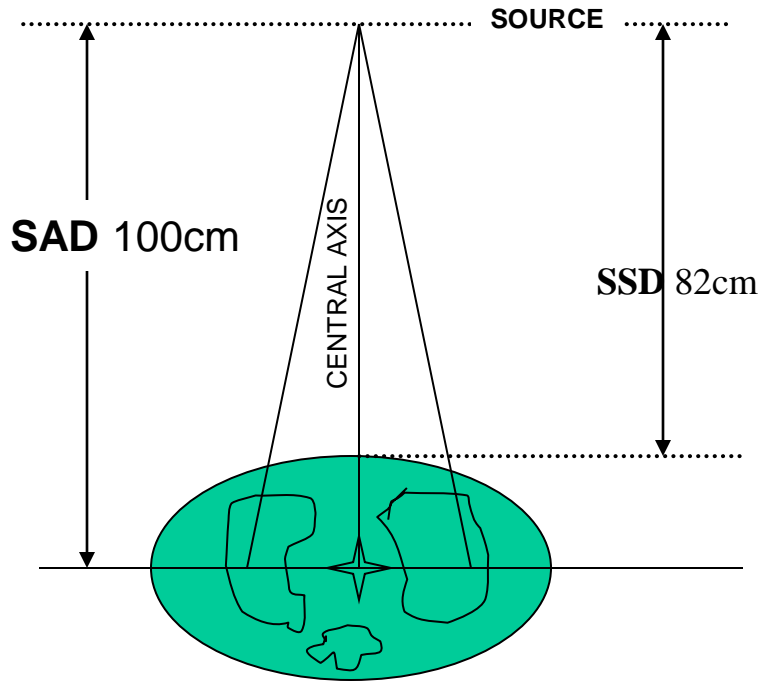


$$BSF = 120/100 = 1.2$$



$$BSF = 76.8/64 = 1.2$$

Monitor Unit Calculations Using TAR



Machine Output AND Field Size measured at Treatment SAD

TAR Monitor Unit Calculations for 6Mv Linear Accelerator

- Calculate the Monitor Unit necessary to deliver 180cGy to a 5cm depth TAR at $D_5 = 95.2\%$
10x10 field size 100cmSAD
6Mv Linear Accelerator
Machine output at 100cm from source is 1cGy/MU

Monitor Unit Calculation Using TAR

Monitor Unit =

Tumor Dose

Machine output x S_c x TAR x (any other absorption factors)
(at distance of Rx SAD)

TAR Monitor Unit Calculations for 6Mv Linear Accelerator

180

= 189.08 MU

1.0cGy/MU x 1.0 x .952

machine output at Rx SAD

S_c

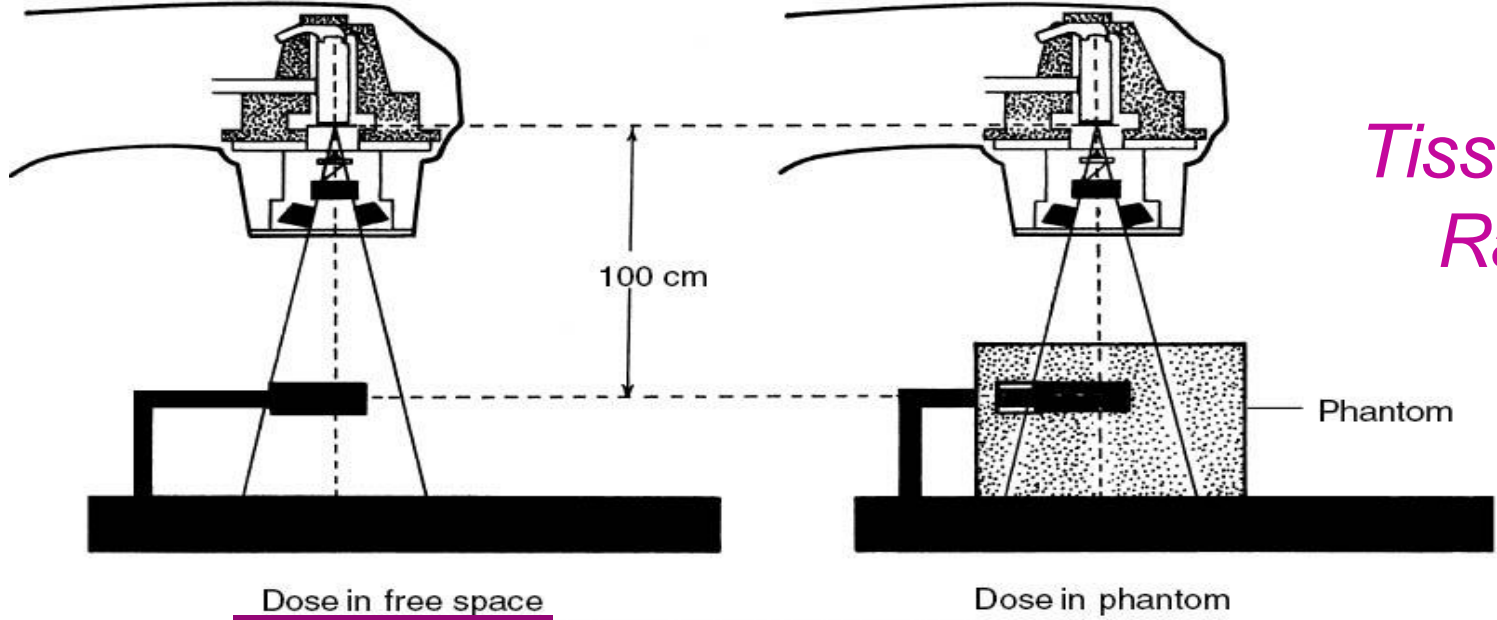
TAR

Tissue Maximum Ratio

- Because of Measurement difficulties, the TMR was developed.
- The SAME factors which influence TAR, affect TMR in the same way



TAR compared to TMR

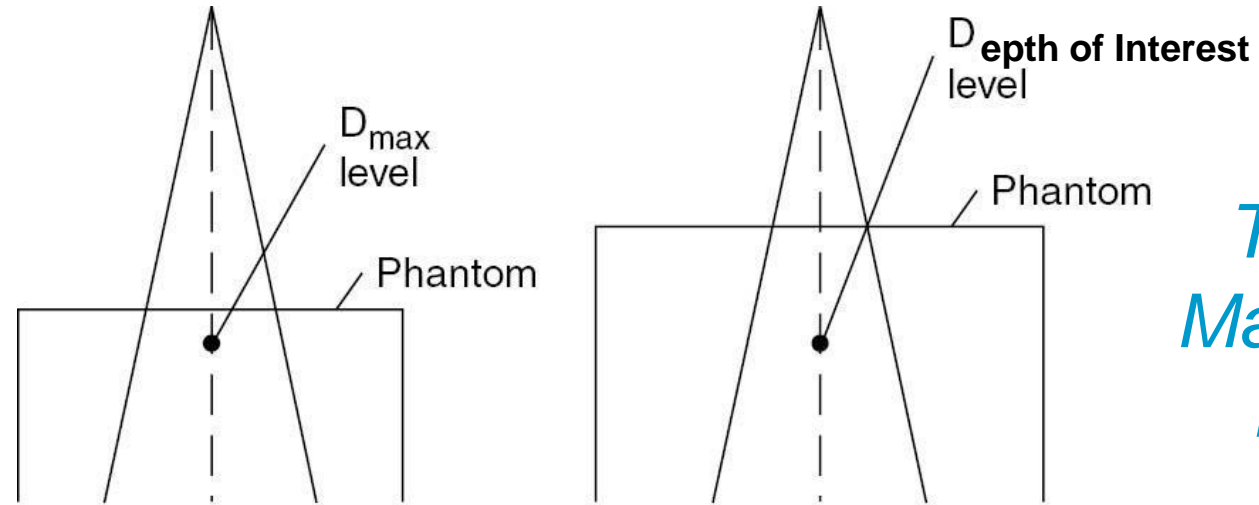


Tissue Air Ratio

Dose in free space

Dose in phantom

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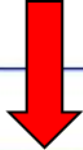


Tissue Maximum Ratio

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TABLE 23-9

Tissue-maximum ratio for 6 MV



Notice --- NO SSD label

EQ SQ DEPTH (cm)	0.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	10.0	11.0	12.0	13.0	14.0	15.0	16.0	17.0	18.0	19.0	20.0	22.0	24.0	26.0	28.0	30.0	32.0	35.0
0.0	0.186	0.187	0.186	0.199	0.210	0.223	0.235	0.248	0.259	0.271	0.282	0.293	0.304	0.316	0.329	0.339	0.352	0.364	0.378	0.392	0.406	0.419	0.431	0.443	0.461
1.0	0.957	0.958	0.958	0.958	0.958	0.959	0.959	0.960	0.960	0.960	0.962	0.962	0.962	0.963	0.963	0.964	0.964	0.965	0.966	0.968	0.969	0.970	0.970	0.971	0.972
1.5	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
2.0	0.982	0.990	0.991	0.992	0.992	0.993	0.993	0.993	0.993	0.993	0.994	0.994	0.993	0.994	0.994	0.994	0.994	0.994	0.995	0.995	0.995	0.995	0.995	0.994	0.994
3.0	0.936	0.964	0.970	0.972	0.974	0.975	0.976	0.977	0.977	0.977	0.978	0.978	0.978	0.979	0.980	0.979	0.980	0.981	0.981	0.982	0.982	0.982	0.982	0.981	0.981
4.0	0.894	0.938	0.948	0.952	0.955	0.957	0.957	0.958	0.958	0.958	0.959	0.959	0.960	0.961	0.962	0.963	0.964	0.965	0.966	0.966	0.967	0.967	0.967	0.966	0.966
5.0	0.853	0.901	0.912	0.918	0.922	0.926	0.927	0.929	0.930	0.932	0.934	0.936	0.937	0.939	0.940	0.942	0.943	0.944	0.946	0.948	0.949	0.949	0.949	0.949	0.949
6.0	0.814	0.865	0.877	0.884	0.889	0.895	0.897	0.900	0.903	0.905	0.909	0.911	0.913	0.915	0.917	0.556	0.920	0.922	0.925	0.927	0.929	0.931	0.931	0.931	0.933
7.0	0.777	0.829	0.842	0.851	0.858	0.864	0.868	0.872	0.875	0.879	0.882	0.885	0.888	0.891	0.893	0.895	0.898	0.900	0.903	0.905	0.908	0.910	0.910	0.912	0.913
8.0	0.742	0.796	0.810	0.818	0.827	0.834	0.838	0.844	0.847	0.852	0.856	0.860	0.863	0.866	0.869	0.871	0.874	0.877	0.880	0.883	0.886	0.888	0.890	0.890	0.892
9.0	0.708	0.763	0.777	0.786	0.795	0.804	0.809	0.816	0.820	0.824	0.829	0.833	0.837	0.840	0.843	0.847	0.850	0.853	0.857	0.860	0.864	0.867	0.868	0.869	0.872
10.0	0.676	0.732	0.745	0.756	0.766	0.775	0.782	0.788	0.793	0.797	0.803	0.808	0.812	0.816	0.819	0.822	0.826	0.829	0.833	0.837	0.842	0.844	0.846	0.848	0.851
11.0	0.645	0.701	0.714	0.725	0.735	0.744	0.751	0.759	0.765	0.769	0.775	0.780	0.785	0.789	0.793	0.796	0.800	0.804	0.808	0.813	0.817	0.820	0.823	0.824	0.828
12.0	0.616	0.671	0.684	0.695	0.706	0.716	0.723	0.731	0.736	0.742	0.747	0.753	0.758	0.763	0.767	0.771	0.775	0.779	0.784	0.789	0.794	0.798	0.800	0.802	0.805
13.0	0.588	0.642	0.655	0.666	0.676	0.686	0.694	0.703	0.709	0.715	0.721	0.727	0.732	0.737	0.742	0.745	0.750	0.754	0.760	0.765	0.770	0.774	0.776	0.779	0.783
14.0	0.561	0.615	0.628	0.639	0.649	0.658	0.667	0.676	0.682	0.688	0.695	0.701	0.706	0.711	0.716	0.720	0.724	0.729	0.736	0.741	0.748	0.751	0.754	0.756	0.760
15.0	0.536	0.589	0.602	0.613	0.623	0.620	0.642	0.651	0.657	0.663	0.670	0.677	0.682	0.688	0.693	0.696	0.701	0.706	0.713	0.718	0.725	0.729	0.732	0.735	0.739
16.0	0.511	0.564	0.577	0.588	0.598	0.607	0.617	0.626	0.633	0.639	0.647	0.653	0.659	0.665	0.670	0.673	0.678	0.683	0.690	0.696	0.703	0.708	0.710	0.713	0.718
17.0	0.488	0.541	0.553	0.564	0.574	0.584	0.593	0.602	0.609	0.615	0.622	0.628	0.635	0.641	0.646	0.650	0.655	0.660	0.667	0.674	0.680	0.686	0.689	0.692	0.697
18.0	0.466	0.517	0.529	0.540	0.550	0.560	0.569	0.579	0.586	0.593	0.599	0.606	0.613	0.618	0.623	0.628	0.633	0.638	0.645	0.653	0.659	0.665	0.668	0.672	0.677
19.0	0.445	0.495	0.507	0.517	0.528	0.537	0.547	0.556	0.563	0.570	0.577	0.584	0.591	0.596	0.601	0.606	0.611	0.616	0.623	0.631	0.638	0.643	0.647	0.651	0.657
20.0	0.424	0.473	0.486	0.496	0.506	0.516	0.524	0.534	0.541	0.548	0.555	0.562	0.569	0.574	0.579	0.584	0.589	0.594	0.602	0.609	0.617	0.623	0.626	0.630	0.636
21.0	0.405	0.454	0.466	0.476	0.484	0.494	0.502	0.512	0.519	0.527	0.533	0.541	0.548	0.553	0.558	0.563	0.568	0.573	0.581	0.588	0.596	0.602	0.606	0.611	0.616
22.0	0.387	0.434	0.446	0.456	0.464	0.474	0.483	0.492	0.499	0.506	0.513	0.520	0.527	0.533	0.538	0.543	0.548	0.553	0.561	0.568	0.576	0.582	0.587	0.591	0.598
23.0	0.370	0.416	0.428	0.437	0.446	0.456	0.464	0.473	0.480	0.487	0.494	0.501	0.508	0.513	0.518	0.523	0.529	0.534	0.541	0.549	0.557	0.563	0.568	0.572	0.579
24.0	0.352	0.398	0.410	0.419	0.428	0.436	0.445	0.454	0.460	0.468	0.474	0.482	0.488	0.494	0.499	0.503	0.509	0.514	0.522	0.530	0.538	0.544	0.549	0.553	0.560
25.0	0.337	0.382	0.393	0.402	0.410	0.419	0.427	0.436	0.443	0.449	0.456	0.463	0.470	0.475	0.480	0.485	0.490	0.496	0.504	0.512	0.520	0.526	0.530	0.535	0.543
26.0	0.321	0.365	0.376	0.384	0.393	0.402	0.409	0.418	0.424	0.431	0.439	0.445	0.451	0.457	0.462	0.466	0.471	0.477	0.485	0.493	0.501	0.507	0.512	0.516	0.524
27.0	0.307	0.350	0.361	0.369	0.377	0.386	0.394	0.402	0.408	0.414	0.421	0.428	0.434	0.439	0.444	0.449	0.454	0.459	0.468	0.476	0.484	0.490	0.495	0.500	0.507
28.0	0.292	0.335	0.346	0.355	0.362	0.370	0.377	0.385	0.392	0.398	0.405	0.410	0.417	0.422	0.427	0.431	0.436	0.441	0.449	0.459	0.467	0.473	0.478	0.483	0.490
29.0	0.279	0.321	0.332	0.340	0.344	0.355	0.362	0.370	0.375	0.382	0.388	0.395	0.400	0.405	0.410	0.415	0.420	0.425	0.433	0.441	0.450	0.457	0.461	0.466	0.473
30.0	0.266	0.307	0.317	0.325	0.332	0.340	0.347	0.354	0.360	0.366	0.373	0.378	0.384	0.389	0.394	0.399	0.403	0.409	0.417	0.425	0.434	0.440	0.444	0.450	0.456

EQ SQ, Equivalent square.

Factors Affecting TMR

- Field Size – \uparrow FS \rightarrow \uparrow TMR
- Beam Energy - \uparrow Energy \rightarrow \uparrow TMR
- Go deeper into patient - \downarrow TMR

- ****Source to Skin Distance

DOES NOT AFFECT TMR

(~2% accuracy)****

Monitor Unit Calculations Using TMR

- Calculate the Monitor Unit necessary to deliver 180cGy to a 5cm depth 10x10 field size 100cmSAD TMR = 97.7%

6Mv Linear Accelerator

Machine output at 100cm from source is
1cGy/MU

Monitor Unit Calculation Using TMR

Monitor Unit =

Tumor Dose

Machine output x Sc x Sp x TMR x (any other absorption factors)
(at distance of Rx SAD)

TMR Monitor Unit Calculations for 6Mv Linear Accelerator

180

= 184.24 MU

1.0cGy/MU x 1.0 x 1.0 x .977

machine output at Rx SAD

S_c

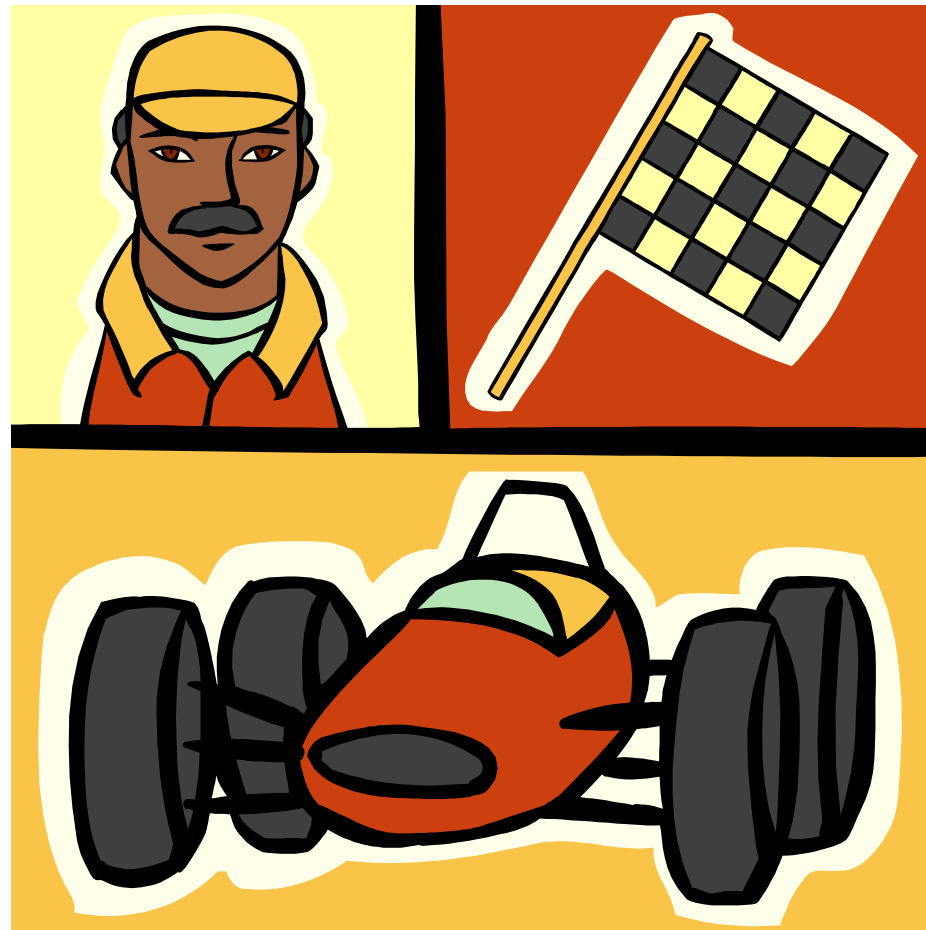
S_p

TMR

Factors Affecting PDD/TAR/TMR

	PDD	TAR	TMR
Increase Beam Energy	↑	↑	↑
Increase Field Size	↑	↑	↑
Increase Depth in Patient (go deeper)	↓	↓	↓
Increase SSD (use Mayneord's F Factor)	↑	NO Change	NO Change

Gantry Speed for Rotational Treatments



Speed of Gantry for Rotational Treatment

- To set speed of gantry during a moving field treatment

Treatment Monitor units
number of degrees of treatment arc

Problem for the Speed of the Gantry for Rotational Treatment

- What would be the monitor units per degree (aka speed of gantry) when

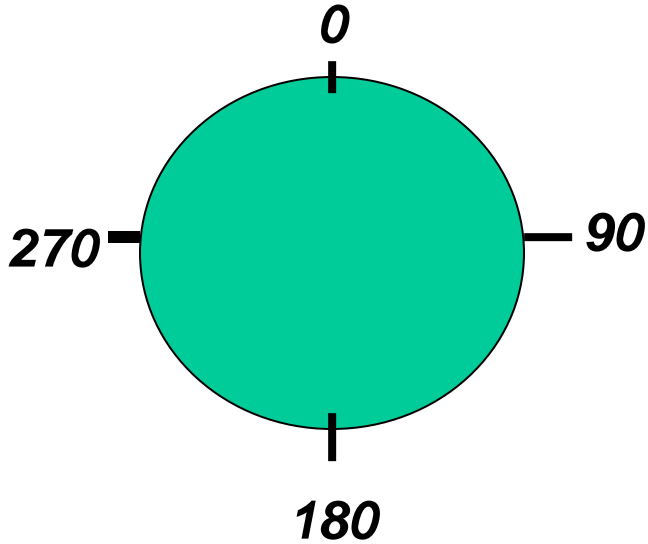
The monitor units is 255 for an anterior arc of 180 degrees?

Treatment Monitor units

number of degrees of treatment arc

$$255/180 = 1.4166 = 1.42 \text{ MU/degree}$$

Where is the **FINISHING** angle for the arc?



- If the MU are 255 and the MU/degree is 1.42 and the gantry starts at gantry angle of 270, travels clockwise.....WHERE is the **FINISHING** (aka STOP) gantry angle for this treatment?

Where is the FINISHING angle for the arc?

1. Determine the number of degrees in the arc

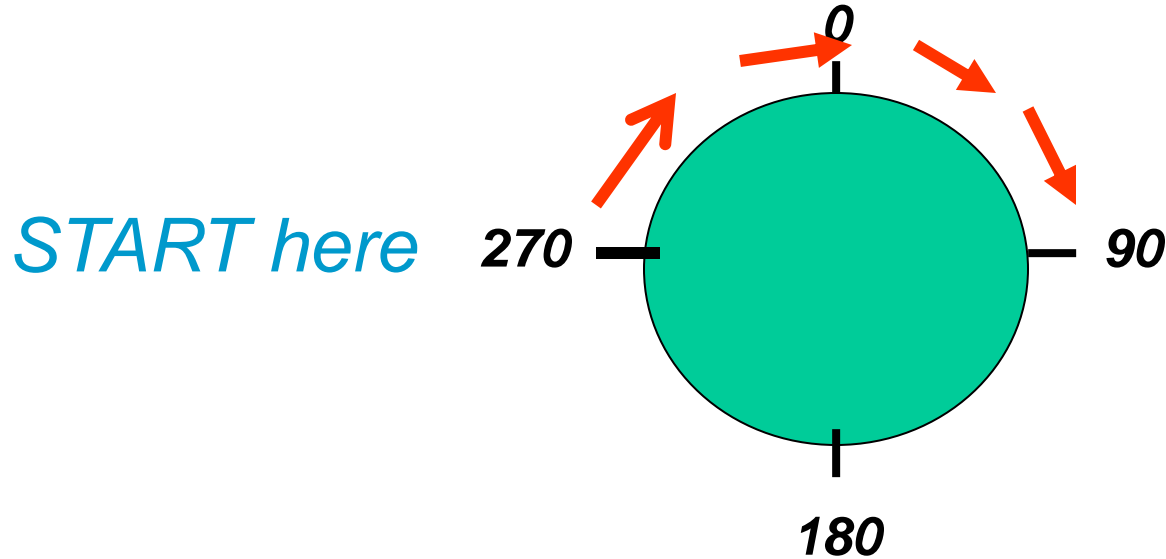
$$\frac{\text{Treatment Monitor units}}{\text{number of degrees of treatment arc}} = \text{gantry speed}$$

$$\frac{255}{???} = 1.42$$

$$255 / 1.42 = ??? = 180 \text{ degrees in the arc}$$

2. Look at gantry angle orientation AND direction of the gantry movement

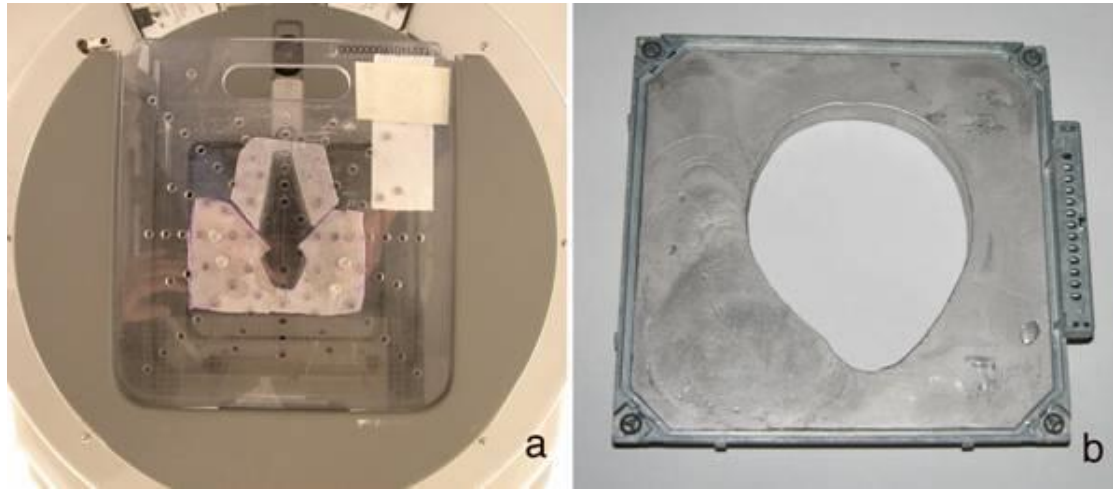
Where is the **FINISHING** angle for the arc?



AND...the **FINISHING** angle is



Blocking/MLC



BLOCKS

- Shape the Radiation Field to shield/protect normal tissues
- Must be at least **5 HVL** thick to allow **< 5%** transmission
- Made of **Cerrobend** – (Lipowitz's metal)
Bismuth, Lead, Tin & Cadmium
- Main Advantage – **Low Melting Point**



Cerrobend Ratio to Lead

- Since cerrobend is a Lead alloy, we need MORE cerrobend to do the same shielding as Pure Lead
*****1.25 cm Cerrobend ~ 1.00cm Pure Lead*****
- Problem: How much cerrobend is needed for blocks to be used on a machine whose HVL = 1.1cm Lead?
- $1.25 \times 1.1 = 1.375\text{cm cerrobend} \times 5 = 6.875\text{cm}$

Tray to Hold Blocks

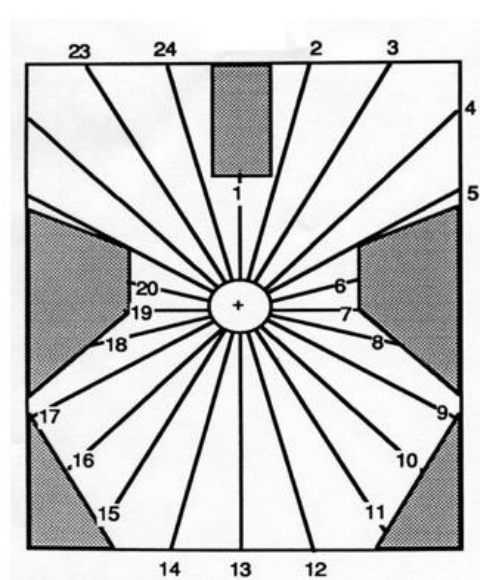


Tray Factor

- Amount of *Transmission* through the plastic tray which holds the Cerrobend blocks
- Dose *With* Tray in place = 97cGy
- Dose *Without* Tray = 100cGy
- Transmission Factor = $97/100 = .97$

(Same concept can be applied to compensator/physical wedges)

Clarkson Calculation



Also called “*Irregular Field Calculation*”
corrects for the *lack of scatter* due to shielding

- The Tissue Air Ratio value needed to calculate the Monitor Unit, is made up of contributions from both the Primary radiation - 0x0 field size (TAR_0) – *when e- hits target, photons produced = primary beam*

added to scatter (SAR)

$$TAR = TAR_0 + SAR$$

6MV TAR

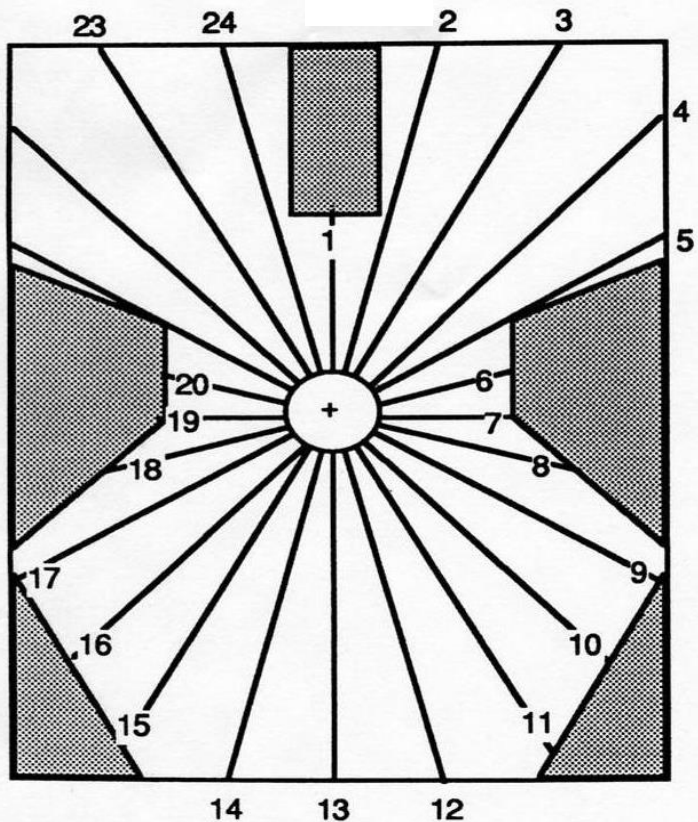
Tab 24 6-MV Tissue-Air Ratio

Eq. S. Dep. (cm)	0	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	35
0.0	0.186	0.187	0.187	0.200	0.213	0.227	0.240	0.254	0.266	0.279	0.291	0.304	0.316	0.329	0.342	0.354	0.367	0.380	0.396	0.412	0.428	0.443	0.457	0.471	0.492
1.0	0.957	0.960	0.961	0.965	0.970	0.974	0.979	0.984	0.987	0.990	0.994	0.997	1.000	1.002	1.003	1.005	1.006	1.008	1.012	1.017	1.021	1.025	1.028	1.032	1.037
1.5	1.000	1.002	1.003	1.007	1.012	1.016	1.021	1.025	1.028	1.031	1.033	1.036	1.039	1.040	1.041	1.043	1.044	1.045	1.048	1.051	1.054	1.057	1.060	1.063	1.067
2.0	0.982	0.992	0.994	0.999	1.004	1.009	1.014	1.018	1.021	1.024	1.027	1.030	1.032	1.034	1.035	1.037	1.038	1.039	1.043	1.046	1.049	1.052	1.055	1.057	1.061
3.0	0.936	0.966	0.973	0.979	0.986	0.991	0.996	1.001	1.004	1.007	1.010	1.013	1.016	1.018	1.020	1.021	1.023	1.025	1.028	1.032	1.035	1.038	1.041	1.043	1.047
4.0	0.894	0.940	0.951	0.959	0.966	0.972	0.977	0.982	0.985	0.988	0.991	0.994	0.997	0.999	1.001	1.004	1.006	1.008	1.012	1.015	1.019	1.022	1.025	1.027	1.031
5.0	0.853	0.903	0.915	0.924	0.933	0.941	0.946	0.952	0.956	0.961	0.965	0.970	0.974	0.977	0.979	0.982	0.984	0.987	0.991	0.996	1.000	1.003	1.006	1.009	1.013
6.0	0.814	0.867	0.880	0.890	0.900	0.909	0.916	0.923	0.928	0.933	0.939	0.944	0.949	0.952	0.955	0.958	0.961	0.964	0.969	0.974	0.979	0.984	0.987	0.990	0.995
7.0	0.777	0.831	0.845	0.857	0.868	0.878	0.886	0.894	0.900	0.906	0.911	0.917	0.923	0.926	0.930	0.933	0.937	0.940	0.946	0.951	0.957	0.962	0.965	0.969	0.974
8.0	0.742	0.798	0.812	0.824	0.837	0.847	0.856	0.865	0.871	0.878	0.884	0.891	0.897	0.901	0.905	0.908	0.912	0.916	0.922	0.928	0.934	0.939	0.943	0.946	0.952
9.0	0.708	0.765	0.779	0.792	0.805	0.817	0.826	0.836	0.843	0.850	0.856	0.863	0.870	0.874	0.878	0.883	0.887	0.891	0.898	0.904	0.911	0.916	0.920	0.924	0.930
10.0	0.676	0.733	0.747	0.761	0.775	0.787	0.798	0.808	0.815	0.822	0.830	0.837	0.844	0.848	0.853	0.857	0.862	0.866	0.873	0.880	0.887	0.892	0.897	0.901	0.908
11.0	0.645	0.702	0.716	0.730	0.744	0.756	0.767	0.778	0.786	0.793	0.801	0.808	0.816	0.821	0.826	0.830	0.835	0.840	0.847	0.854	0.861	0.867	0.872	0.876	0.883
12.0	0.616	0.672	0.686	0.700	0.714	0.727	0.738	0.749	0.757	0.765	0.772	0.780	0.788	0.793	0.798	0.804	0.809	0.814	0.822	0.829	0.837	0.843	0.848	0.852	0.859
13.0	0.588	0.643	0.657	0.671	0.684	0.697	0.709	0.721	0.729	0.737	0.745	0.753	0.761	0.766	0.772	0.777	0.783	0.788	0.796	0.804	0.812	0.818	0.823	0.828	0.835
14.0	0.561	0.616	0.630	0.643	0.656	0.669	0.681	0.693	0.701	0.709	0.718	0.726	0.734	0.740	0.745	0.751	0.756	0.762	0.771	0.779	0.788	0.794	0.799	0.804	0.811
15.0	0.536	0.590	0.604	0.617	0.630	0.642	0.655	0.667	0.675	0.684	0.692	0.701	0.709	0.715	0.721	0.726	0.732	0.738	0.747	0.755	0.764	0.771	0.776	0.781	0.788

- TAR for 15x15 (open field) at 10cm depth = .844
- TAR_0 for 0x0 at 10cm depth = .676
- $TAR = TAR_0 + SAR$
 $.844 = .676 + SAR$
 $.844 - .676 = SAR$
 $.168 = SAR$

Clarkson Calculation

1. Divide Field into Segments
2. Look up SAR value for EACH Radius Length
3. Get Average SAR value
4. Add Average SAR value to TAR_0
5. Use "adjusted" TAR value for MU Calculation



Calculate SAR at center of field.

Radius #	Length	SAR
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
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Beam Weighting



When the dose from EACH beam is the same, the beams are said to be *Equally Weighted*

Different doses from EACH beam is called *Unequally Weighted*

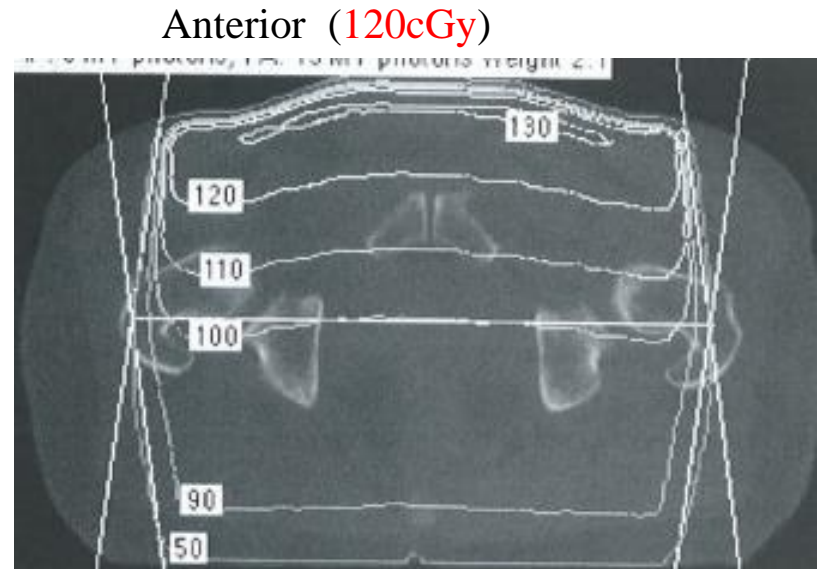
For example:

AP:PA :: 2:1 dose ratio

$$2x + 1x = 180\text{cGy}$$

$$3x = 180\text{cGy}$$

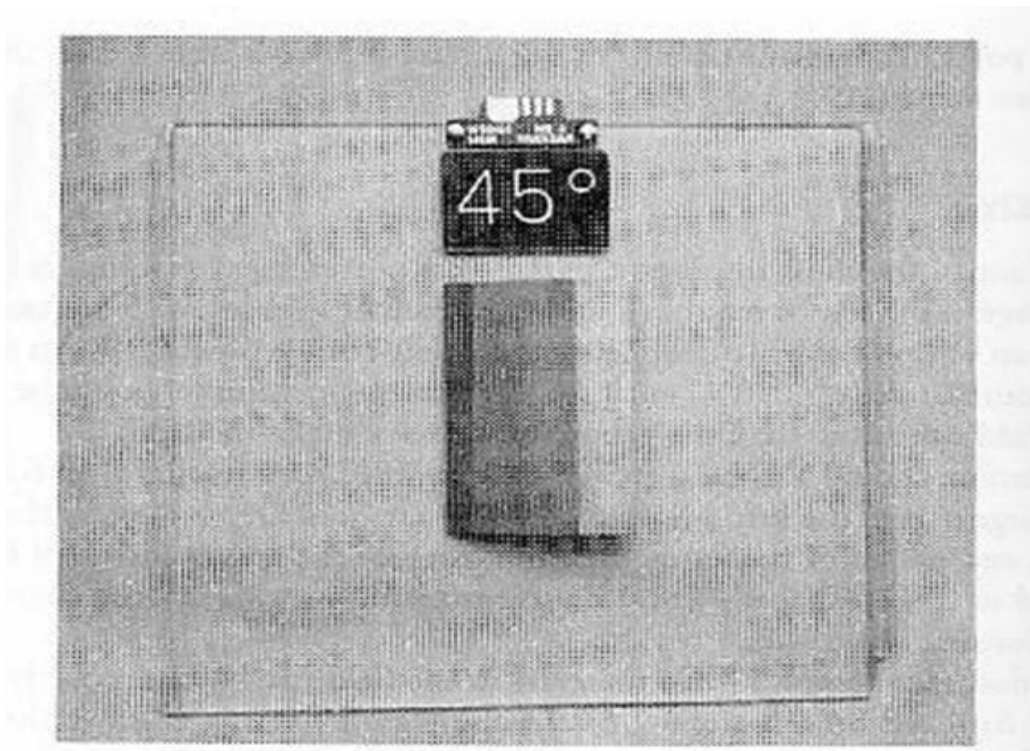
$$x = 60\text{cGy}$$



Posterior (60cGy)

Wedges

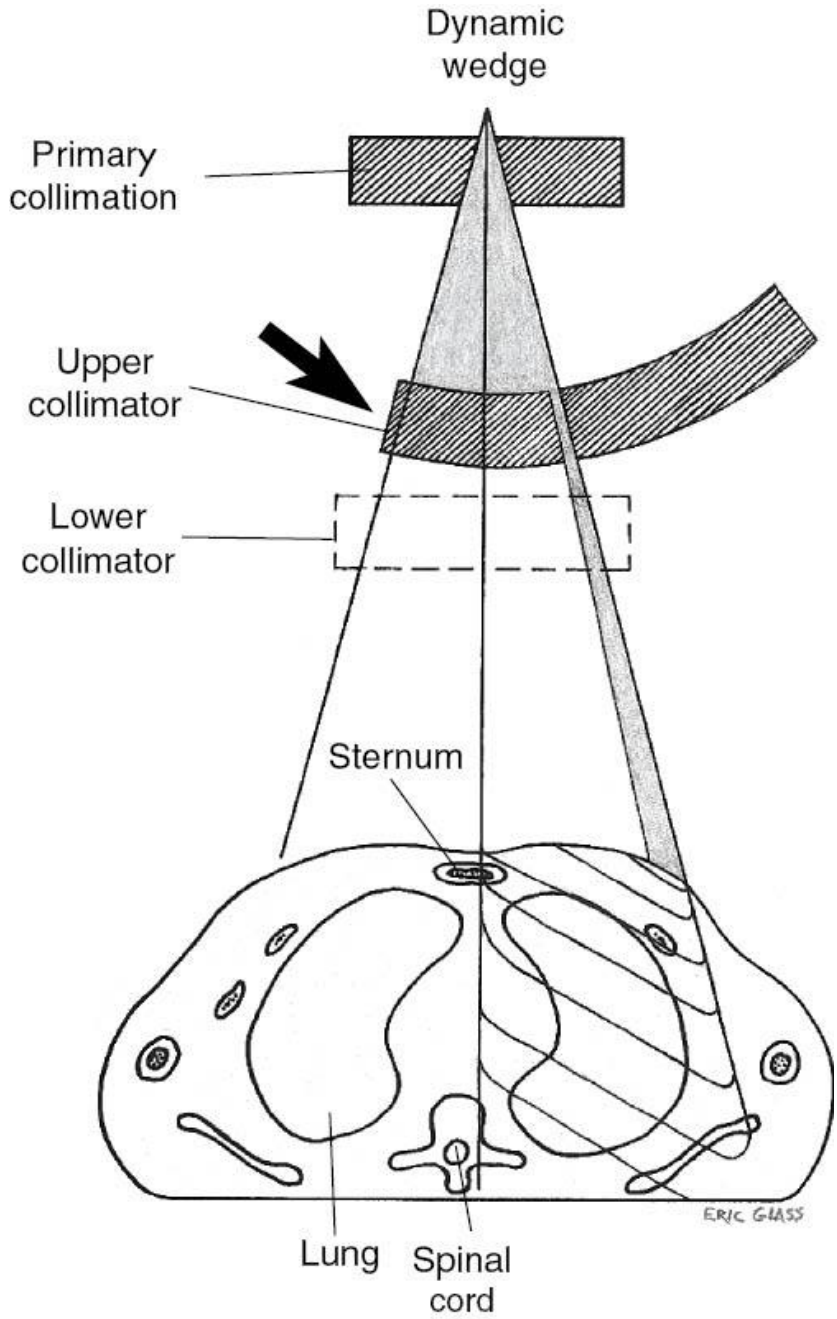
- The most **FREQUENTLY** used Beam Modifying Device
- The Physical wedges are shaped like a foot. Thick edge is called HEEL. Thin edge is called TOE



(Image from Kahn
The Physics of Radiation Therapy
4th Edition p 182)

Dynamic Wedge

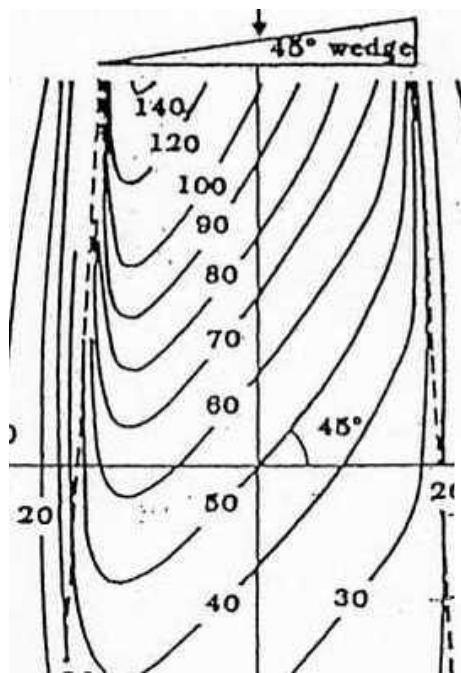
The upper collimator moves DURING the treatment – giving a “wedge effect”



(Courtesy Varian Medical Systems.)

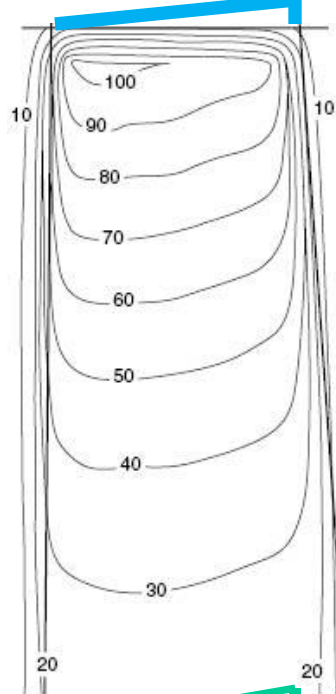
Wedge Angle

- Wedge Angle – angle through which an isodose curve is tilted at the central ray of a beam at a specified depth. The range of wedge angles is generally 15-60 degrees.
- wedge angle formula = $90 - (.5 \times \text{hinge angle})$

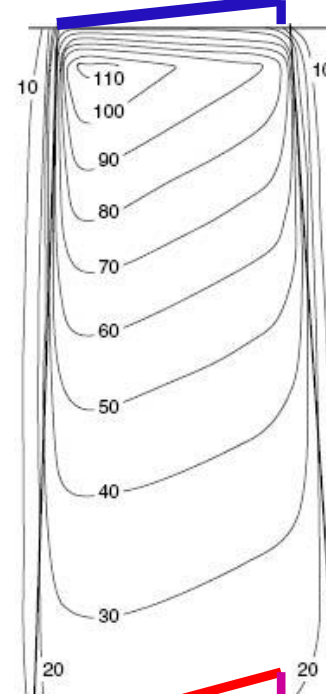


Kahn “wedge angle measurements recommended to be measured at 10cm depth”

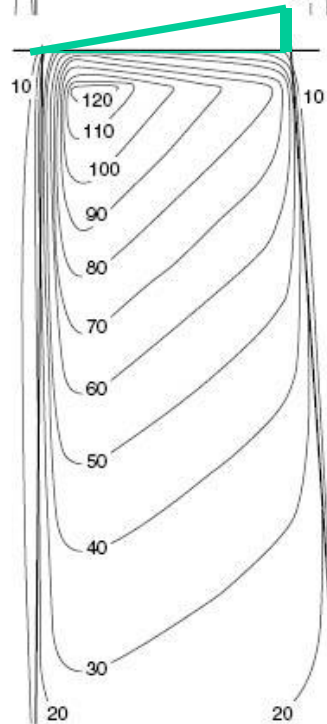
15 degree wedge



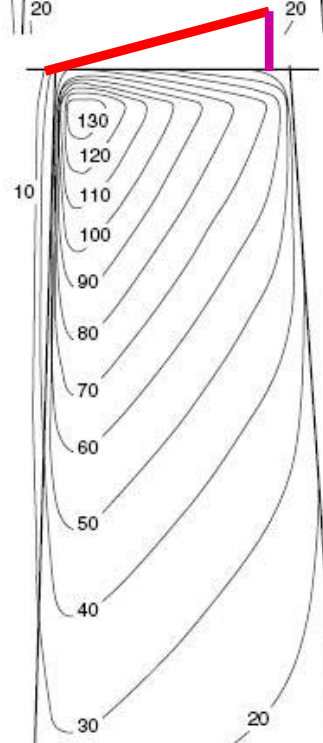
30 degree wedge



45 degree wedge

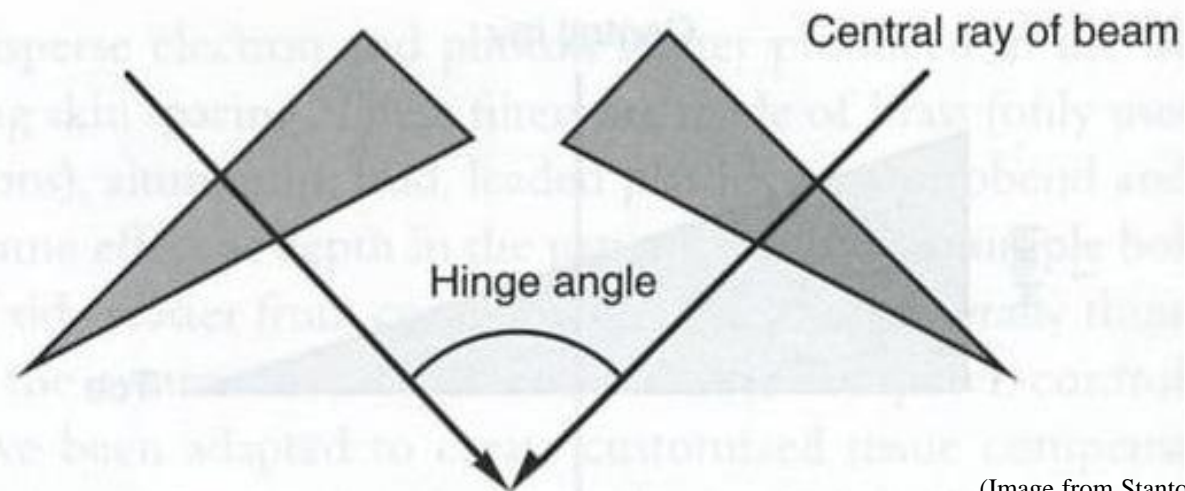


60 degree wedge



Hinge Angle

- Hinge Angle – angle between the central rays of two fields
- optimum hinge angle = $180 - (2 \times \text{wedge angle})$



(Image from Stanton & Stinson p242
Applied Physics for Radiation Oncology
Revised Edition)

Figure 14.20

The hinge angle is the angle between the central rays of the two beams.

Wedge Problems

- Determine the **wedge angle** to be used with a 150° hinge angle

$$\begin{aligned}\text{wedge angle formula} &= 90 - (.5 \times \text{hinge angle}) \\ &= 90 - (.5 \times 150) \\ &= 90 - (75) \\ &= 15^{\circ} \text{ wedge angle}\end{aligned}$$

- Determine the optimum **hinge angle** to be used with 15° wedges

$$\begin{aligned}\text{optimum hinge angle} &= 180 - (2 \times \text{wedge angle}) \\ &= 180 - (2 \times 15) \\ &= 180 - (30) \\ &= 150^{\circ} \text{ hinge angle}\end{aligned}$$

Wedge & Hinge Angles Table

Wedge Angle		Hinge Angle	
15		150	
30		120	
45		90	
60		60	

ALMOST Done.....



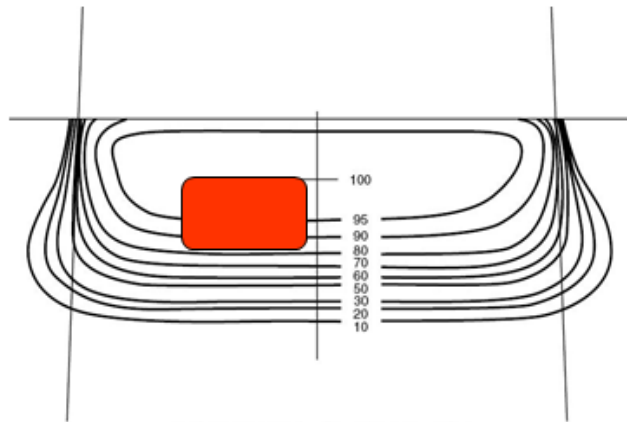
Electrons

- Electrons are “generally” used for boost treatments
 - To determine the approximate depth of an electron isodose line to cover the deepest part of a tumor, the following “rules of thumb” can be used:
 - - Mev/3.2 ~ depth of 90% isodose line
 - - Mev/2.8 ~ depth of 80% isodose line
 - - Mev/2 ~ depth of 10% isodose line
- Therapeutic Range
(info as per Kahn’s 5th edition)
- Practical range

Electron Problem

Electron with “Tumor Volume”

(deepest part of tumor to be covered by 80% isodose line)



(From Khan F. The physics of radiation therapy, Baltimore, 1984, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.)

(Image from Stanton & Stinson p242
Applied Physics for Radiation Oncology
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- Determine the appropriate electron energy to treat a tumor at **3cm** depth if the physician wants to treat to the **80%** isodose line.

Electron Problem

3cm to be covered by 80% IDL

- Available electron Energies:

7Mev

10Mev

13Mev

16Mev

Rule of Thumb

Mev/2.8 ~ depth of
80% isodose line

$$7\text{Mev}/2.8 = 2.50\text{cm}$$

$$10\text{Mev}/2.8 = 3.57\text{cm}$$

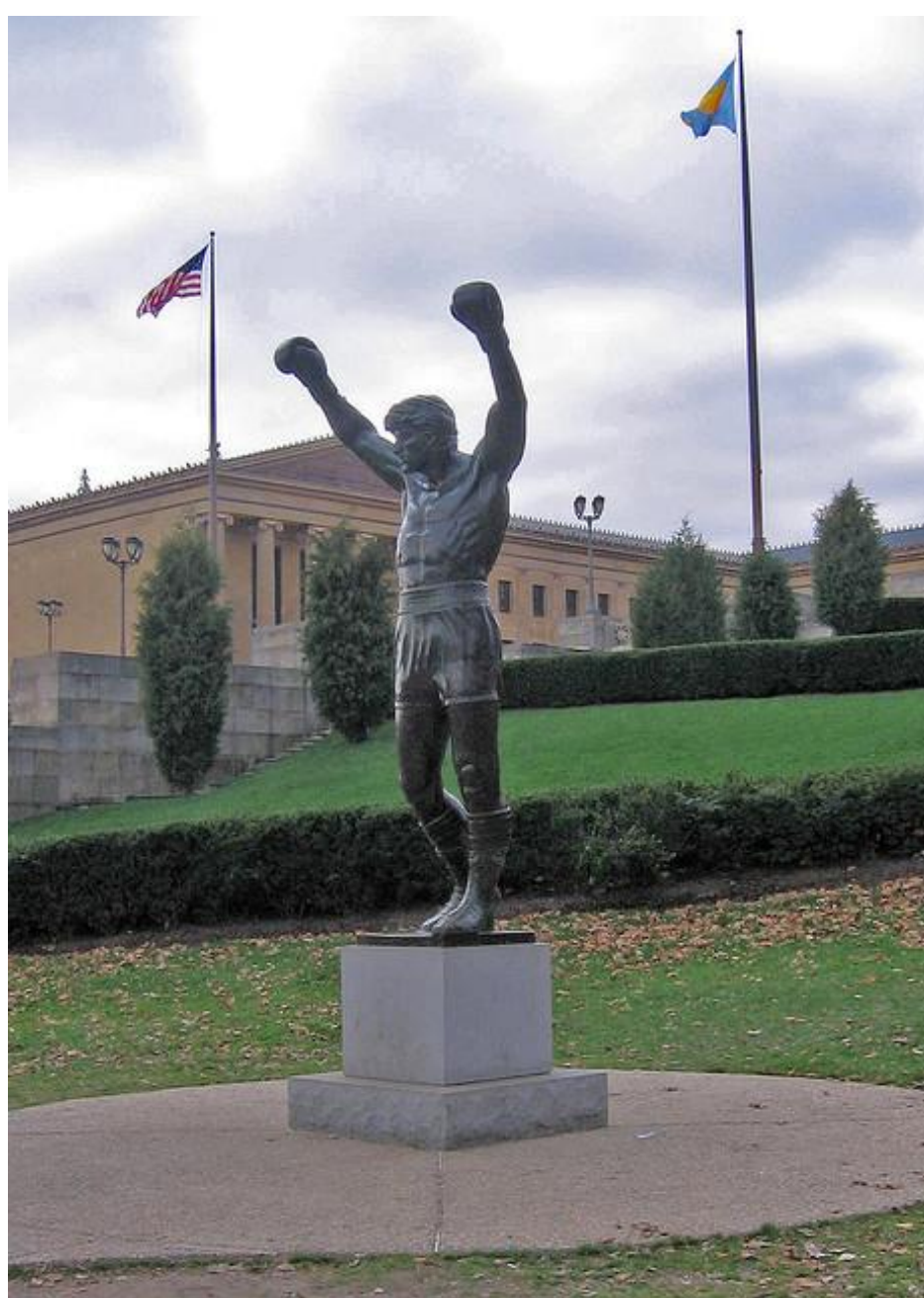
$$13\text{Mev}/2.8 = 4.64\text{cm}$$

Any Questions?

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Thank
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