



# 3D printing in brachytherapy

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# What is brachytherapy?

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External

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External

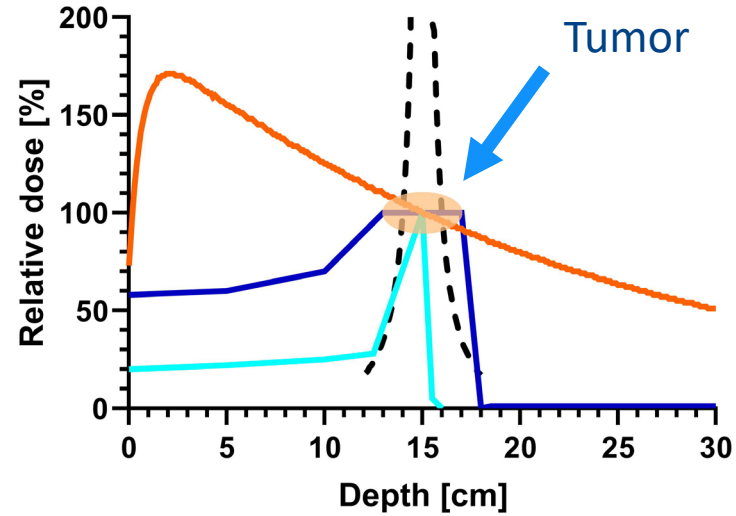
6 MeV  
10 MeV



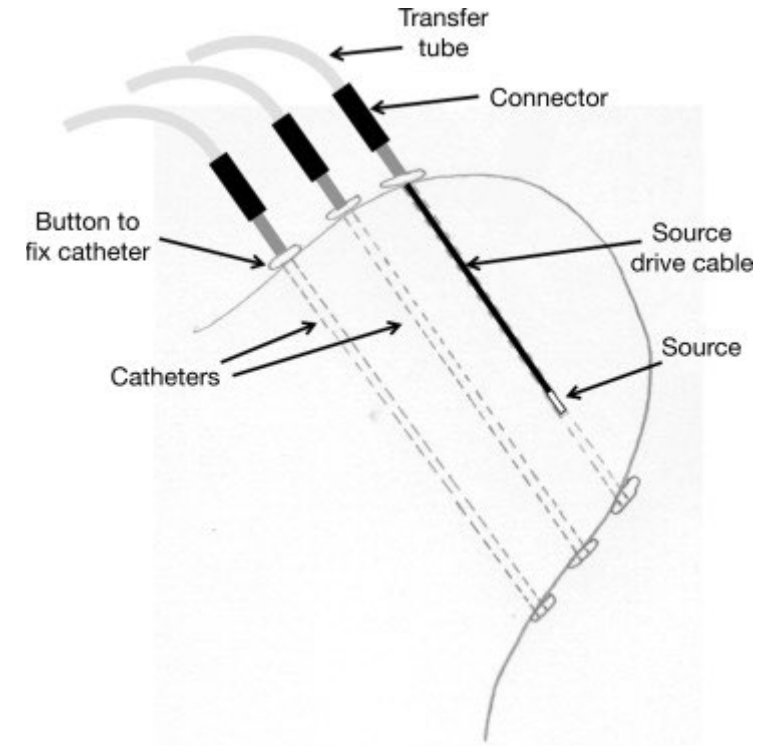
Internal

Ir-192  
Mean photon energy  
350 keV

# What is brachytherapy?



- Photons
- Protons
- Protons SOBP
- - BT Ir-192





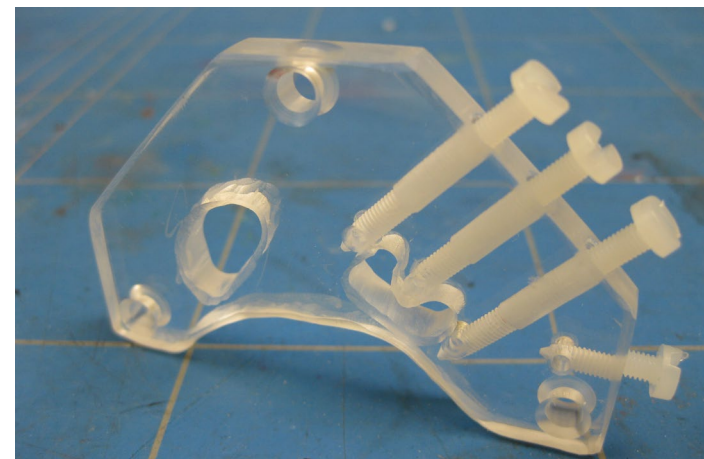
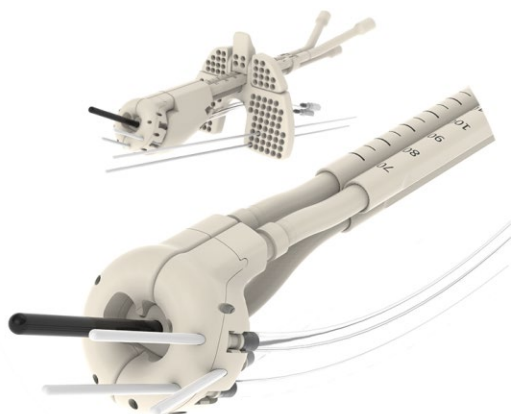
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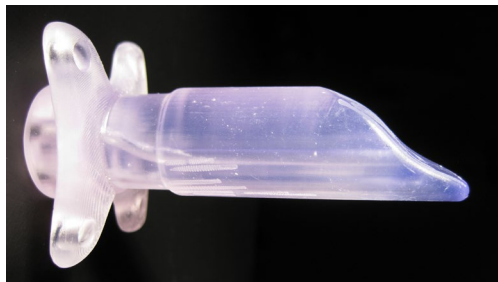
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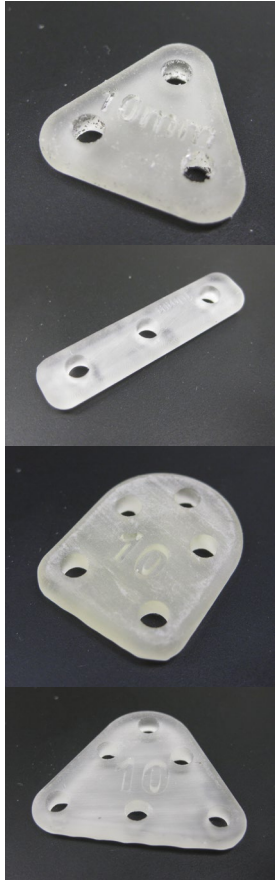
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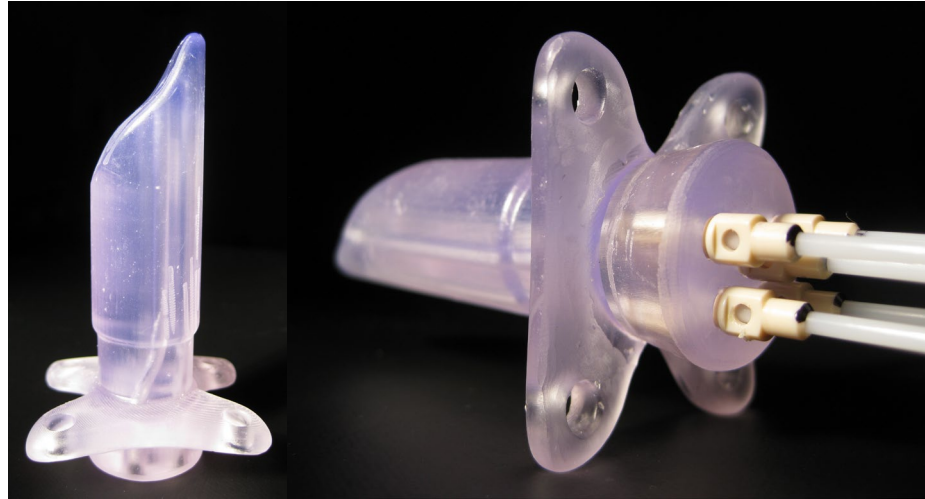




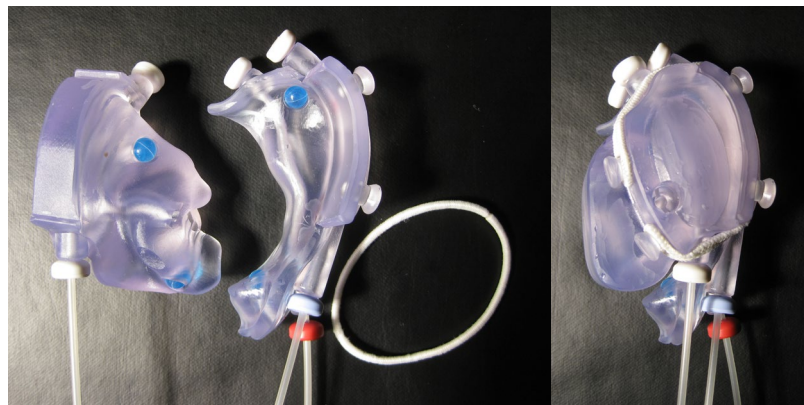
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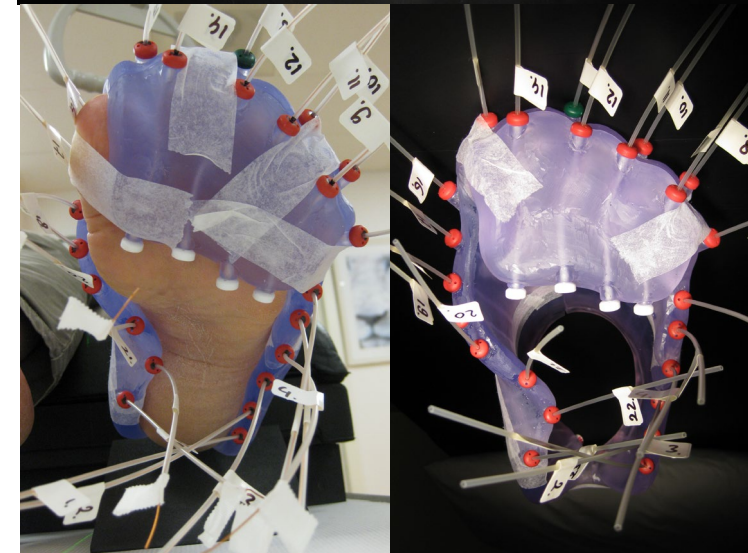
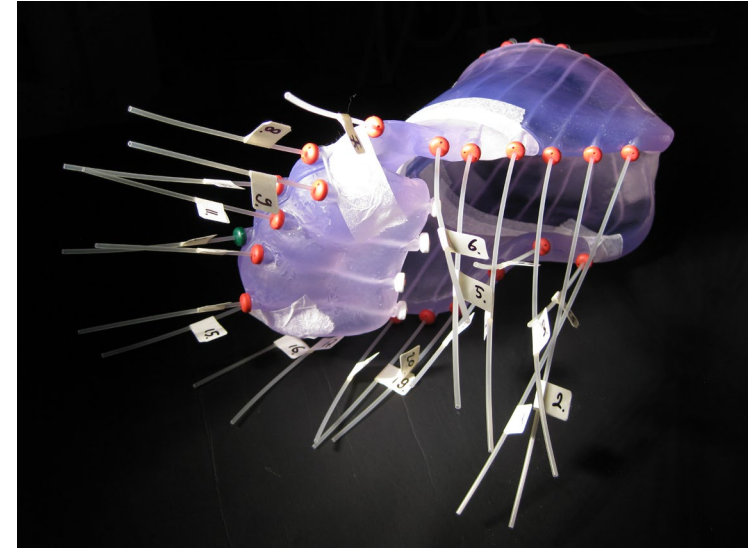
Lip



Vagina



Ear



Foot

# How it started

## AMORE technique

Ablative surgery, **MO**uld technique after loading brachytherapy, and surgical **Re**construction

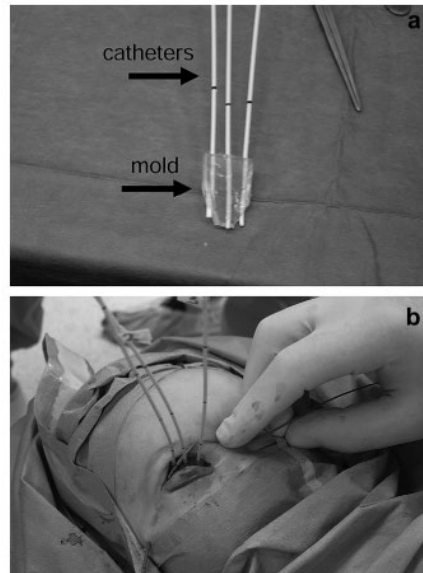


Fig. 1. (a) Silicon mold with three catheters inserted. (b) Mold containing catheters positioned in the surgical defect. Incision will be carefully closed over the mold.

Blank *et al.*, IJROBP, 2010

The AMORE protocol: a radiation oncology view ● L. E. C. M. BLANK *et al.*

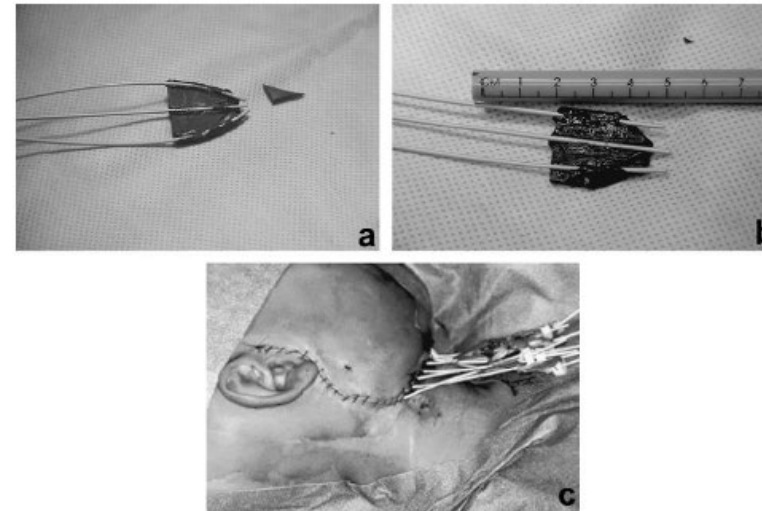


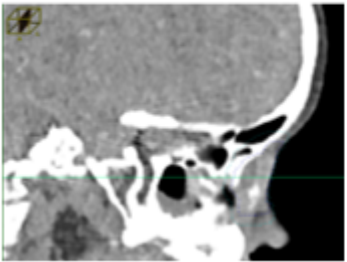
Fig. 1. Gutta Percha molds, cut into the desired shape, (a, b) containing flexible catheters for brachytherapy and (c) catheters protruding from a closed wound.

Blank *et al.*, IJROBP, 2009

# Workflow

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## Step 1 & 2



Pre-treatment imaging CT/MRI  
Match CT/MRI  
Delineation targets + organs at risk

## Days to application

-16

## Step 3



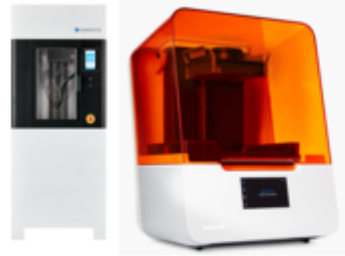
Pre-plan:  
Catheter construction  
Optimalization

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# Workflow

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## Step 4 & 5

Production 3D print:  
Design  
Printing  
Post-processing

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## Step 6 & 7

Validation 3D print  
Sterilization

-5

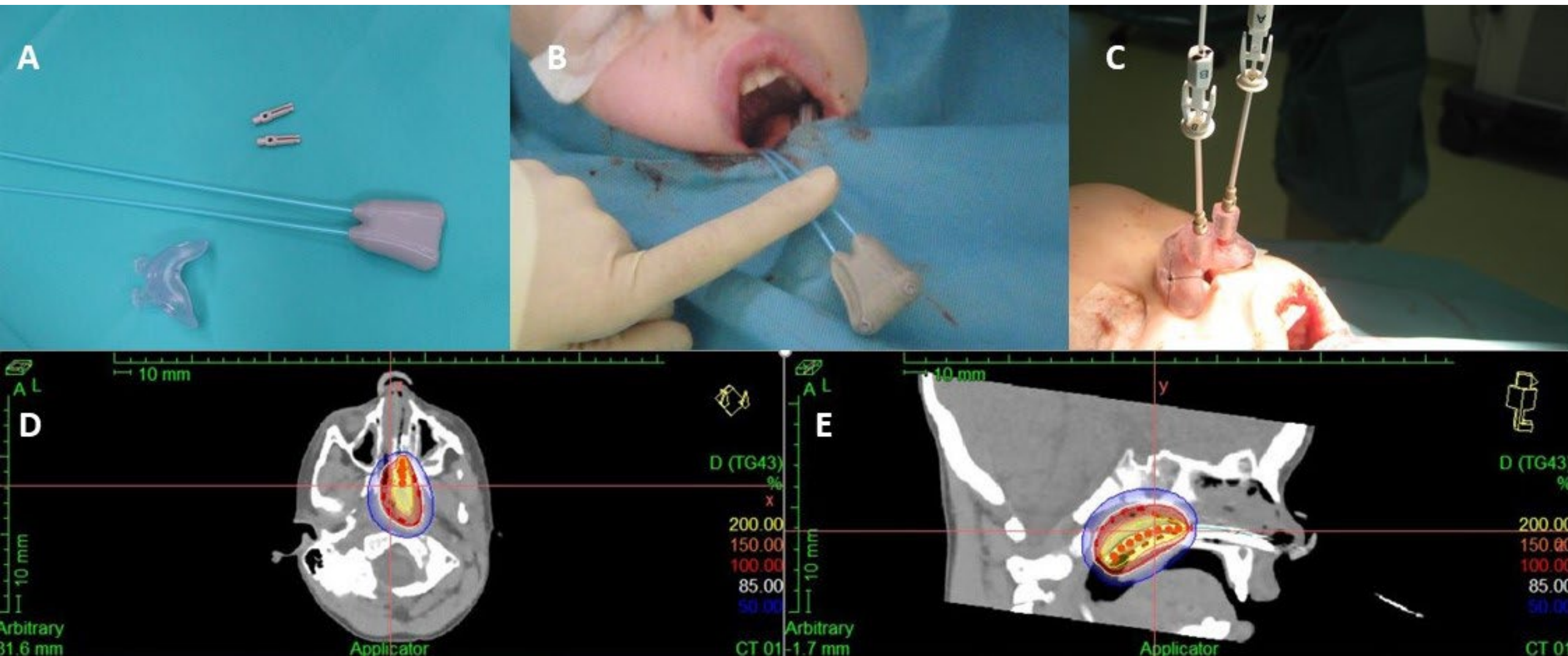


Mould ready for application

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# Case 1: Nasopharynx (6 years old)

Davila *et al.*, 2023, submitted





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Material: Biomed Clear



Material: PEEK

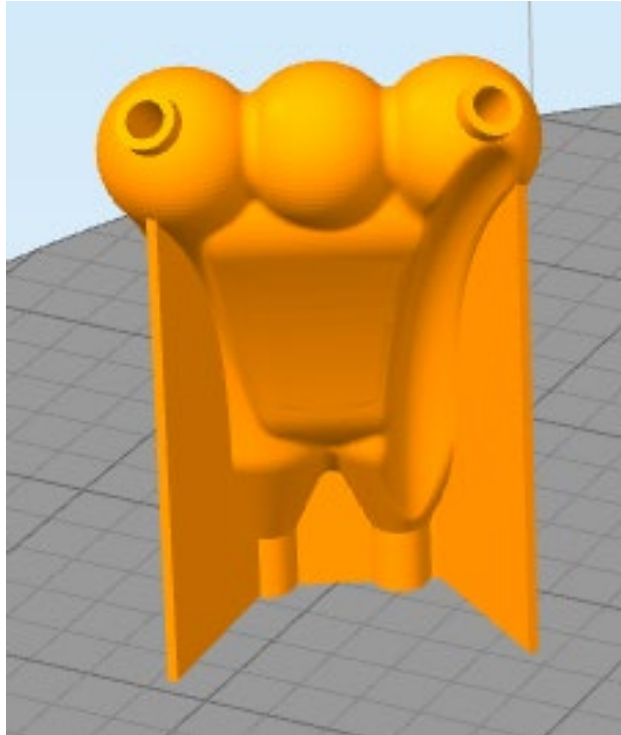


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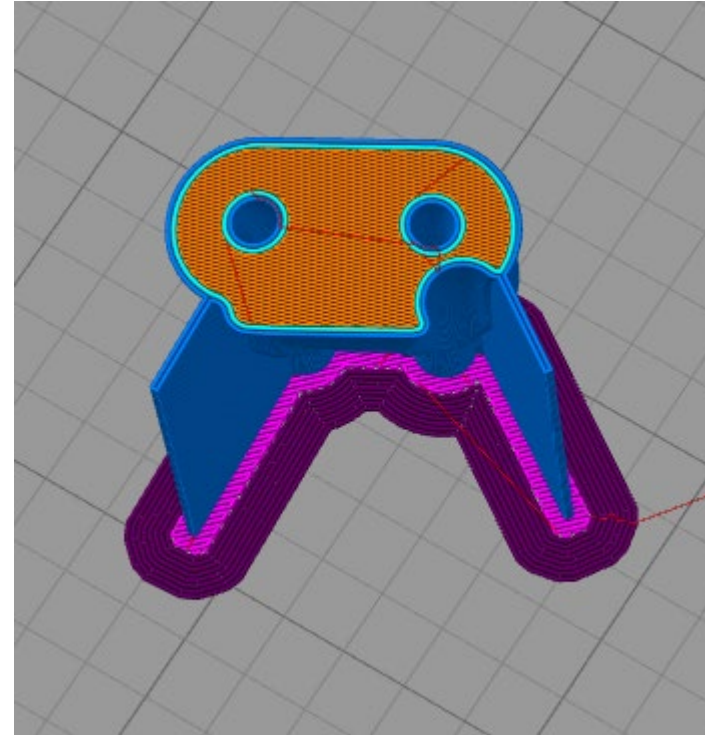


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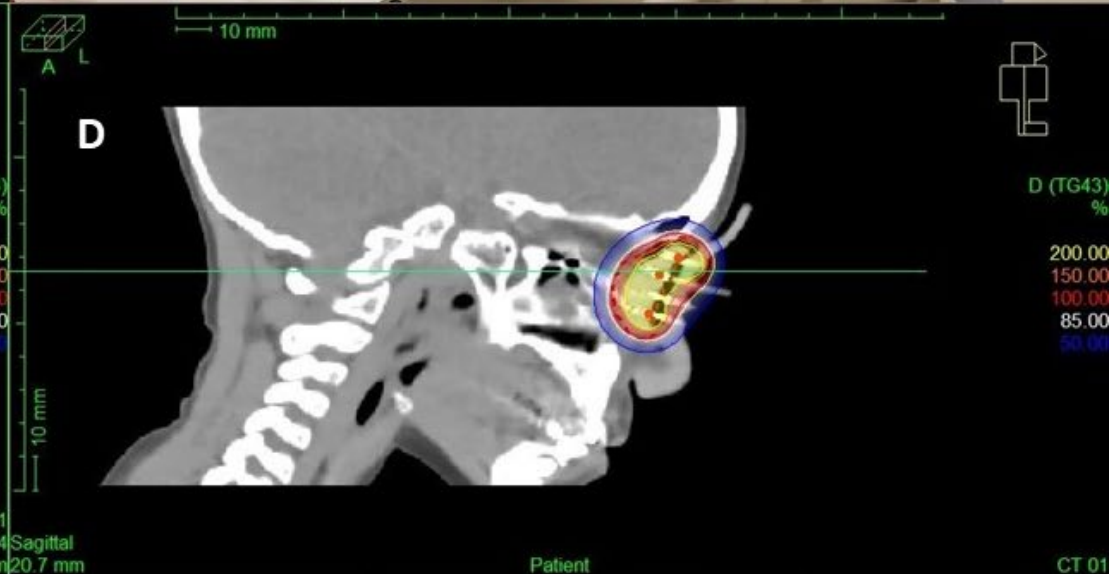
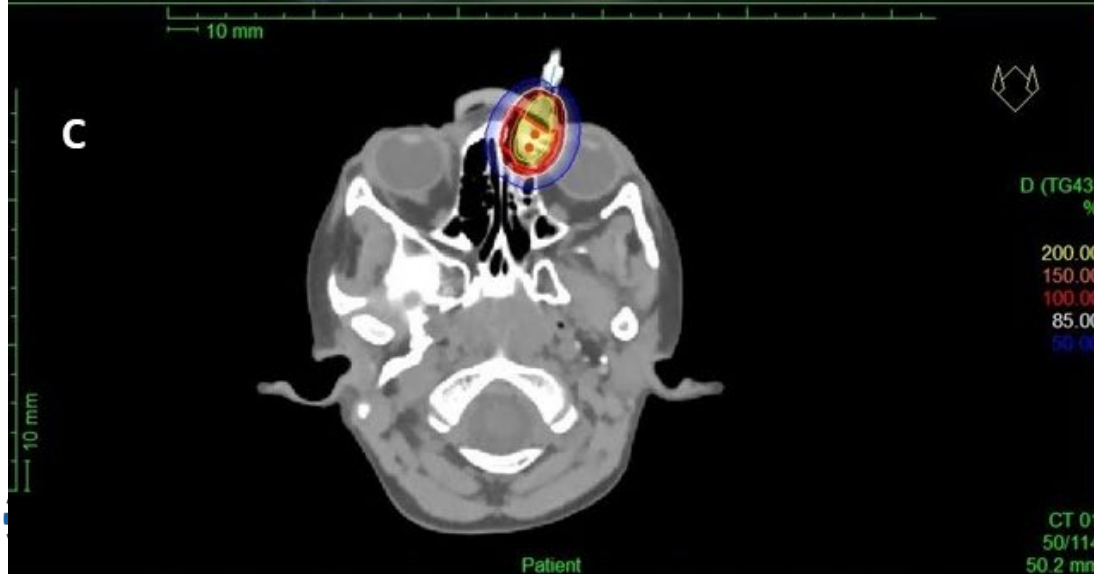


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# Case 2: left eye corner (9 years old)





## Case 2: left eye corner



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Material: Biomed Clear



Material: PEEK

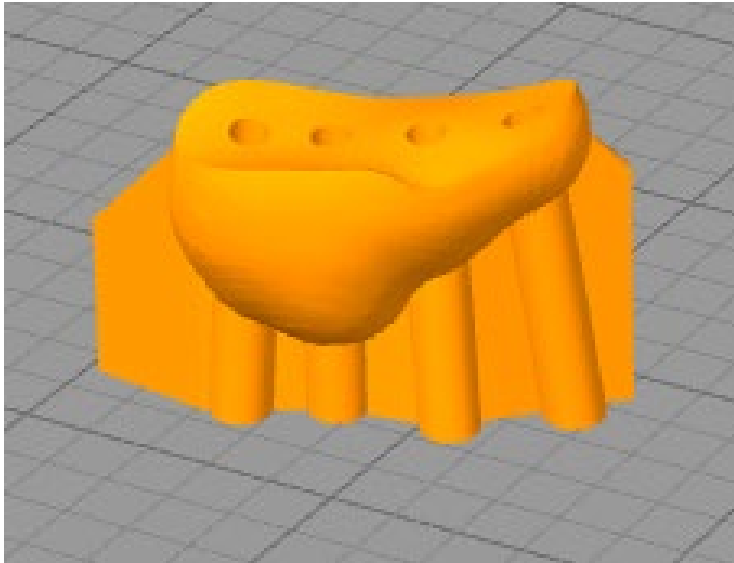


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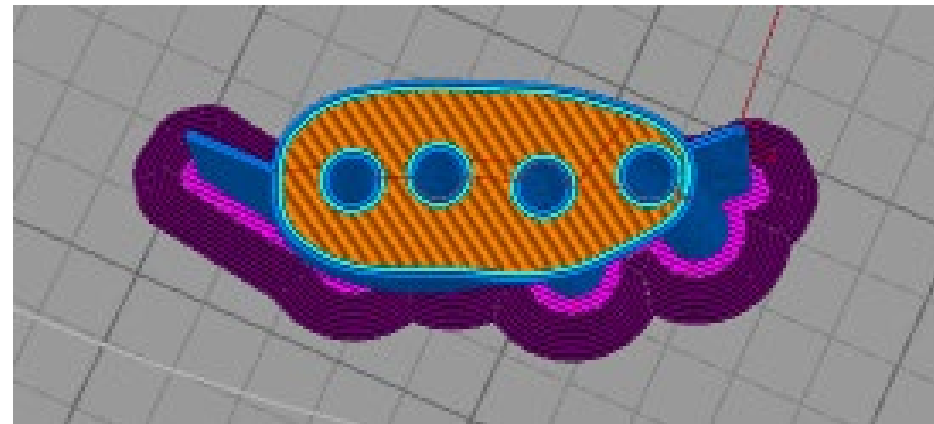


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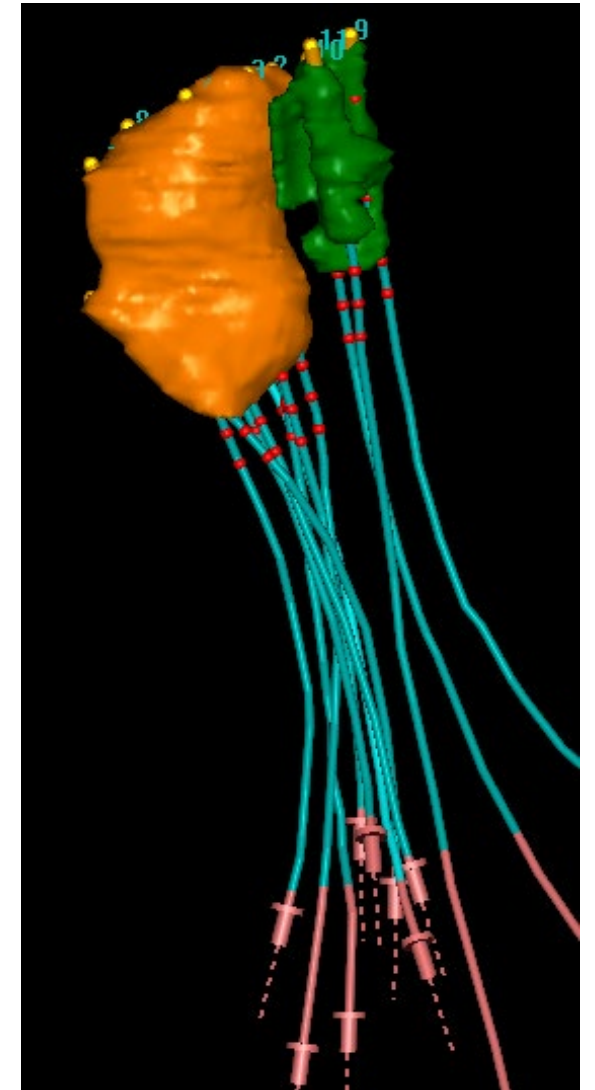
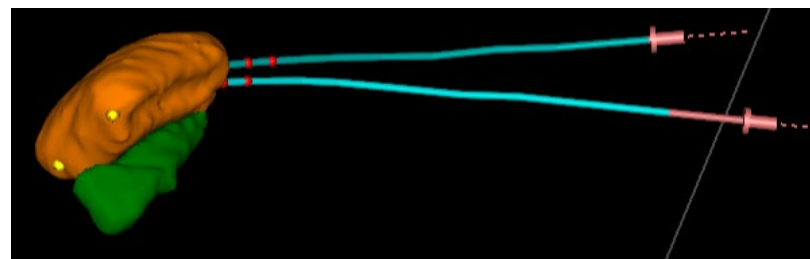
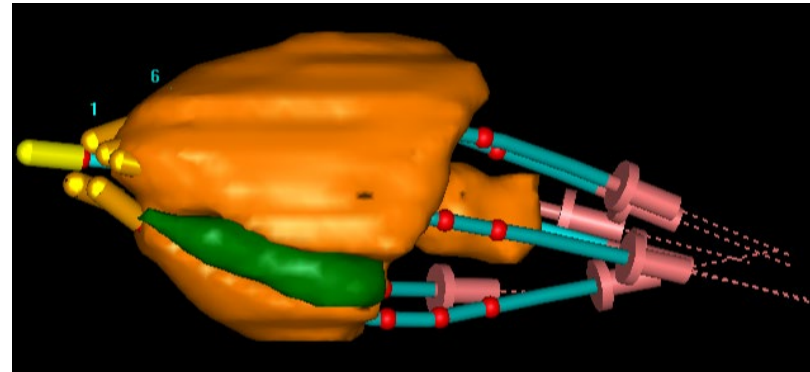
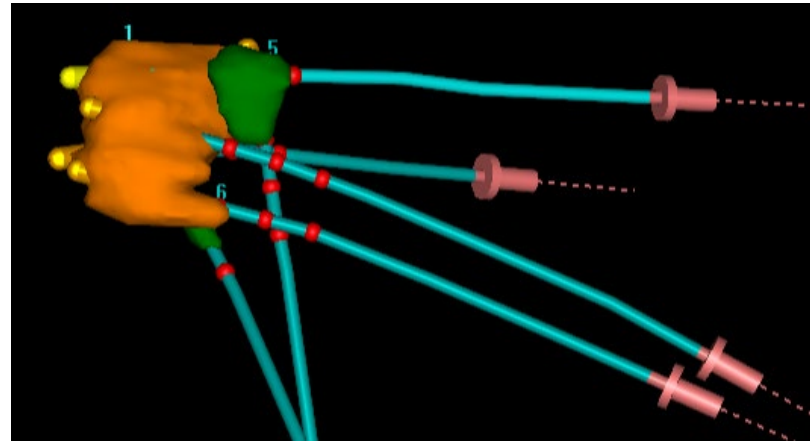
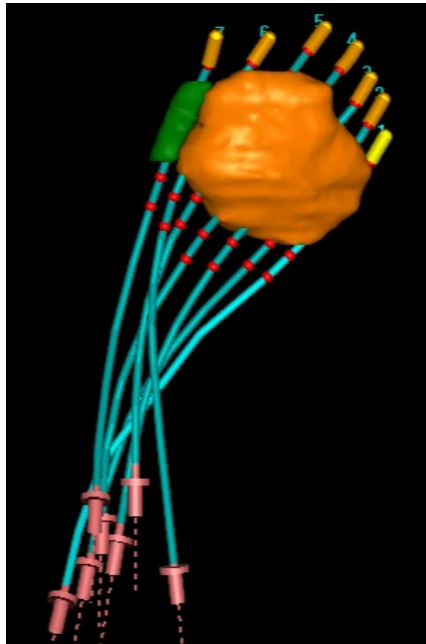


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# Future developments

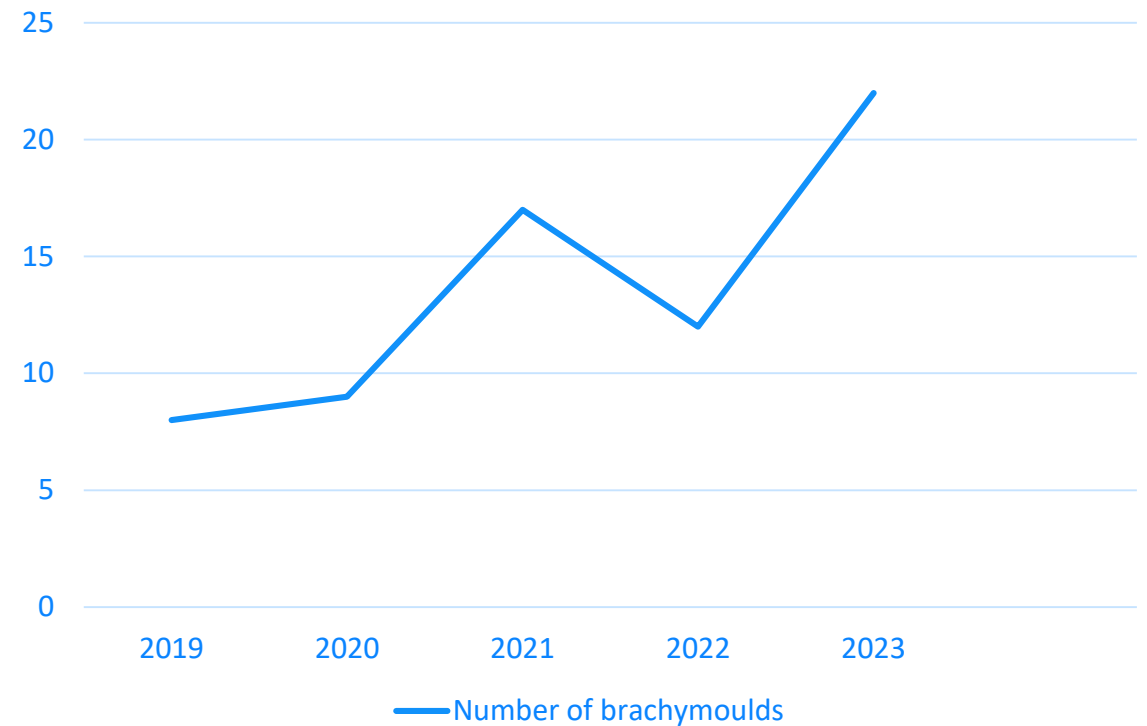
- Research to add-ons
- Flexibility during operation



# Future developments & conclusion

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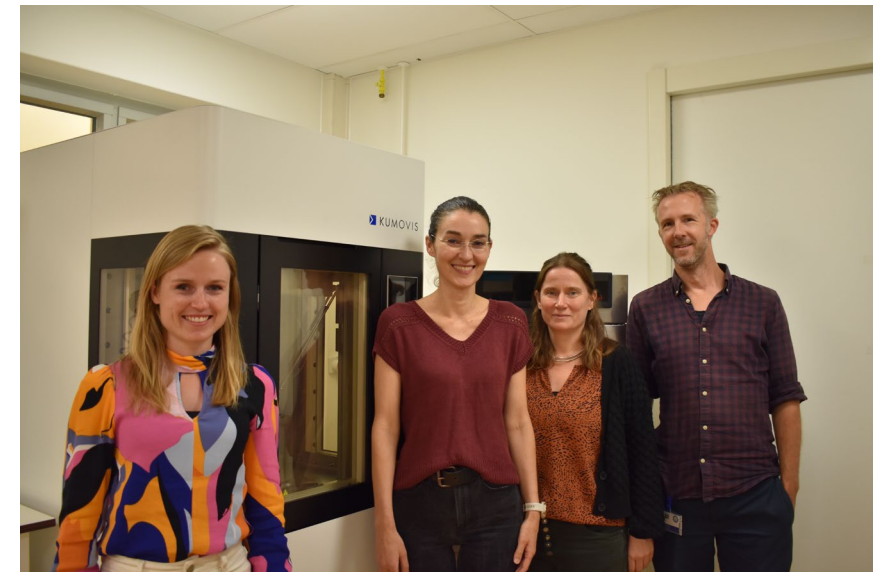
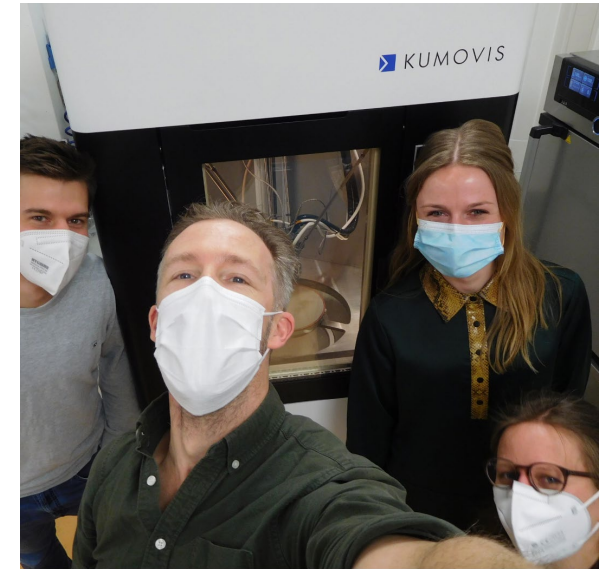
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- **Software**
- **Supports**



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Sites	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
PDR/HDR HN	6 (12)	4 (11)	5 (15)	9 (14)	12 (16)
PDR Pediatrics	2 (6)	0 (4)	3 (3)	2 (3)	6 (6)
HDR Skin	0 (0)	5 (5)	9 (9)	1 (1)	4 (4)
Total 3D moulds	8	9	17	12	22