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Brain Arteriovenous Malformations

radiosurgery

Natural history

- approx. 2-4 % annual risk of rupture
- risk higher with previous bleed
- can be associated to AVM size and presentation
- 10 % severe morbidity / mortality

Goal of AVM treatment

- resect or obliterate nidus - prevent (re)bleed
- preserve neurological function
- treat associated seizures (when possible)
- as little damage as possible with treatment

Grading of AVMs

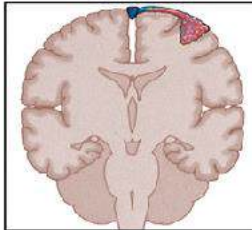
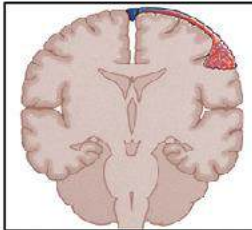
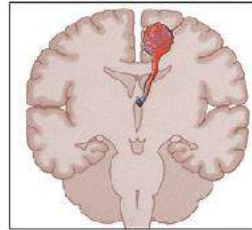
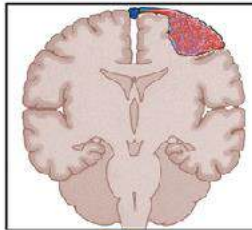
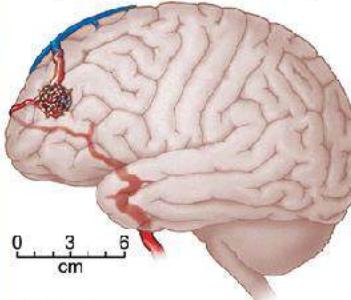
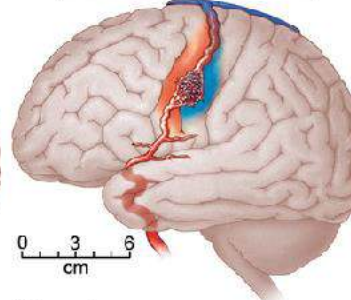
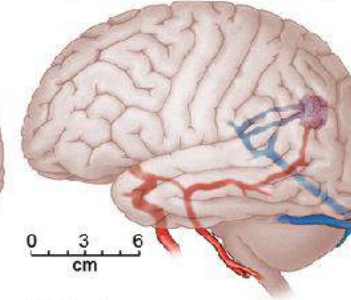
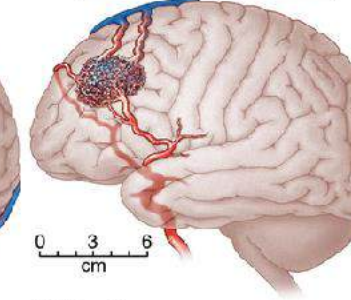
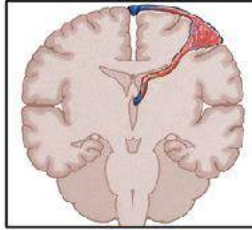
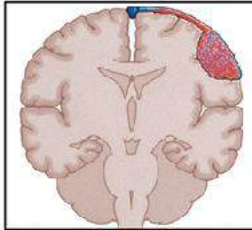
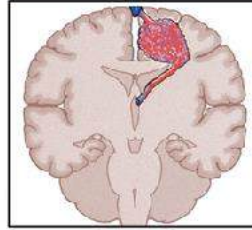
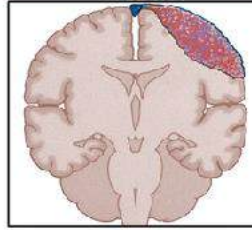
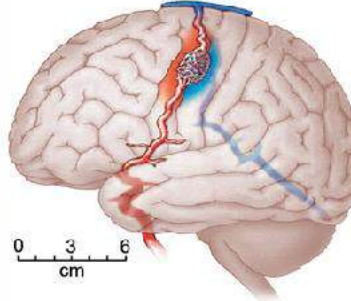
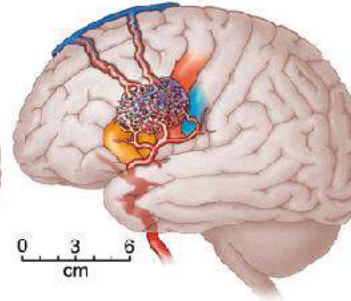
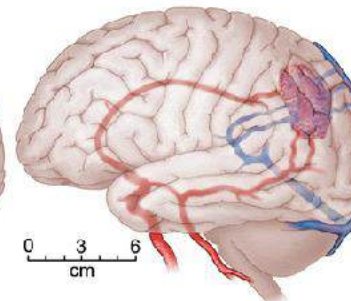
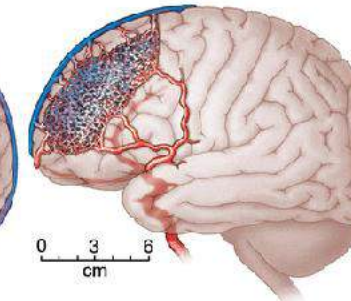
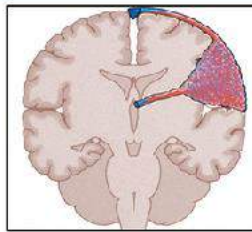
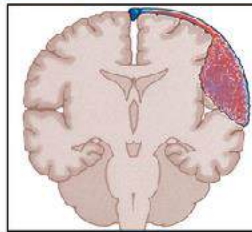
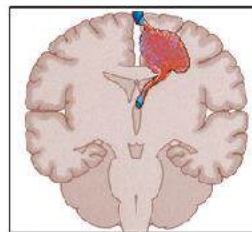
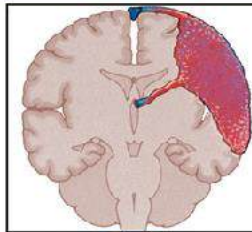
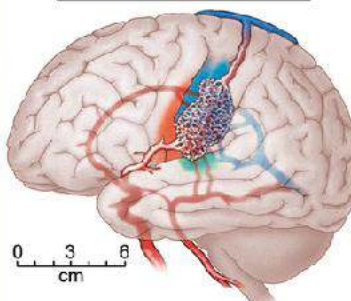
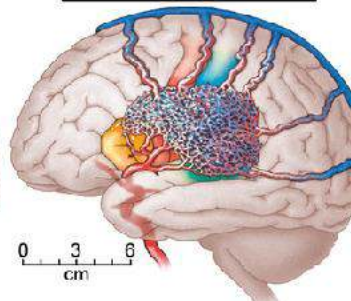
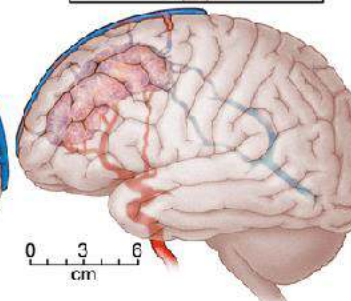
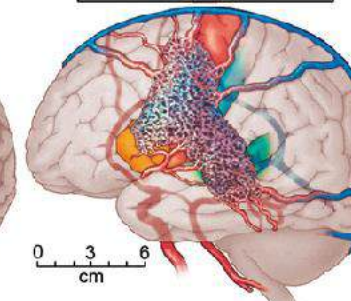
Spetzler - Martin Grading Scale

Characteristic	Number of points assigned
Size of AVM	
Small (<3 cm)	1 point
Medium (3–6 cm)	2 points
Large (>6 cm)	3 points
Location	
Noneloquent site	0 points
Eloquent site*	1 point
Pattern of venous drainage	
Superficial only	0 points
Deep component	1 point

* Sensorimotor, language, visual cortex, hypothalamus, thalamus, internal capsule, brain stem, cerebellar peduncles, or cerebellar nuclei.

Grading of AVMs

Spetzler - Ponce Grading Scale

		GRADE I		GRADE II			
Class A							
							
		Size - 1 Eloquence - 0 Venous drainage - 0	Size - 1 Eloquence - 1 Venous drainage - 0	Size - 1 Eloquence - 0 Venous drainage - 1	Size - 2 Eloquence - 0 Venous drainage - 0		
		GRADE III		GRADE IV		GRADE V	
Class B							
							
		Size - 1 Eloquence - 1 Venous drainage - 1	Size - 2 Eloquence - 1 Venous drainage - 0	Size - 2 Eloquence - 0 Venous drainage - 1	Size - 3 Eloquence - 0 Venous drainage - 0		
Class C							
							
		Size - 2 Eloquence - 1 Venous drainage - 1	Size - 3 Eloquence - 1 Venous drainage - 0	Size - 3 Eloquence - 0 Venous drainage - 1	Size - 3 Eloquence - 1 Venous drainage - 1		

Grading of AVMs

Supplemented SM Grading Scale

Lawton-Young Grading Scale

Spetzler-Martin grading

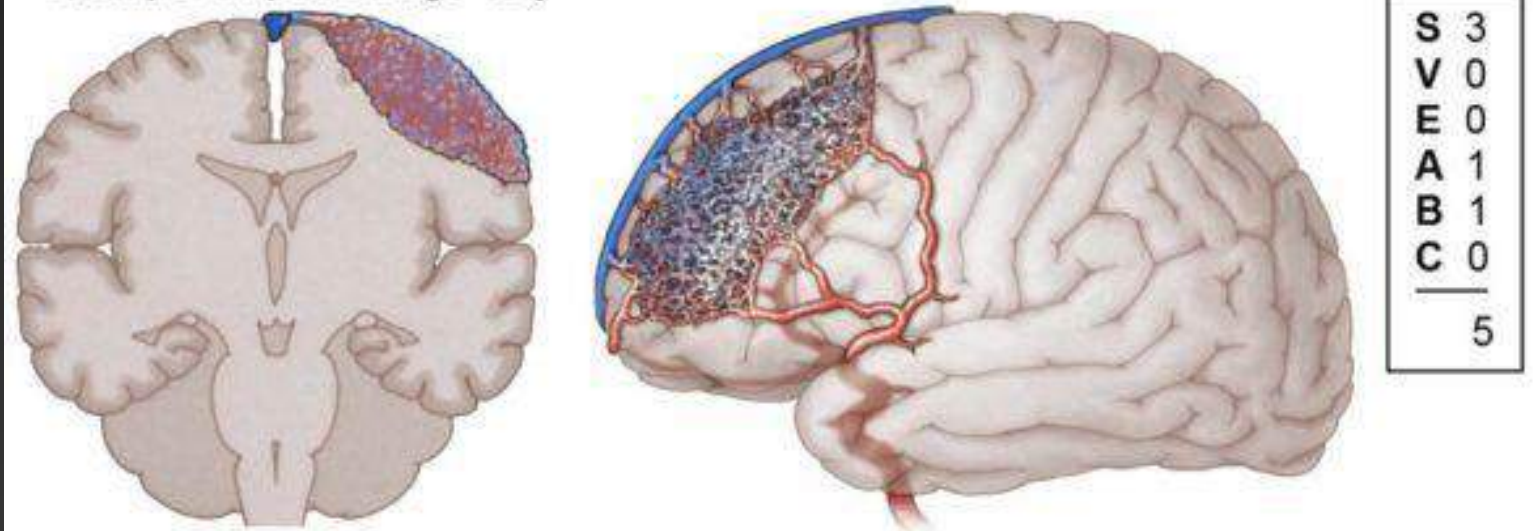
Size:	<3 cm = 1, 3-6 cm = 2, >6 cm = 3	S	—
Venous drainage:	superficial = 0, deep = 1	V	—
Eloquence:	no = 0, yes = 1	E	—

Lawton-Young grading

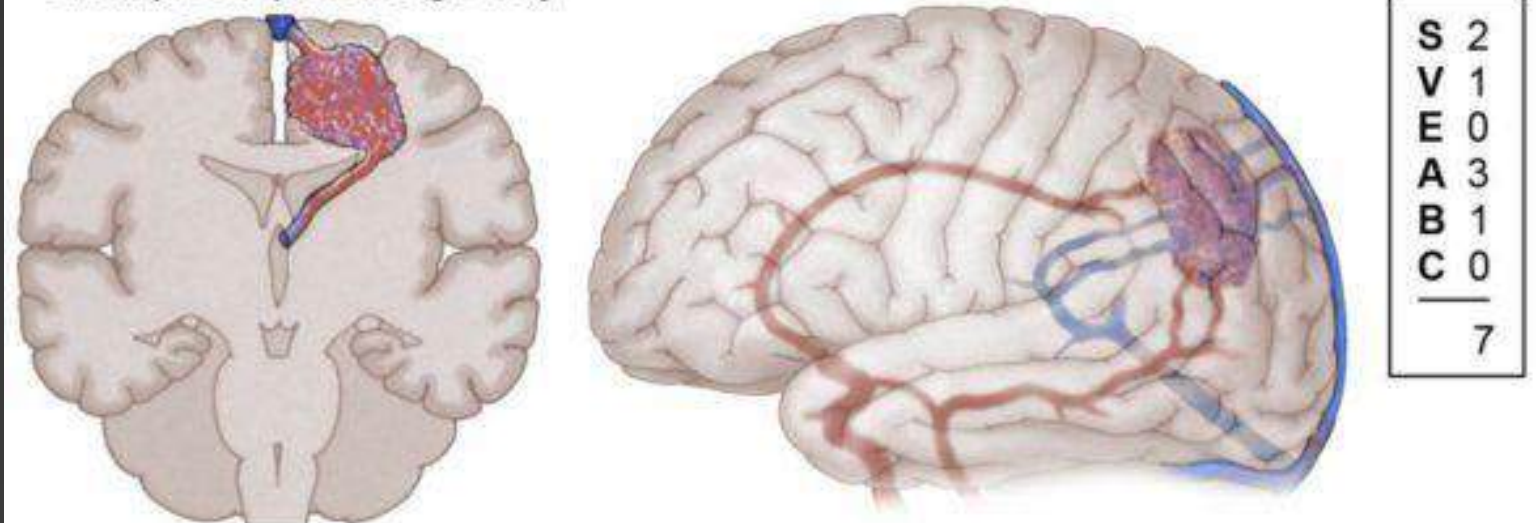
Age:	<20 y = 1, 20-40 y = 2, >40 y = 3	A	—
Bleeding:	yes = 0, no = 1	B	—
Compactness:	compact = 0, diffuse = 1	C	—

Supplemented Spetzler-Martin grade Total —

Example 1: patient age 17 y



Example 2: patient age 43 y



Grading of AVMs

Virginia Radiosurgery AVM Grading Scale

Points	
Modified Pollock-Flickinger score	Score = (0.1)(volume, mL) + (0.02)(age, y) + (0.5)(location ^a)
Virginia Radiosurgery AVM scale	
Volume	
<2 mL	0
2-4 mL	1
>4 mL	2
Eloquent location	1
History of hemorrhage	1
Total	0-4 points

^aHemispheric/corpus callosum/cerebellar = 0; basal ganglia/thalamus/brainstem = 1.

Grading of AVMs

Radiosurgery based AVM Scale - *RBAS* (UPMC SRS)

Characteristic		Coefficient
Volume		0.1
Patient age		0.02
Location ^b	frontal, temporal = 0	0.3
	parietal, occipital, intraventricular, corpus callosum, cerebellar = 1	
	basal ganglia, thalamic, brainstem = 2	

^a RBGS = (0.1) (volume) + (0.02) (patient age) + (0.3) (location).

^b When an AVM involves multiple sites, fractional values are used according to the number of sites (0.5 for two sites, 0.33 for three sites).

Treatment

Treatment

ruptured bAVM

Treatment

ruptured bAVM



treatment

Treatment

unruptured bAVM



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Treatment

unruptured bAVM

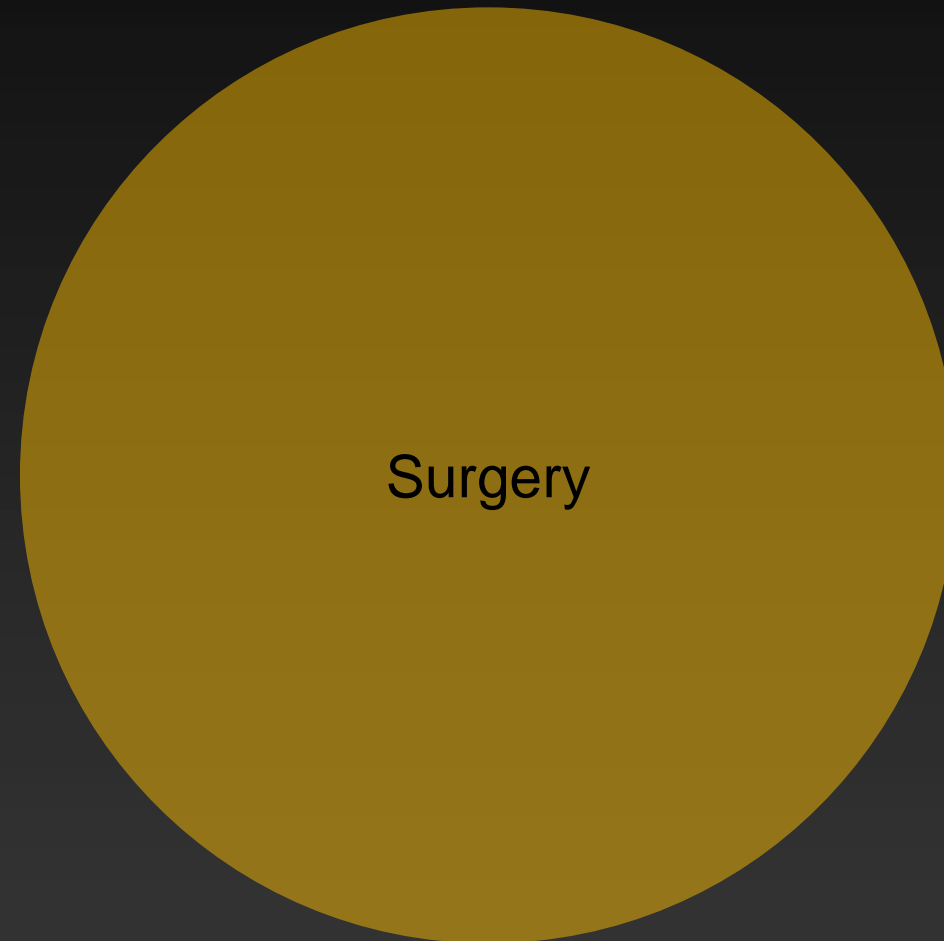


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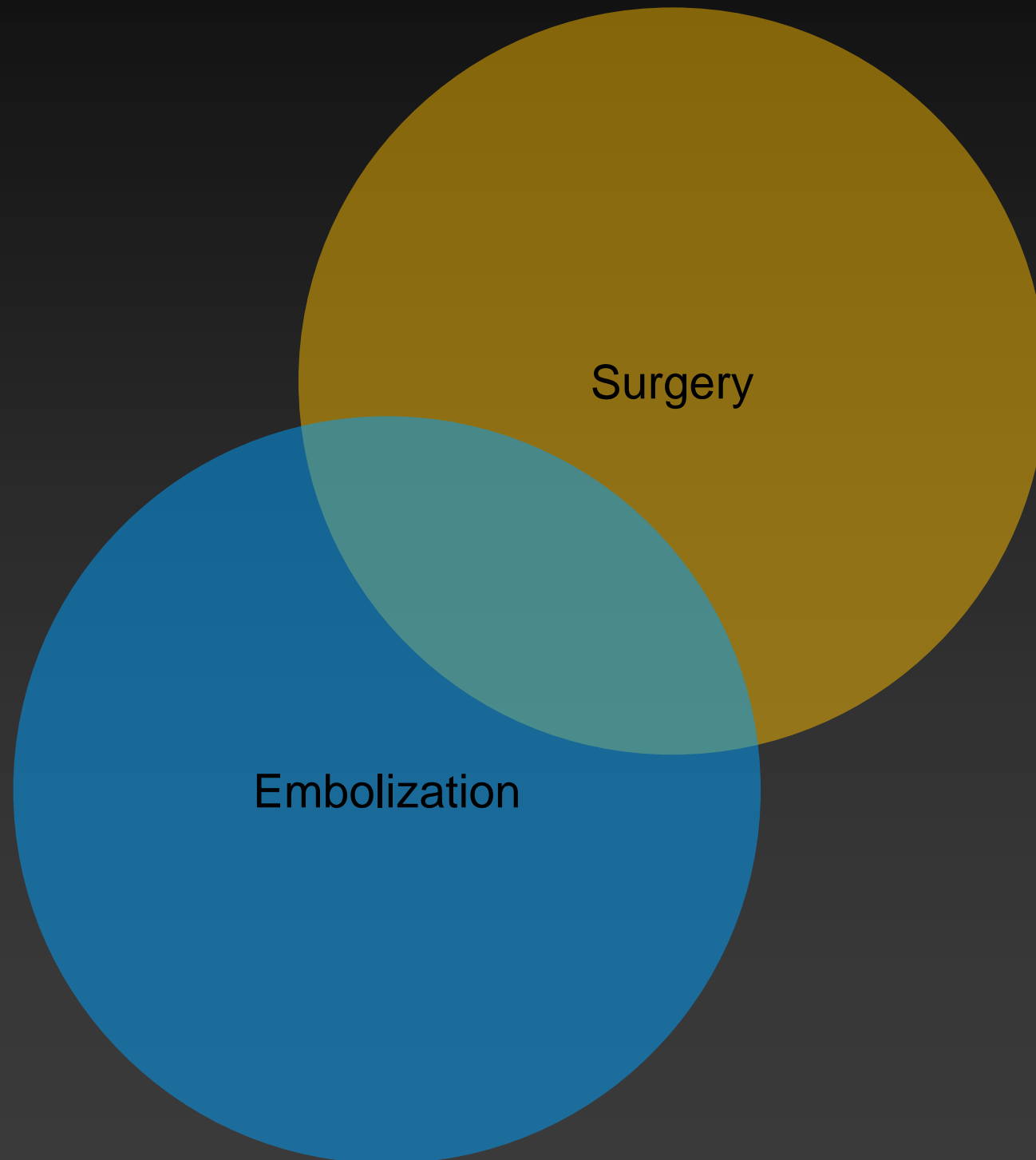
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Conservative

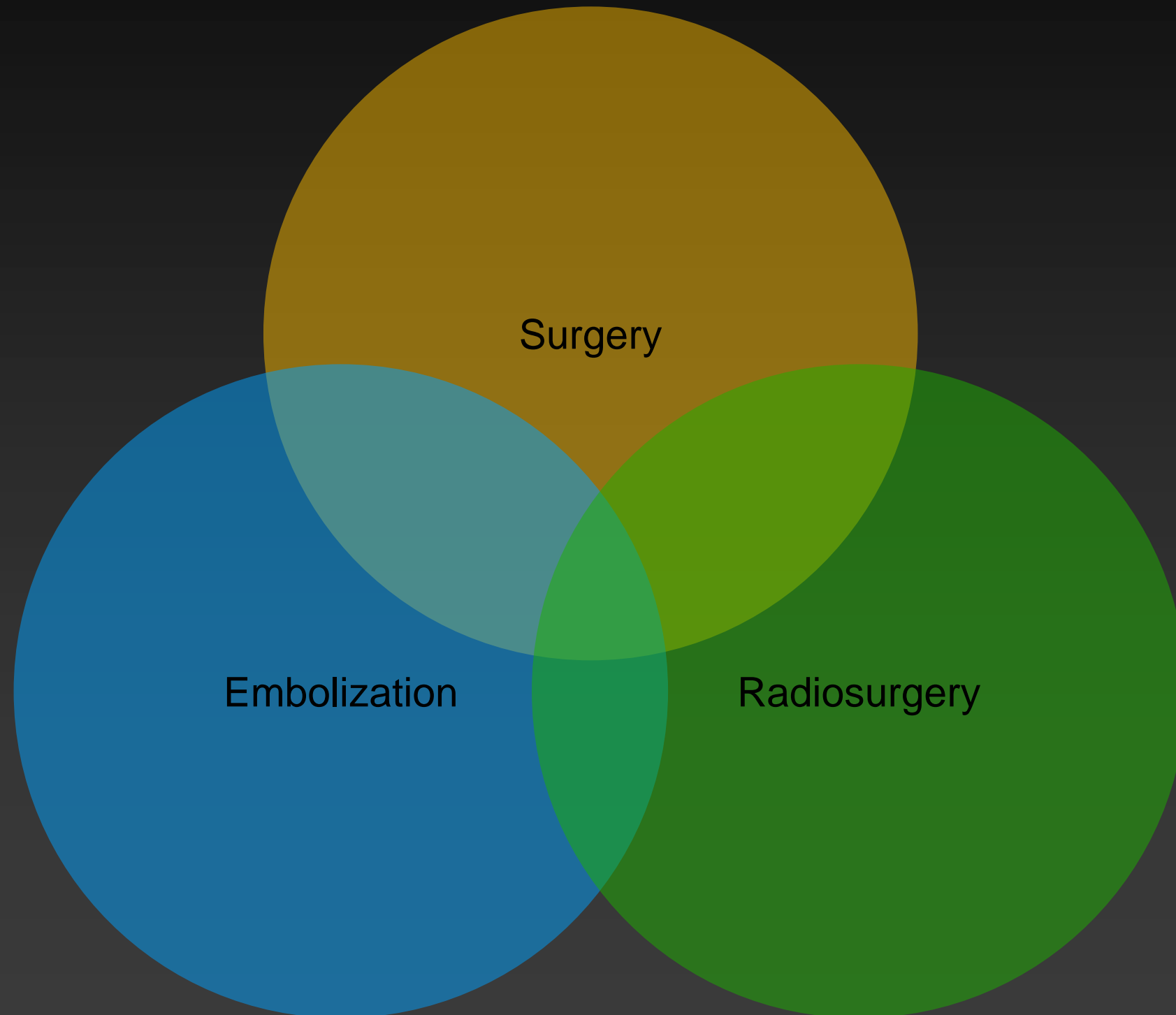
Treatment



Treatment



Treatment



Treatment



Radiosurgery

Radiosurgery for bAVMS

best candidates ?

small, deep-seated AVM

small, superficial AVM

large, deep-seated AVM

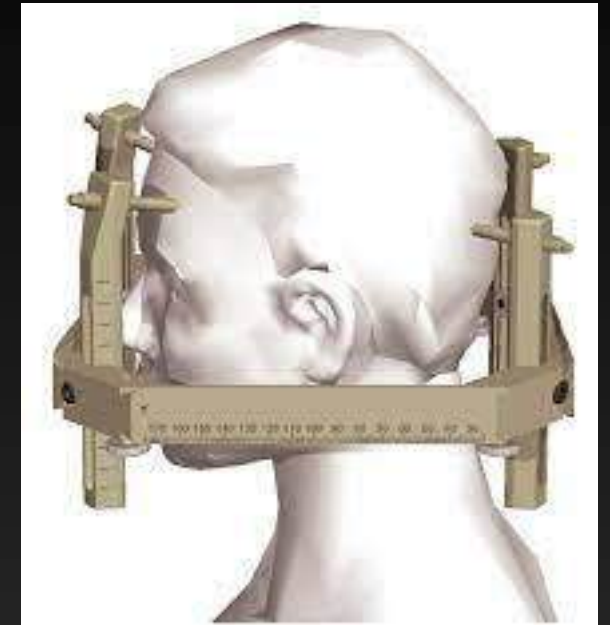
large, superficial AVM

SRS

surgery /
conservative

SRS technique

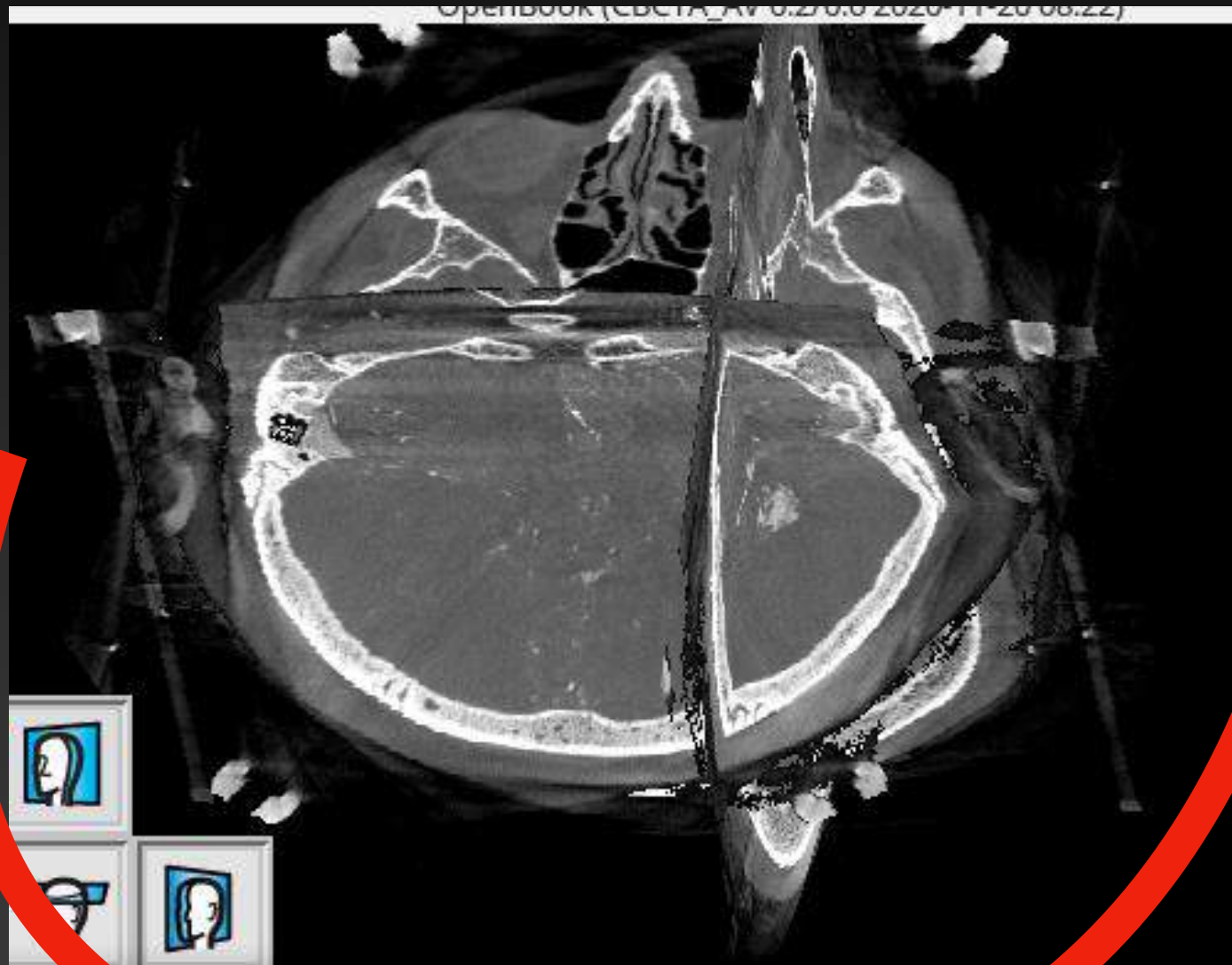
- Positioning of stereotactic frame
- acquisition of images
- Digital Subtraction Angiography
- MR and MRA (TOF),
- CBCT-A
- Dosimetry planning
- Radiation delivery



Utility (necessity) for DSA



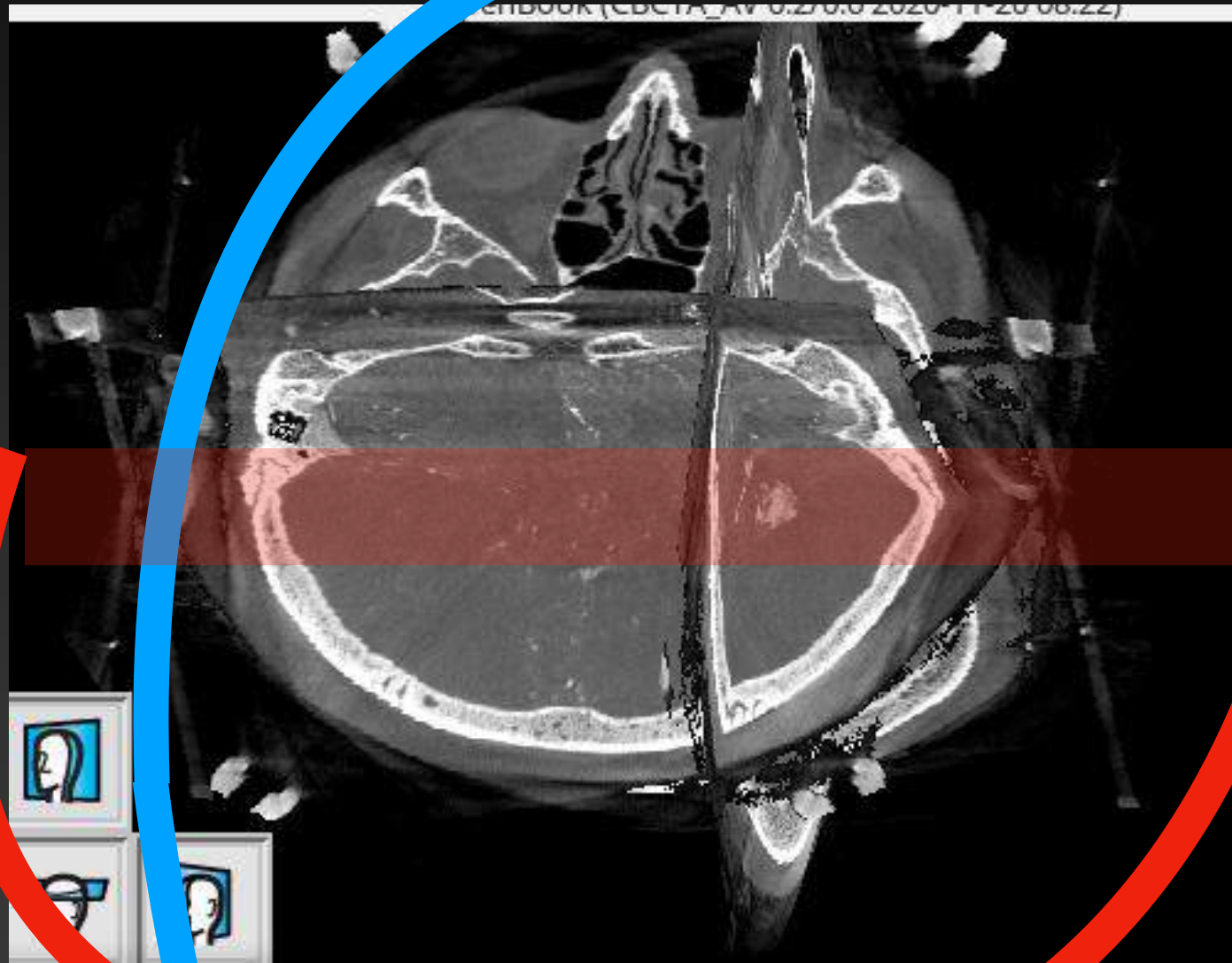
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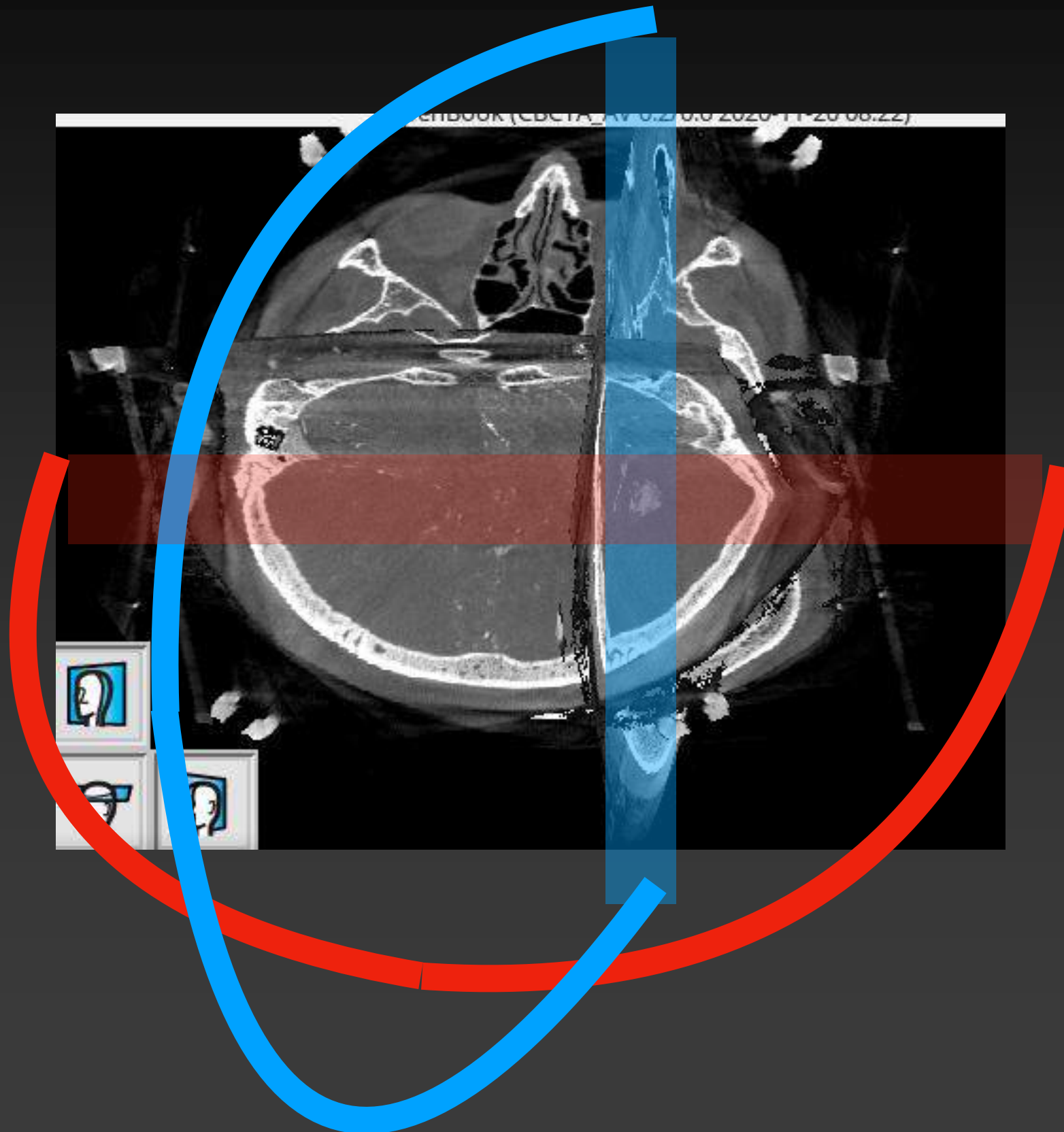
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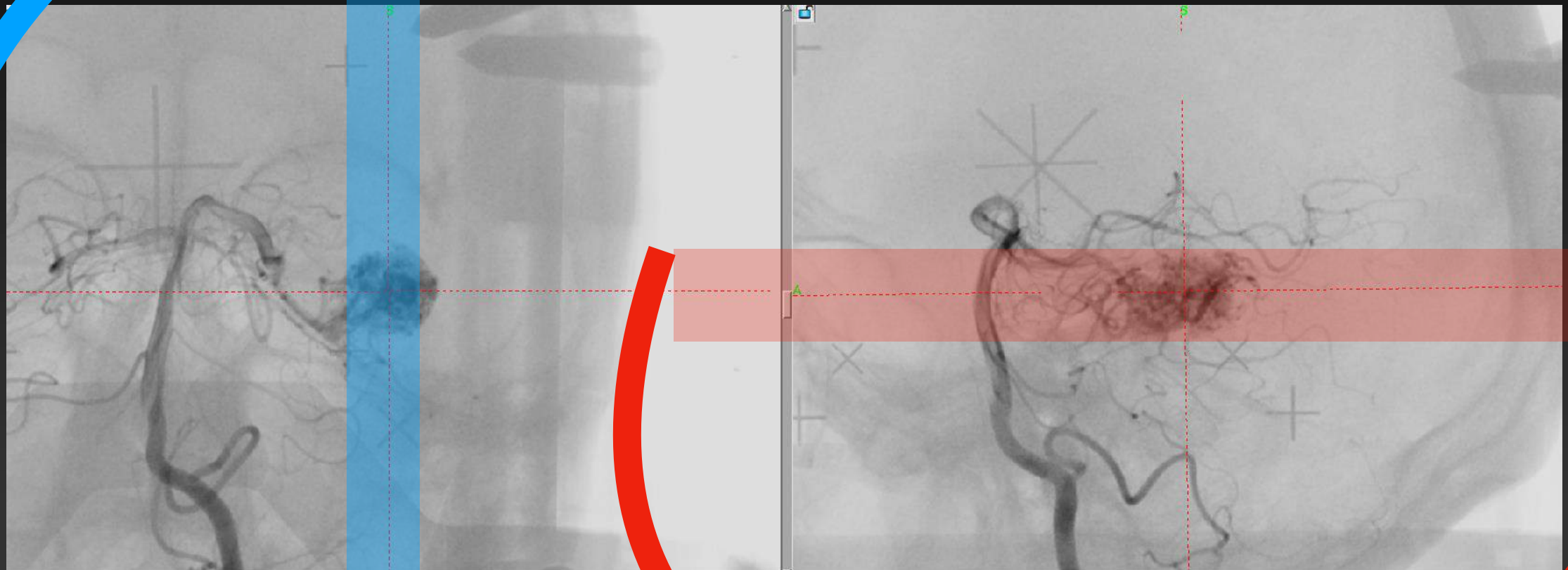
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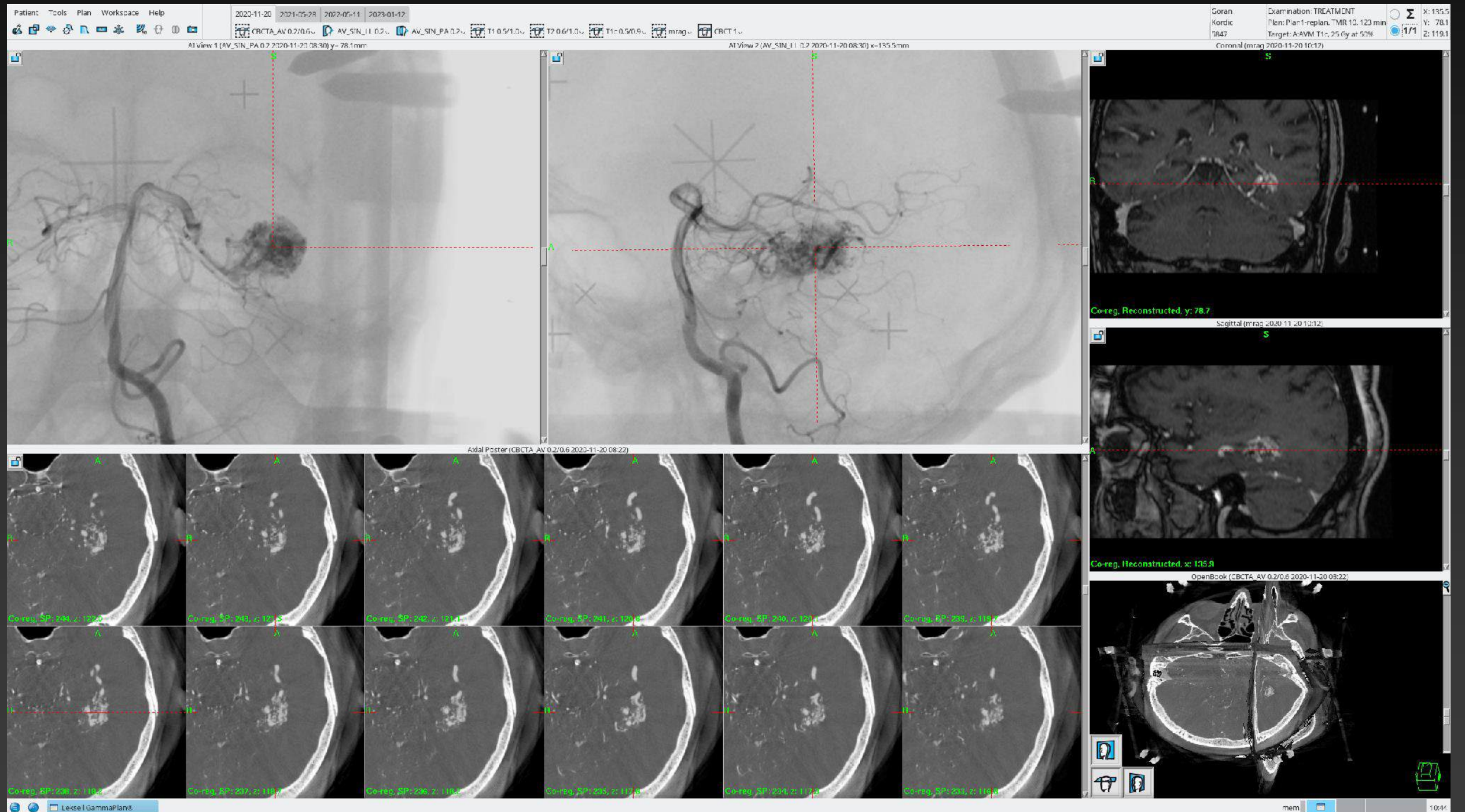
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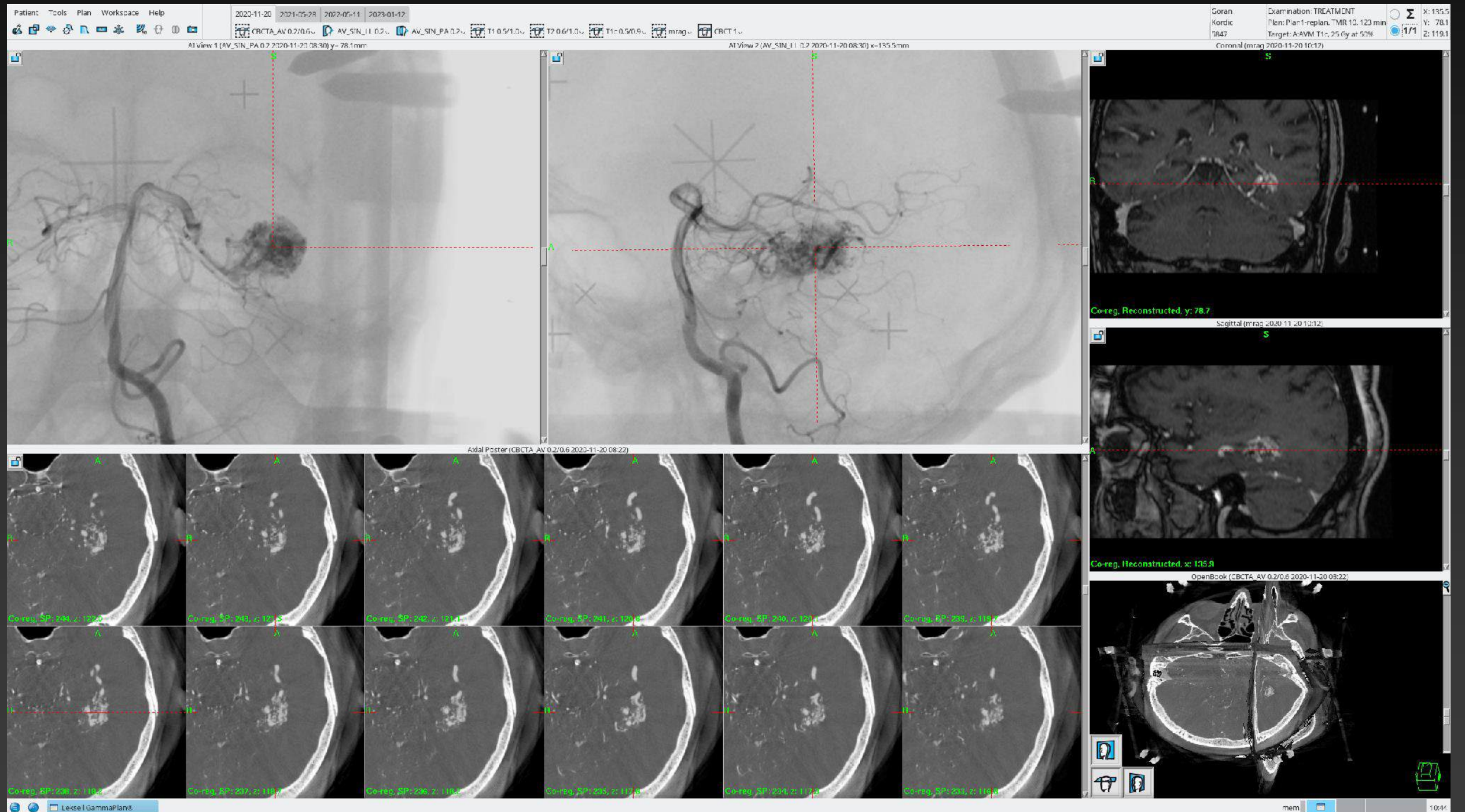
Utility (necessity) for DSA



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Utility (necessity) for CBCT-A



radiosurgery planning (dosimetry)

- factors we consider:
- volume
- location (eloquency, critical structures)
- prior hemorrhage, encephalomalacia
- prior embolisation
- radio surgical parameters (GI, conformity..)

Outcomes

- Obliteration rate
- Control of seizures (?)

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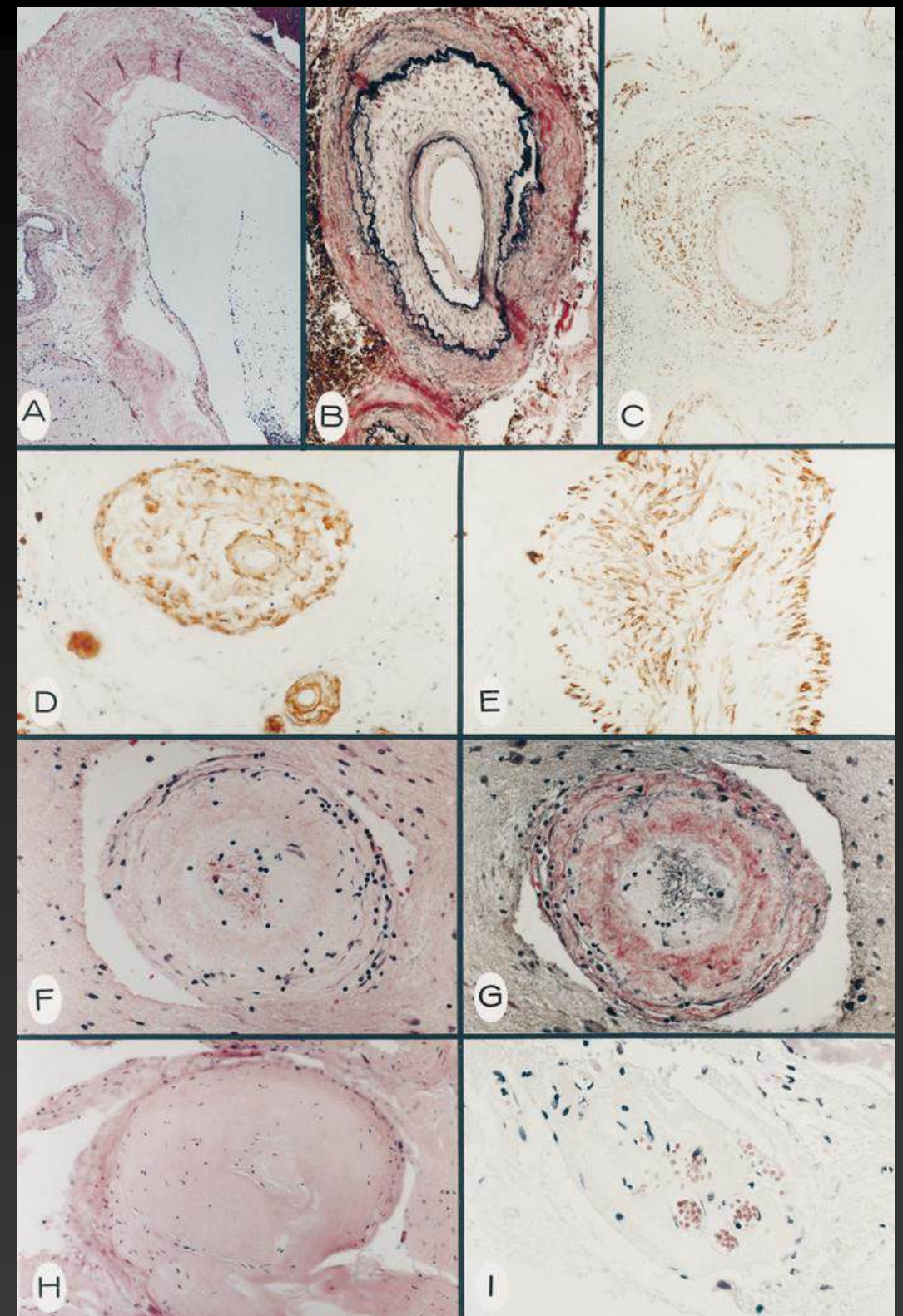
- Obliteration rate
- time to obliteration 1-3 yrs (continues to rise up to 10 yrs)
- why ??
- answer in radiobiology !!!

Radiobiology

- in radiobiology, two distinct tissue types : early-responding (tumor, skin, mucosa, GI tract...) and late-responding tissues
- endothelial cells correspond to late-responding tissues
- more susceptible to single, high dose of radiation

Radiobiology

- effect of radiation is damage to endothelial cells of nidus
- followed by initiation of a chronic inflammatory process
- formation of granulation tissue, fibroblasts, new capillaries
- results in a radiation-induced vasculopathy, with progressive narrowing of vessels till thrombosis and occlusion
- takes time...



Histopathology of arteriovenous malformations after gamma knife radiosurgery

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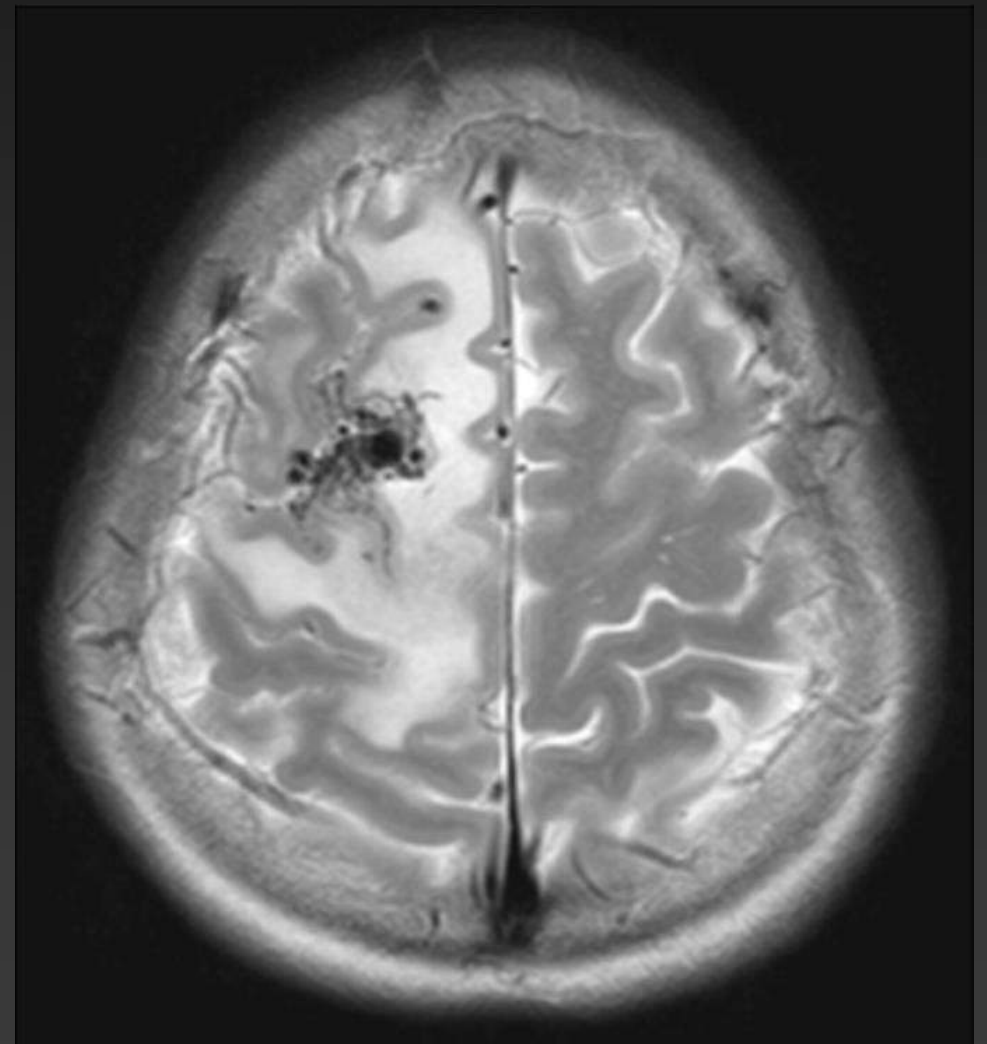
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Outcomes

- Obliteration rate
- dependant on volume, marginal dose
- < 1 cc obliteration 88%
- 1-3 cc obliteration 78%
- > 3 cc obliteration 60%
- seizure control over 70%

Complications

- 3-5 % neurological complications
- 6-9 % temporary ARE
- 1-3 % permanent ARE
- risk for complications higher in larger volume, previous embolisation, eloquent regions
- th: steroids, hyperbaric O2, bevacizumab...



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Medical management with or without interventional therapy for unruptured brain arteriovenous malformations (ARUBA): a multicentre, non-blinded, randomised trial

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ARUBA

- intent to recruit 400 patients with ubAVMs
- follow for 5-10 yrs
- Prematurely halted after 33 months
- reported superior outcome for medical management over surgery (embo, microsurgery, radio surgery combined)

ARUBA

- substantial criticism !!
- bias in therapy
- short follow-up !!!

Treatment and outcomes of ARUBA-eligible patients with unruptured brain arteriovenous malformations at a single institution

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Object. Management of unruptured arteriovenous malformations (AVMs) is controversial. In the first randomized trial of unruptured AVMs (A Randomized Trial of Unruptured Brain Arteriovenous Malformations [ARUBA]), medically managed patients had a significantly lower risk of death or stroke and had better outcomes. The University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) was one of the participating ARUBA sites. While 473 patients were screened for eligibility, only 4 patients were enrolled in ARUBA. The purpose of this study is to report the treatment and outcomes of all ARUBA-eligible patients at UCSF.

Methods. The authors compared the treatment and outcomes of ARUBA-eligible patients using prospectively collected data from the UCSF brain AVM registry. Similar to ARUBA, they compared the rate of stroke or death in observed and treated patients and used the modified Rankin Scale to grade outcomes.

Results. Of 74 patients, 61 received an intervention and 13 were observed. Most treated patients had resection with or without preoperative embolization (43 [70.5%] of 61 patients). One of the 13 observed patients died after AVM hemorrhage. Nine of the 61 treated patients had a stroke or died. There was no significant difference in the rate of stroke or death (HR 1.34, 95% CI 0.12–14.53, $p = 0.81$) or clinical impairment (Fisher's exact test, $p > 0.99$) between observed and treated patients.

Conclusions. The risk of stroke or death and degree of clinical impairment among treated patients was lower than reported in ARUBA. The authors found no significant difference in outcomes between observed and treated ARUBA-eligible patients at UCSF. Results in ARUBA-eligible patients managed outside that trial led to an entirely different conclusion about AVM intervention, due to the primary role of surgery, judicious surgical selection with established outcome predictors, and technical expertise developed at high-volume AVM centers.

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Object. Management of unruptured brain arteriovenous malformations (AVMs) was compared in a randomized trial of unruptured AVMs (ARUBA) and a retrospective analysis of medically managed patients had a significant risk of stroke or death. The University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) was not eligible, only 4 patients were enrolled of all ARUBA-eligible patients at UCSF.

Methods. The authors compared the outcomes of medically managed patients and collected data from the UCSF brain AVM study. The authors compared the outcomes of observed and treated patients and used a multivariate analysis.

Results. Of 74 patients, 61 received treatment with or without preoperative embolization. Nine of the 61 treated patients had a stroke or death (HR 1.34, 95% CI 0.34-5.21) compared to 14 of 13 treated patients between observed and treated patients.

Conclusions. The risk of stroke or death was not significantly different than reported in ARUBA. The authors conclude that ARUBA-eligible patients at UCSF. Results suggest a different conclusion about AVM intervention. The authors established outcome predictors, and tested the hypothesis (http://thejns.org/doi/abs/10.3171/2014

KEY WORDS • arteriovenous malformation, microvascular resection

Gamma Knife Radiosurgery for ARUBA-Eligible Patients with Unruptured Brain Arteriovenous Malformations

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ABSTRACT

Background: A randomized trial of unruptured brain arteriovenous malformations (ARUBA) reported superior outcomes in conservative management compared to interventional treatment. There were numerous limitations to the study. This study aimed to investigate the efficacy of gamma knife radiosurgery (GKS) for patients with brain arteriovenous malformations (AVMs) by comparing its outcomes to those of the ARUBA study.

Methods: We retrospectively reviewed ARUBA-eligible patients treated with GKS from June 2002 to September 2017 and compared against those in the ARUBA study. AVM obliteration and hemorrhage rates, and clinical outcomes following GKS were also evaluated.

Results: The ARUBA-eligible cohort comprised 264 patients. The Spetzler-Martin grade was Grade I to II in 52.7% and III to IV in 47.3% of the patients. The mean AVM nidus volume, marginal dose, and follow-up period were 4.8 cm³, 20.8 Gy, and 55.5 months, respectively. AVM obliteration was achieved in 62.1%. The annual hemorrhage rate after GKS was 3.4%. A stroke or death occurred in 14.0%. The overall stroke or death rate of the ARUBA-eligible cohort was significantly lower than that of the interventional arm of the ARUBA study ($P < 0.001$) and did not significantly differ from that of the medical arm in the ARUBA study ($P = 0.601$).

Conclusion: GKS was shown to achieve a favorable outcome with low procedure-related morbidity in majority of the ARUBA-eligible patients. The outcome after GKS in our patients was not inferior to that of medical care alone in the ARUBA study. It is suggested that GKS is rather superior to medical care considering the short follow-up duration of the ARUBA study.

Stereotactic Radiosurgery for Arteriovenous Malformations: The Effect of Treatment Period on Patient Outcomes

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OBJECTIVE: To evaluate the impact of treatment period on obliteration, intracranial hemorrhage (ICH), and radiation-induced complications (RICs).

METHODS: Retrospective comparison of 381 AVM patients having SRS during a 20-year period (group 1, January 1990 through March 1997, $n = 160$; group 2, April 1997 through December 2009, $n = 221$). The median radiological and clinical follow-up after initial SRS was 77 months and 93 months, respectively.

RESULTS: Obliteration was 59.1% at 4 years and 85.1% at 8 years. Obliteration was more common in patients with hemispheric or cerebellar AVMs ($P = .001$), smaller prescription isodose volume (PIV) ($P < .001$), and group 1 patients ($P < .001$). The ICH rate was 7.7% at 4 years and 10.6% at 8 years. ICH was more common in older patients ($P = .02$), patients with deep AVM ($P = .01$), and larger PIV ($P < .001$). There was no difference in the ICH rate between the treatment groups ($P = .18$). The rate of permanent RICs was 4.4% at 4 years and 8.6% at 8 years. RICs were more common with larger PIVs ($P < .001$) and group 1 patients ($P = .02$). There was no difference in the number of patients having obliteration without new deficits between the 2 treatment periods (68.8% vs 73.3%, $P = .33$).

CONCLUSION: Advances in SRS procedures over the past 20 years have resulted in a lower risk of RIC, but fewer patients had AVM obliteration. Increasing the prescription dose for patients with medium- and large-volume AVMs by using current conformal dose-planning techniques may improve the obliteration rate while maintaining a low risk of RICs.

KEY WORDS: Arteriovenous malformation, Complications, Hemorrhage, Obliteration rate, Stereotactic radiosurgery

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RESULTS: Obliteration was 59.1% at 4 years and 85.1% at 8 years. Obliteration was more

Annual hemorrhage rate after SRS 1.3%

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CONCLUSION: Advances in SRS procedures over the past 20 years have resulted in a lower risk of RIC, but fewer patients had AVM obliteration. Increasing the prescription dose for patients with medium- and large-volume AVMs by using current conformal dose-planning techniques may improve the obliteration rate while maintaining a low risk of RICs.

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- study cohort included 8 studies comprising 1620 ARUBA-eligible patients who underwent SRS
- mean follow-up duration was 80 months
- rates of radiologic, symptomatic, and permanent radiation-induced changes were 45%, 11%, and 2%, respectively
- obliteration rate was 68% at last follow-up
- post-SRS hemorrhage and mortality rates were 8%, and 2%, respectively

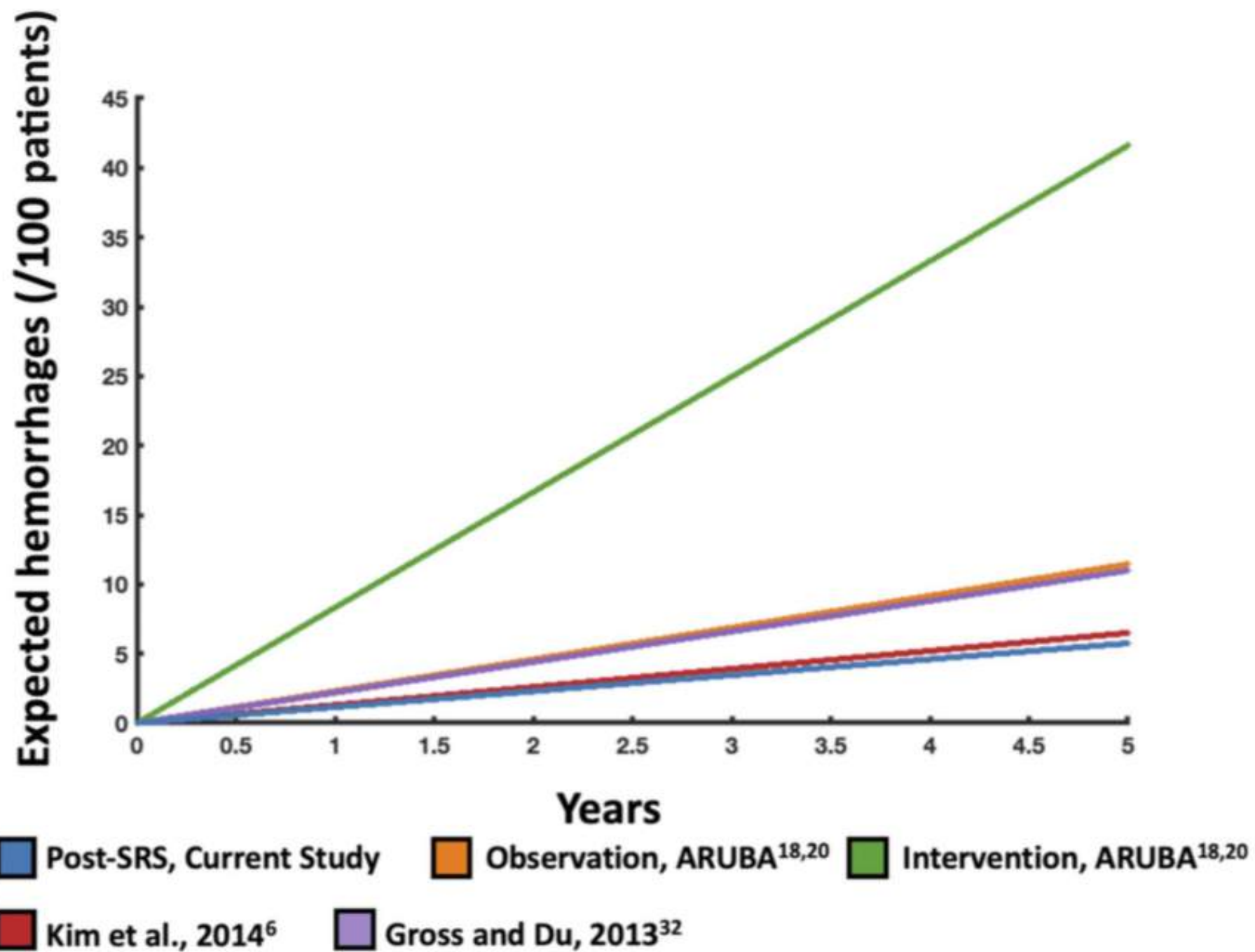


FIGURE 2. Graphical depiction of cumulative hemorrhage risk computed from the current meta-analysis and compared with ARUBA and 2 arteriovenous malformation natural history studies. ARUBA, A Randomized Trial of Unruptured Brain Arteriovenous Malformations; SRS, stereotactic radiosurgery.

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- lower Spetzler-Martin grade (odds ratios [OR] = 0.84 [0.74-0.95], P = .005),
- lower radiosurgery-based AVM score (OR = 0.75 [0.64-0.95], P = .011),
- lower Virginia Radiosurgery AVM Scale (OR = 0.86 [0.78-0.95], P = .003), and
- higher margin dose (OR = 1.13 [1.02-1.25], P = .025)
- were associated with obliteration

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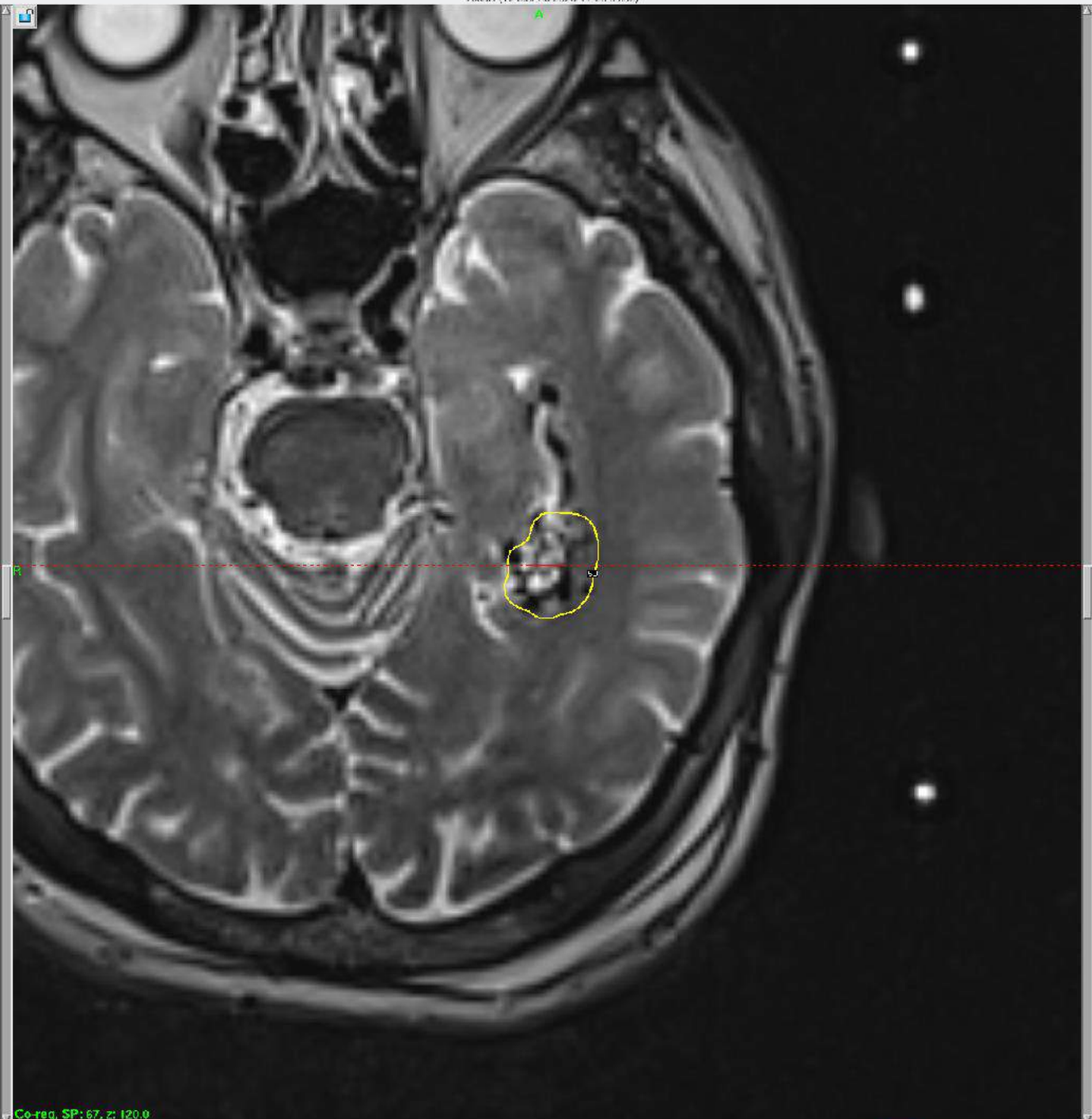
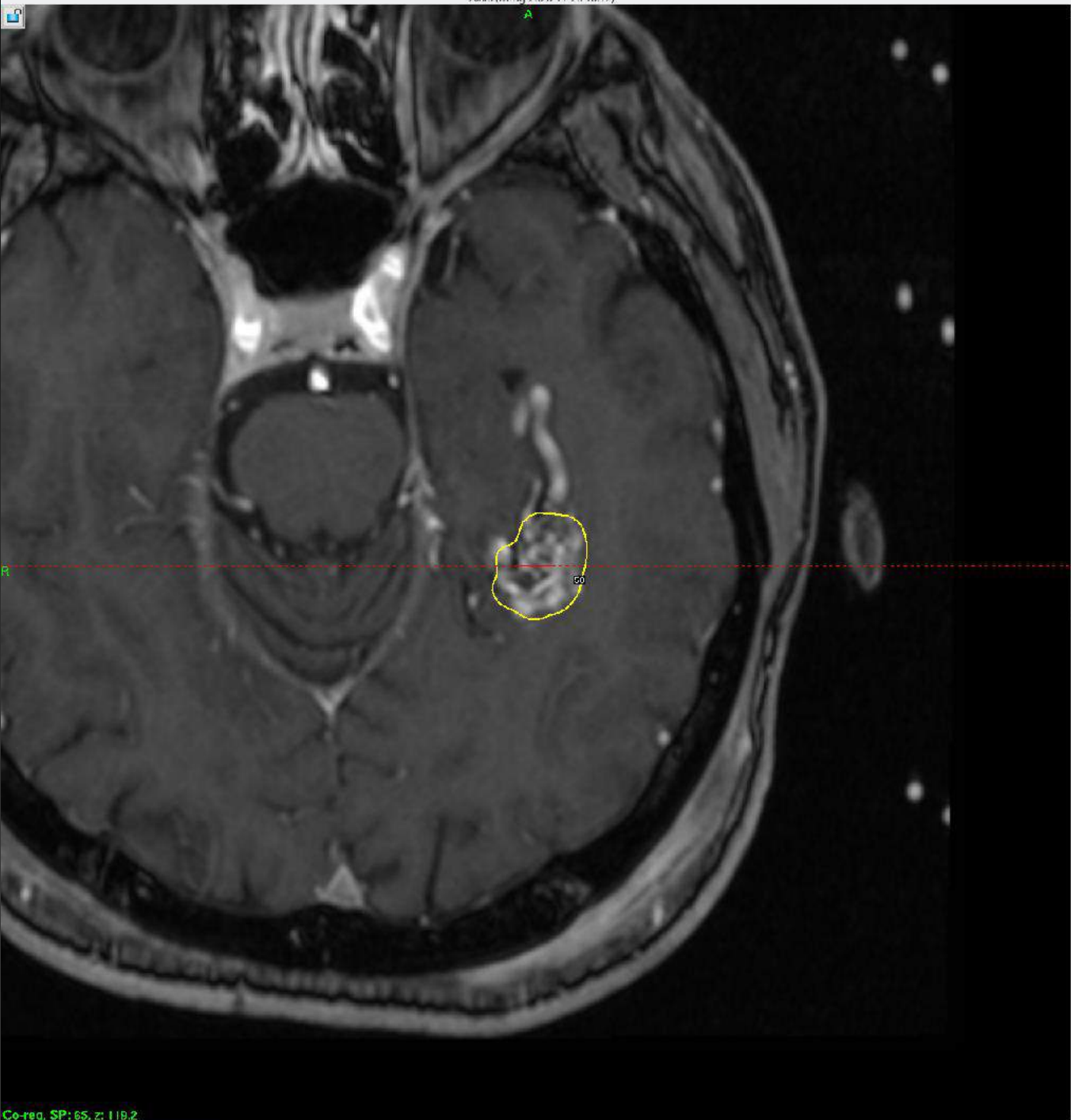
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Case 1

- 44 y.o. male
- Medical history - mild retardation, epilepsy for many years
- development of instability in gait
- CT-A, MR-A - signs of bAVM
- admitted to Neurology for DSA evaluation



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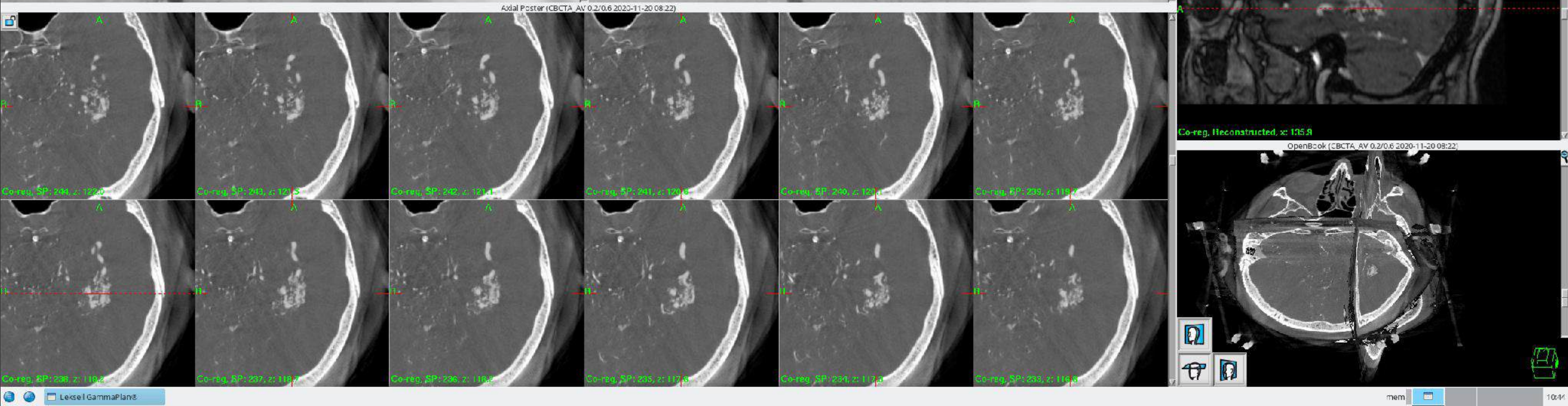
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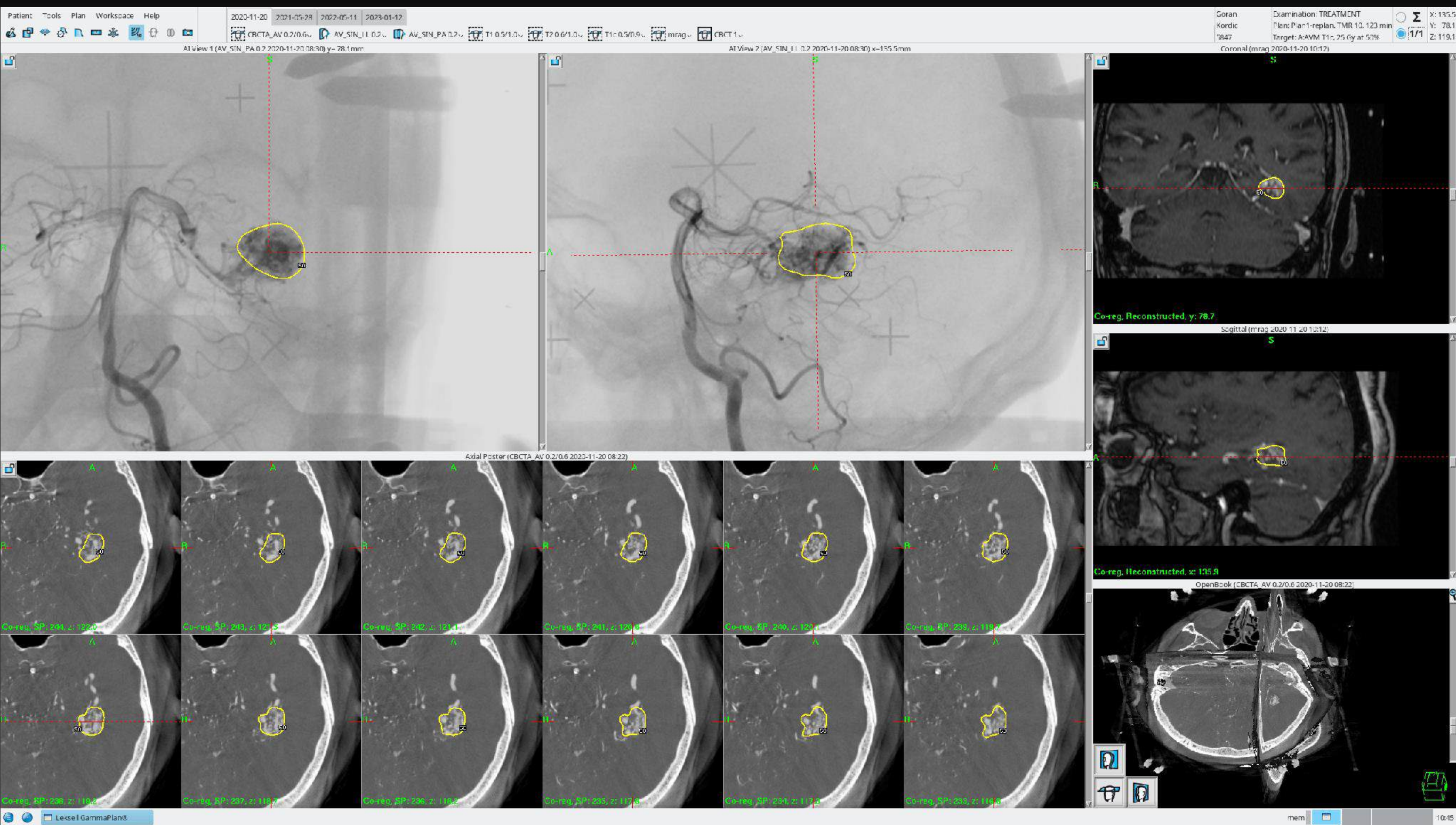
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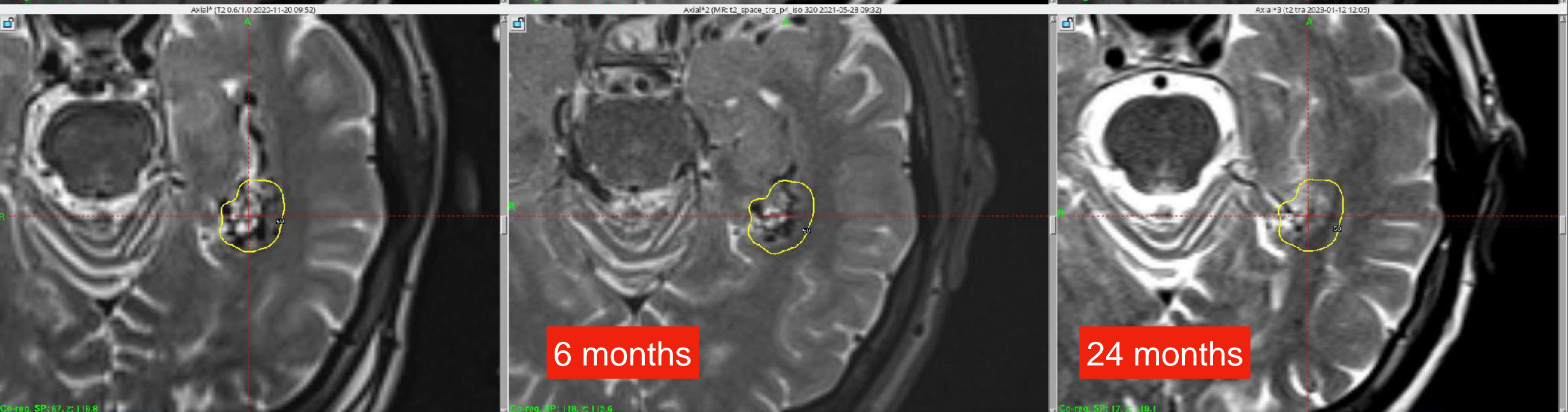
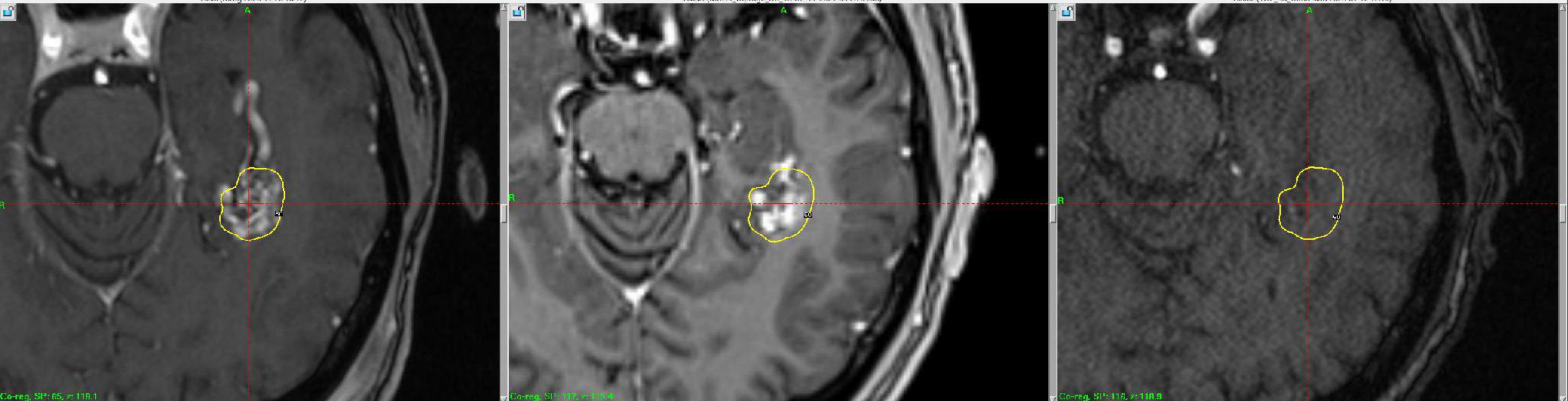
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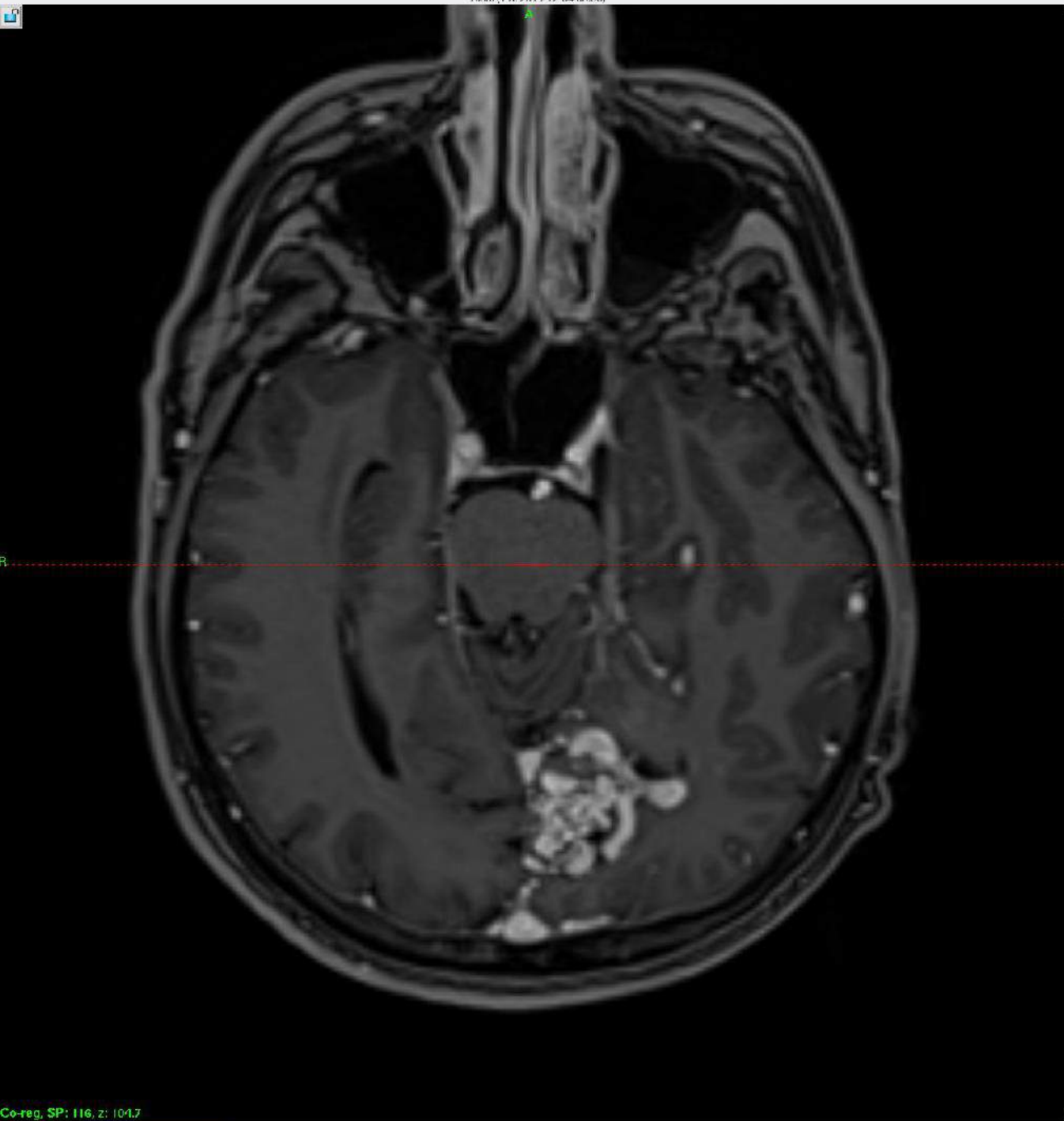
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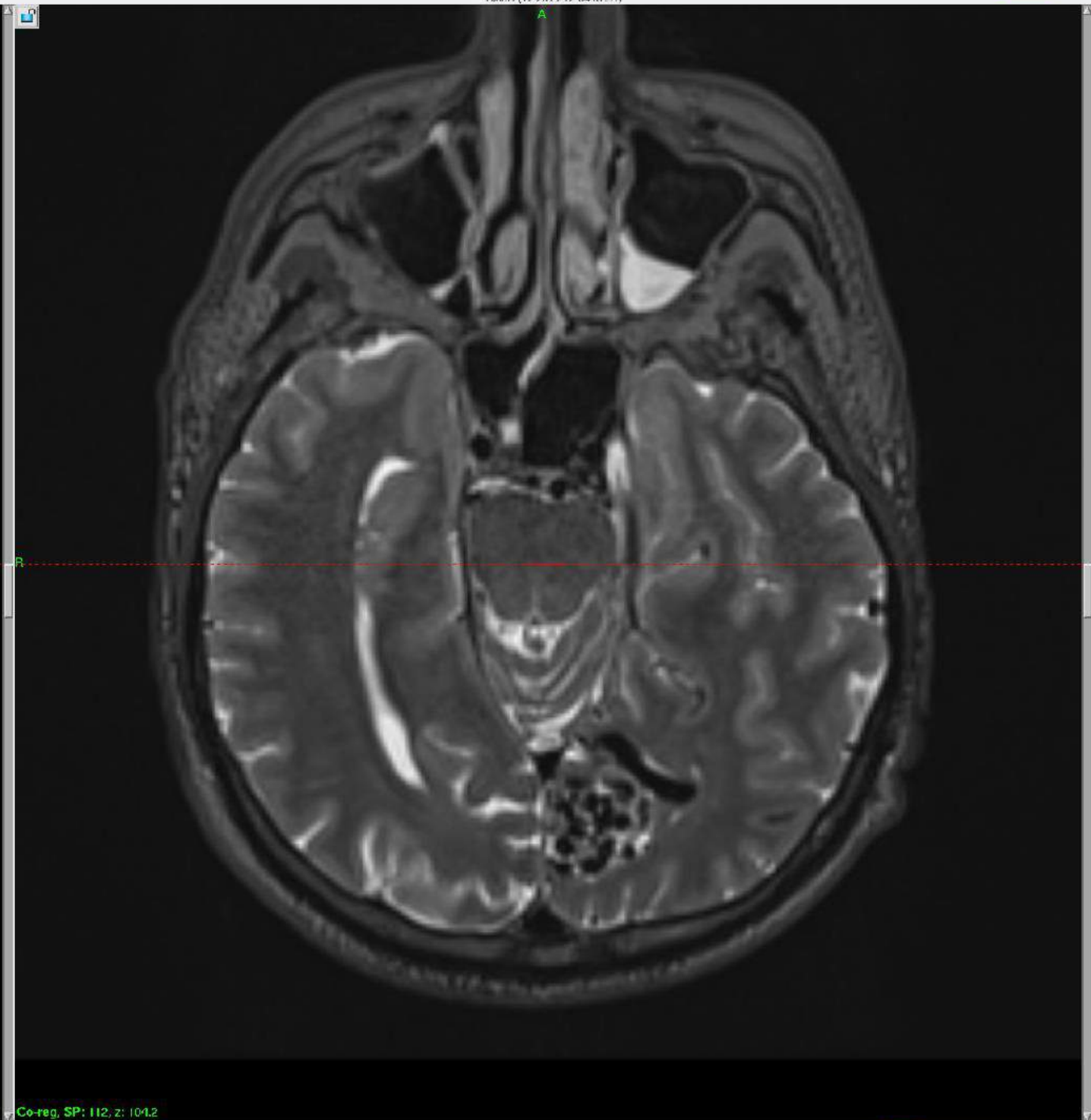


Case 2

- 54 y.o. male
- Medical history - chronic gastritis, depression
- development of new-onset headaches
- CT-A, MR-A - unraptured bAVM occipital
- admitted to Neurology for DSA evaluation

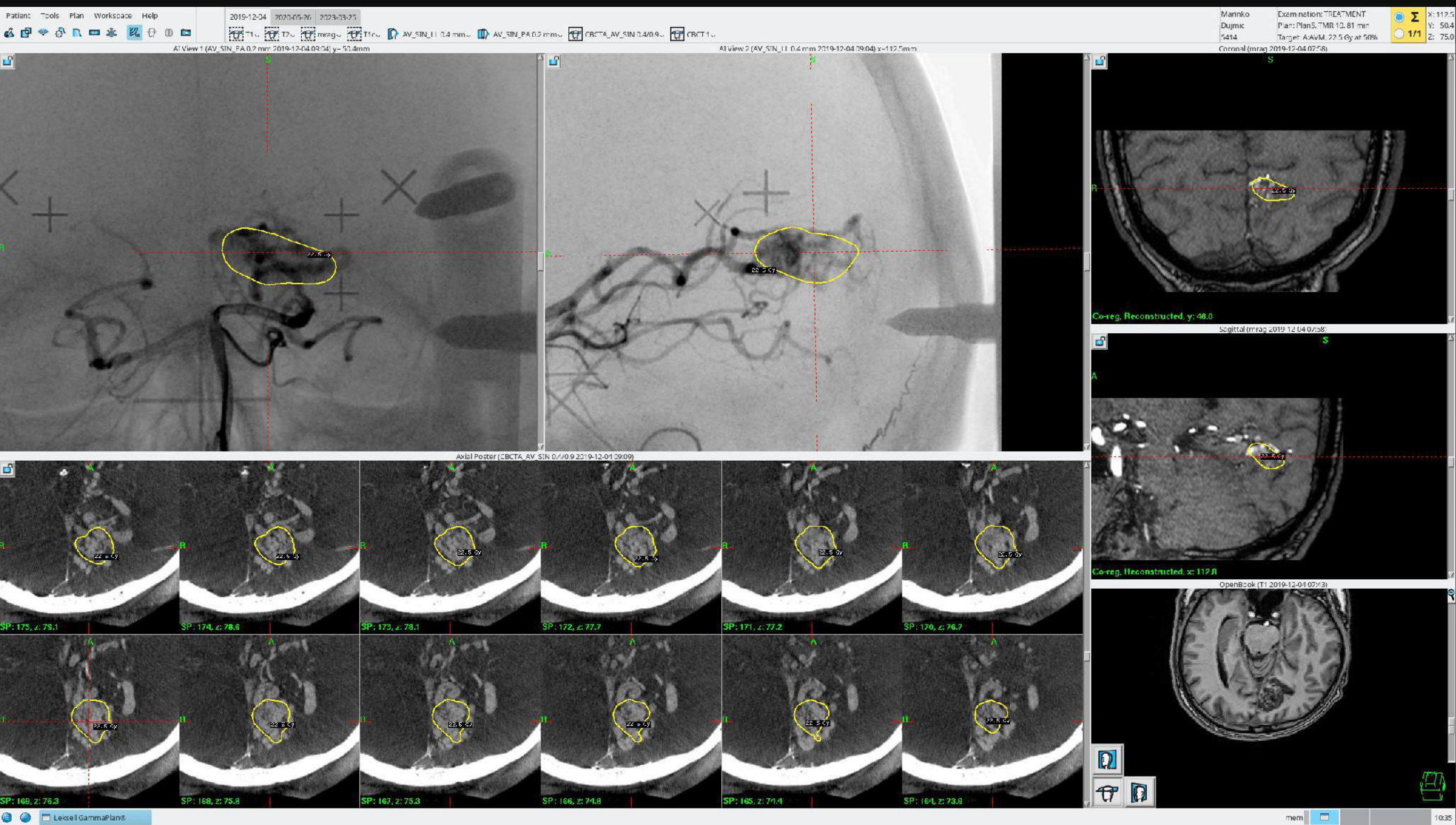


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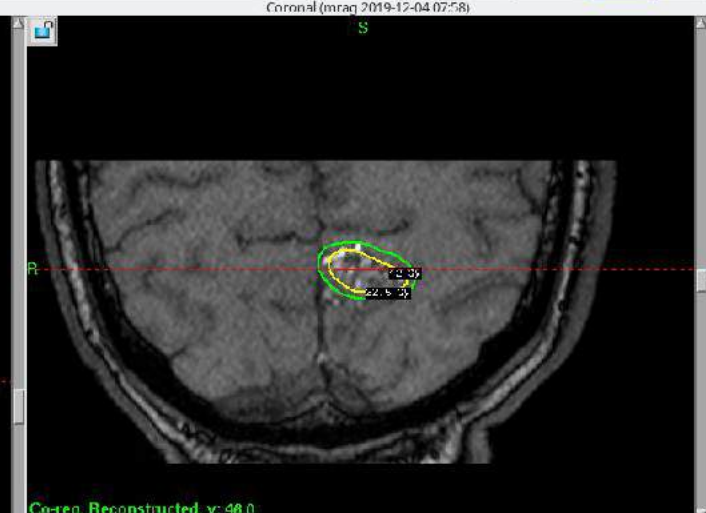
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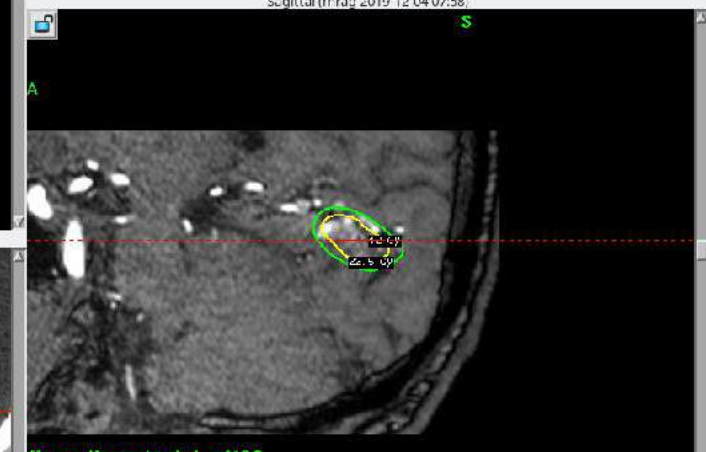
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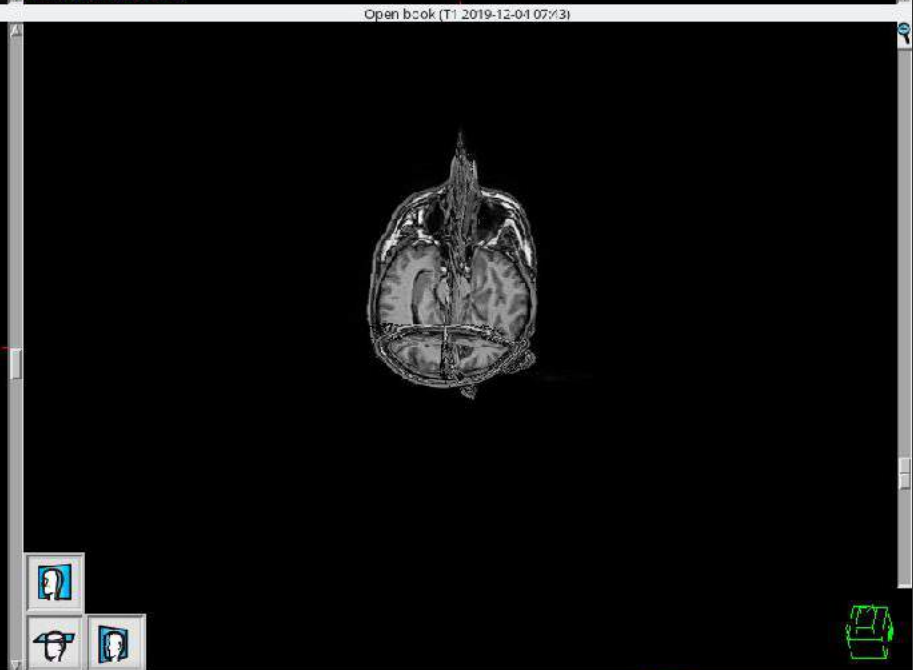
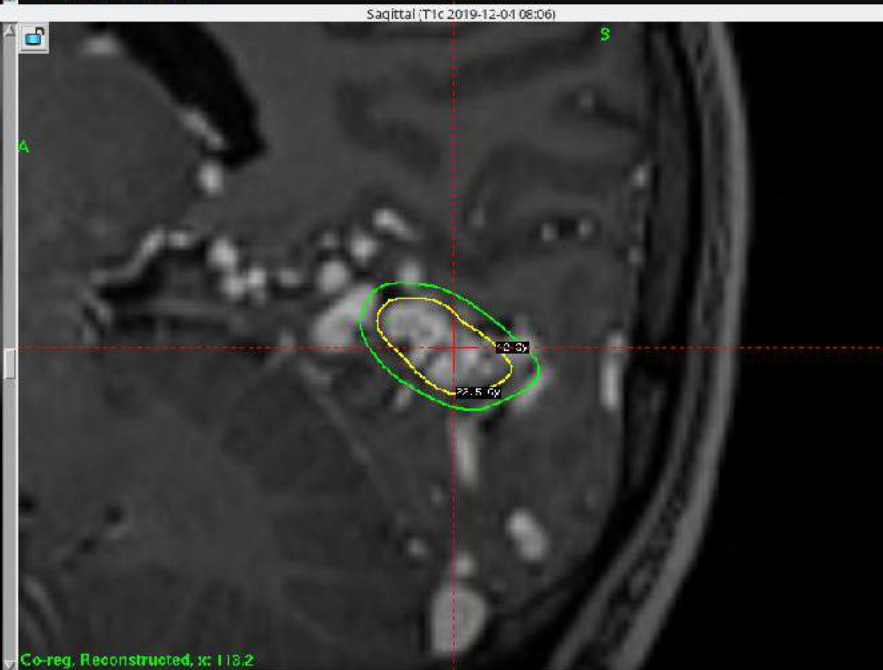
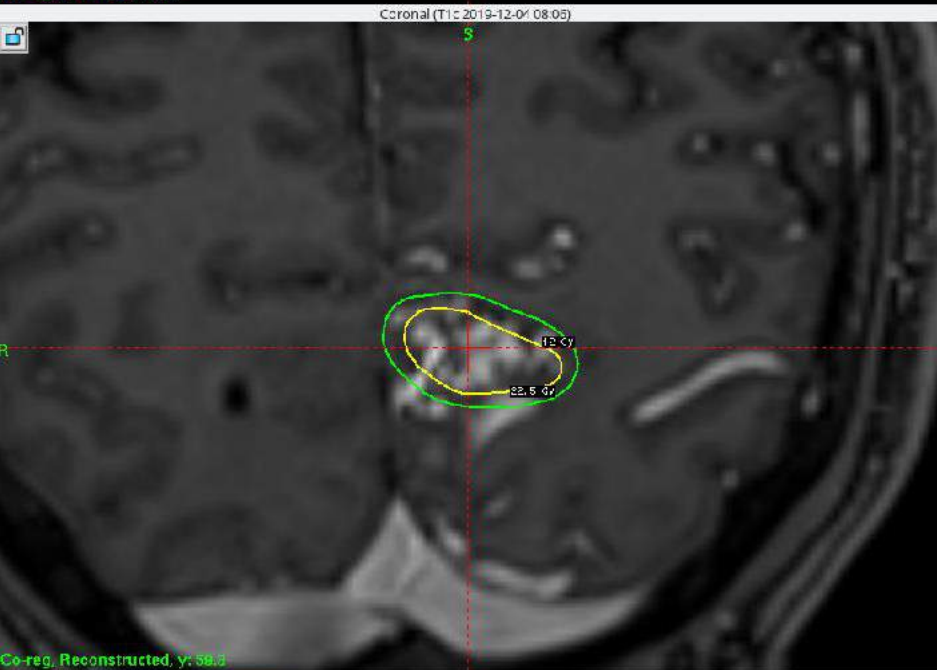
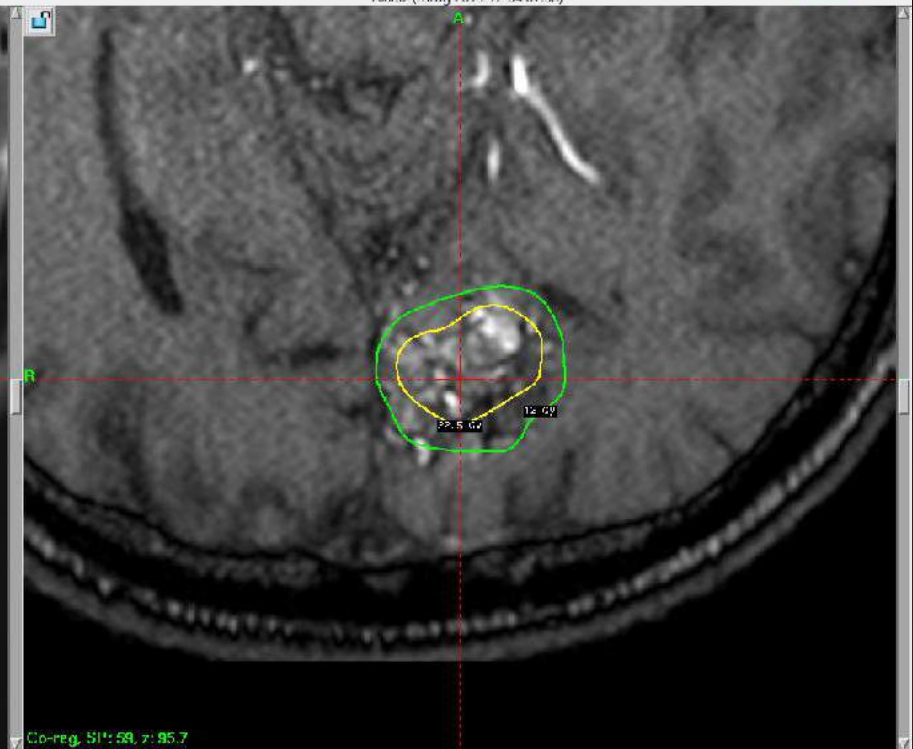
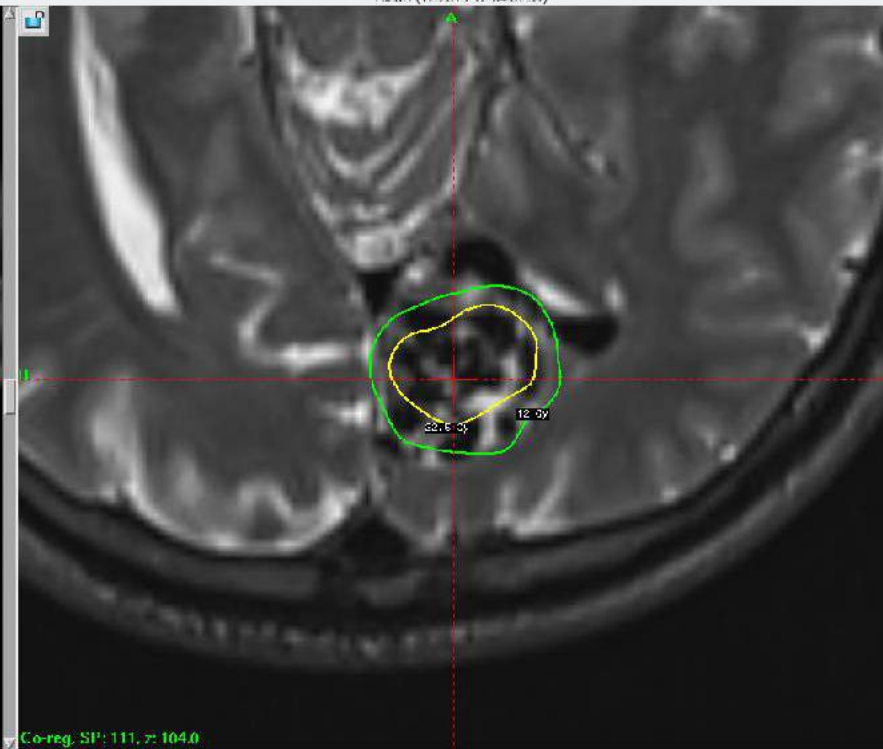
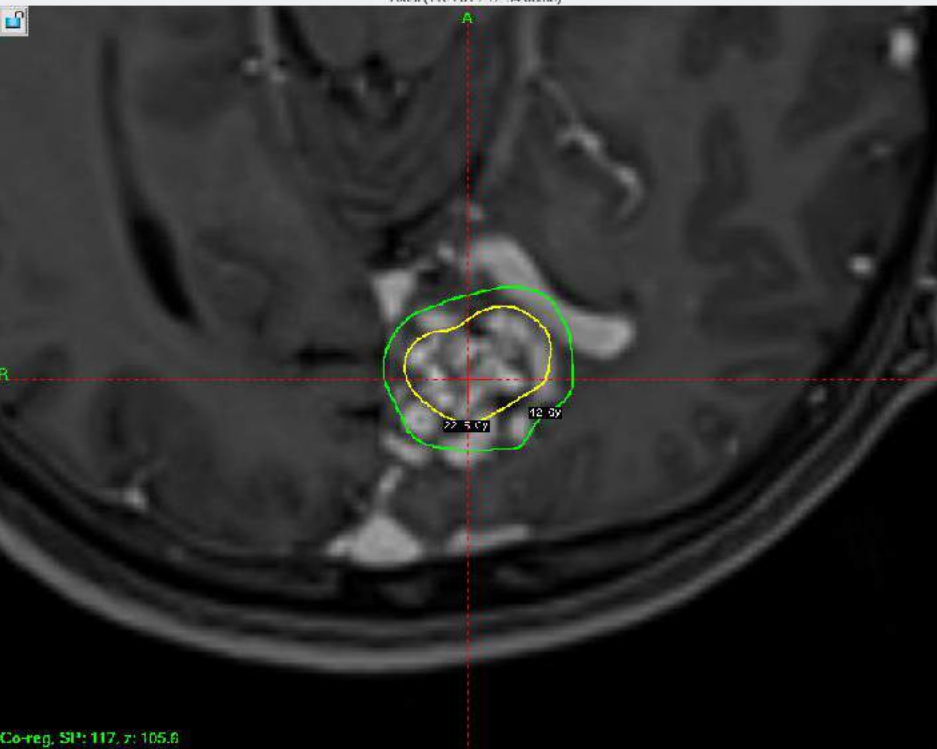
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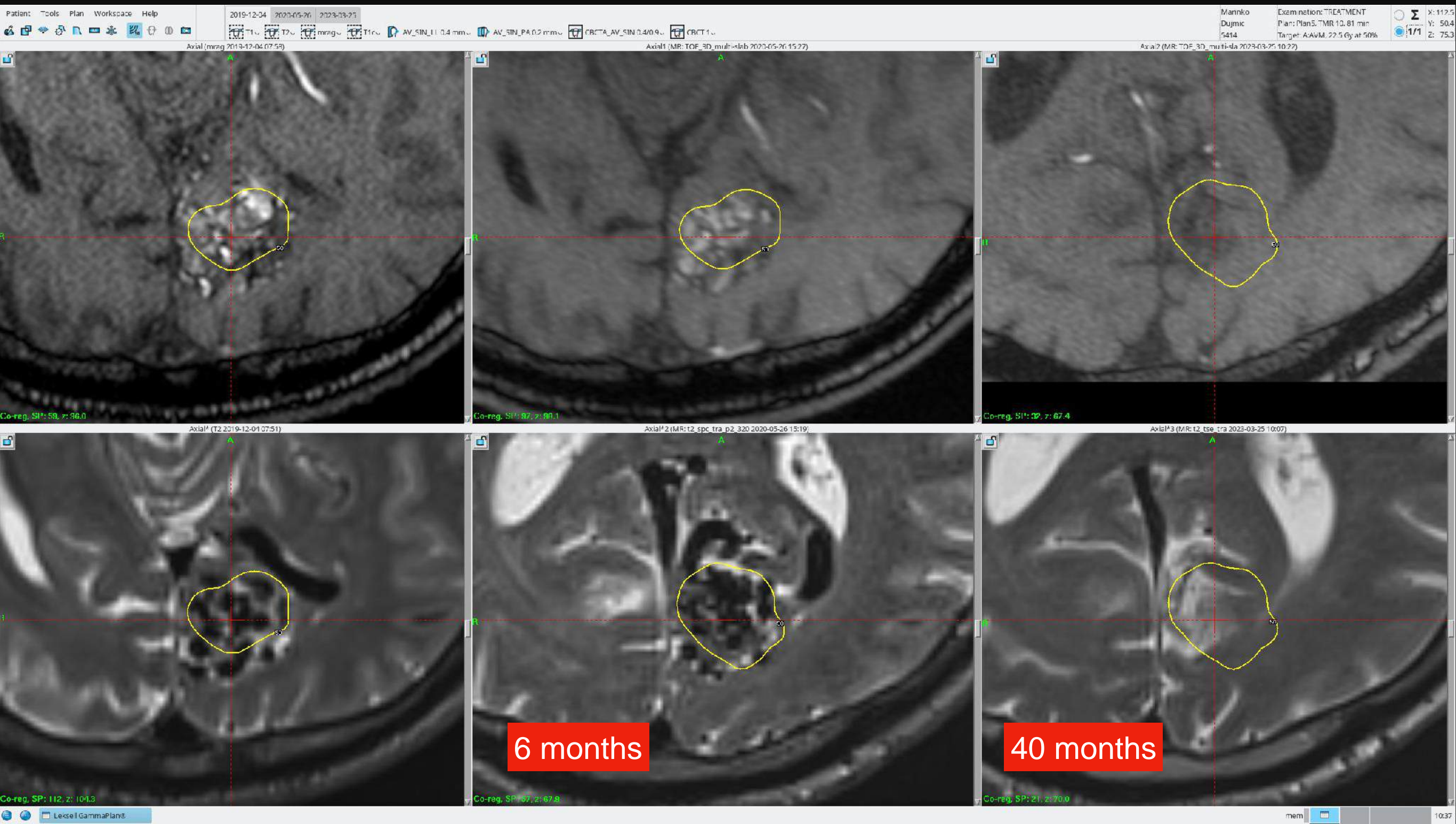


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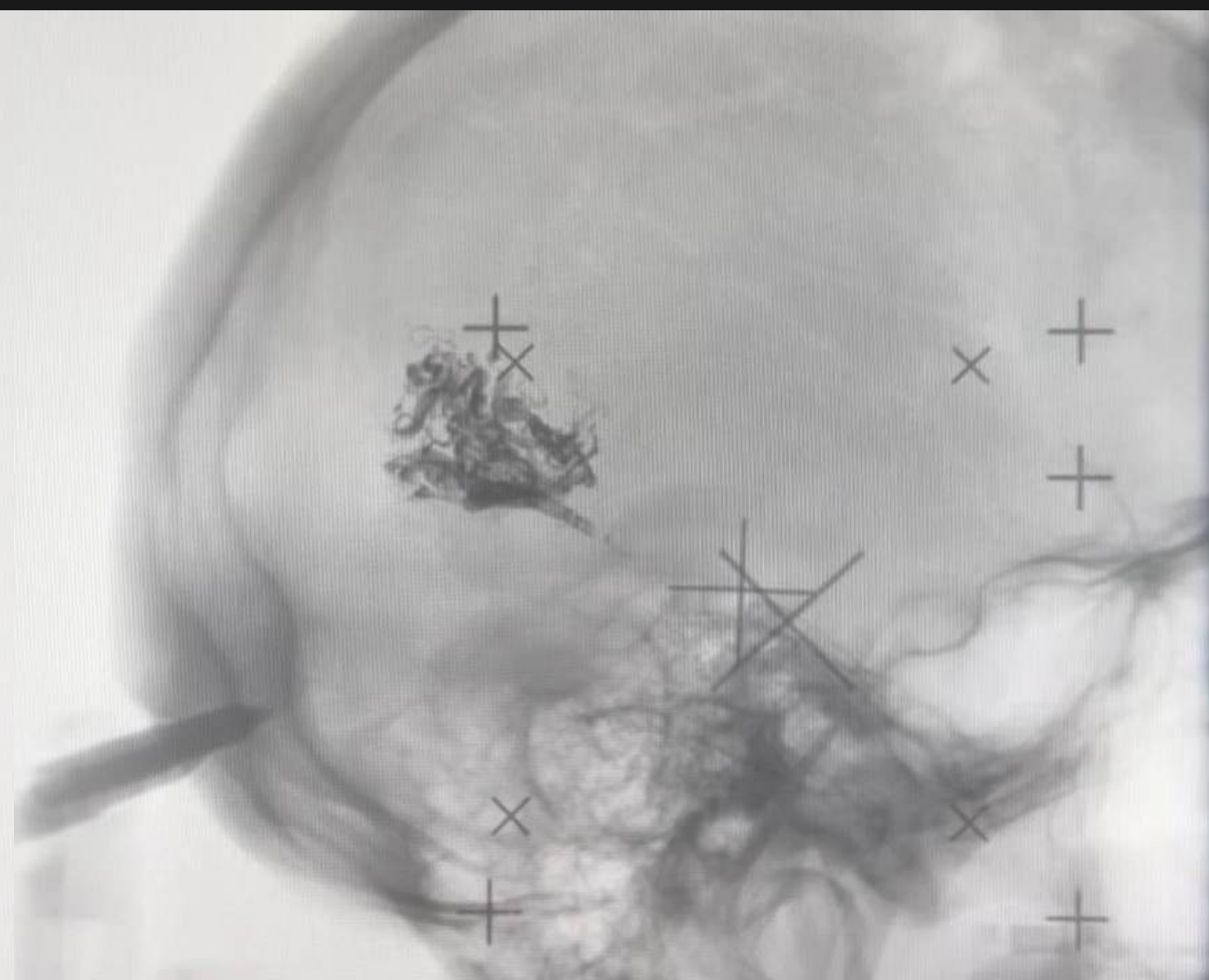


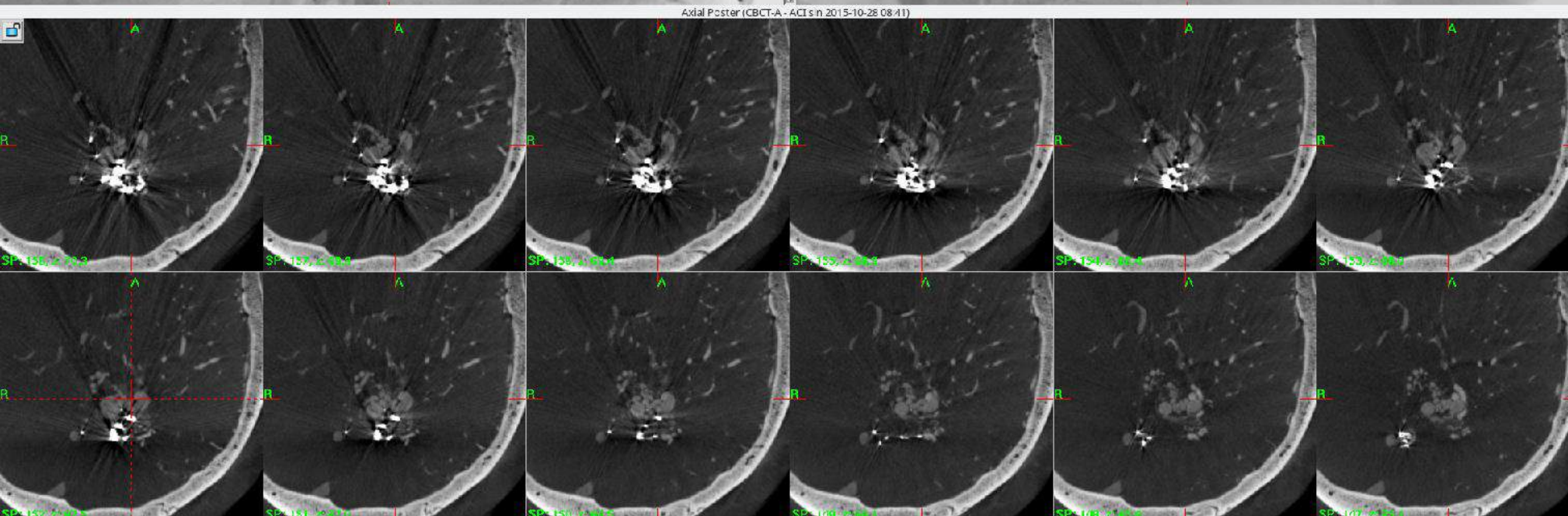
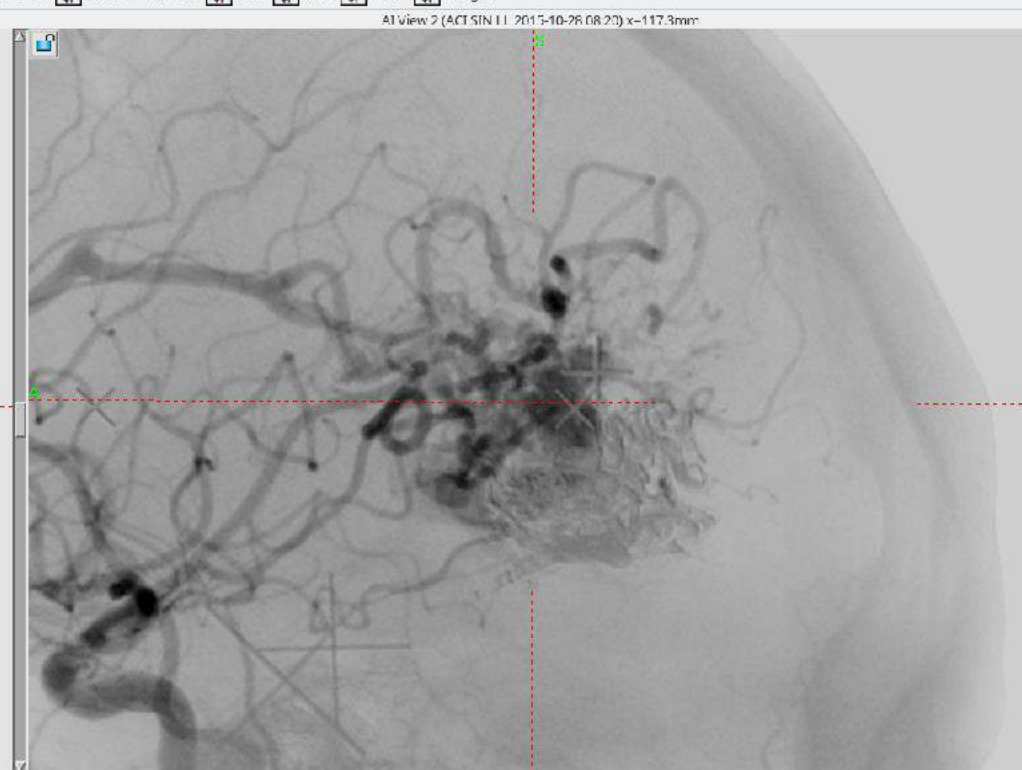


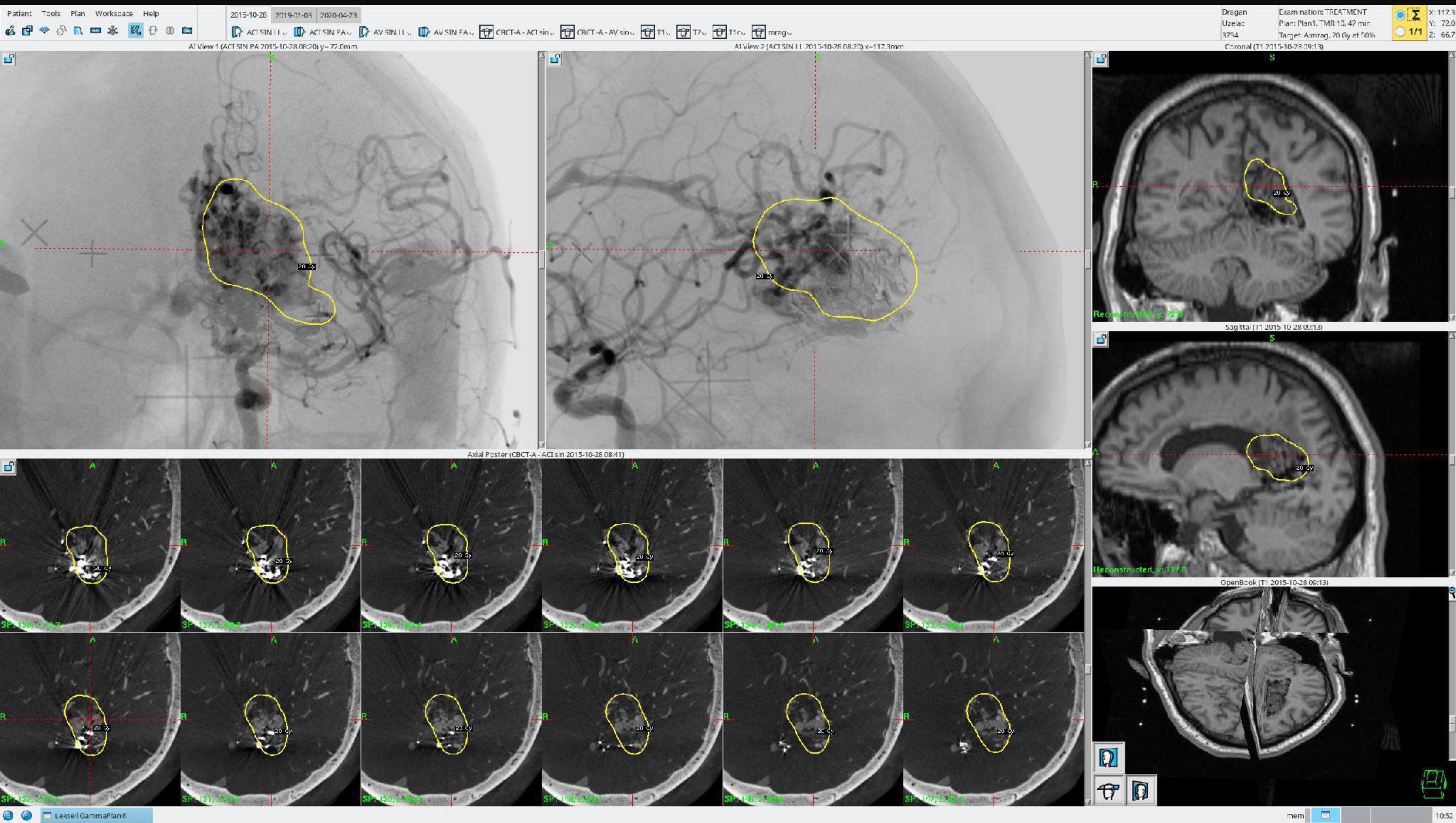


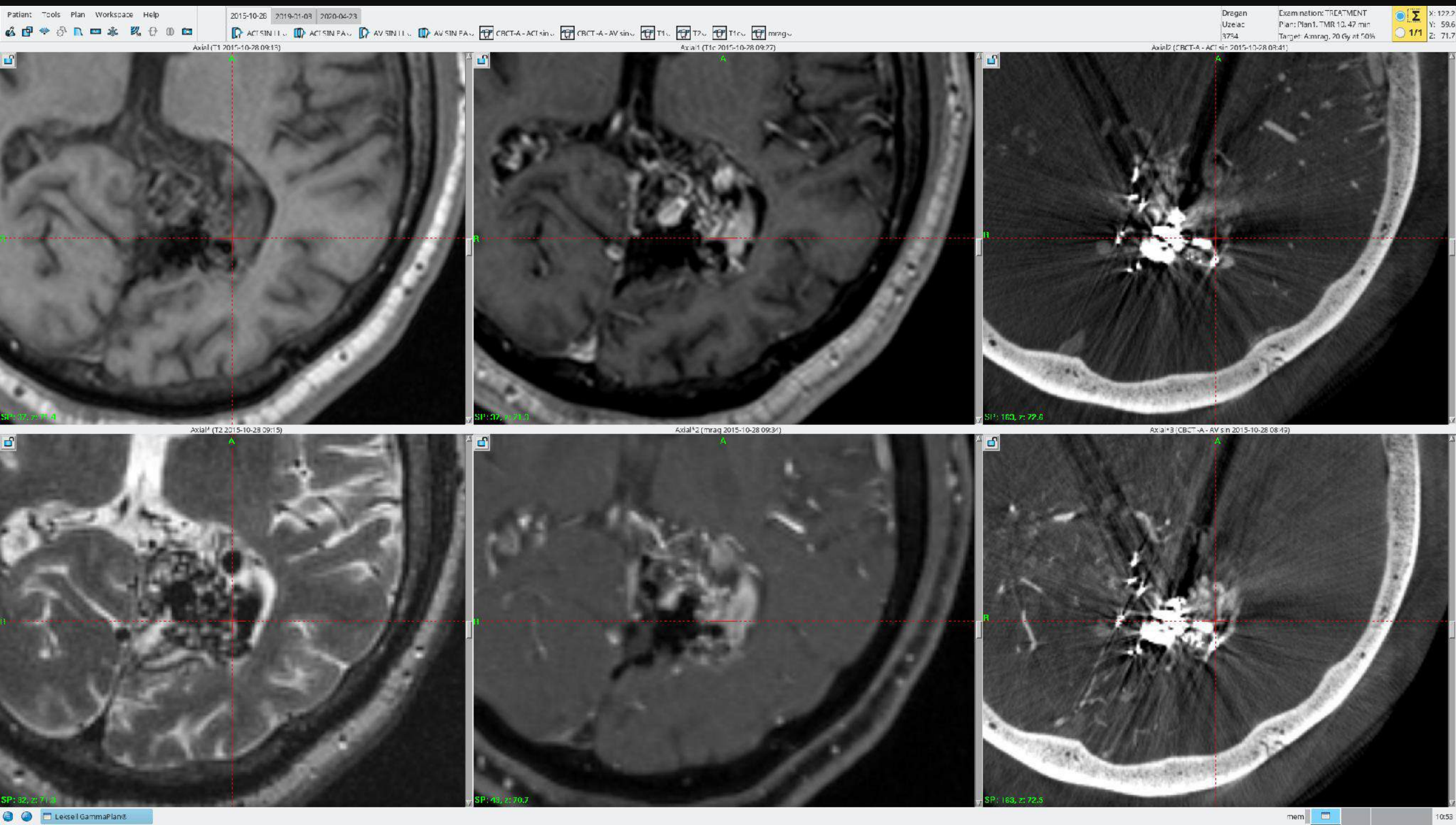
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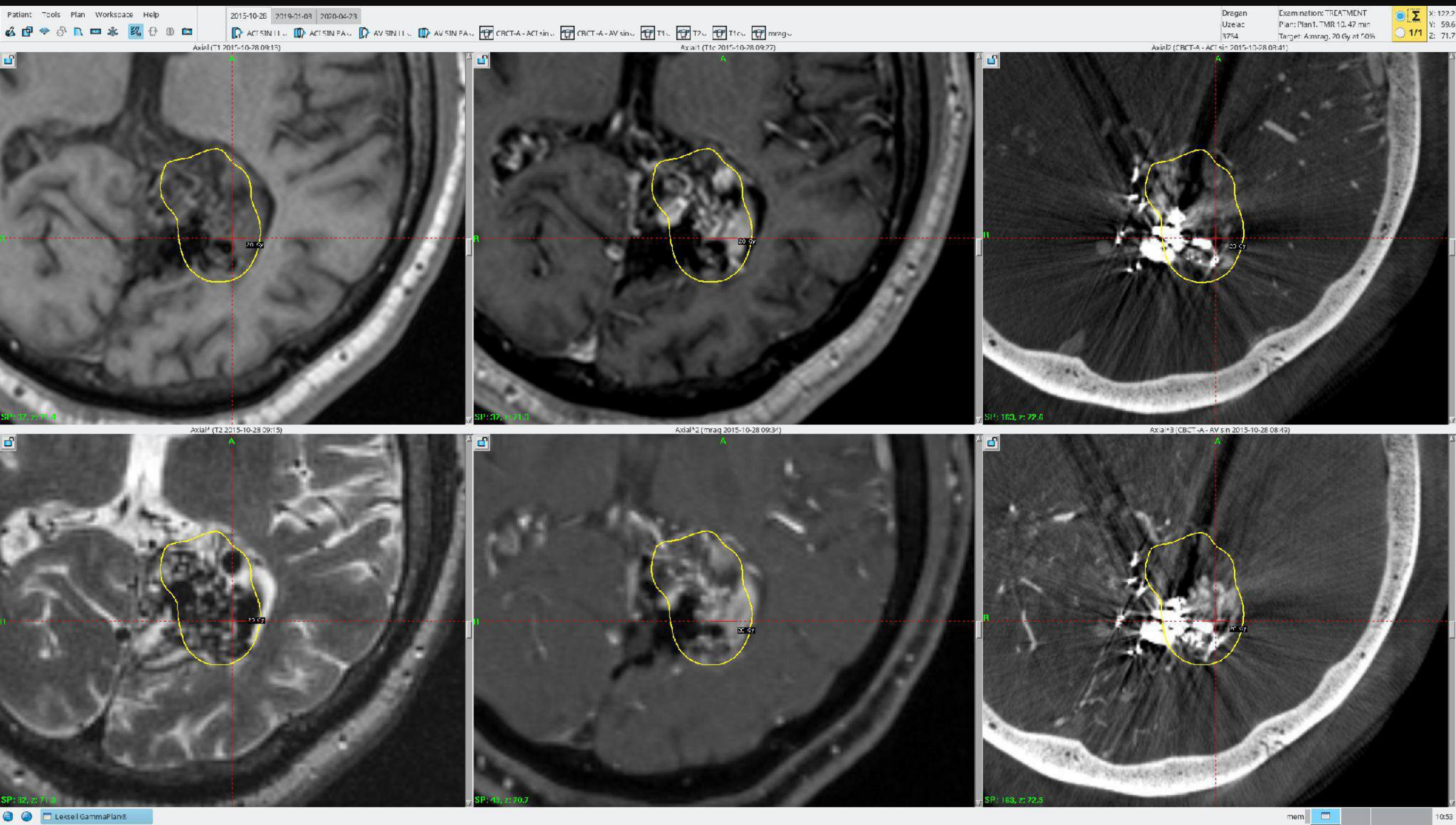
- 50 y.o. male
- Medical history - IC hematoma, with hematocephalus 9 months previously
- CT-A, MR-A - bleeding from ruptured bAVM occipital
- status - right sided hemiparesis
- admitted to Neurology for DSA evaluation and embolisation
- partially embolised with Onyx
- referred to radiosurgery for residual nidus

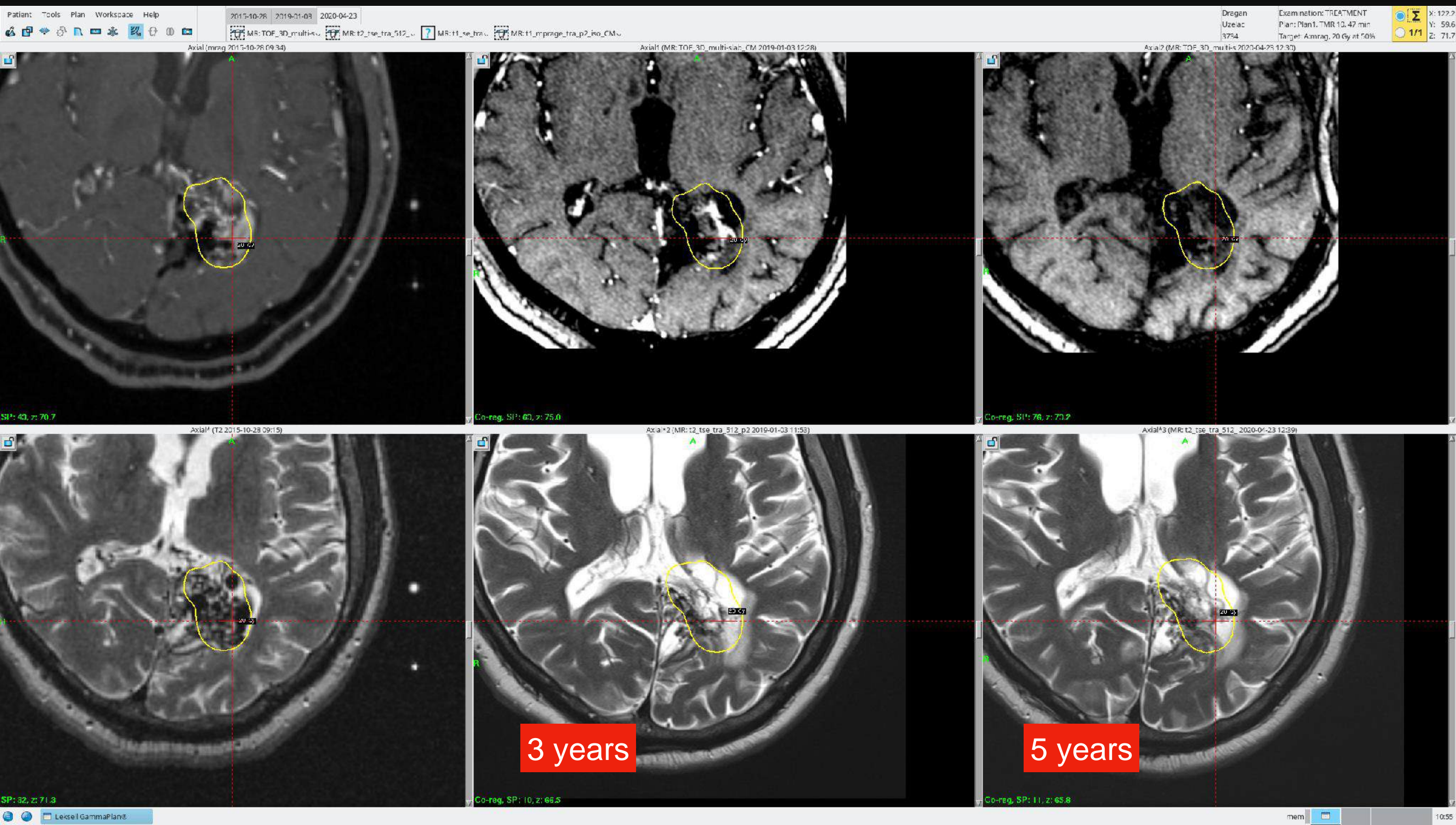


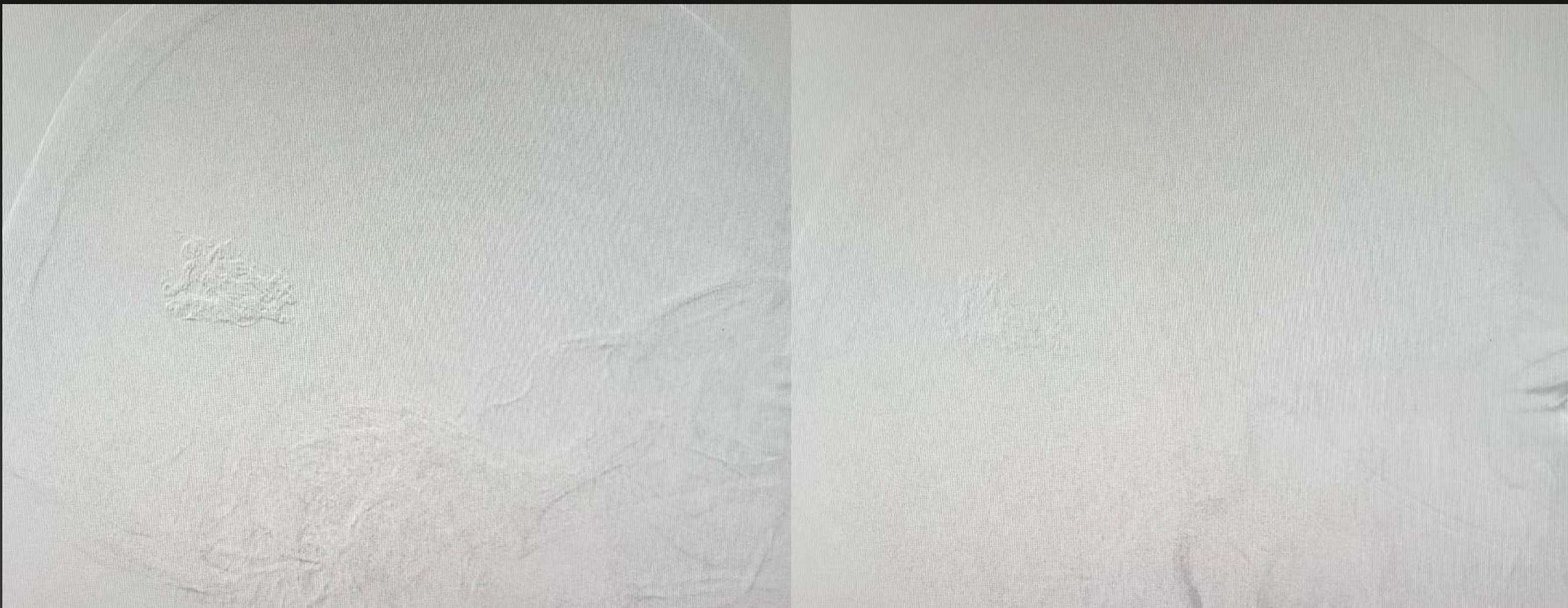












DSA verification of complete obliteration, 5 yrs after GKRS

Conclusion

- Radiosurgery is a safe, efficient treatment method for bAVMs
- indications should be based on an interdisciplinary agreement
- factors correlating with higher occlusion
 - size (volume)
 - eloquence / critical structures
 - (bleeding status, age)