





Percutaneous bone tumor cryoablation: analysis of complications — A 10-year experience at a single center

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Background

- Cryoablation: tumor destruction
- Ice ball formation



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• Ice ball size: type and number of probes

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Literature

Study	Nb of CA	Global complication rate	Major complication rate	Minor complication rate
Bang et al. ,2012	13	23%	7.7%	15.4%
Callstrom et al. ,2013	69	NR	2%	NR
McMenomy et al , 2013	19	NR	5.2%	NR
Tomasian et al. , 2016	31	6.4%	ο%	6.4%
Whitmore et al. , 2016	29	21%	0%	21%
Gardner et al. , 2017	40	24%	16%	8%
Ma et al. , 2017	27	7.4%	7.4%	ο%
Santiago et al. , 2018	21	14.3%	0%	14.3%

CA: cryoablation; NR: Not reported

Objective

To assess complication rate and identify risk factors associated with percutaneous bone cryoablation

Materials and methods

Retrospective series



- ✓ 239 patients
- ✓ 320 bone tumors

301 metastasis

93 lung

78 breast

29 thyroÏde

17 kydney

16 colorectal

11 prostate

57 others

9 primitive bone tumors

5 chondrosarcoma

3 myeloma

1 chordoma

10 benign tumors

3 osteoïd osteoma

3 osteoblastoma

4 anevrismal bone cysts

Materials and methods

- Complications
 - classified according to the « common terminology criteria for

adverse event version 5.0 »

- Statistical analysis
 - To identify associated risk factors:
 - univariate analysis
 - multivariate analysis

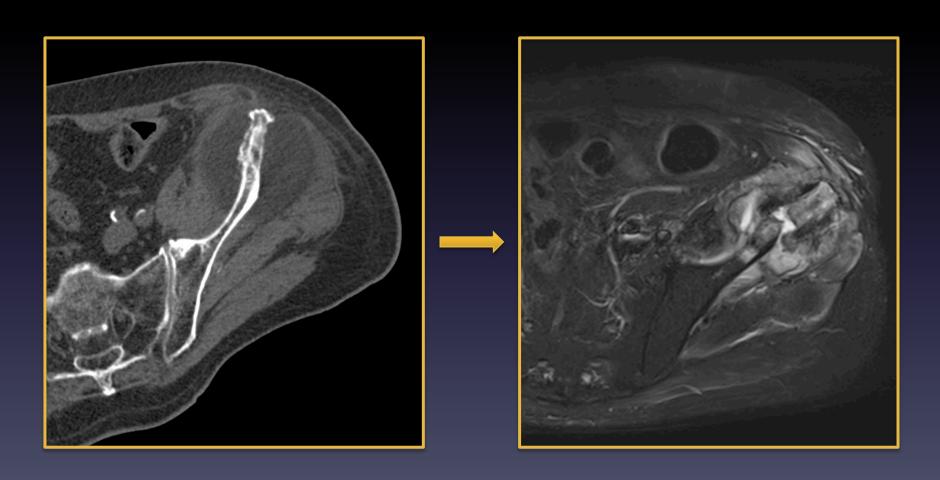
• Complication rate

Complications	Rate (95% CI)	
Global complications	9,1% (6 - 12,2)	
Major complications	2,5% (2,8 - 4,2)	
Minor complications	6,6% (3,9 – 9,3)	

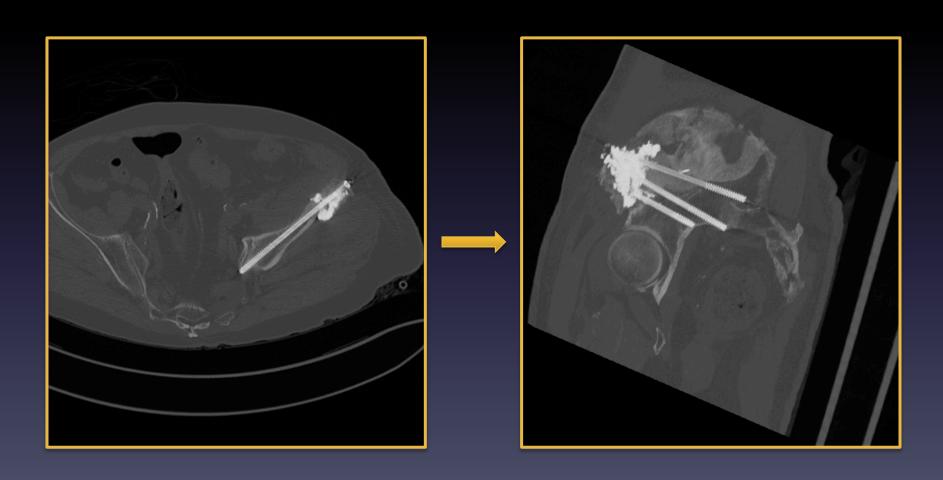
Major complications

Complications	Grade, No. (%) of CA sessions	No. days until complication	Management
Fracture			
Acetabulum	3, 4 (1.2)	120	Screw
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lliac wing		33	Cement + screw
Scapula		30	screw
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Tumor seeding	3, 1 (0.3)	150	Surgery
Infection of CA site	3, 1 (0.3)	60	Surveillance
Arterial bleeding by trocars	3, 1 (0.3)	0	Hemostasis by
			cementoplasty
Hypotension	4, 1 (0.3)	0	Vasoactive drugs and
			intravenous fluid

Major complication



Major complication



• Minor complications

Complications	Grade, No. (%) of CA sessions	No. days until complication	Management
✓ Pain	2, 7 (2.2)	О	Analgesics drugs or injection
✓ Peripheral motor and	2, 3 (0.9)	o	None or corticotherapy
sensitive neuropathy			
✓ Paresthesia	1, 3 (0.9)	0	None
✓ Skin burn	2, 1 (0.3)	0	Paraffin gauze dressing
✓ Arthropathy	2, 1 (0.3)	180	Articular infiltration
✓ Asymptomatic fracture	1, 2 (0.6)	o	None
✓ Acute urinary retention	2, 1 (0.3)	o	Urinary catheterization
✓ Infection of puncture site	2, 1 (0.3)	2	Antibiotics
✓ Venous skin bleeding	2, 1 (0.3)	О	Stitches
✓ Blocked trocar	1, 1 (0.3)	О	Coaxial method with larger
			needle

Risk factors for global and major complications

Variable	Odd Ratio [95% CI]	P value			
Risk factors for global complications					
 ✓ Age> 70 ✓ Number of probes > 3 ✓ Long bone ✓ Adjacent critical structures 	2.53 [1.02, 6.28] 2.41 [1.01, 5.78] 28.97 [3.21, 261.81] 4.71 [1.32, 16.87]	.045 .048 .021 .017			
Risk factors for major complications					
✓ Age> 70✓ Number of probes > 3	5.06 [1.12, 22.85] 19.56 [2.33, 164.17]	.035 .006			

Discussion

- Literature :
 - Global complications between 6,4 and 24%
 - Major complications between o and 16%
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- Tomasian A, Wallace A, Northrup B, Hillen TJ, Jennings JW. Spine Cryoablation: Pain Palliation and Local Tumor Control for Vertebral Metastases. Am J Neuroradiol. 2016 Jan 1;37(1):189–95.
- Risk factors:
 - Age
 - Number of probes >3
 - Long bone
 - Adjacent critical structures
- The main major complication:
 - Post cryoblation fracture

Conclusion

• Percutaneous bone cryoablation is a safe procedure

Bone cryoablation can result in up to 2.5% major complications,
 especially in elderly patients and more than 3 cryoprobes are used. The
 most common major complication is secondary fracture.

Thank you