

## **Le Frontiere dell’Innovazione in Medicina: Esempi e Proposte dalla Neurochirurgia**

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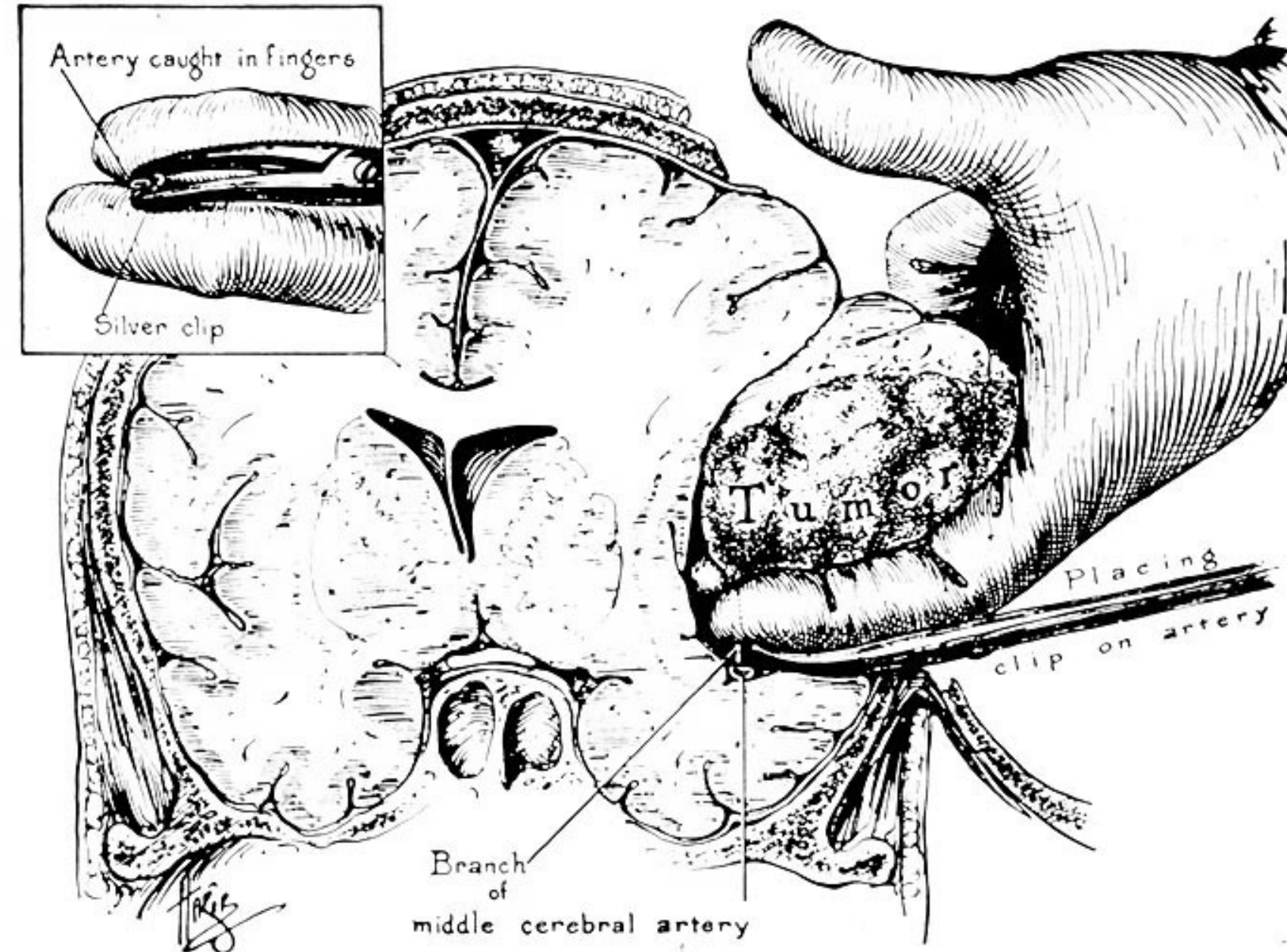
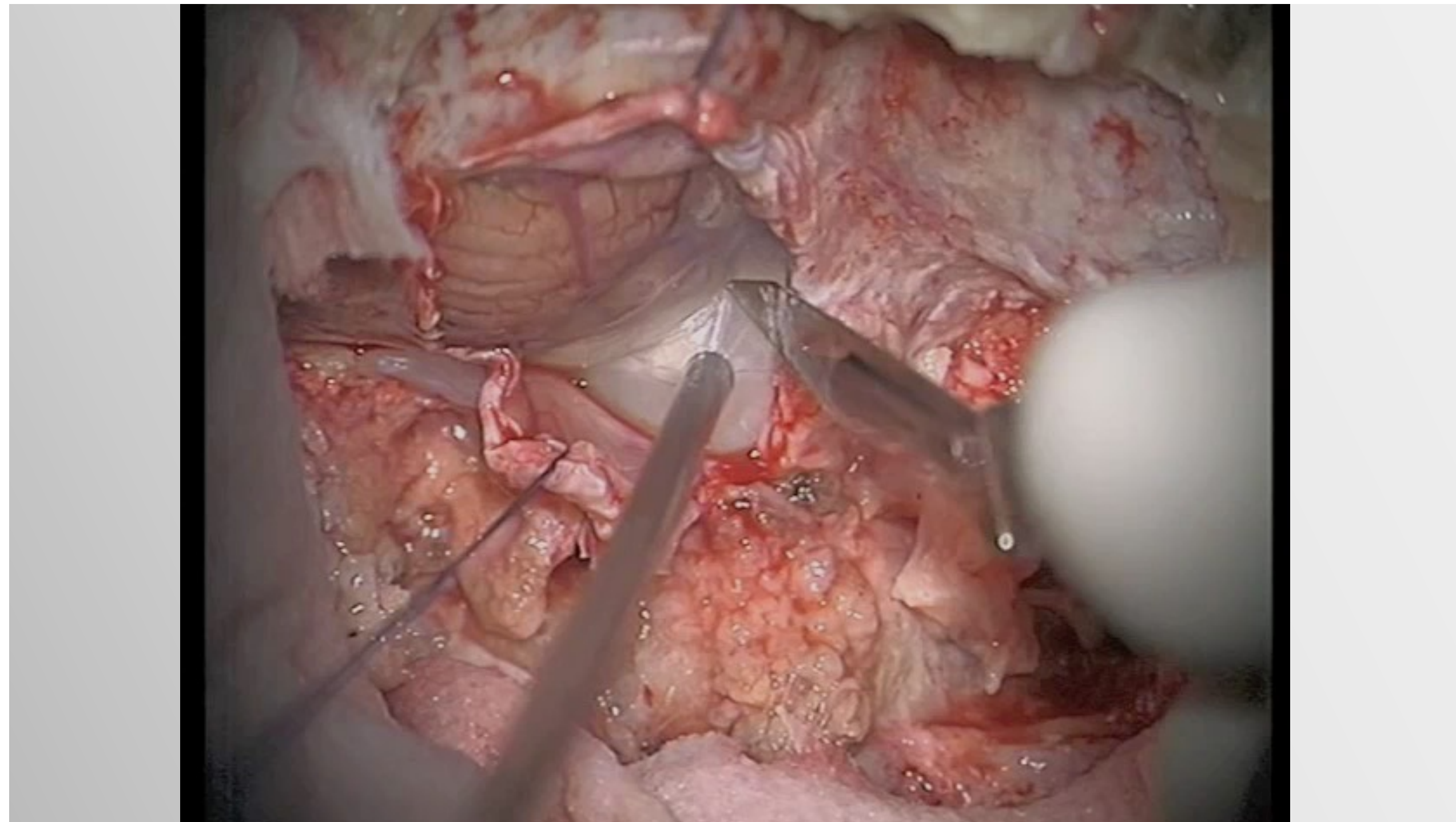


FIG. 35. The digital enucleation of gliomas (Dandy)



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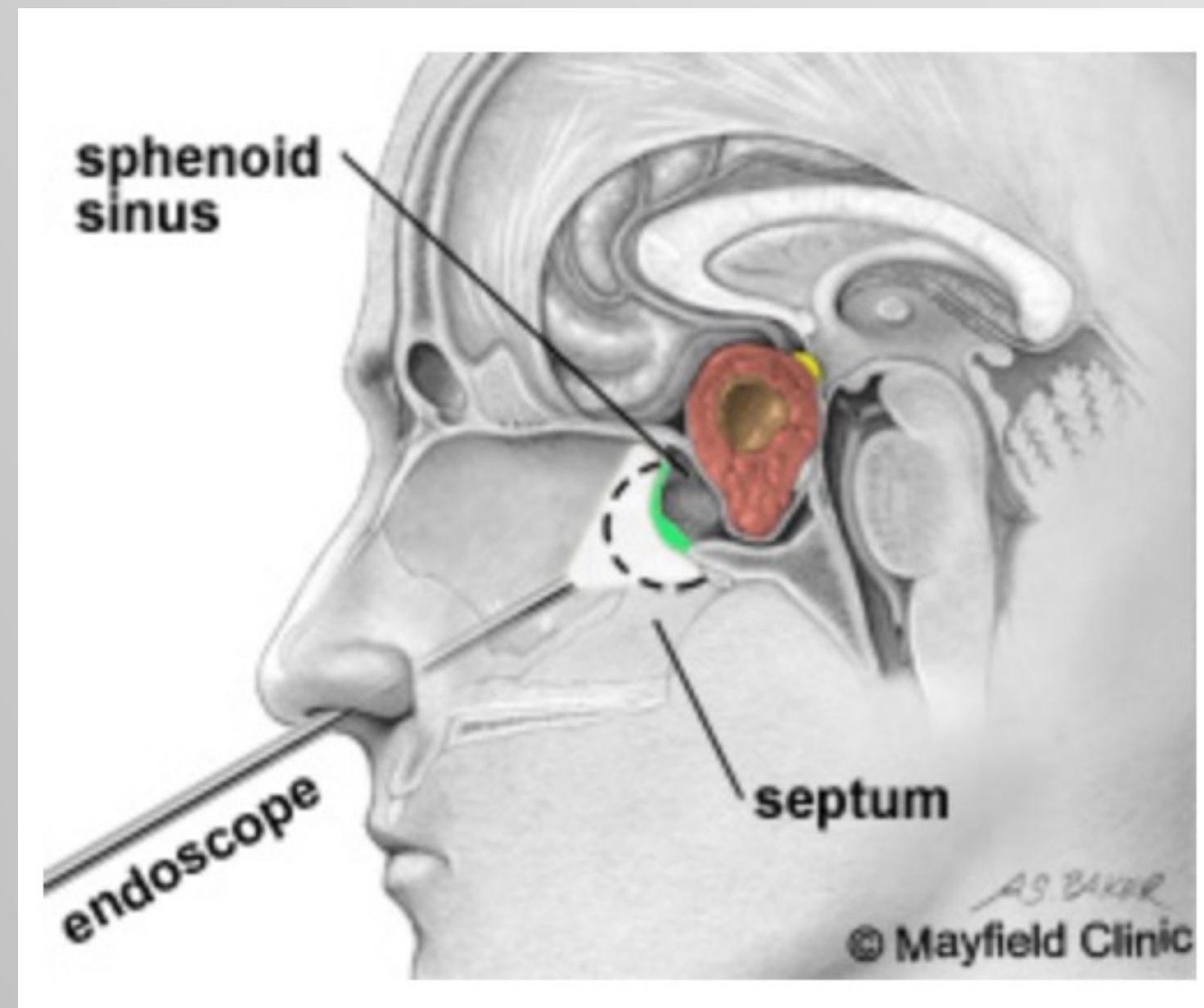
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## Microscopy



## Endoscopy



**Brain Tectal Tumors: A Flexible Approach**

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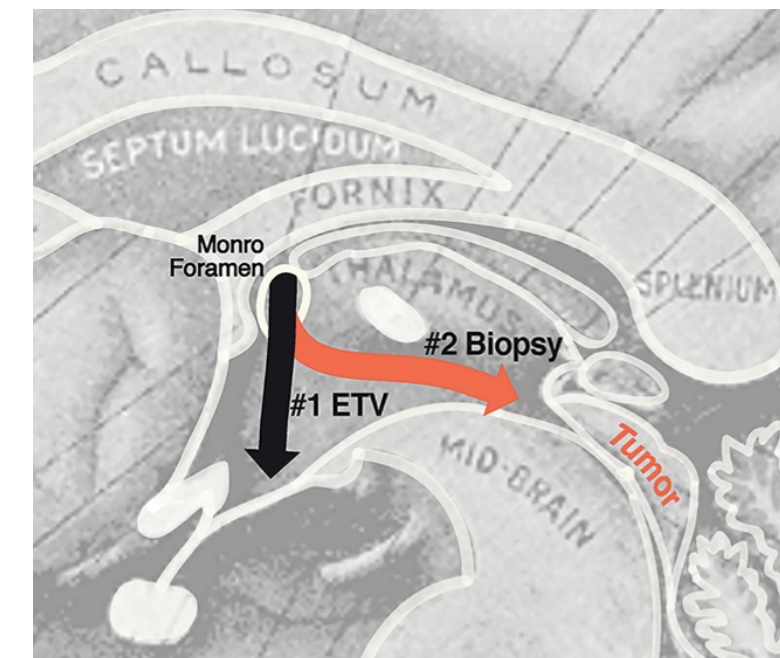
**BACKGROUND AND IMPORTANCE:** Mesencephalic tectal gliomas represent a subset of midbrain tumors, which are more frequent in children than in adults. They usually become symptomatic when causing hydrocephalus by occluding the aqueduct. Because of their slow progression, due to their benign histology, they are characterized by a relatively good prognosis, although hydrocephalus might jeopardize patients' prognosis. Treatment is usually represented by cerebrospinal fluid diversion associated or not with biopsy.

**CLINICAL PRESENTATION:** We report 2 illustrative cases of tectal gliomas in adults where endoscopic third ventriculostomy (ETV) and simultaneous endoscopic biopsy were obtained during the same operation by means of a single burr hole with a flexible endoscope.

**CONCLUSION:** We recommend using this overlooked neurosurgical tool for such cases, since it allows the surgeon to safely perform an ETV, then judge whether biopsy can be done or not, without harming the patient, and possibly achieving an important piece of information (histopathological diagnosis) to manage this subset of oncological patients.

**KEY WORDS:** Endoscopic third ventriculostomy, Flexible neuroendoscopy, Tectal plate gliomas

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Olympus ENF-VT3

## Exoscopy

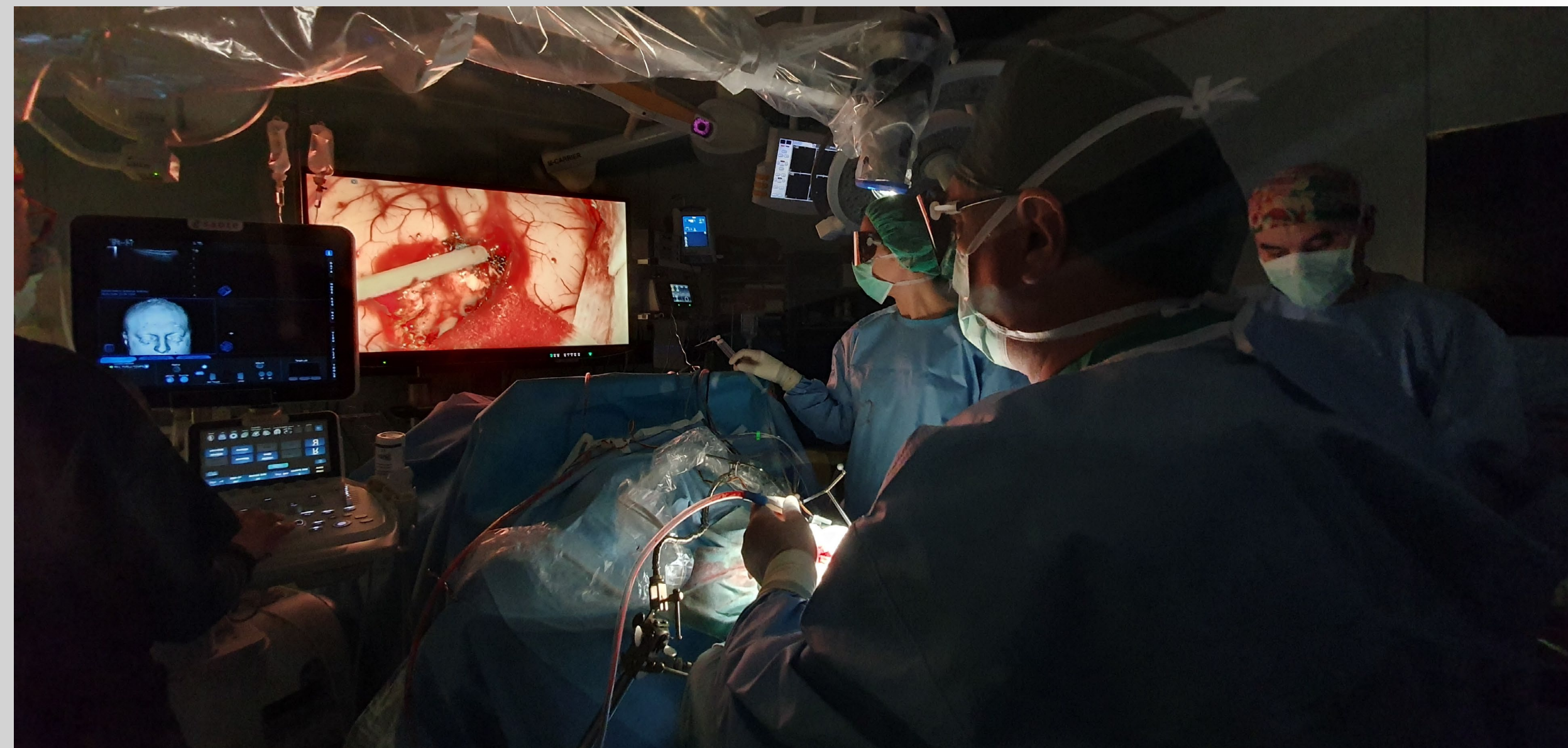




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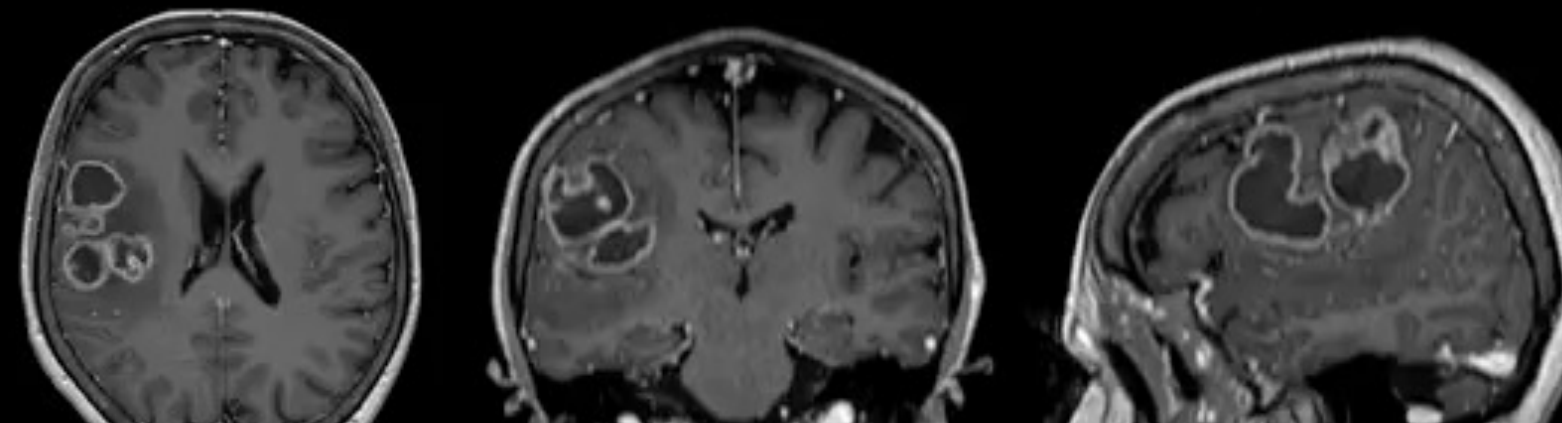
57y old woman

History of 1 month of left partial motor seizures (face and upper limb)

Poor response to anti-epileptic drugs

Negative neurological examination

Right-handed



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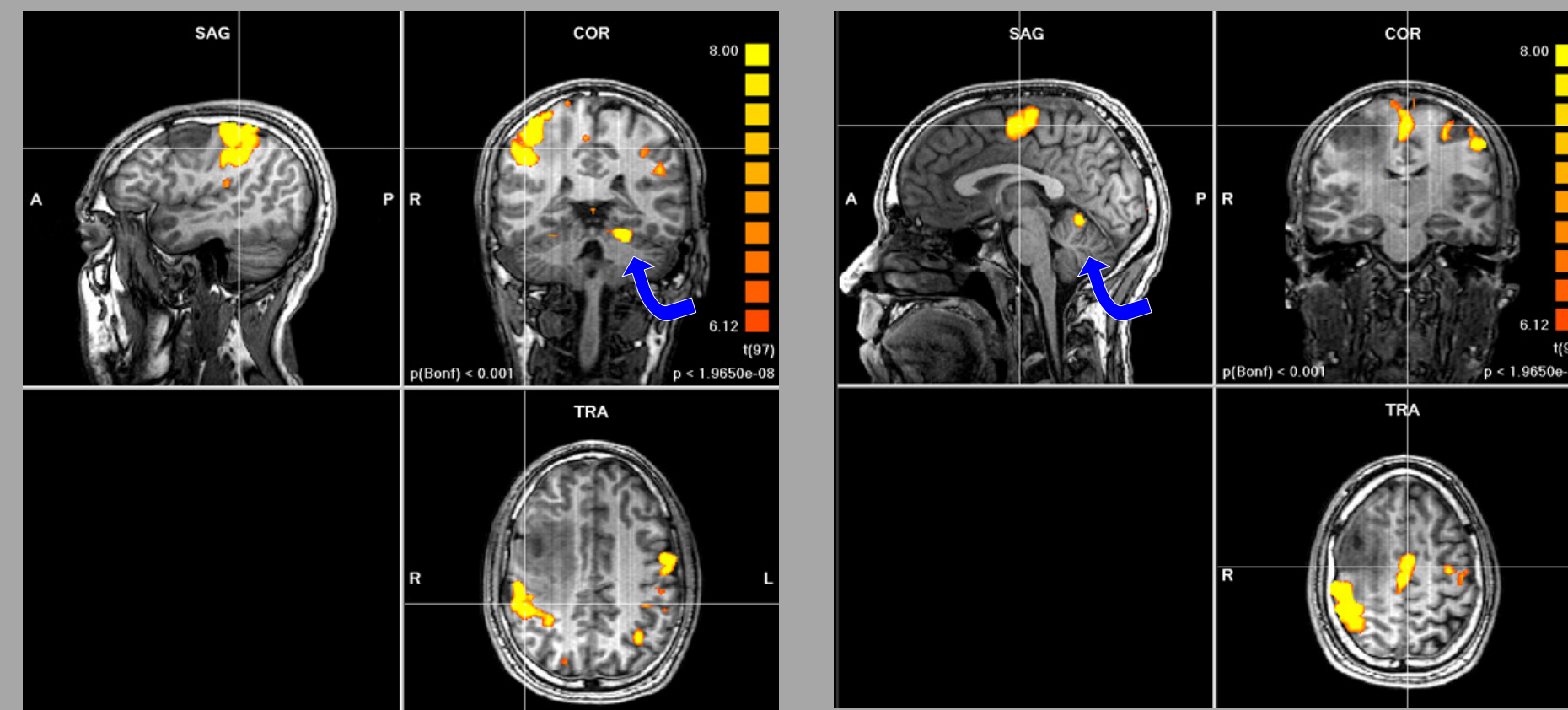
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### fMRI motor function (left hand)

Rt M1

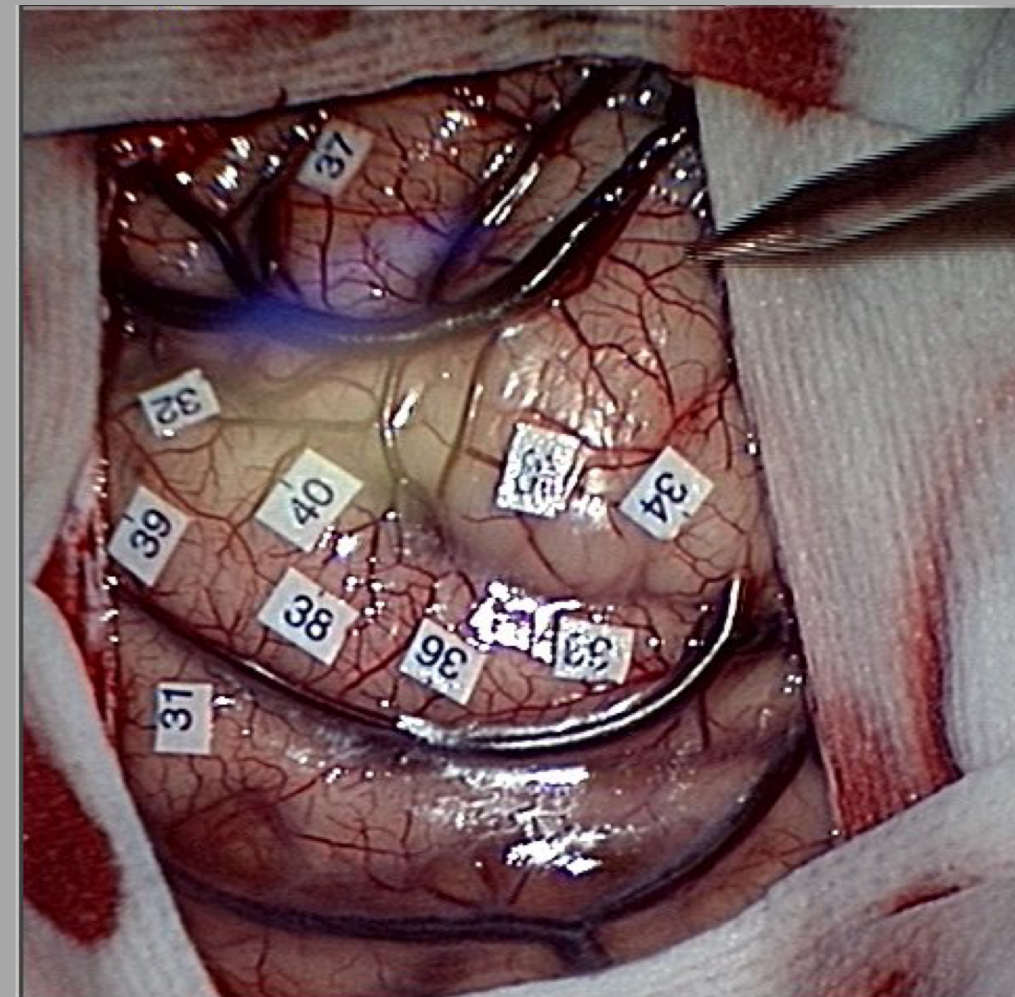
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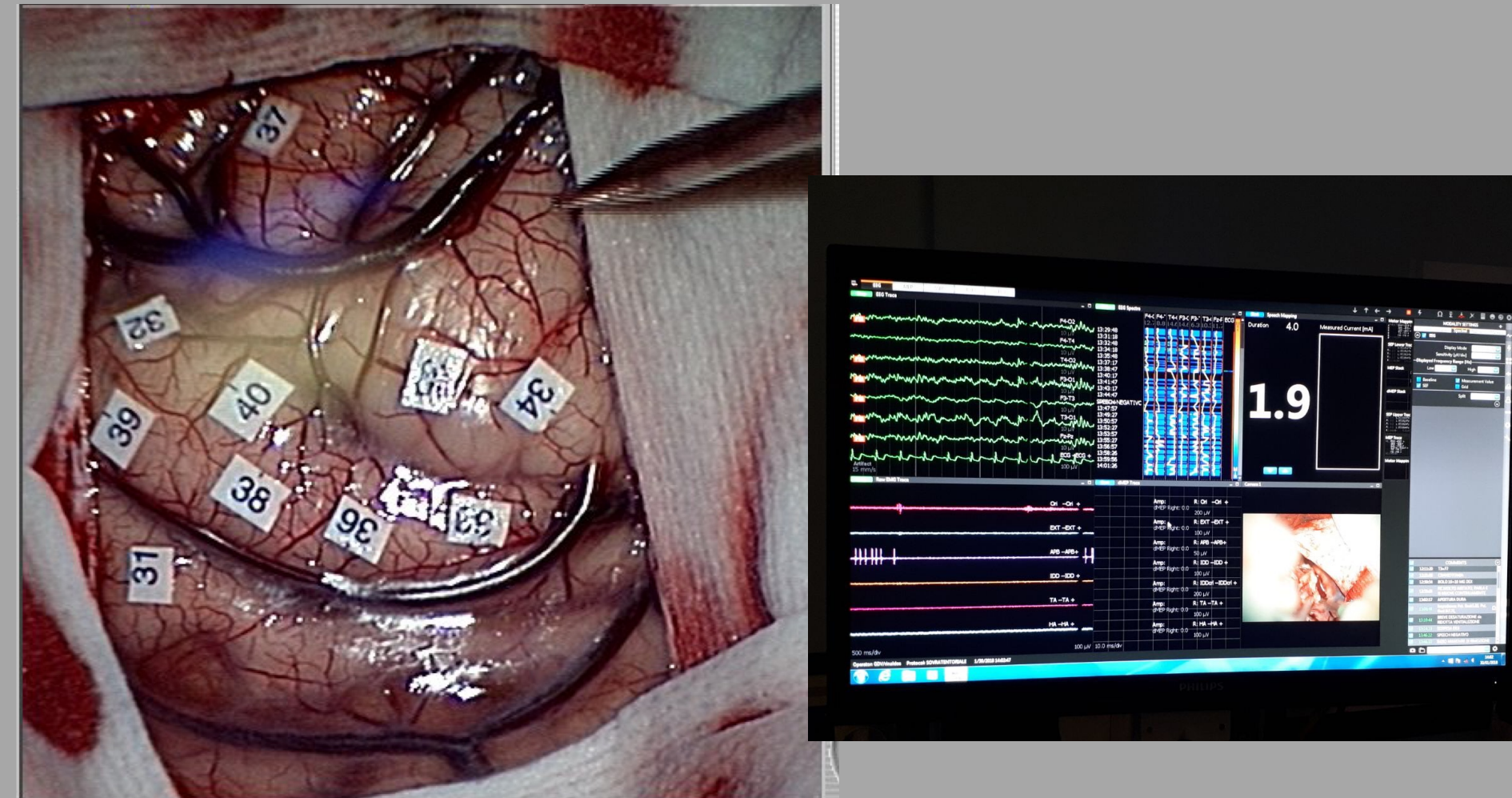
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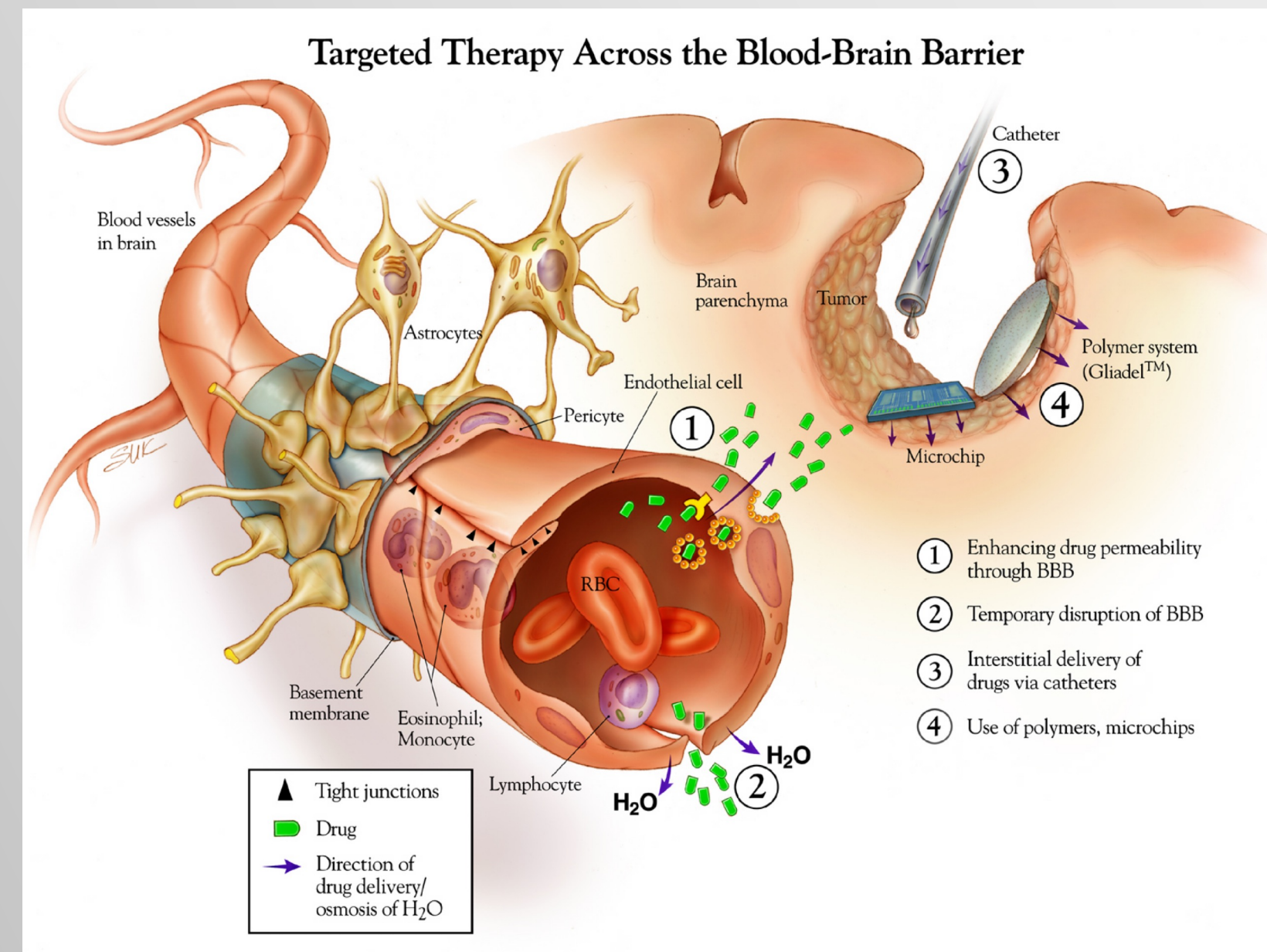
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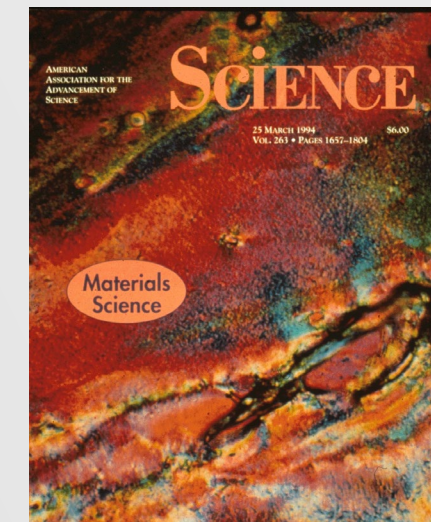
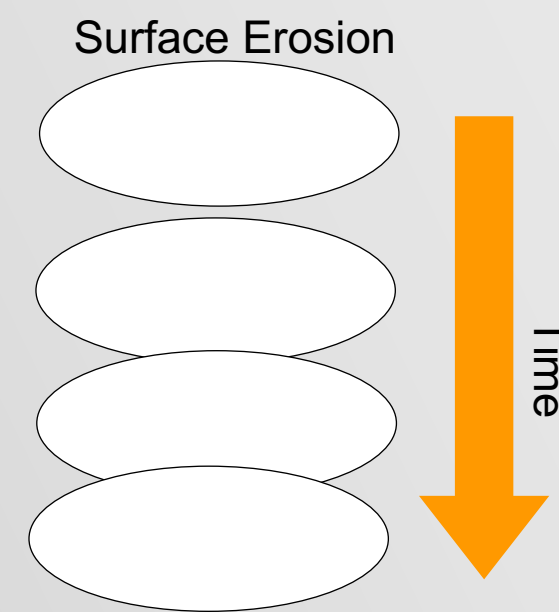
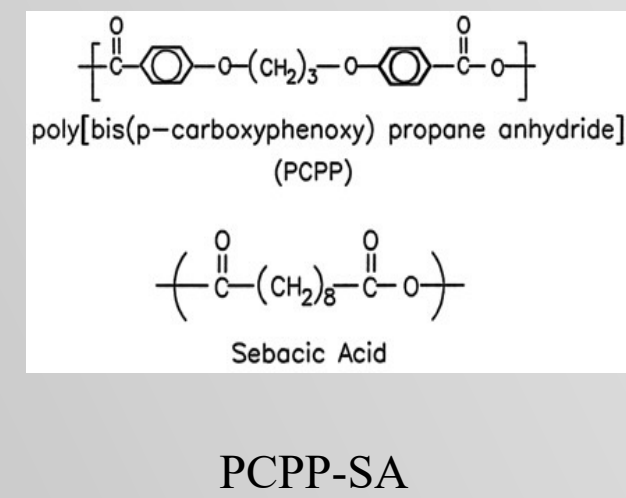
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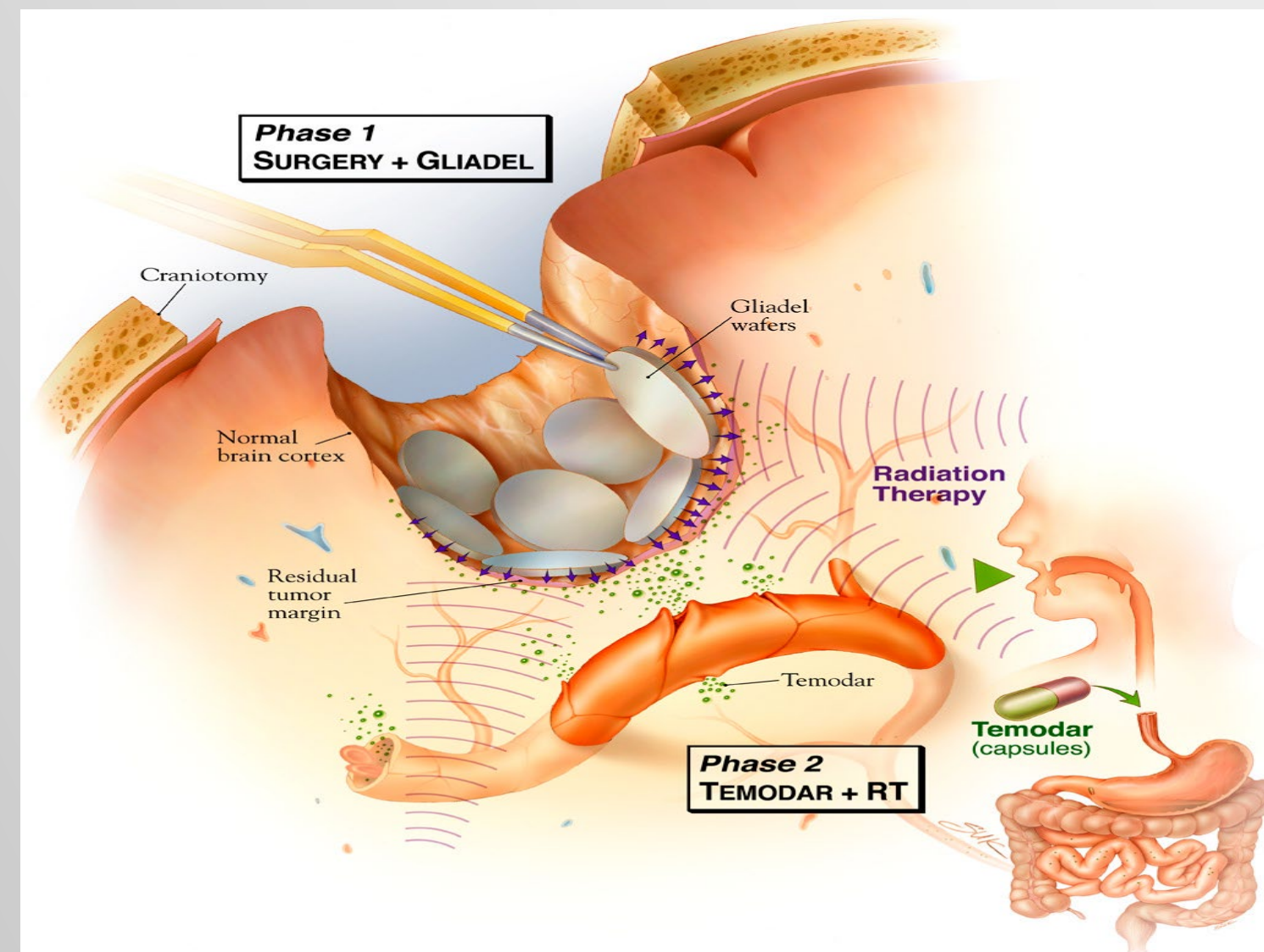


pCPP:SA (Polyfeprosan 20)



Drug release via surface erosion

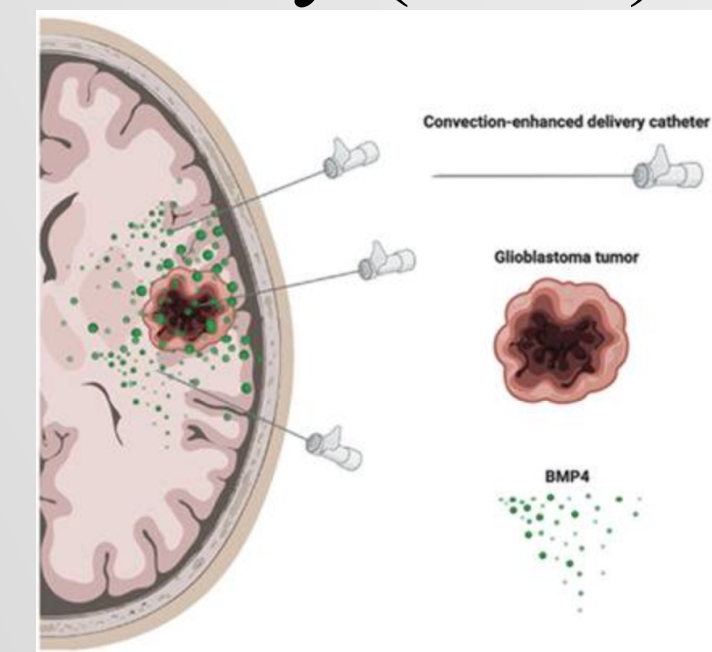
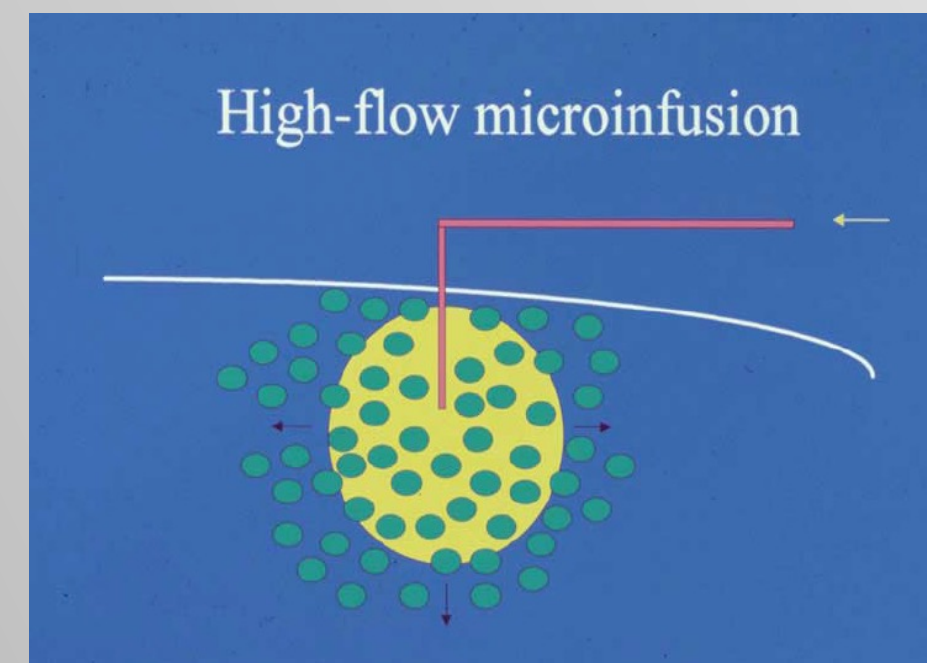
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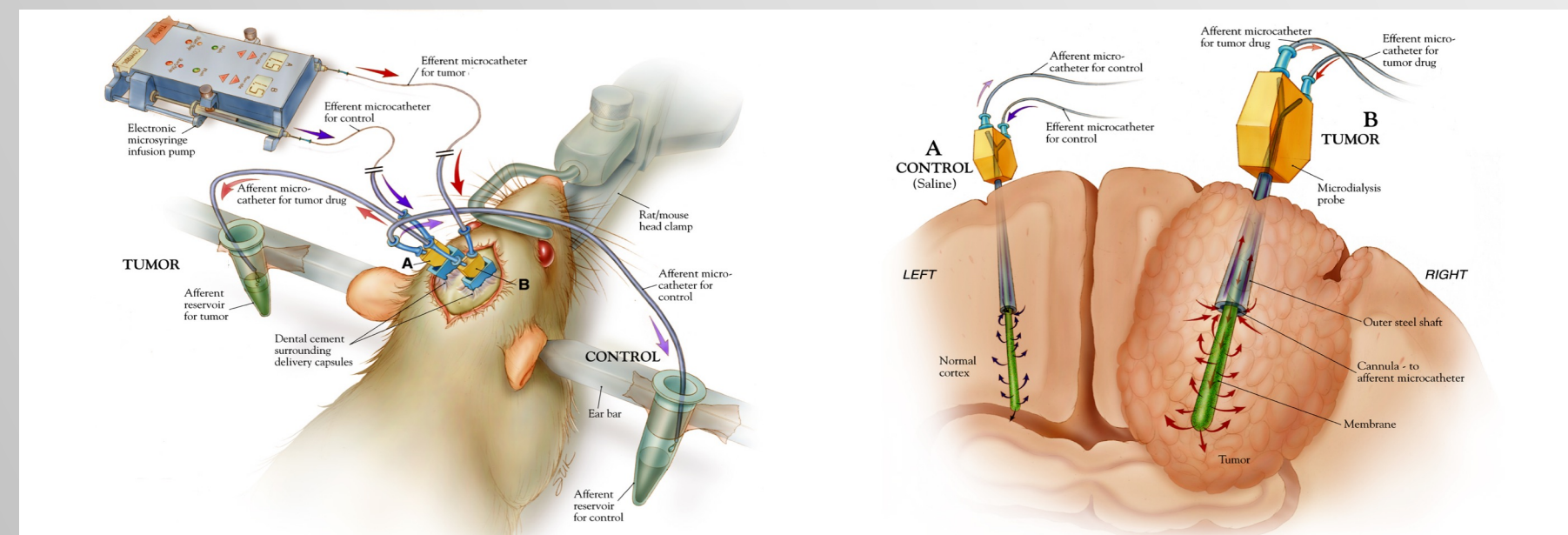
Convection-Enhanced Delivery (CED)



## Loco-regional therapies

### Biodegradable Polymers

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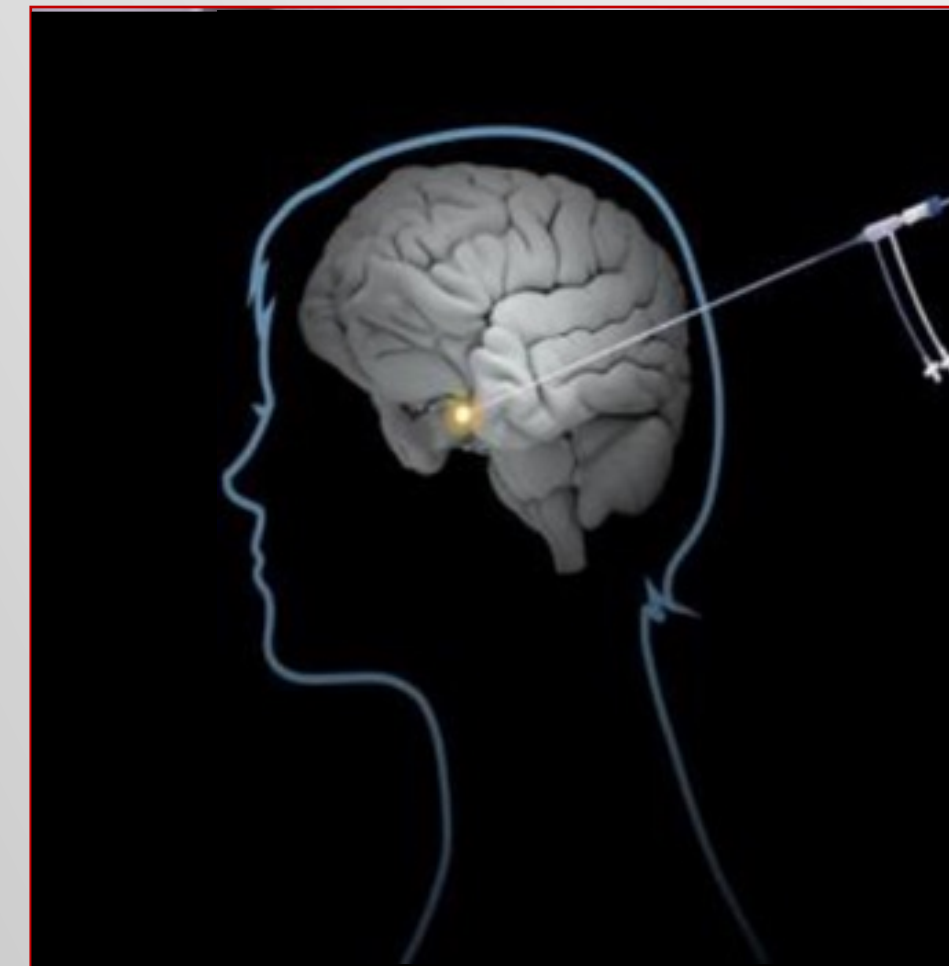


## Loco-regional therapies

### Laser Interstitial Thermal Therapy



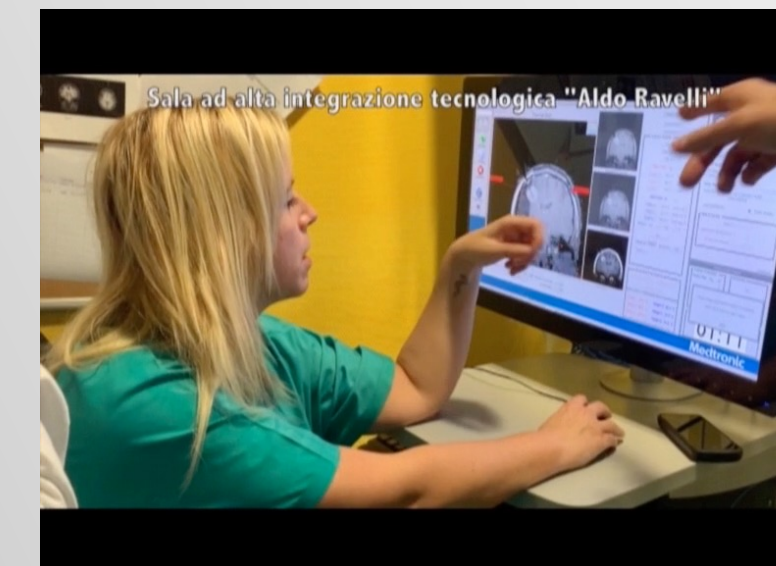
*Intraoperative MRI*



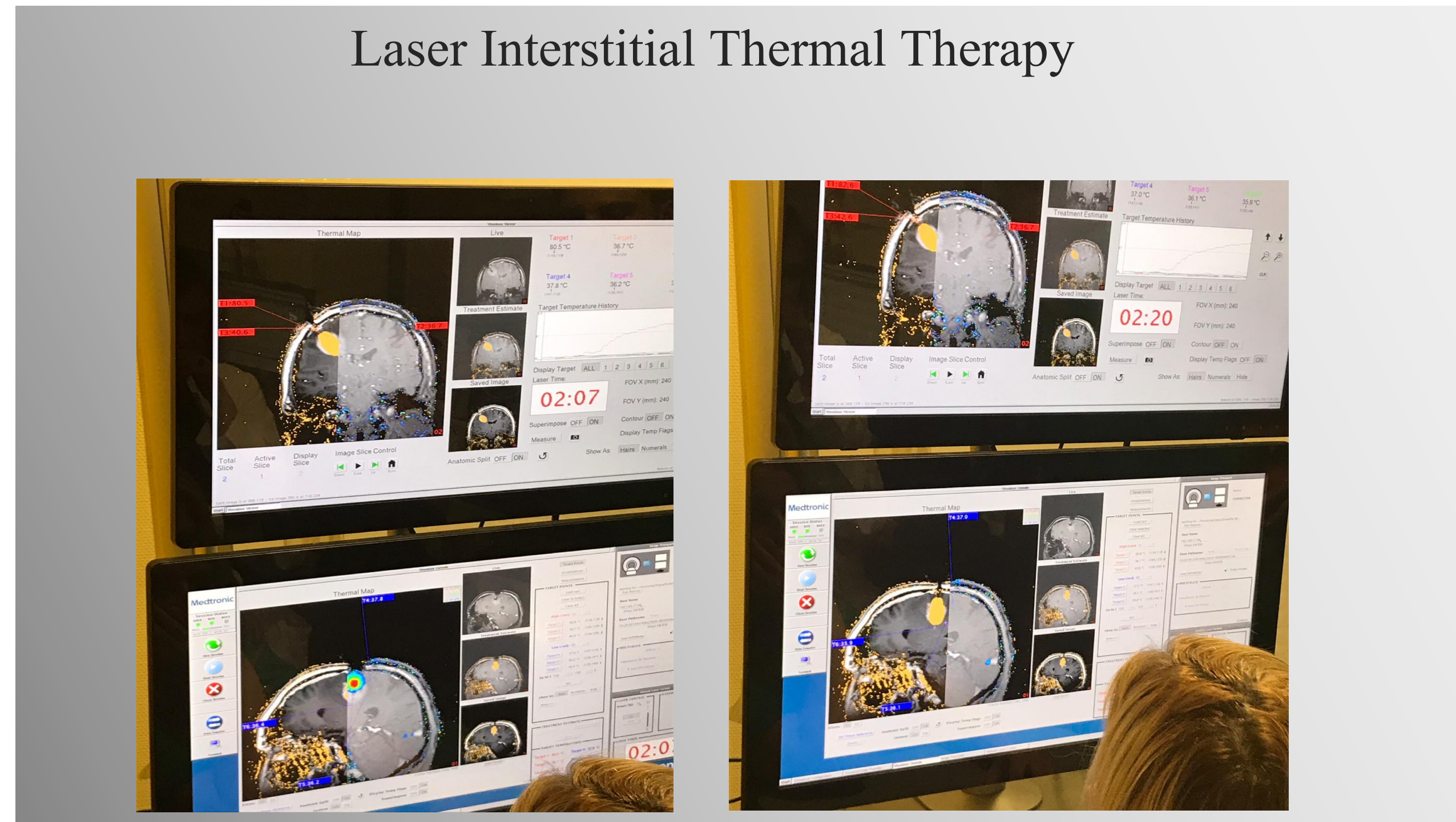
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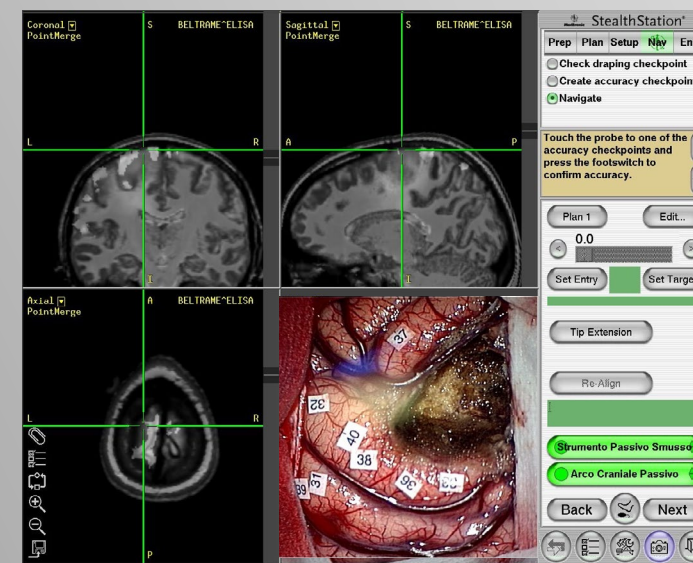
### Neuronavigation





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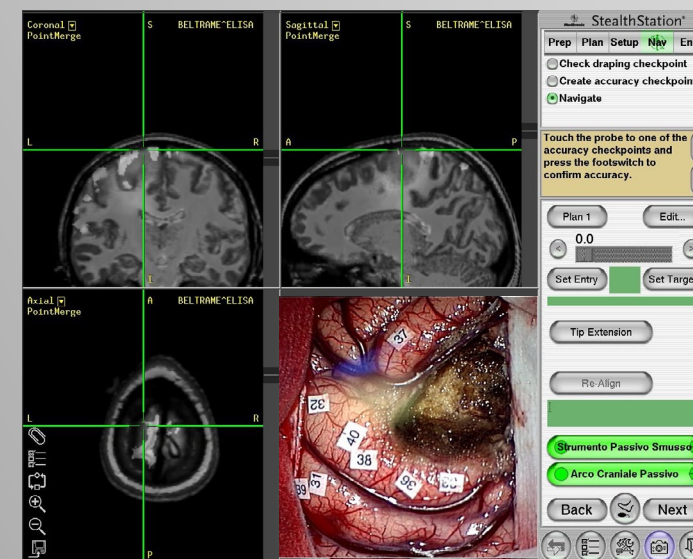
### Neuronavigation



- Standard imaging
- Routine use

## Image guided surgery

### Neuronavigation



- Standard imaging
- Routine use
- Pre-op imaging
- Virtual / No real-time navigation
- Brain shift / brain deformation

## Image guided surgery

### Neuronavigation



### Intraoperative MRI

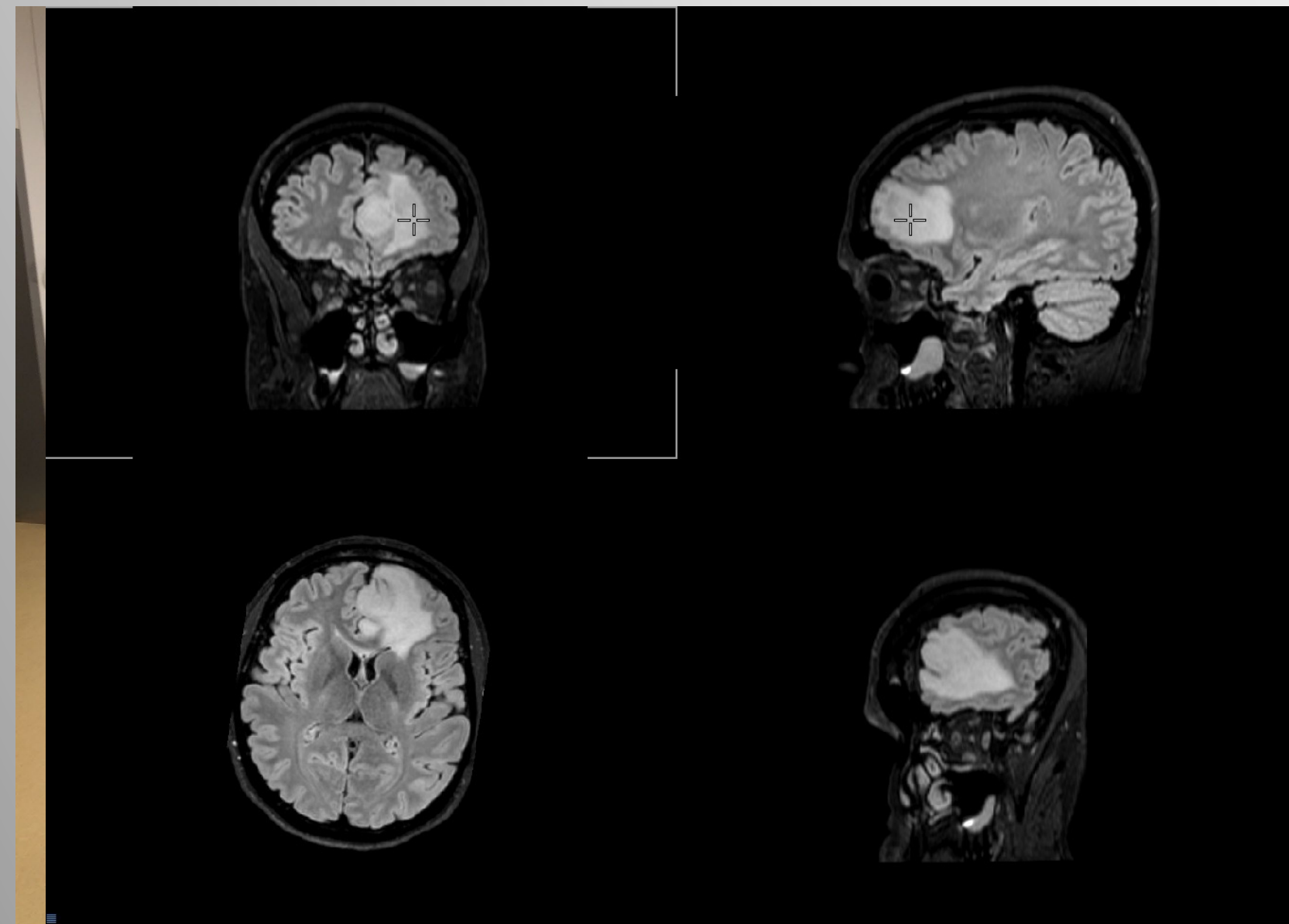


- Standard imaging
- Accurate

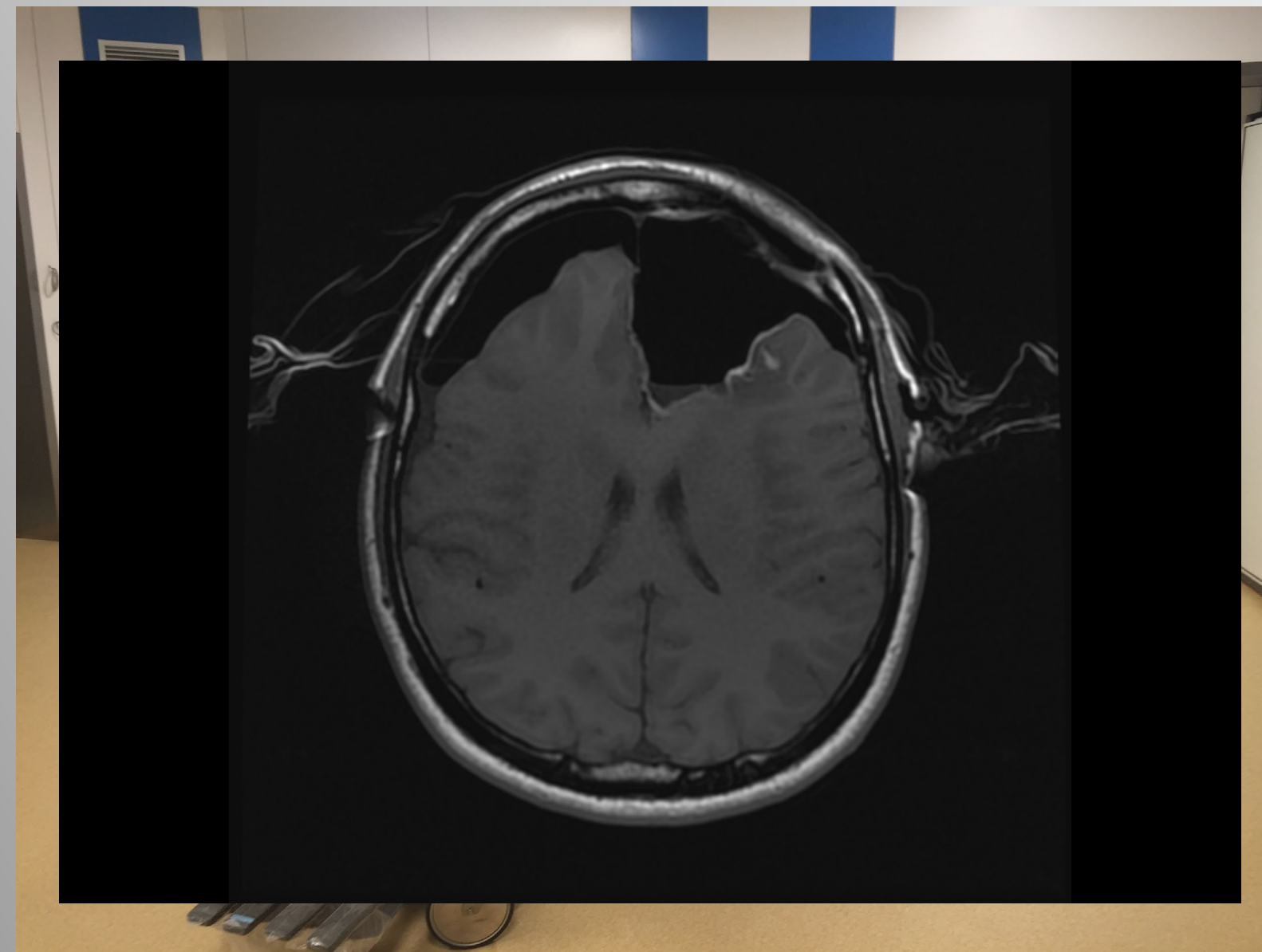
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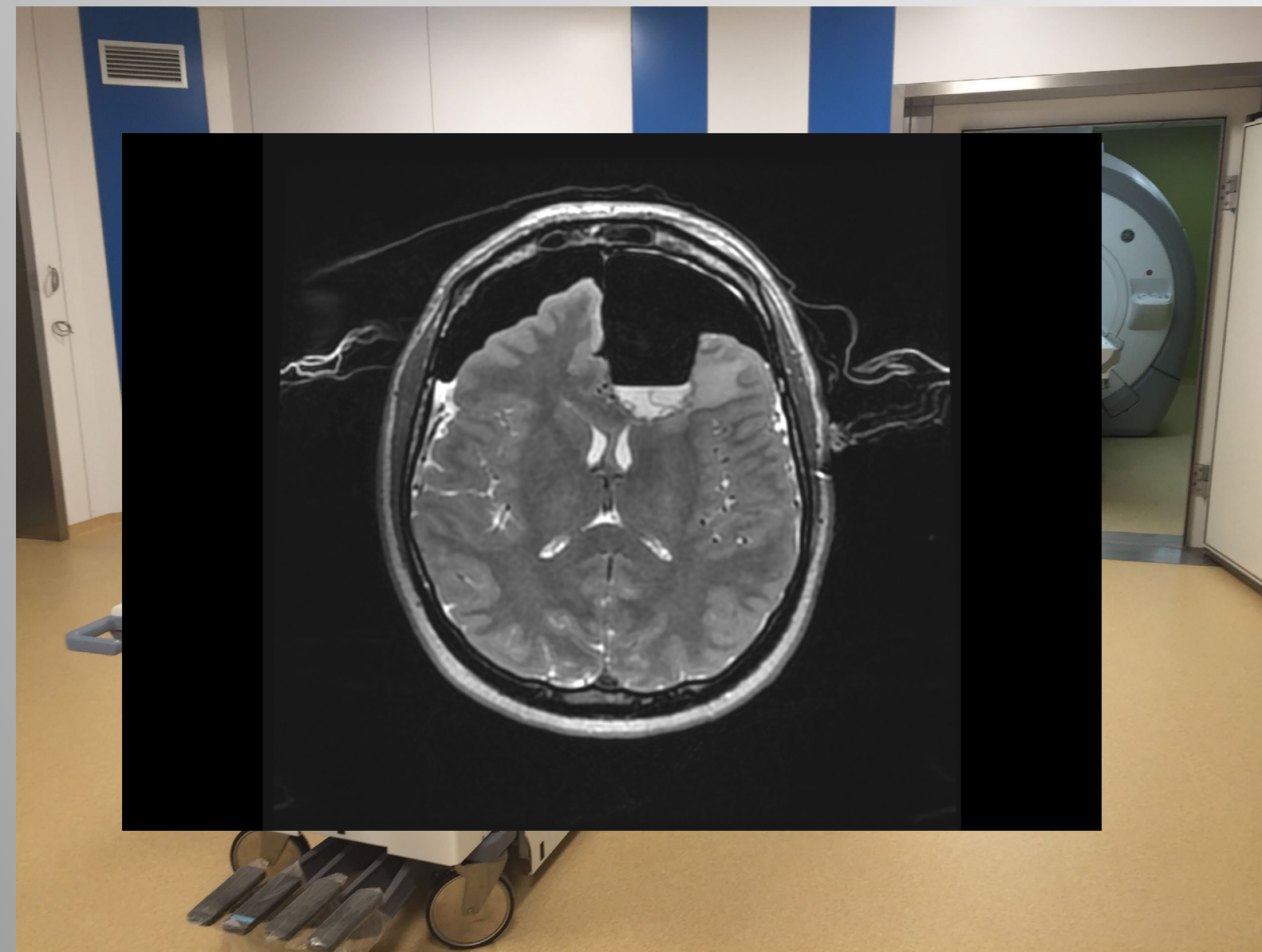
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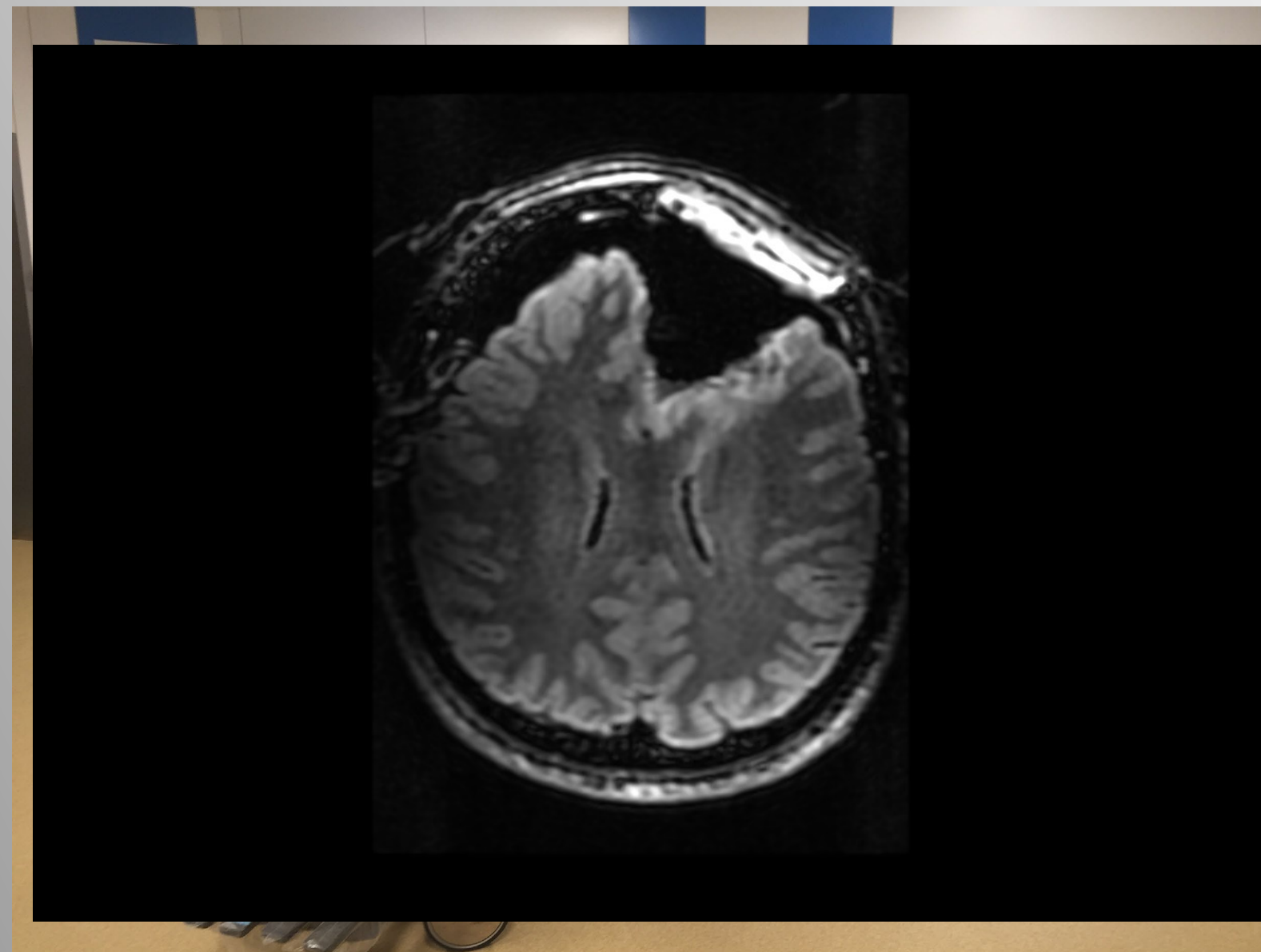
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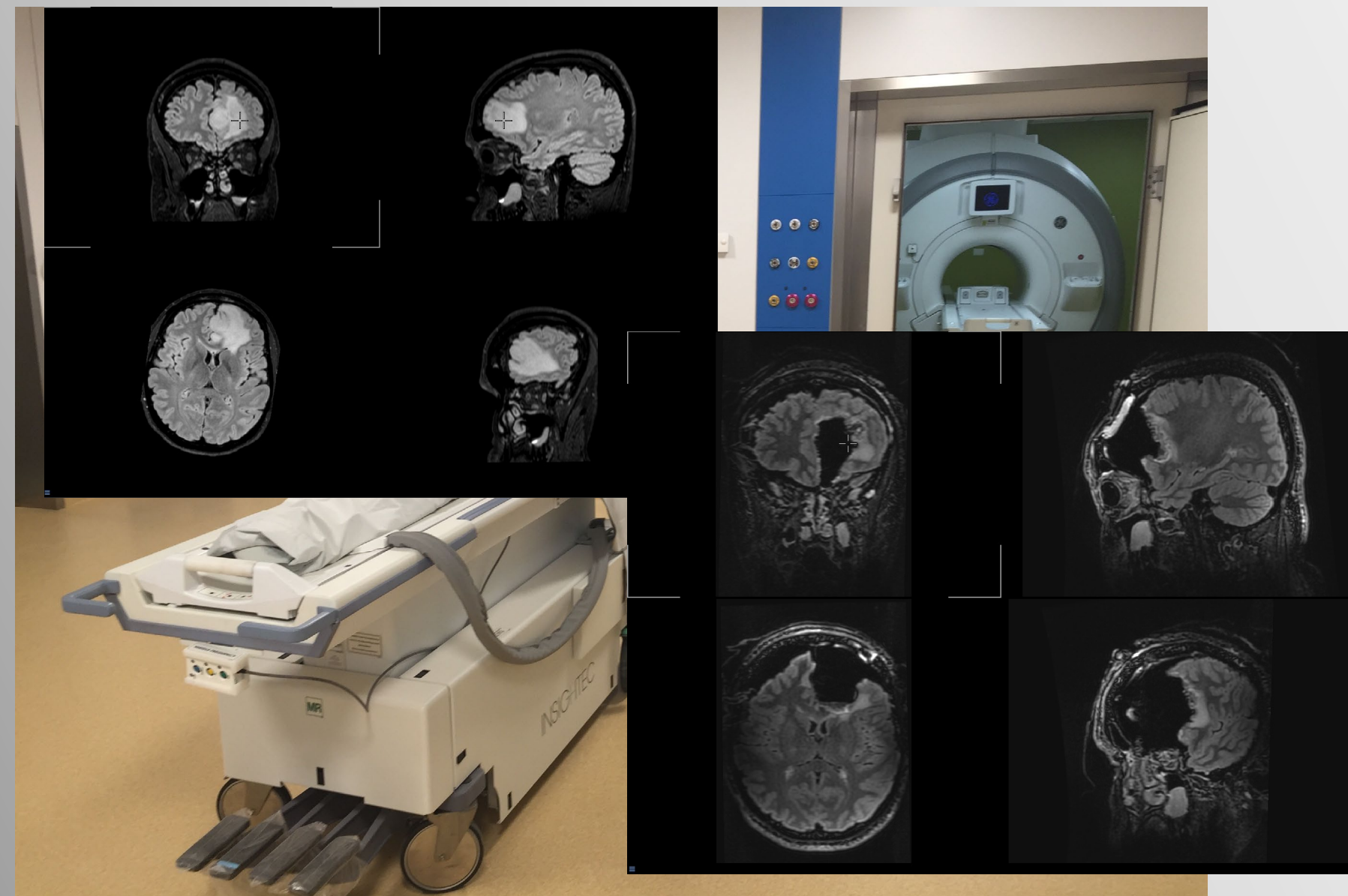


## Intraoperative MRI





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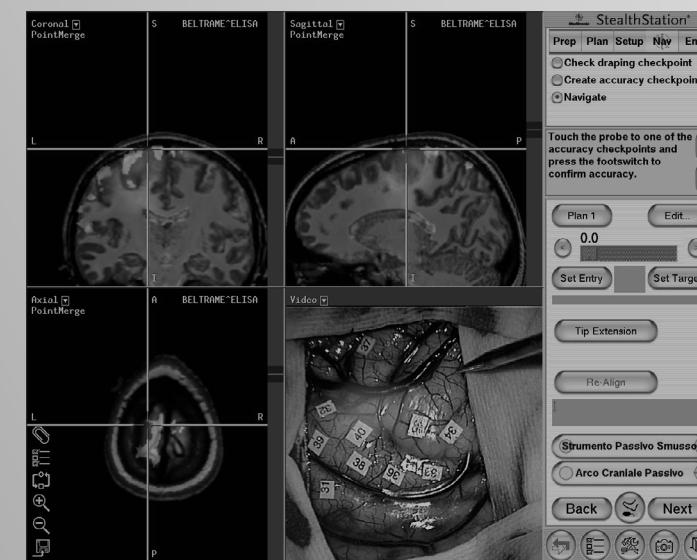
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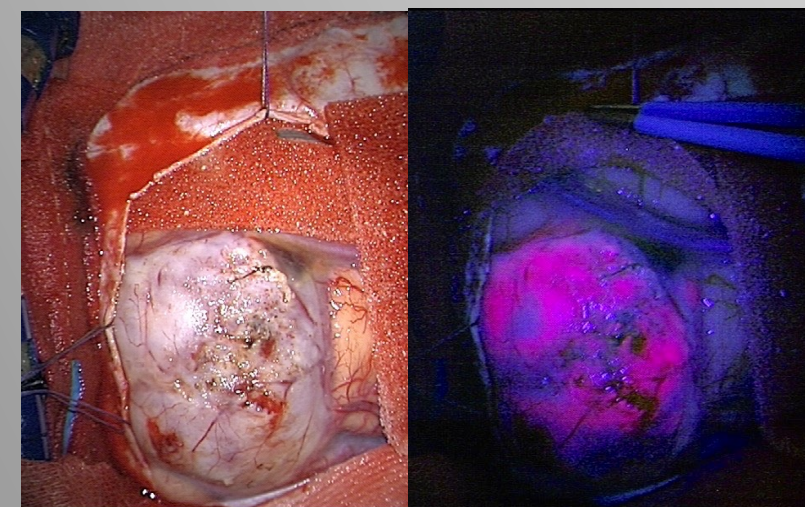
- Standard imaging
- Accurate
- Dedicated area/tools
- Time consuming
- Expensive
- Non dynamic - offline

## Image guided surgery

### Neuronavigation



### 5-ALA



### Intraoperative MRI



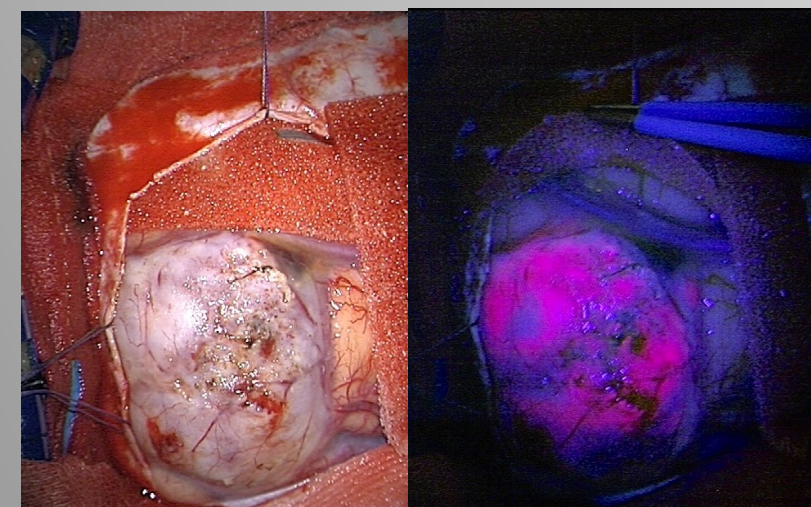
- Real time
- Marks tumor cells

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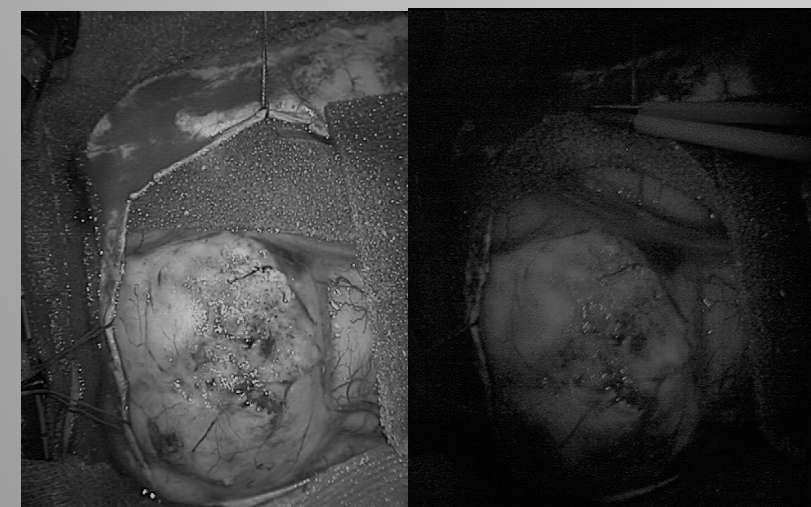
- Real time
- Marks tumor cells
- Works only on HG gliomas
- Visualized only on surface

## Image guided surgery

Neuronavigation



5-ALA



Intraoperative MRI



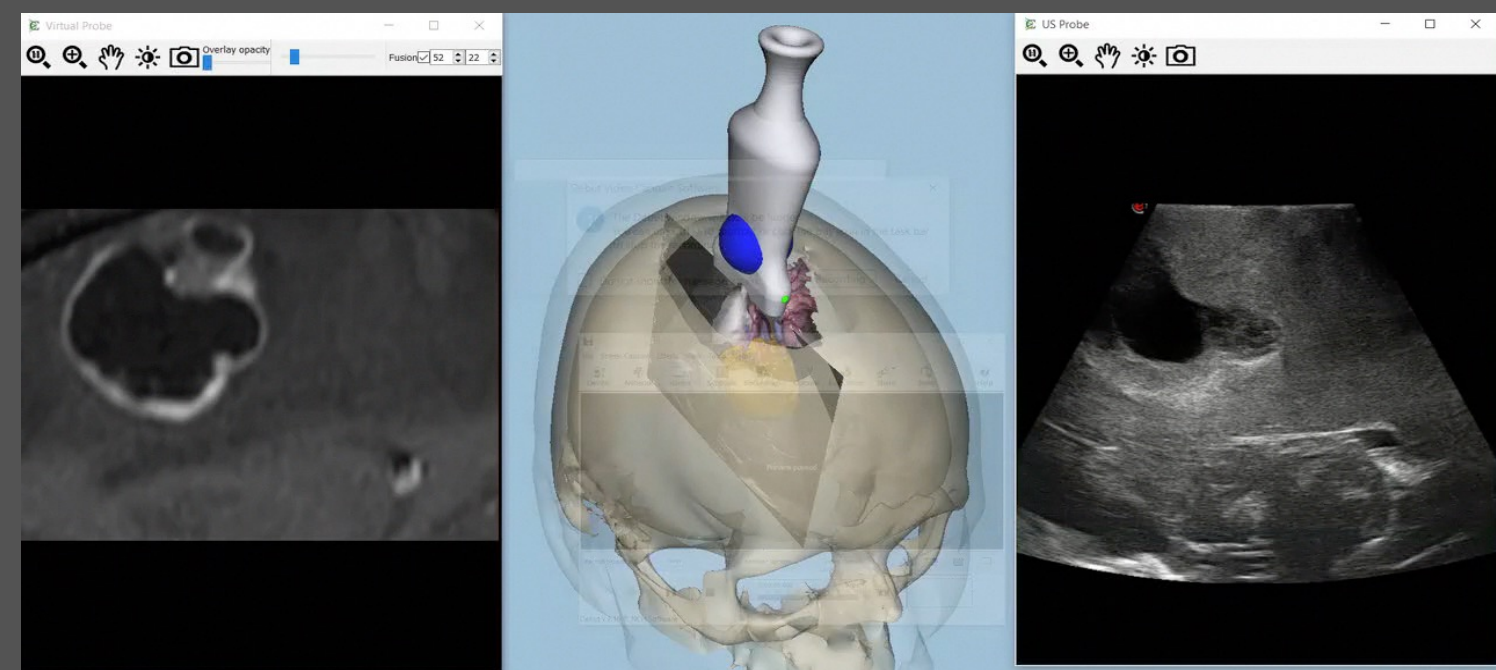
Intraoperative ultrasounds



## Ecografia Intraoperatoria



## Integrated Intra-operative MR/US neuronavigation: Virtual Navigator<sup>®</sup>



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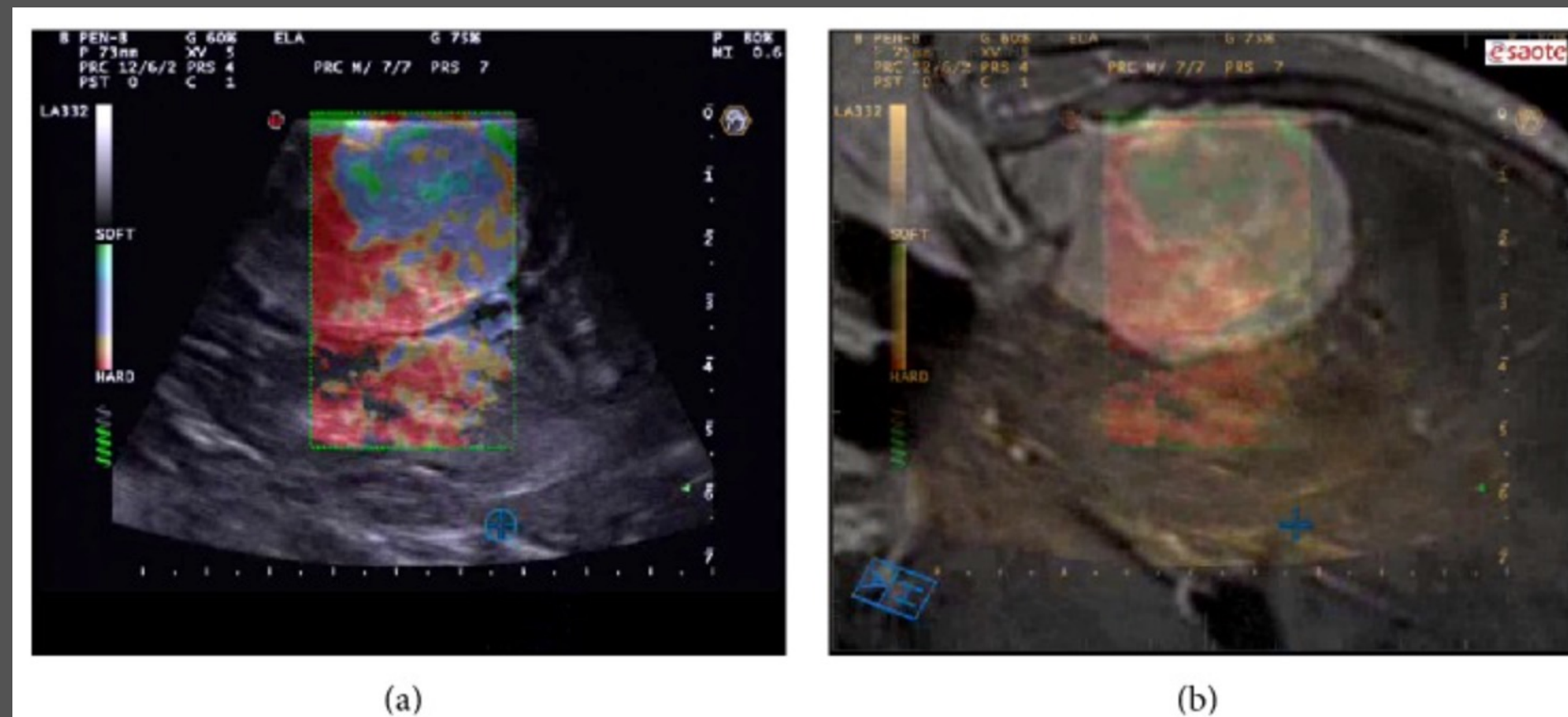
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**Preoperative Magnetic Resonance and Intraoperative Ultrasound Fusion Imaging for Real-Time Neuronavigation in Brain Tumor Surgery**  
 Präoperative MRI- und intraoperative Ultraschallfusion für Echtzeit-Neuronavigation in der Kopftumorenchirurgie

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**Elastosonography**



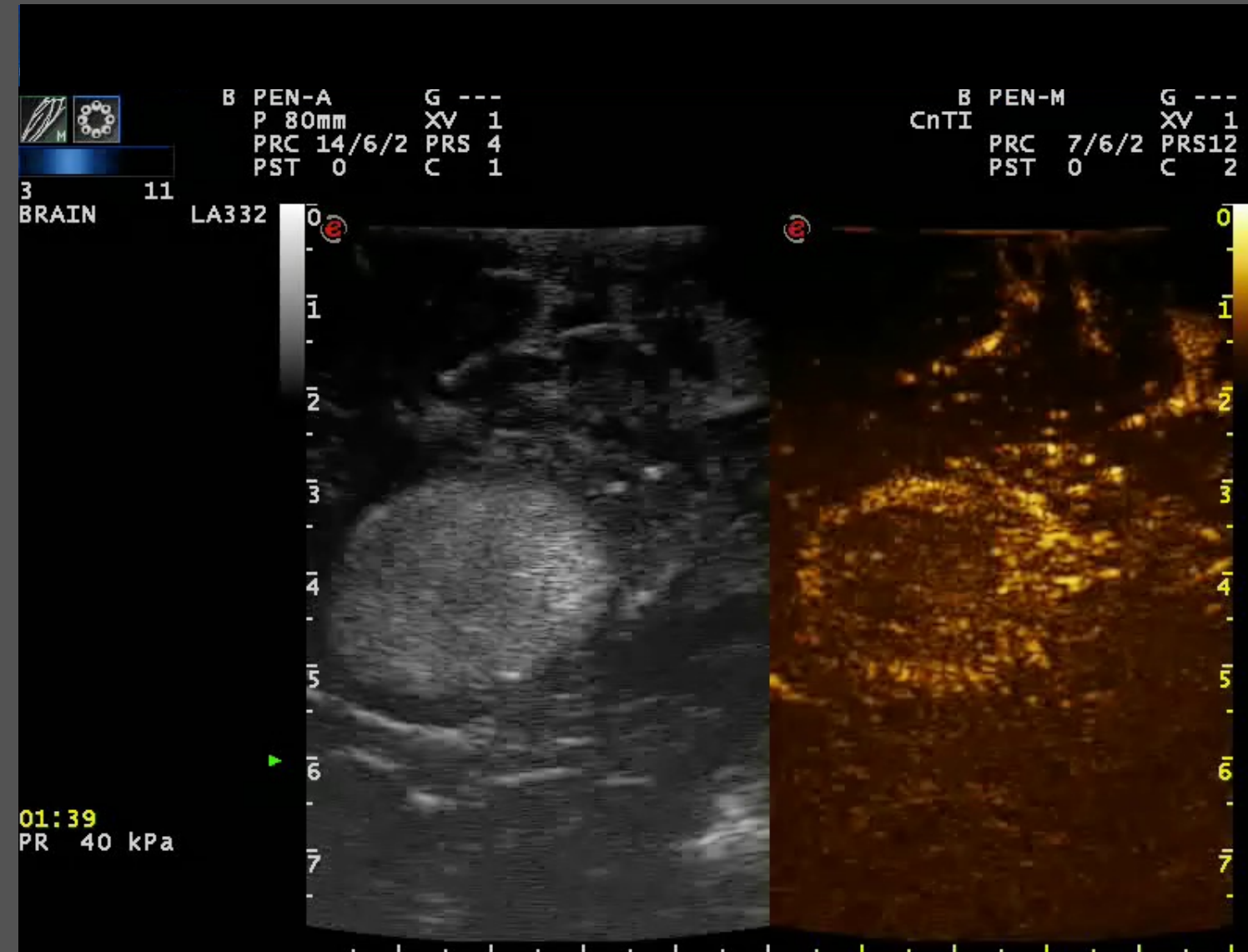
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**From Grey Scale B-Mode to Elastosonography: Multimodal Ultrasound Imaging in Meningioma Surgery-Pictorial Essay and Literature Review.**

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## ioUS additional features - iCEUS



### CONCEPTS, INNOVATIONS AND TECHNIQUES

#### Intraoperative Contrast-Enhanced Ultrasound for Brain Surgery

**BACKGROUND:** Contrast-enhanced ultrasound (CEUS) is a dynamic and continuous modality that offers a real-time, direct view of vascularization patterns and tissue resistance for many organs. Thanks to newer ultrasound contrast agents, CEUS has become a well-established, live-imaging technique in many contexts, but it has never been used extensively for brain imaging. The use of intraoperative CEUS (iCEUS) imaging in neurosurgery is limited.

**OBJECTIVE:** To provide the first dynamic and continuous iCEUS evaluation of a variety of brain lesions.

**METHODS:** We evaluated 71 patients undergoing iCEUS imaging in an off-label setting while being operated on for different brain lesions. iCEUS imaging was obtained before resecting each lesion, after intravenous injection of ultrasound contrast agents. A semiquantitative, offline interobserver analysis was performed to visualize each brain lesion and to characterize its perfusion features, correlated with histopathology.

**RESULTS:** In all cases, the brain lesion was visualized intraoperatively with iCEUS. The afferent and efferent blood vessels were identified, allowing evaluation of the time and features of the arterial and venous phases and facilitating the surgical strategy. iCEUS

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#### Contrast-enhanced MR imaging versus Contrast-enhanced US: A Comparison in Glioblastoma Surgery by Using Intraoperative Fusion Imaging<sup>1</sup>

**Patients:** To compare contrast-enhanced MR imaging (CE-MRI) with contrast-enhanced ultrasound (CEUS) in glioblastoma (GBM) surgery, 15 patients with GBM were included in this study. CE-MRI and CEUS were performed before and after resection of the tumor. The patients with GBM were retrospectively identified by reviewing the medical records. The patients were divided into two groups: 10 patients who were treated with CE-MRI and CEUS, and 5 patients who were treated with CEUS only.

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#### Clinical Study Intraoperative Cerebral Glioma Characterization with Contrast Enhanced Ultrasound

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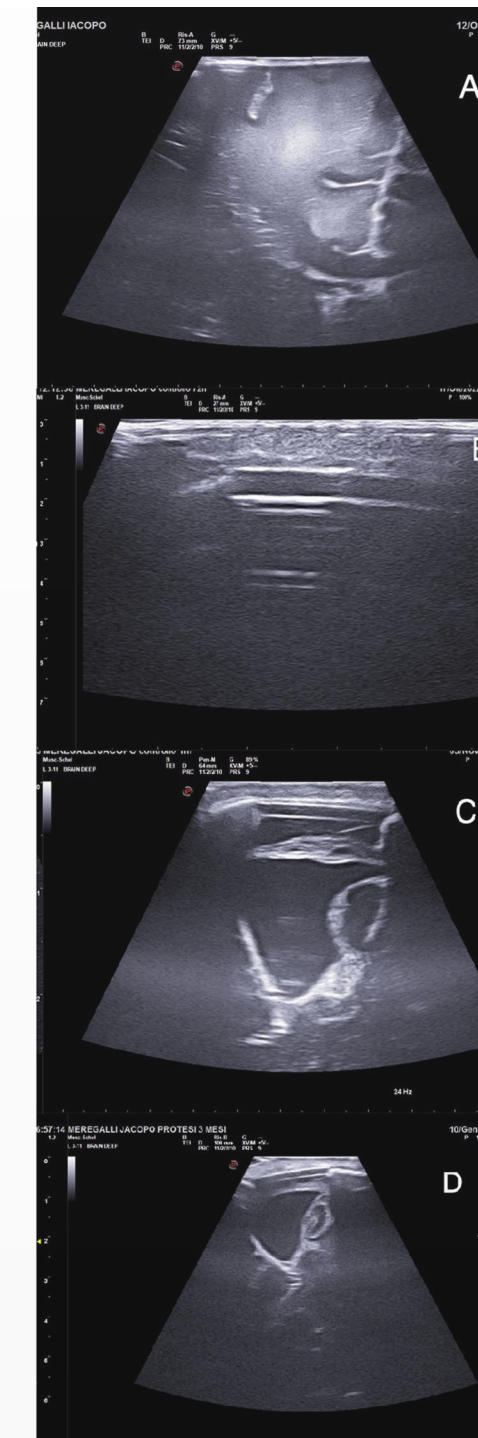
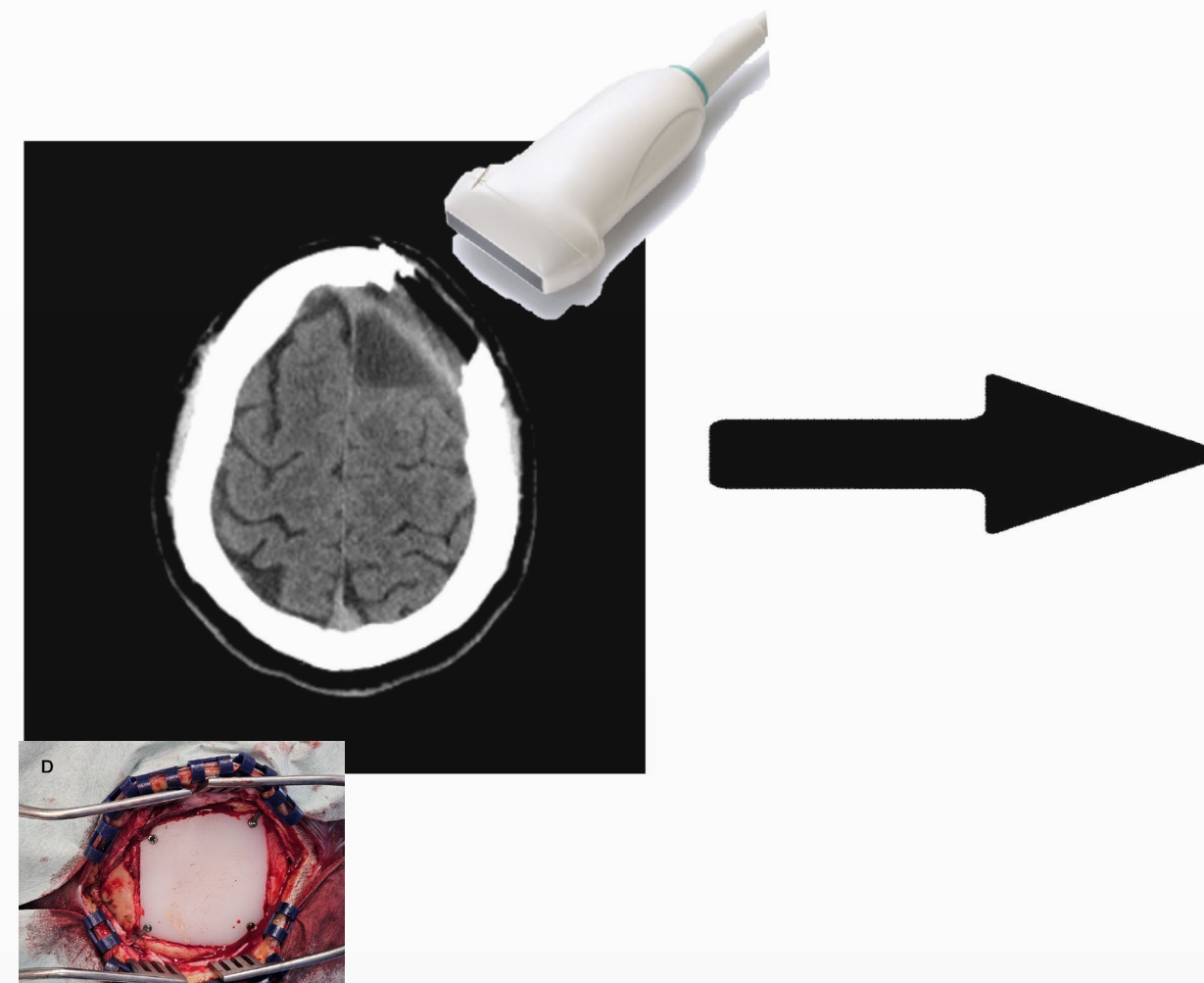
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### HOW I DO IT - NEUROSURGICAL TECHNIQUES

#### Intraoperative cerebral angiosonography with ultrasound contrast agents: how I do it

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## Protesi US trasparente



Intraoperative  
US

72 h

3 Months

6 Months

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CLINICAL STUDY

**Cranial sonolucent prosthesis: a window of opportunity for neuro-oncology (and neuro-surgery)**

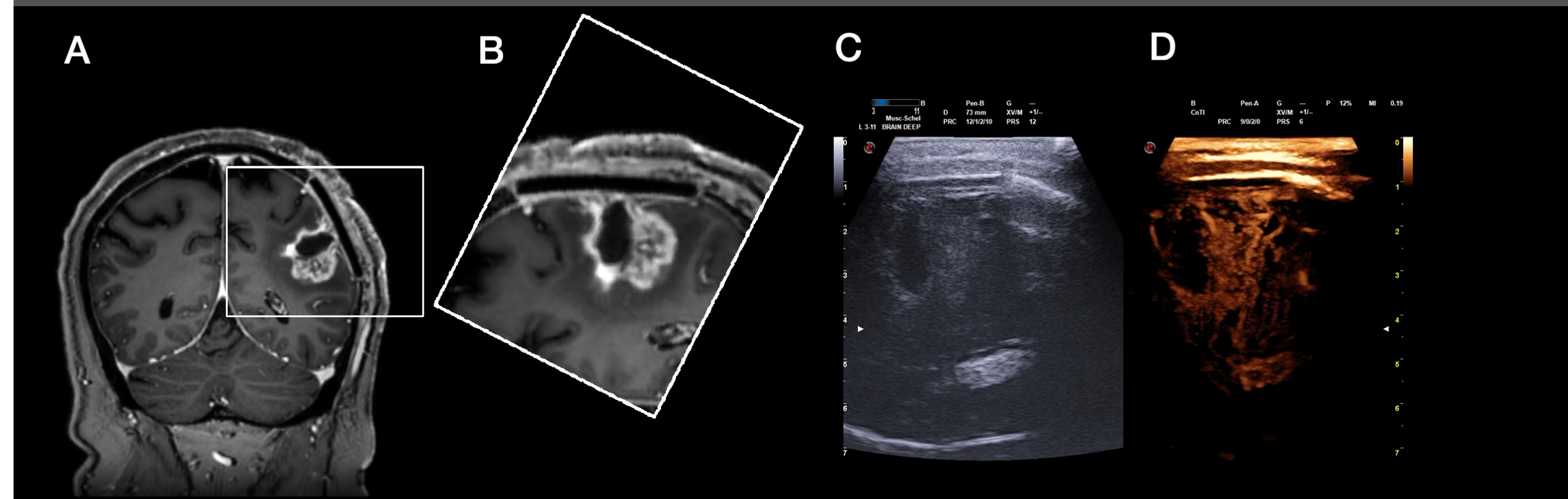
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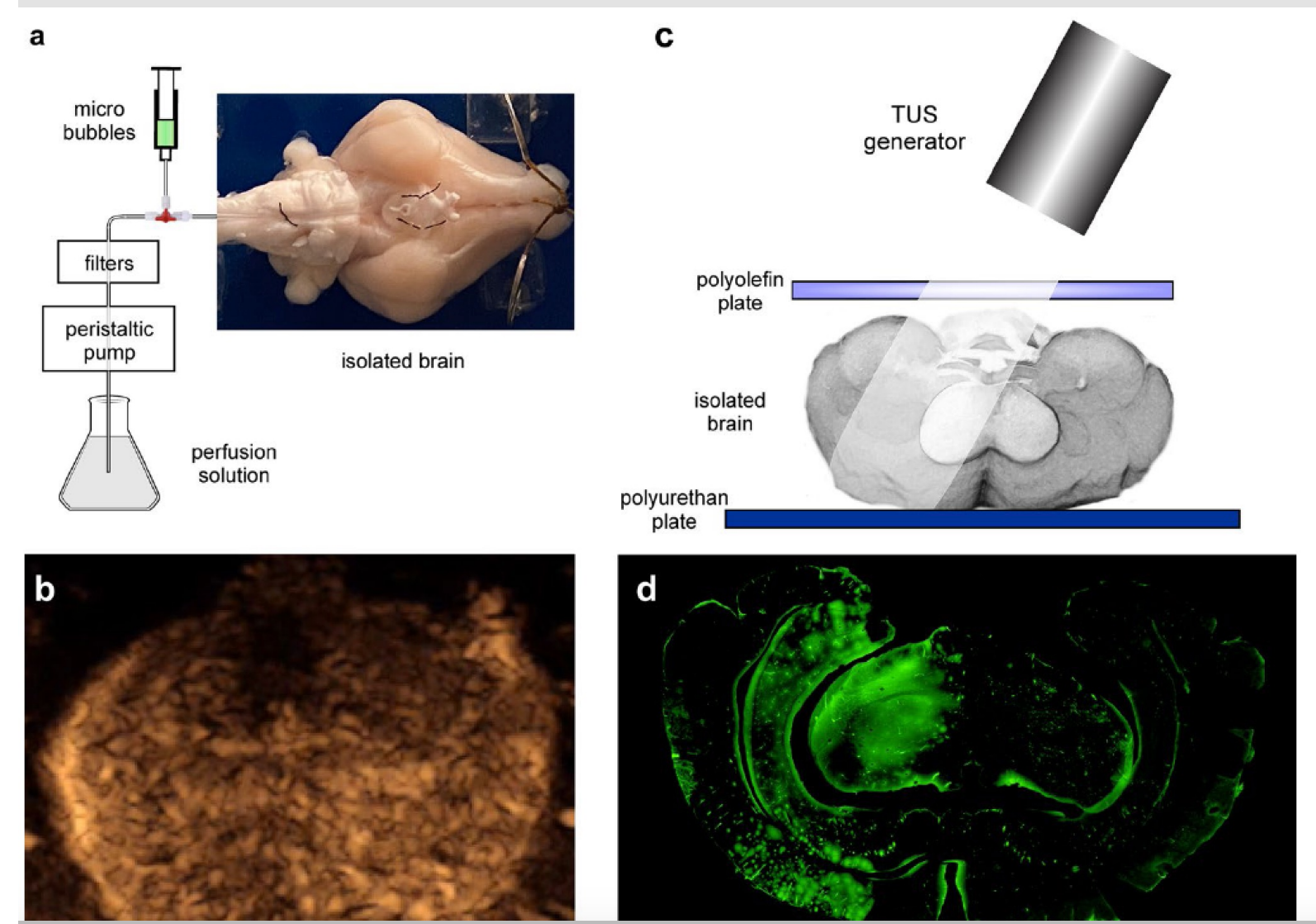
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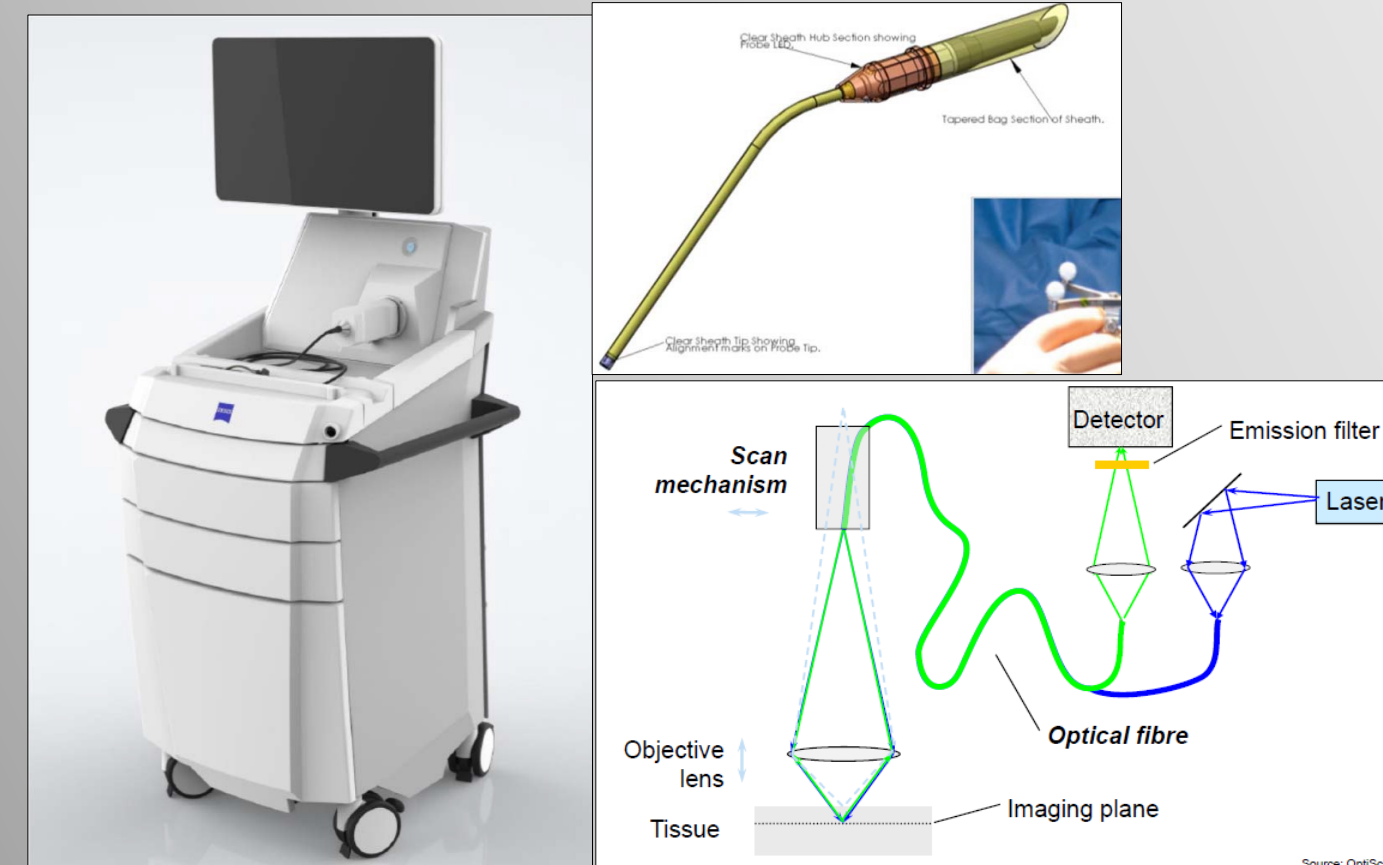
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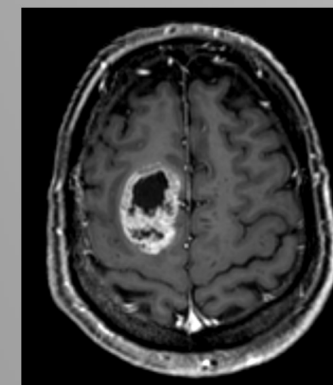
## Confocal Laser Endomicroscopy *Convivo system*

First system specifically studied for neurosurgery,  
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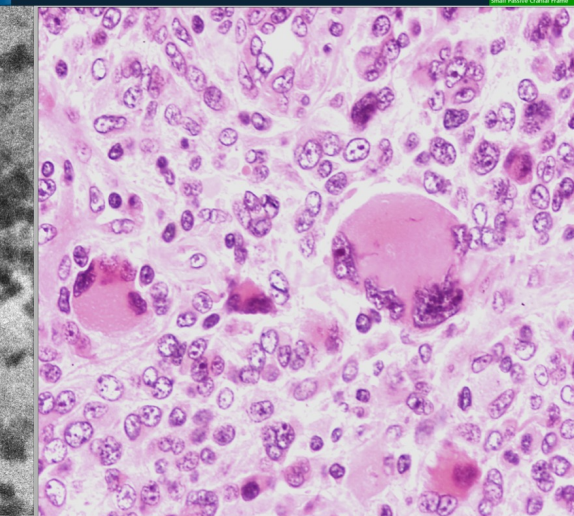
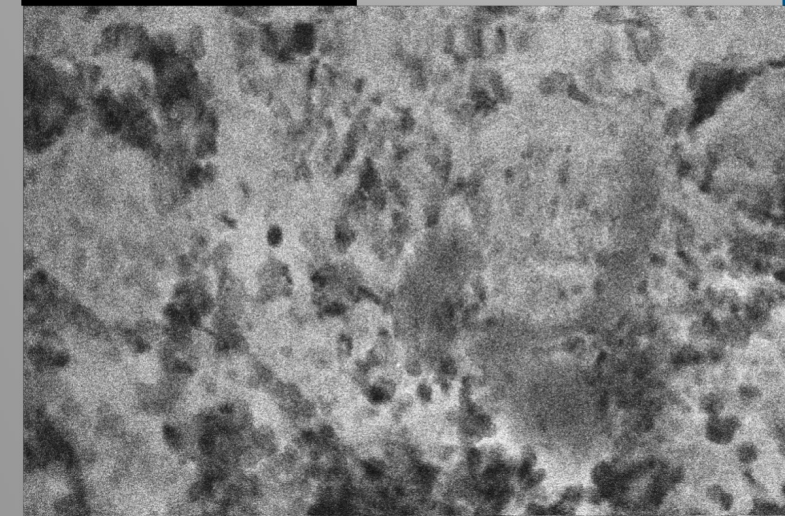
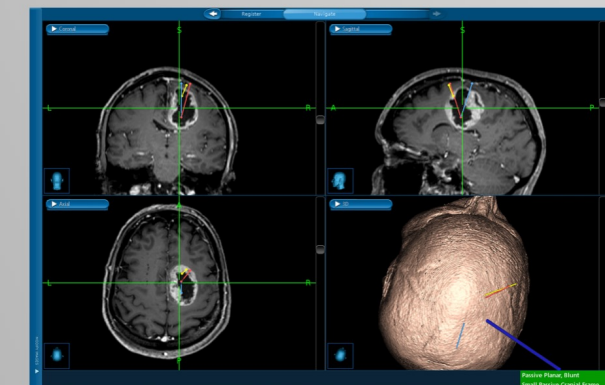


Confocal Laser Endomicroscopy  
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*Ex vivo*



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Glioblastoma  
COMPARISON  
WITH FROZEN  
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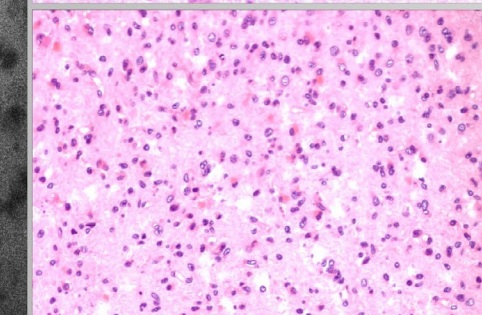
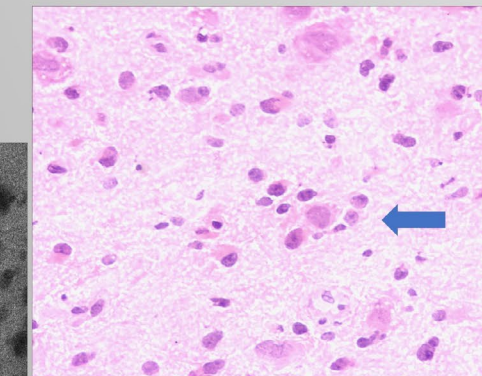
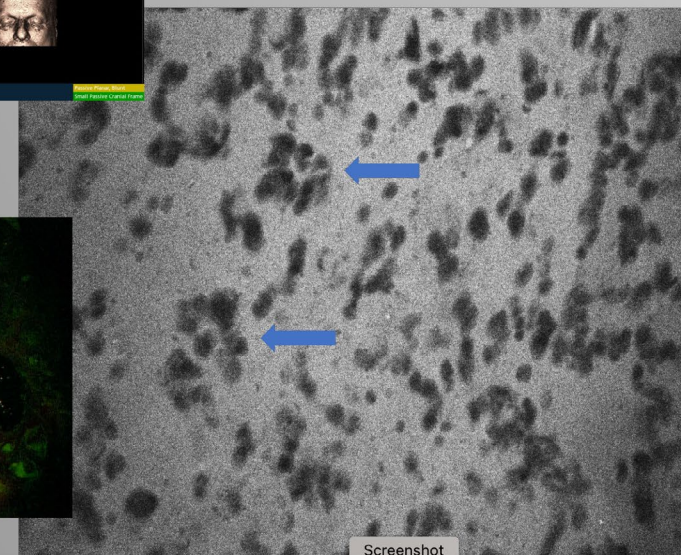
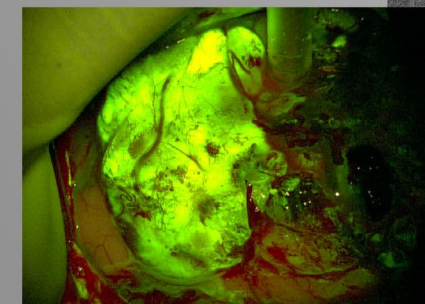
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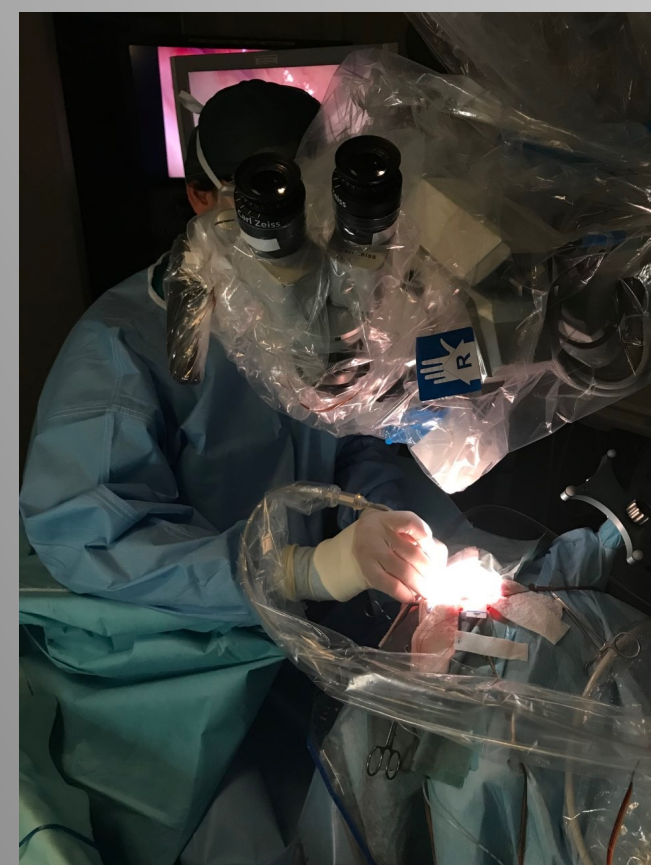
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Microsurgery,  
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Imaging evolution,  
functional imaging and  
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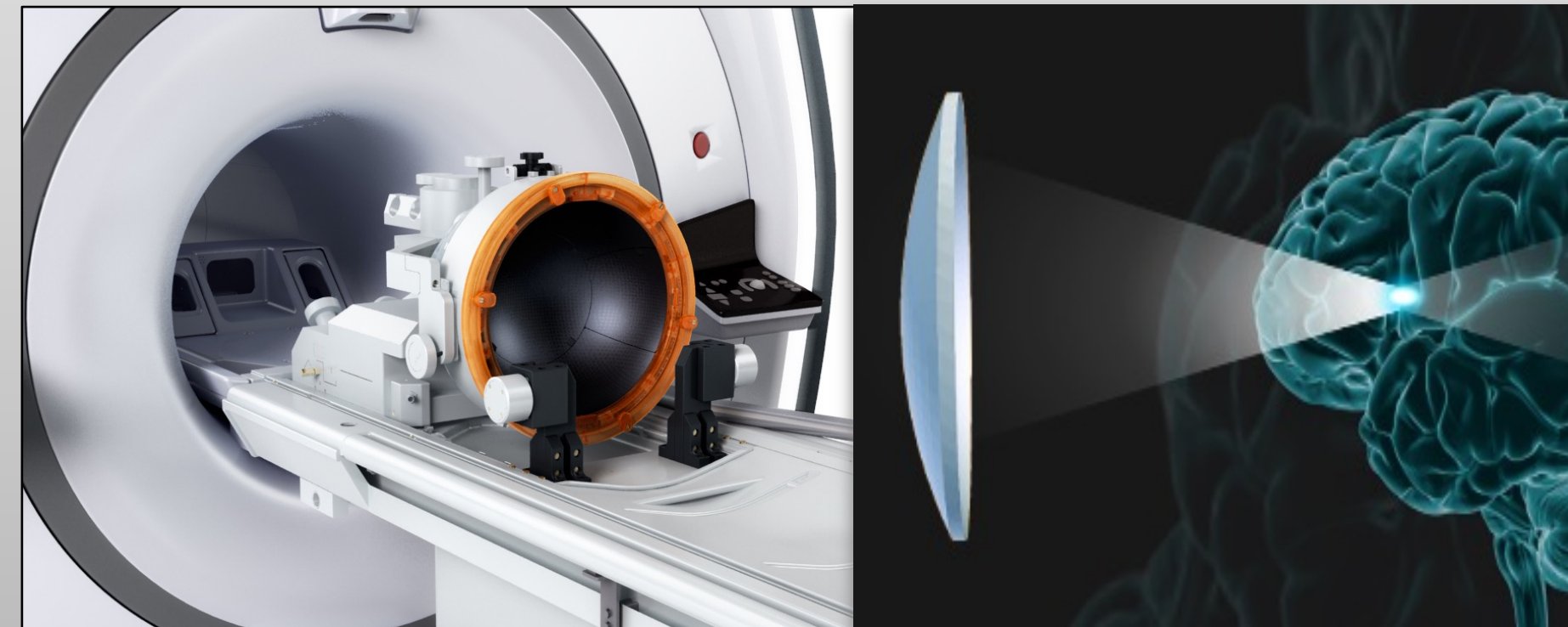
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**Focused Ultrasound**

Virtual reality/augmented  
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## US in neurochirurgia: non solo imaging! Focused Ultrasound (FUS)

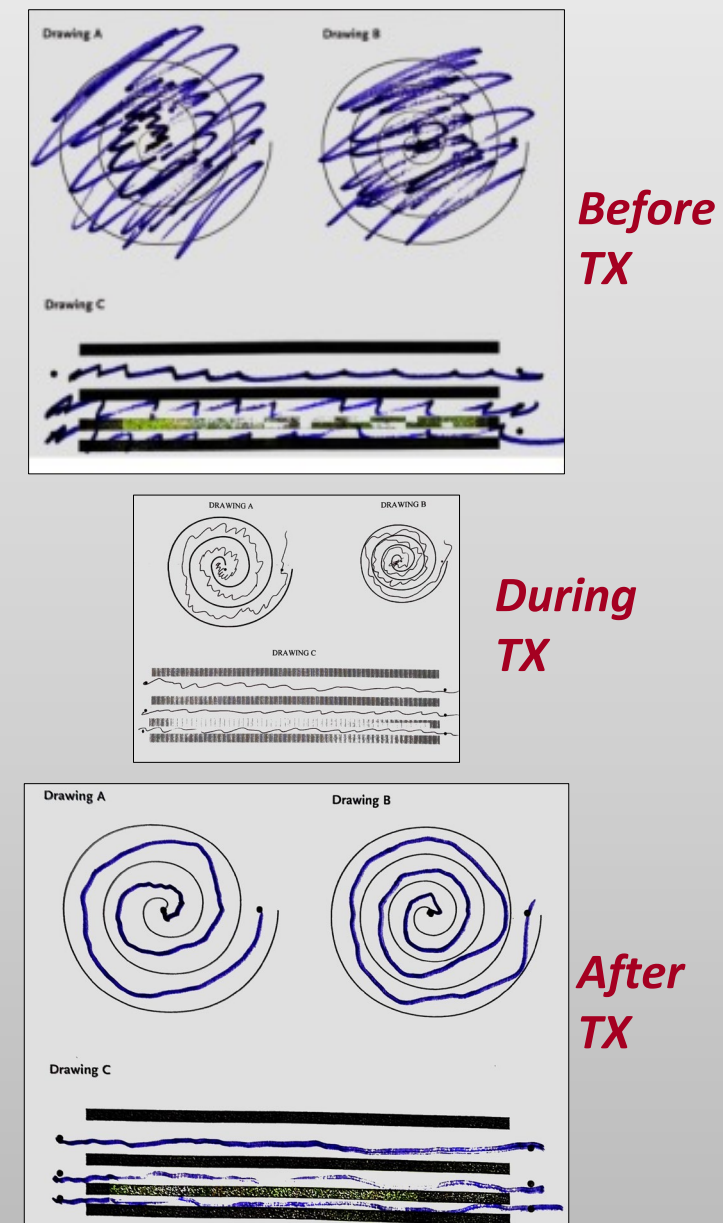
*Non invasive technique with several therapeutic potential for many diseases exploiting US energy to reach deeply located CNS target with no surgical incision or radiation*



## HI-FU per Tremore Essenziale

Before TX  
**ET: pre MRgFUS**

After TX  
**ET: post MRgFUS**



## LI-FU per i Tumori Cerebrali

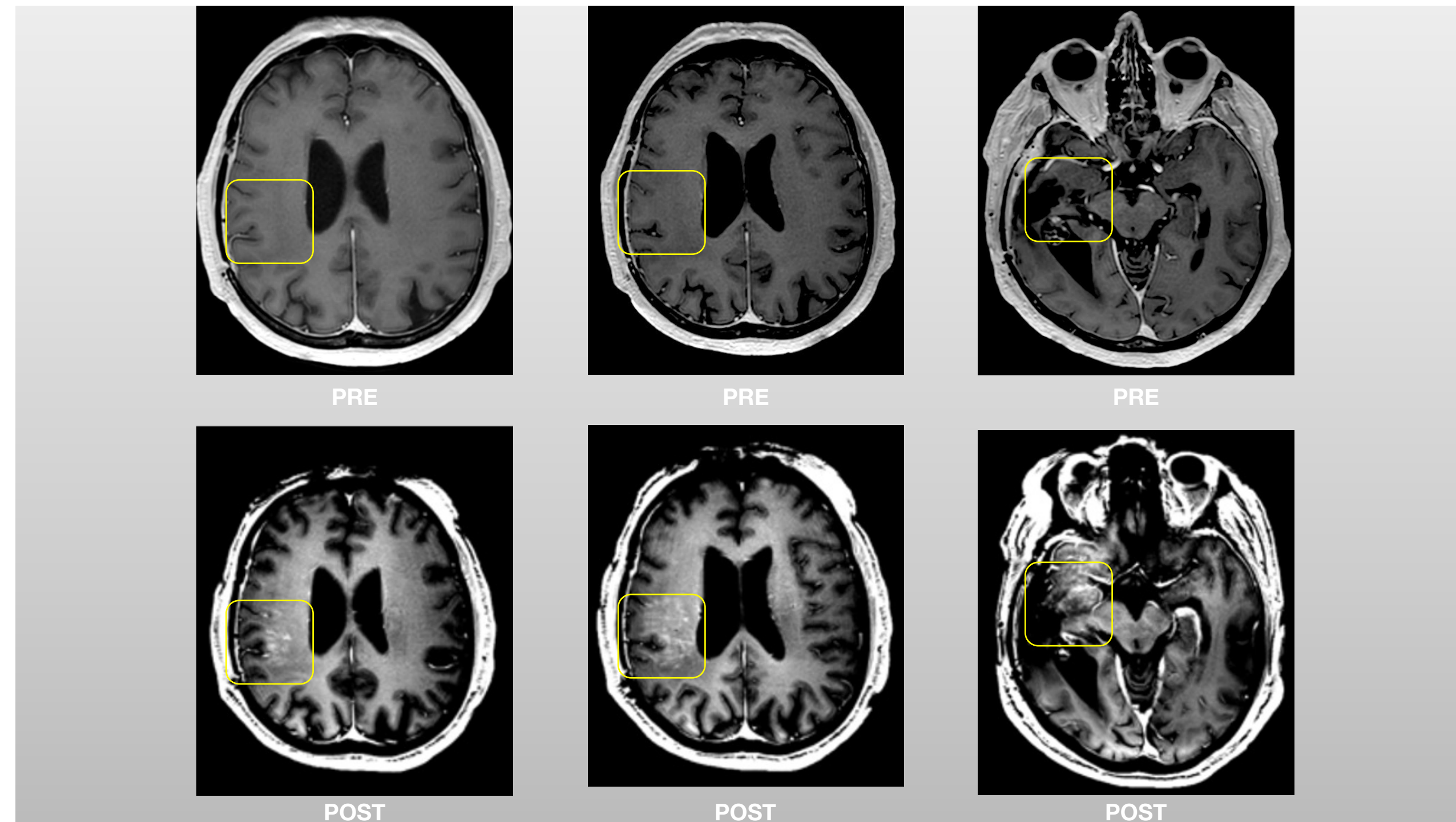
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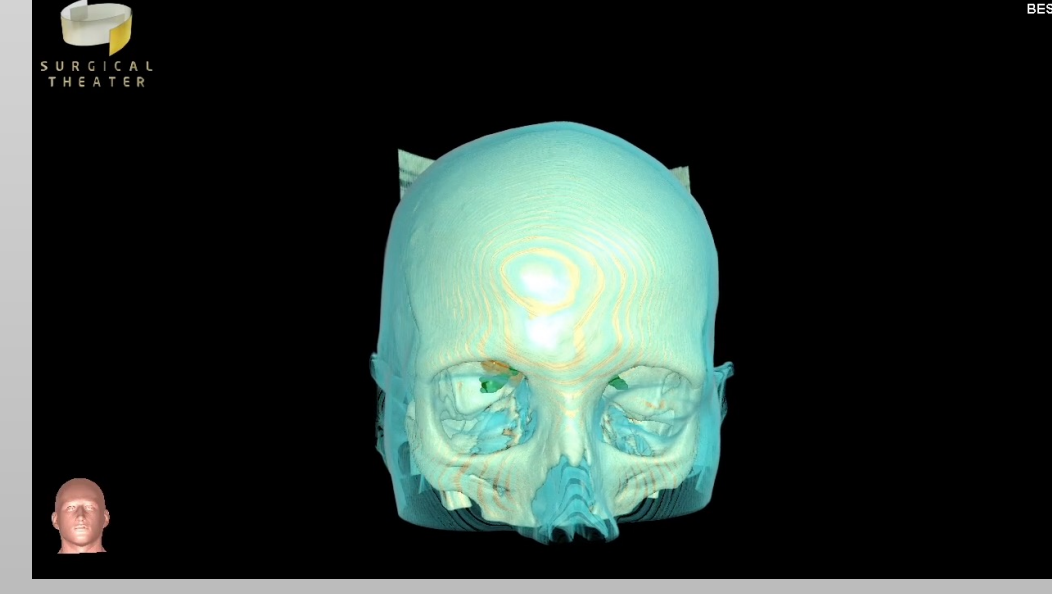
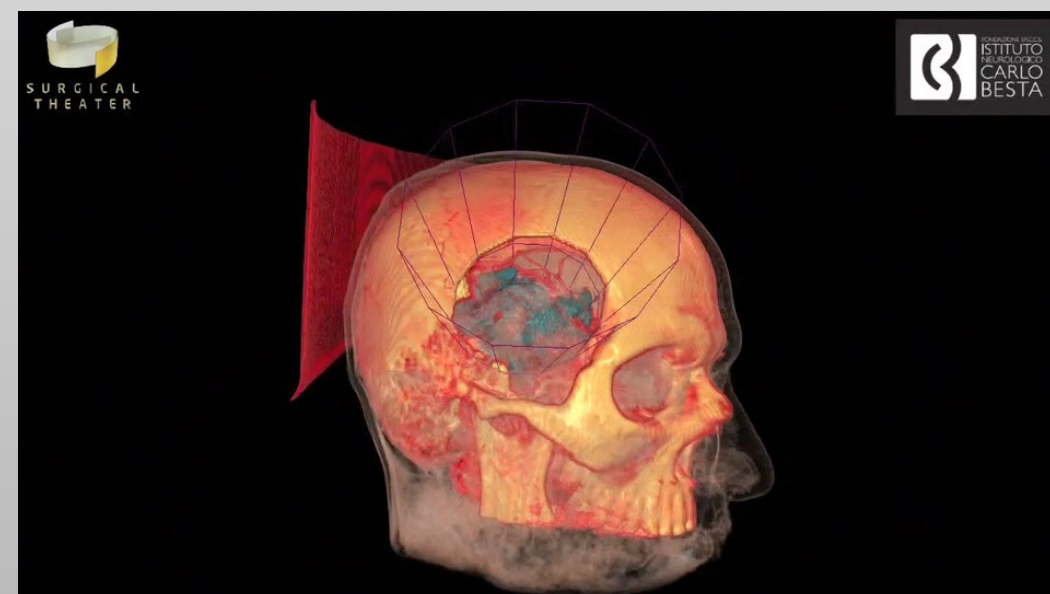
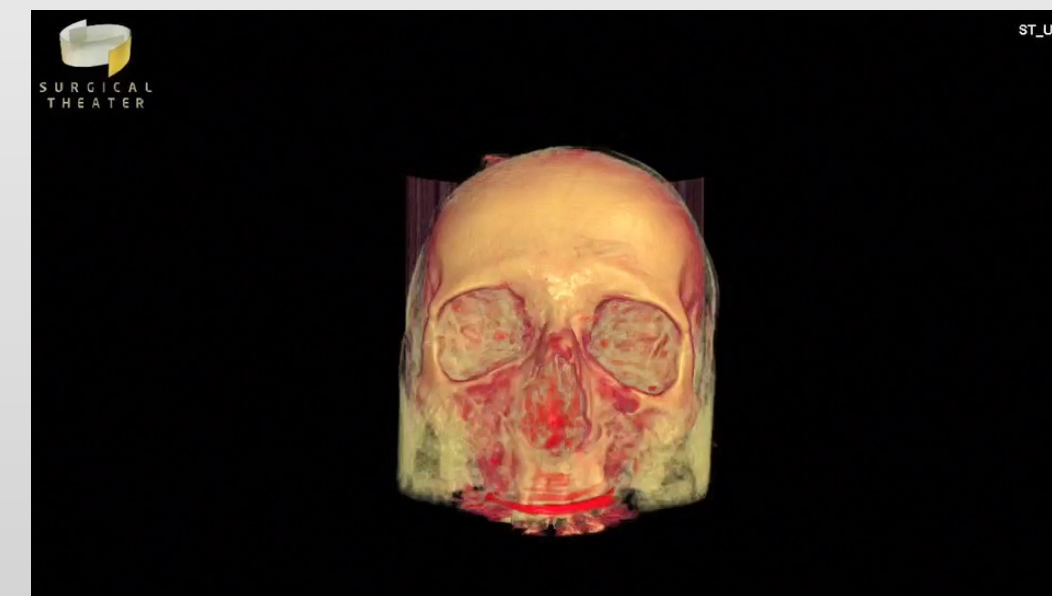
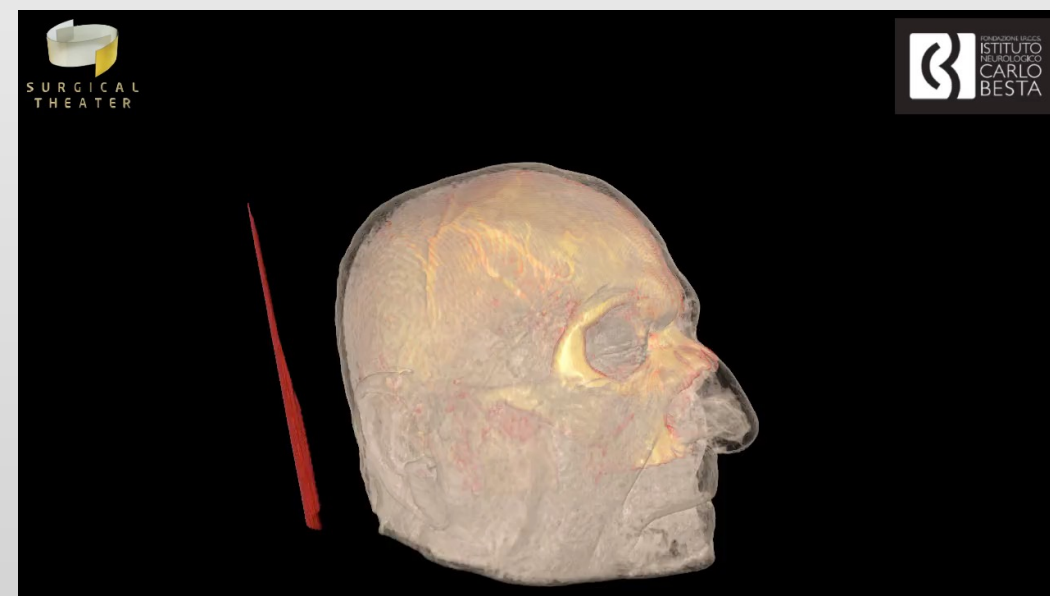
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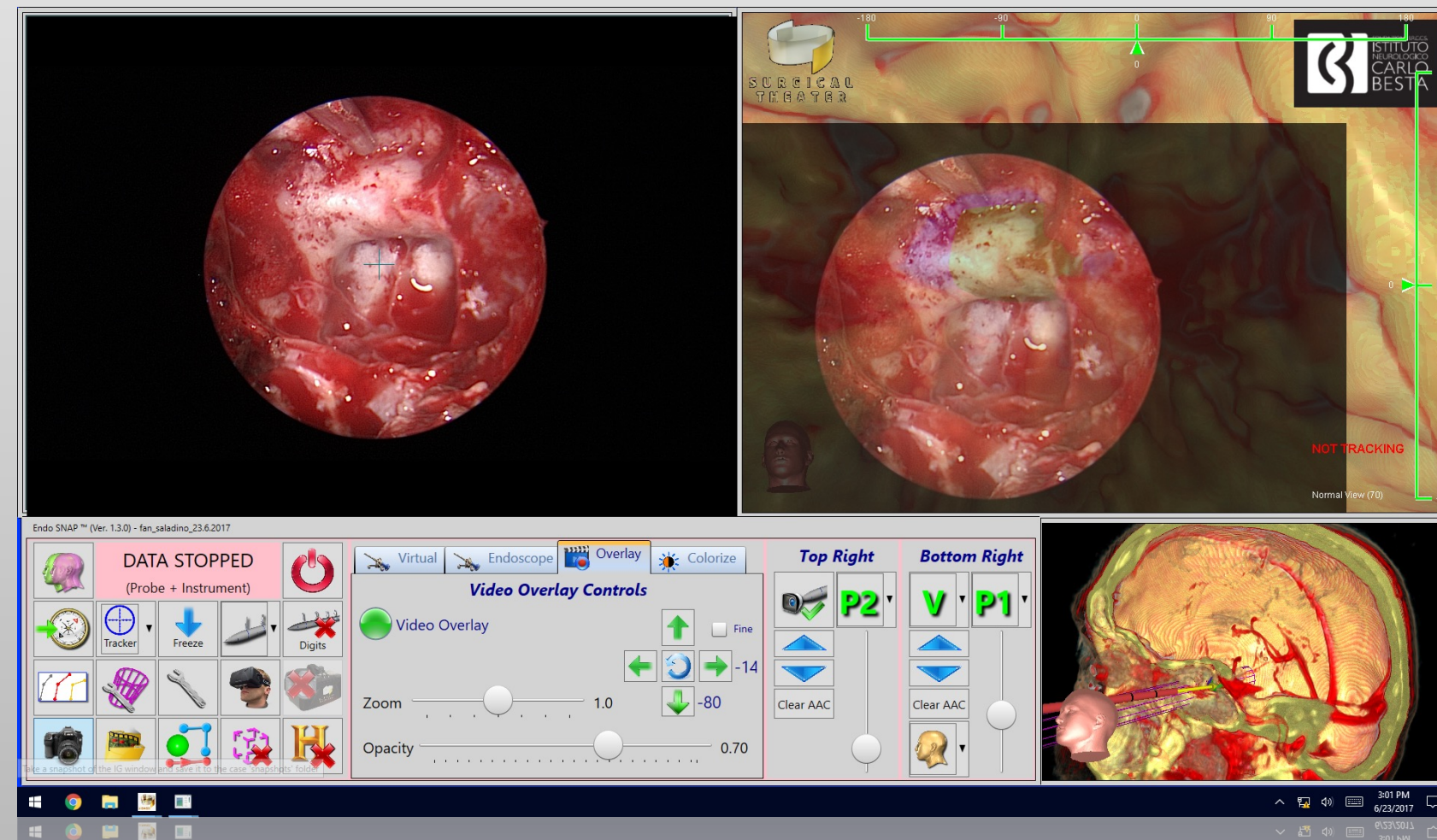
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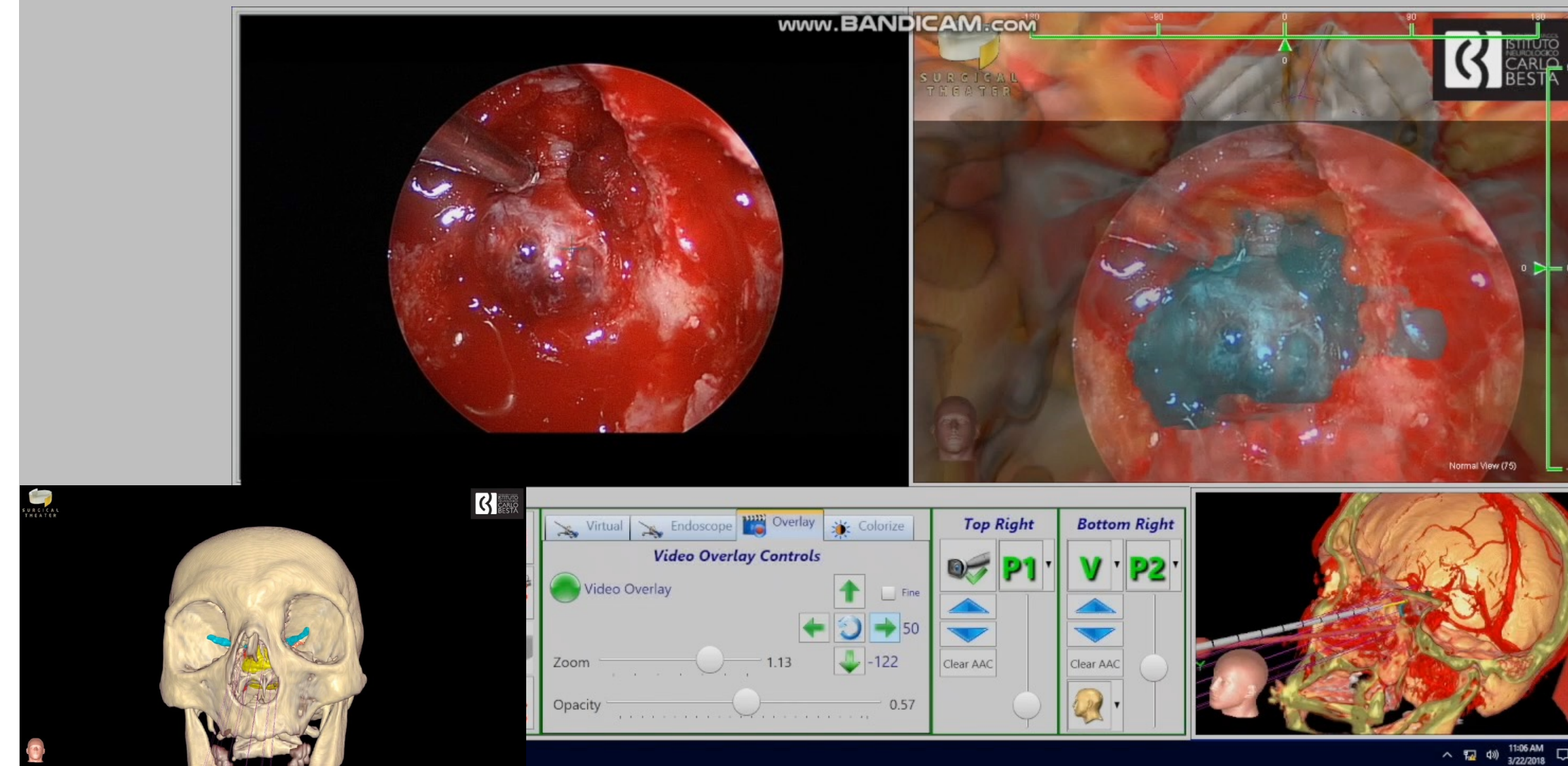


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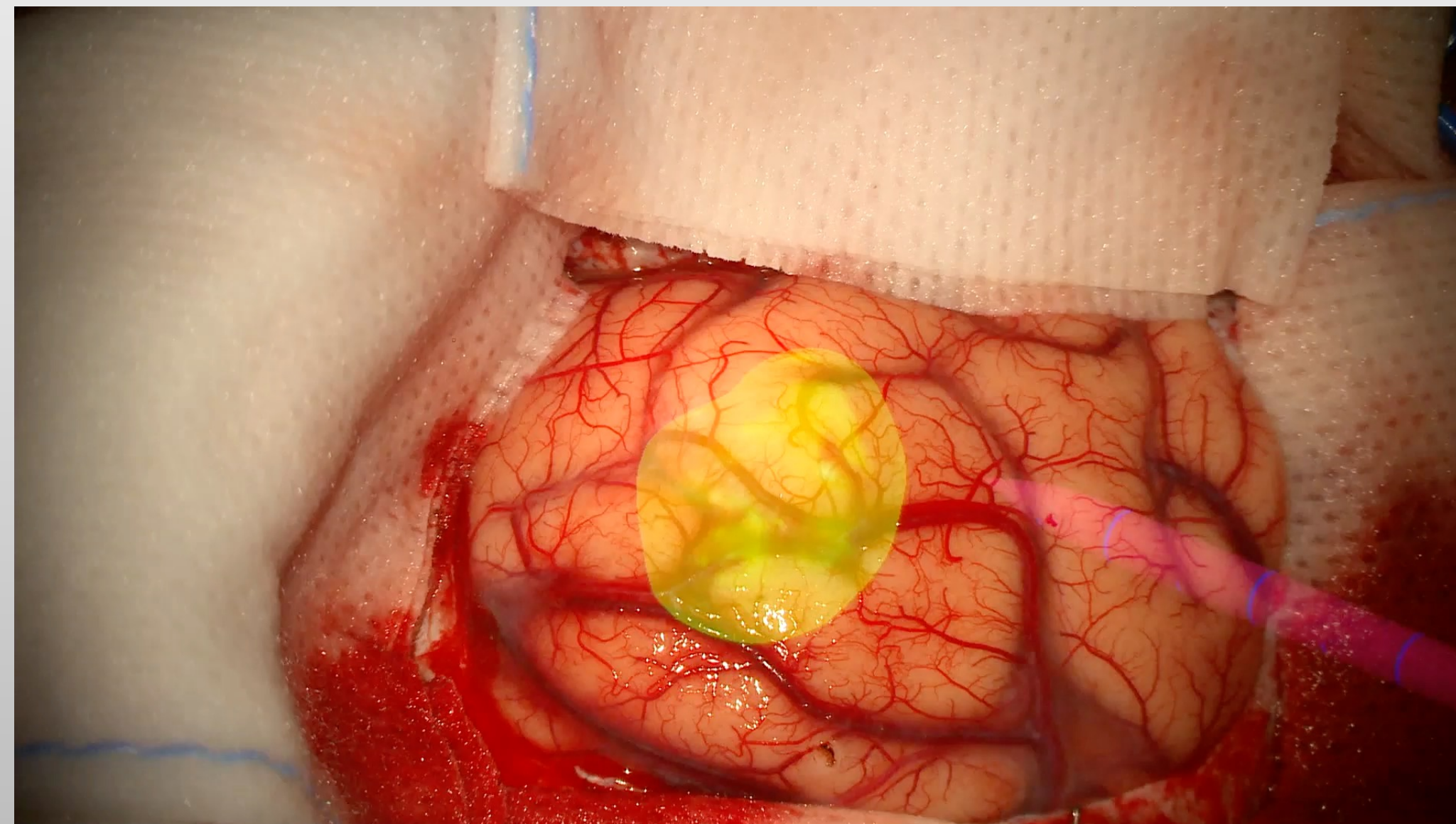
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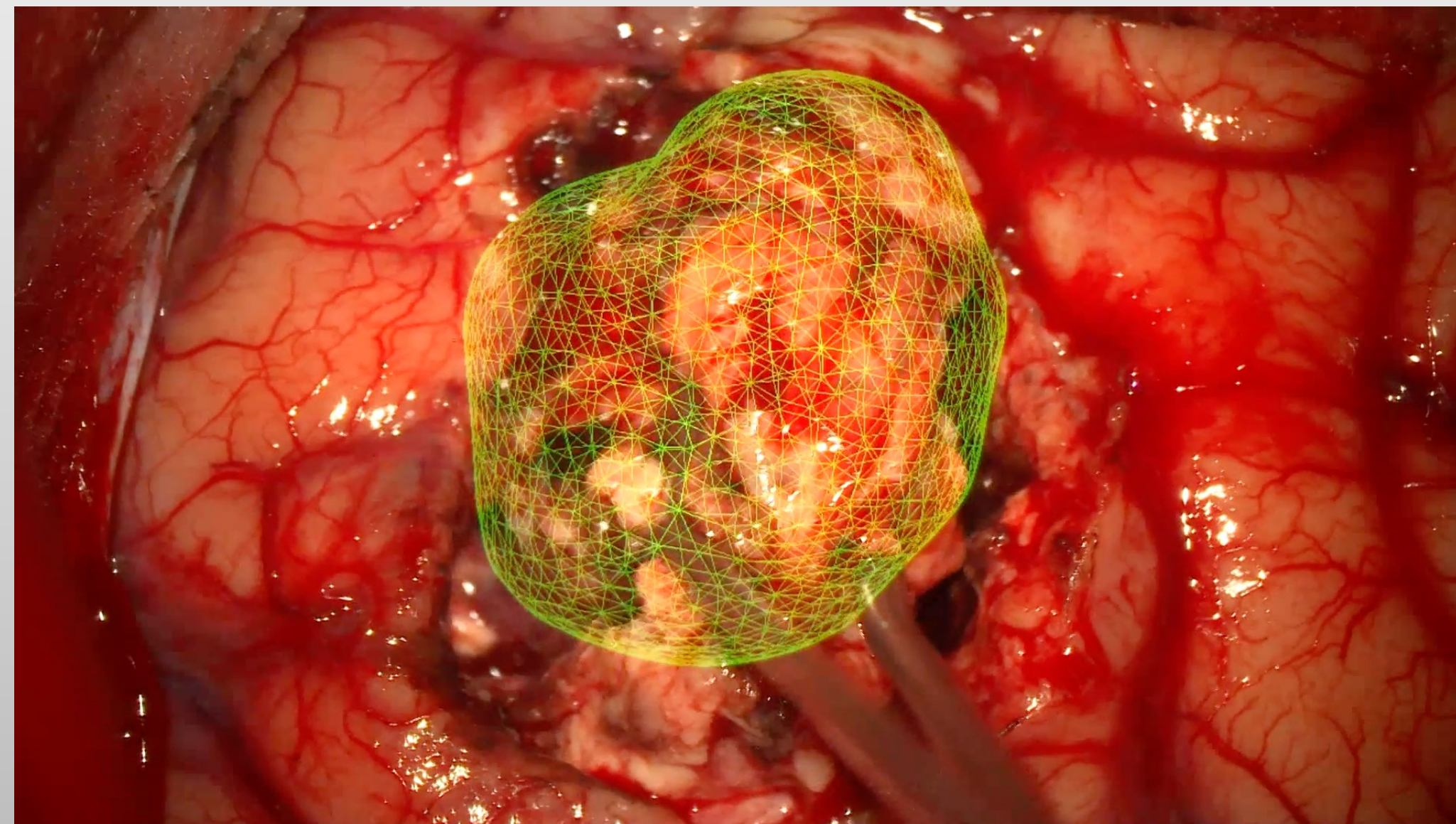
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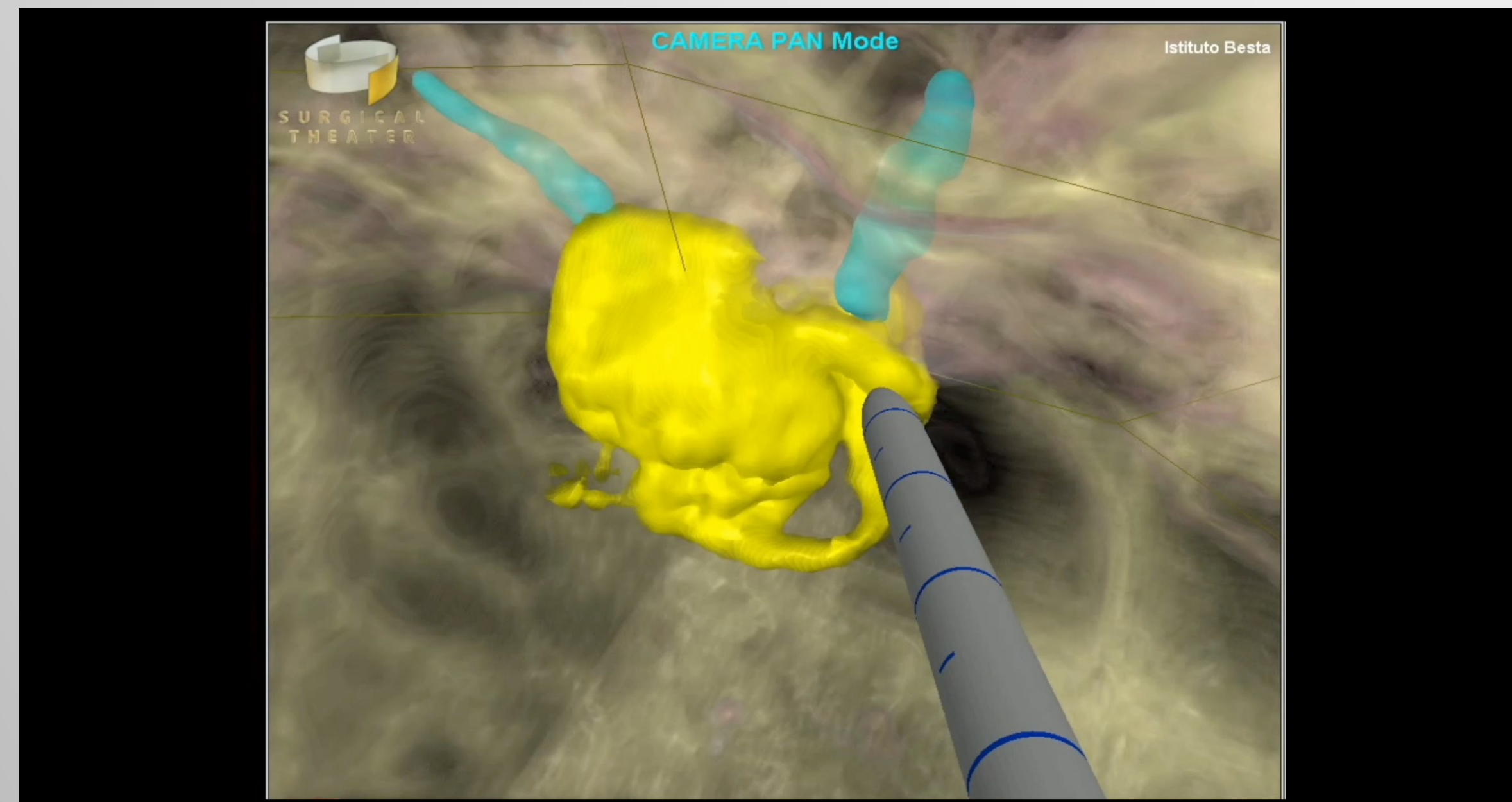
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## Neurosurgery of the III millennium

Virtual reality



Simulazione / training



First Neurosurgical Simulation Center in Europe

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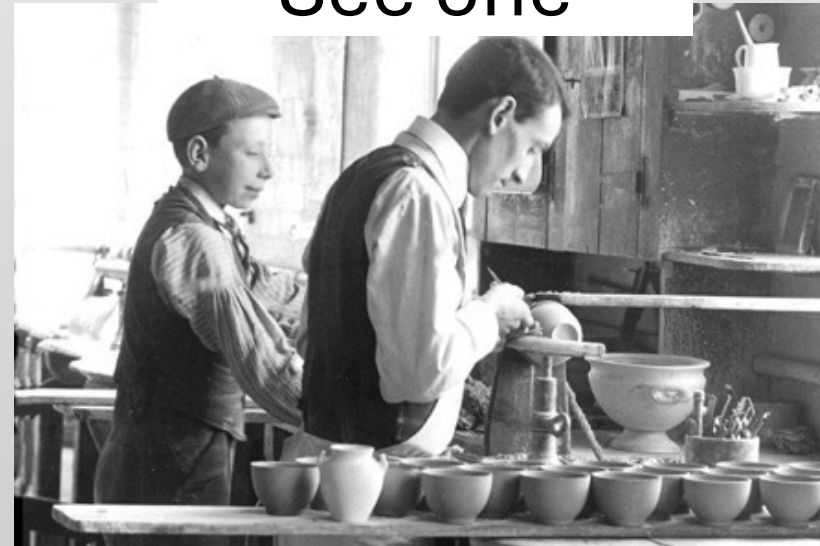
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See one



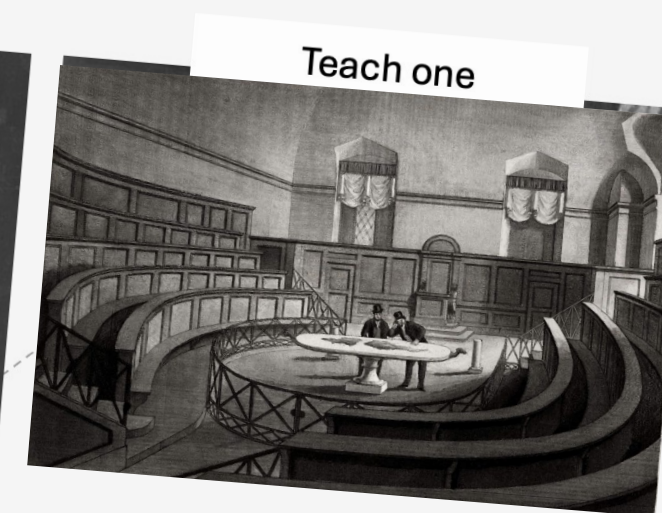
Do one



# Classic Learning Model



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Millenium Learning Model



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Sim one!

See one

Do one

Teach one



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Astronauts for Neurosurgery Training Scheme

**Spazio e**  
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Le nuove frontiere  
per l'addestramento d'eccellenza



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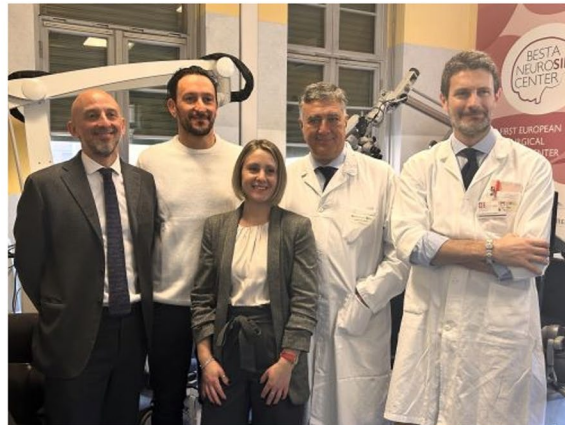
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**Al Besta le nuove frontiere per l'addestramento dei neurochirurghi con il progetto ASTRO-NETS**

Redazione



**Se il chirurgo va a scuola dagli astronauti**

di Leticia Gubagio

*Evitare gli errori in sala operatoria. Imparando a gestire le emergenze e a contare sul gruppo. Proprio come si deve fare sulla Stazione spaziale. Perché lo stress può diventare un punto di forza*

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Astronaut training to deal with every possible situation



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**Neurochirurghi addestrati come astronauti, nasce il progetto Astro-Nets**

Un approccio innovativo con un preciso programma di preparazione per allenare le soft skills necessarie a reagire in situazioni di forte stress



## Neurochirurghi Addestrati come gli Astronauti

**FORMAZIONE**  
sulle **SOFT-SKILLS**



COMUNICAZIONE



CONSAPEVOLEZZA  
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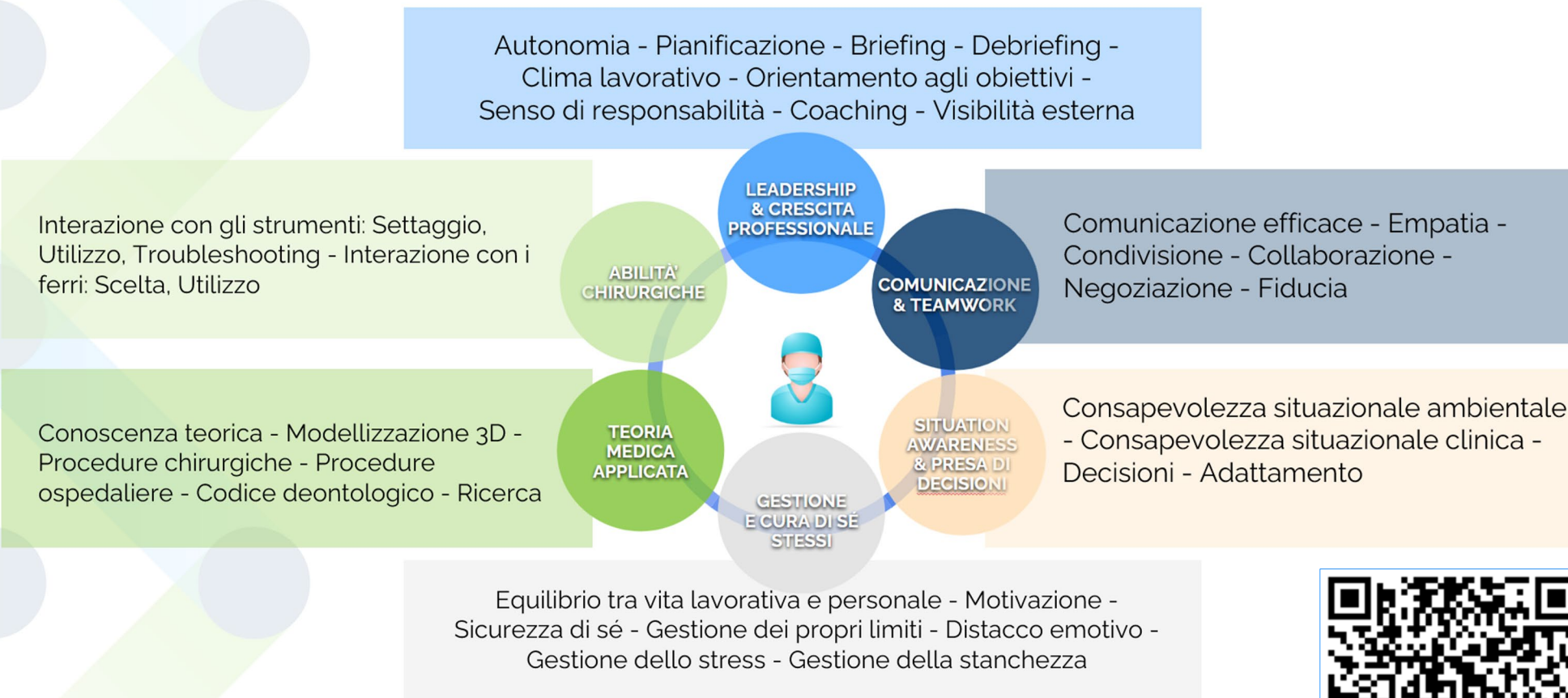




## Modello di competenze



### MODELLO di COMPETENZE | Panoramica



## Outdoor training

allenare le **competenze trasversali** in un **ambiente ostile, diverso** dall'ambiente lavorativo ma molto **simile** dal punto di vista di **sfide e dinamiche di teamwork!**

GIORNO 1

Rocca Pendice (PD)



GIORNO 2

Lumignano (VI)



GIORNO 3

Agriturismo Valverde Villaga (VI)



## Outdoor training | Giorno 1

### OBIETTIVI

- Familiarizzare con strumenti e territorio
- Allenare la **comunicazione efficace**, il **teamwork**, la **situational awareness** e la **presa di decisione**

### 1 Formazione sul decision-making e tecnica sui ruoli



### 2 1° ATTIVITÀ OUTDOOR: 1 squadra, 2 team - 11 indizi da risolvere



## Outdoor training | Giorno 2

### OBIETTIVI

- Applicare **competenze mediche** in ambiente ostile e esplorare le pratiche di soccorso in montagna
- Continuare ad allenare le competenza del gg 1 + **leadership/coordinamento**, capacità di **pianificazione e ripianificazione**, **gestione pazienti e familiari** e **comunicazione empatica**

### 1 Formazione su comunicazione empatica



### 2 2° ATTIVITÀ OUTDOOR: 1 squadra - Soccorso a 3 feriti



## Outdoor training | Giorno 3

### OBIETTIVI

- Focus su **gestione della stanchezza** ed impatto dell'**affaticamento** sulle **performance**
- "Transfer to your environment"

### 1 Attività serale (focus su fatigue)

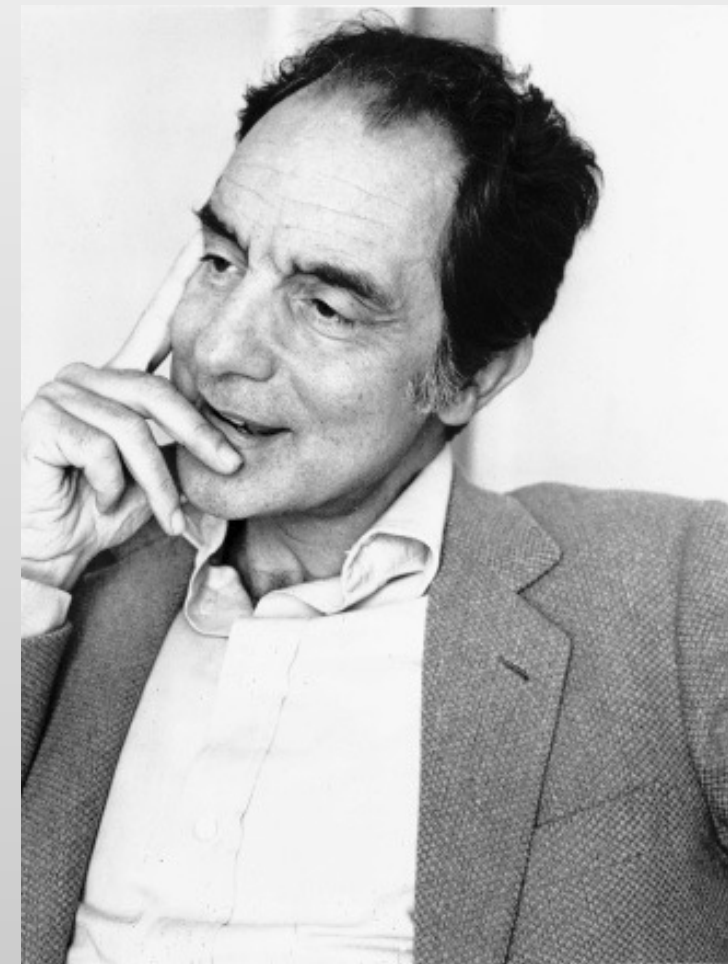


### 2 CONSOLIDAMENTO & FEEDBACK



## *Conclusioni*

- **L'innovazione tecnologica** ha giocato un ruolo cruciale nel migliorare le procedure neurochirurgiche e soprattutto **l'outcome dei pazienti**
- Per propria natura **la neurochirurgia stimola l'innovazione** con evoluzioni estremamente rapide dello scenario chirurgico
- La realtà virtuale/aumentata e la simulazione stanno creando **nuovi paradigmi di formazione** per le prossime generazioni di neurochirurghi
- La sfida è identificare le **tecnologie più promettenti** ed allo stesso tempo superare la nostra **costituzionale resilienza**



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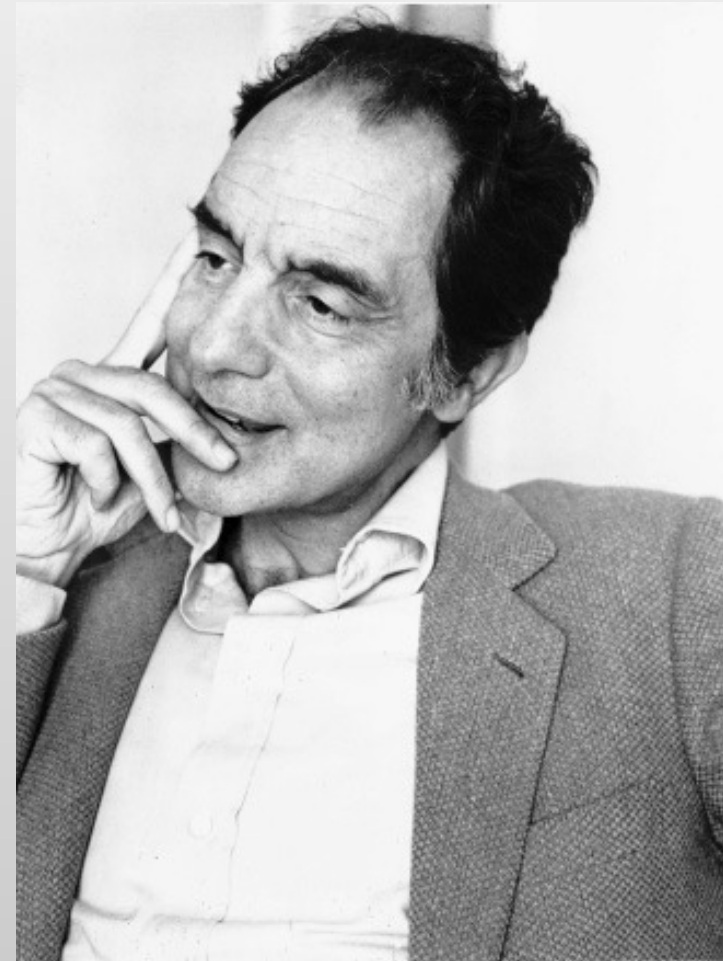
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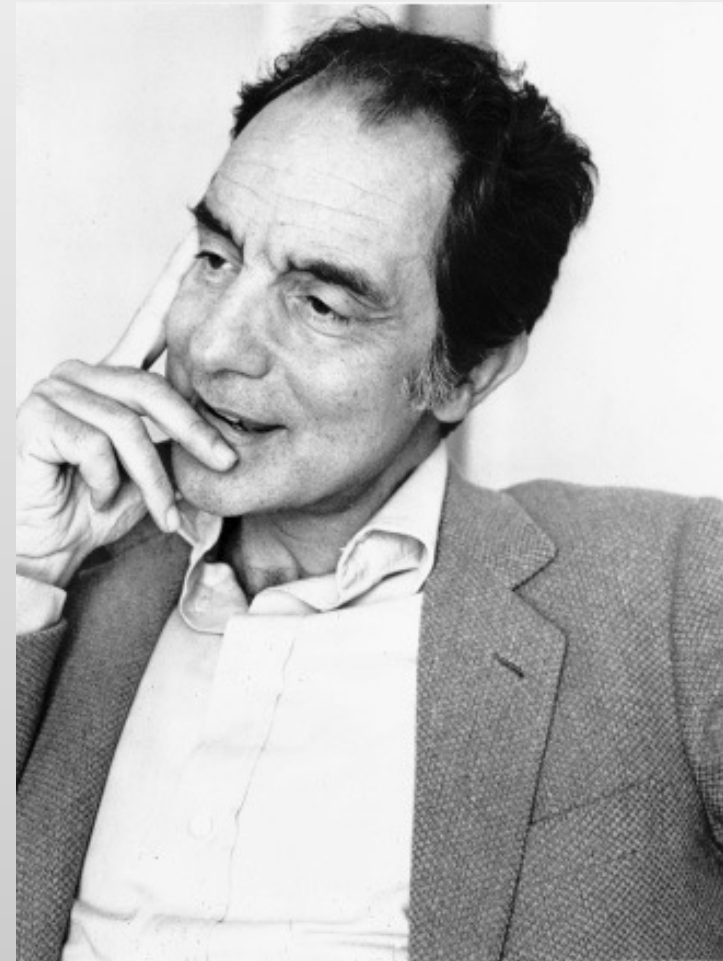


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*c’e’ bisogno di **esattezza, tecnica, concretezza e senso di realta’***


## Ringraziamenti





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8	Neurosurgery	The Mount Sinai Hospital	New York, NY	United States	
9	Neurosurgery	UCSF Medical Center	San Francisco, CA	United States	
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