AMIGO
Advanced Multi-Modality Image Guided Operating Suite

2012 YEAR IN REVIEW
To the dedicated clinical and administrative team of the

**Advanced Multimodality Image Guided Operating Suite**

*your* service and hard work have made possible a year of...

- groundbreaking research,
- innovative medicine, and
- life-changing procedures.

We just wanted to take this opportunity to acknowledge the *incredible* things you do, and to say...

*Thank You!*
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Message From Leadership
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Over the past year, we have launched a number of new programs for several important conditions that are forwarding the mission of the Advanced Multimodality Image Guided Operating suite to demonstrate that advanced imaging and image-based information may be integrated into surgical and interventional procedures to provide improved clinical outcomes and long term prognosis.

In light of our achievements, we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and provide a heartfelt thanks to all. It is only through interdisciplinary teamwork that successes in AMIGO have been realized. Your hard work, on behalf of our patients and medical innovation continues to be so inspirational. Thank you for all that you do.

Ferenc Jolesz

Clare Tempany
Meet the Team
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Executive Summary
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Programs Launched: 9

Services Represented: 5


- Cardiology: 7
- Neurosurgery: 38
- Radiology: 97
- Radiation Oncology: 31
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Phase I Programs
Neurosurgery

Brain Tumor Thermal Laser Ablation

Principal Investigator: Ferenc Jolesz, M.D.
Co-Investigators: Alexandra Golby, M.D.; Srinivasan Mukundan, M.D., Ph.D.; Emam Saleh, M.D.
Program Launch Date: May 2012
FY12 Volume: 4

Procedure Description:
Interstitial laser is a minimally invasive procedure which can be used to reach lesions deep in the brain that are otherwise difficult to access by conventional surgical methods. During the procedure, a cooling catheter is precisely inserted into the brain via a stereotactic approach.

Placement is confirmed with MR imaging and a laser fiber is passed through the catheter. Temperature mapping using MR imaging is continuously acquired, and test heating is performed at a low level to confirm the location of the laser relative to the target. The ablation is then performed and monitored with MR imaging and the treatment area is visualized with software. Treatment itself takes only a couple of minutes.

Rationale for Using AMIGO:
Ability to perform both the catheter placement and the ablation itself without moving the patient.

Key Findings /Lessons Learned:
Refining methods of targeting. Refining software for temperature mapping.
Neurosurgery

Craniotomy for Brain Tumor

Principal Investigator: Alexandra Golby M.D.
Co-Investigators: Ennino Chiocca, M.D.; Elizabeth Claus M.D.; Ian Dunn, M.D.; Srinivasan Mukundan, M.D., Ph.D.
Program Launch Date: August 2011
FY12 Volume: 22

Procedure Description:
- Intraoperative MRI is utilized to improve tumor resection.
- Functional imaging and diffusion tensor imaging is utilized to map the brain.

Rationale for Using AMIGO:
Improved tumor resection leads to better outcomes - Longer survival and fewer deficits.

Key Findings /Lessons Learned:
- Coregistering US and MRI to guide surgical resection.
- Improving intraoperative imaging especially DTI has been challenging.
AMIGO guided Transnasal Endoscopic Removal of Pituitary Macroadenomas

Principal Investigator: Edward Laws, M.D.
Co-Investigators: Ian Dunn, M.D.; Srinivasan Mukundan, M.D., Ph.D.
Program Launch Date: November 2011
FY12 Volume: 12

Procedure Description:
MRI guided transnasal endoscopic resection of pituitary macroadenomas.

Rationale for Using AMIGO:
Improved completeness of tumor removal confirmed and normal functioning pituitary gland preserved.

Key Findings /Lessons Learned:
In 25% of cases, there were instances of tumor remnants that would not have been detected or removed without the aid of AMIGO! None of these operated patients had a new pituitary deficit postoperatively.

- Patient with visual loss and large adenoma compressing optic chiasm
- Trans nasal endoscopic removal of tumor in AMIGO
- AMIGO MRI imaging showed incomplete removal of tumor – persistent optic compression
- Operation resumed and total tumor removal accomplished – complete visual recovery
Breast Surgical Oncology

Breast Conserving Therapy and AMIGO

Principal Investigator: Mehra Golshan, M.D.
Co-Investigators: Eva Gombos, M.D.
Program Launch Date: April 2012
FY12 Volume: 3

Procedure Description
In the United States women who undergo breast conserving therapy (lumpectomy followed by radiation) will have to return for a second operation to achieve clear margins nearly 40% of the time. The surgical procedure performed in AMIGO enables intraoperative margin evaluation using breast MRI before and after the lumpectomy.

Rationale for Using AMIGO:
The ability of intraoperative MRI performed prior to and after lumpectomy enables the surgeon to evaluate the tumor edges in real time and determine if additional tissue to be removed. Breast MRI is the most sensitive and specific modality for evaluating a breast tumor. Breast tissue cannot be tested intraoperatively by routine pathology evaluation, and other modalities must be developed to reduce the need for reoperation which leads to delay in initiation of chemotherapy or radiation, increased infection rate, increased cost and a negative psychological impact on the patient.

Key Findings /Lessons Learned:
- AMIGO identified additional abnormalities which were excised intraoperatively and all cases achieved clear margins.
- All patients who underwent whole breast radiation have had no evidence of recurrence, to date.
- All patients were excited and motivated to be part of the study.
Radiology

Prostate Biopsy

Principal Investigator: Clare Tempany, M.D.
Co-Investigators: Kemal Tuncali, M.D.
Program Launch Date: September 2011
FY12 Volume: 29

Procedure Description:
MR guided prostate biopsies are performed at an increasing rate as they allow for precise targeted sampling of focal lesions identified on pre-biopsy MRI – the latter examination has demonstrated marked improved discrimination abilities for detection of focal lesions.

Rationale for Using AMIGO:
AMIGO is being used to design and evaluate an optimal MRI-guided prostate biopsy system by using two new MR guided prostate biopsy methods, namely free-hand and robotic guided methods in a 3T magnet.

We have developed technology to implement multi-modal image registration of prostate MRI and pre-computed statistical atlases of likely cancer sites. Additionally, we will evaluate the clinical results of the biopsy methods and compare to both our current MR guided technique and the TRUS sextant method.

Key Findings /Lessons Learned:
Pre-Biopsy MRI is highly accurate for defining focal prostate cancer. Transperineal in bore biopsy is highly acceptable, safer than TRUS and desirable to patients.
Radiology

3T MRI Guided Percutaneous Tumor Ablation

Principal Investigator: Kemal Tuncali, M.D.
Co-Investigators: Paul Shyn, M.D.; Servet Tatli, M.D.
Program Launch Date: November 2011
FY12 Volume: 54

Procedure Description:
Patients with abdominal/pelvic, soft-tissue or bone tumor who need a minimally invasive treatment options are treated with 3T MRI-guided cryoablation.

Rationale for Using AMIGO:
These typically are tumors best visualized with MRI and/or with near-by critical structures where careful monitoring of the ablation is needed. Safety, clinical impact, and treatment efficacy by patient follow-up will be analyzed. Intraprocedural cryoablation monitoring images will be retrospectively utilized for the development and validation of a computerized monitoring tool under an NIH grant.

Key Findings /Lessons Learned:
Real-Time MR Thermometry offers highest accuracy available to ensure complete tumor coverage and ablation. Image guidance and control is critical in key anatomical areas to ensure safety.
# 3T MRI Guided Soft Tissue Biopsy

**Principal Investigator:** Kemal Tuncali, M.D.  
**Co-Investigators:** Paul Shyn, M.D.; Servet Tatli, M.D.  
**Program Launch Date:** September 2011  
**FY12 Volume:** 9

## Procedure Description:

Patients with chest, abdominal or pelvis mass best visualized with MRI that require tissue diagnosis benefit from MRI-guided biopsy. The procedure is either part of an ablation procedure to obtain tissue just before the ablation, or in some cases a stand-alone procedure for the purpose of tissue diagnosis.

## Rationale for Using AMIGO:

Using 3T MRI guidance, masses are more readily visualized and biopsied. Biopsy yield, needle placement accuracy, safety, clinical impact will be analyzed by patient follow-up in a retrospective fashion.

## Key Findings /Lessons Learned:

MR has improved ability to define targets and guide needle course
PET/CT Guided Percutaneous Biopsy and Tumor Ablations

Principal Investigator: Servet Tatli, M.D.
Co-Investigators: Victor Gerbaudo, Ph.D., MSHCA; Paul Shyn, M.D.; Clare Tempany, M.D.; Kemal Tuncali, M.D.
Program Launch Date: May 2012
FY12 Volume: 5

Procedure Description:
Patients with thoraco-abdominal-pelvic, soft-tissue or bone tumors who need hystopathological diagnosis are biopsied under PET/CT guidance.

Rationale for Using AMIGO:
PET/CT combines both anatomical and metabolic information and can help select metabolically active tissue or metabolically active portions of a mass to biopsy. In addition, PET/CT can allow targeting of metabolically active lesions that are not visualized on anatomical imaging modalities such as CT, MRI, and US.

Key Findings /Lessons Learned:
The fusion of contrast-enhanced CT with FDG PET on immediate post-ablation PET/CT scans is a superior method for confirming complete ablation coverage of the tumor. The reason PET/CT is so good at this, is that tumor remains FDG avid immediately after ablation, and therefore remains well-visualized on PET. The ablation volume is well-depicted on contrast-enhanced CT. Using a suspended respiration technique, we are able to better assess our results than with contrast-enhanced CT alone.
**Radiation Oncology**

**Gynecologic Radiation Using Brachytherapy for Women with Cervical, Uterine and Vulvar Cancer**

**Principal Investigator:** Akila Viswanathan, M.D., MPH  
**Program Launch Date:** September 2011  
**FY12 Volume:** 28

**Procedure Description:**
Women with gynecologic malignancies undergo brachytherapy as part of curative management. In AMIGO, triple-image guided insertion of brachytherapy needles directly into the center of the cancer is feasible. Ultrasound is used to guide applicator insertion. MRI allows contouring the tumor and visualizing the rectum and bladder. CT is used for identifying the applicator in radiation treatment planning.

**Rationale for Using AMIGO:**
The availability of all three (US, MRI, CT) imaging modalities in one location has provided the ideal environment for patient care and research. Patients that would be considered incurable are now able to undergo curative brachytherapy.

**Key Findings /Lessons Learned:**

We are analyzing patient outcomes and preliminary data indicate clinical improvements with the use of AMIGO-based image guidance for radiation. Novel developments in image acquisition and radiation planning have received grant funding and, in addition to clinical assessments, are active areas of scientific research.

**100th Case Performed!**
Radiation Oncology

MRI-Guided Prostate Brachytherapy

Principal Investigator: Paul Nguyen, M.D.
Program Launch Date: February 2012
FY12 Volume: 3

Procedure Description:
We are performing prostate brachytherapy under direct MRI guidance without the use of an ultrasound probe.

Rationale for Using AMIGO:
Using AMIGO allows us to treat patients who cannot have a trans-rectal ultrasound probe, such as patients with prior rectal cancer surgeries. Also, the MRI visualization allows us to perform focal brachytherapy on only the diseased part of the gland, thereby reducing side effects.

Key Findings /Lessons Learned:
- First case of whole-gland treatment with pure MRI-only guidance on January 17, 2013.
- Three cases have been performed in AMIGO using ultrasound with immediate post-op MRI for visualization of novel spacer material injected between prostate and rectum.
- Protocol being developed for purely focal brachytherapy.
Cardiology

XMR Guided Cardiac Ablation

Principal Investigator: Lawrence Epstein, M.D.; Gregory Michaud, M.D.  
John Roy, M.D., Ph.D.

Program Launch Date: December 2011  
FY12 Volume: 7

Procedure Description:

Atrial fibrillation (AF) is a rapid irregular heart rhythm originating in the upper chambers of the heart called the atria. AF can be treated with catheter ablation. This ablation procedure is called Pulmonary Vein Isolation (PVI). In catheter ablation, catheters (thin, flexible, plastic tubes or wires) are inserted into blood vessels. These catheters can be placed inside the heart to ablate (damage) parts of the heart tissue that cause AF. The areas of the heart most commonly responsible for atrial fibrillation are the pulmonary veins. By damaging the tissue around the pulmonary veins the abnormal signals are blocked from spreading to the rest of the heart. This is called isolating the pulmonary veins.

Rationale for Using AMIGO:

Test ability to perform MRI-scanning on patients after PVI with paroxysmal AF in order to establish safety of performing PVI in the AMIGO suite and feasibility of obtaining high-quality DE-MR scans.

Key Findings /Lessons Learned:

High quality imaging of acute and chronic ablation lesions in the left atrium is feasible. Such imaging may allow identification and treatment of potential conduction gaps that could decrease the risk of recurrent AF following an initially successful procedure, which is the focus of the next phase of study.
Phase II Program Pipeline
# Up and Coming Programs

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## Department of Neurosurgery

**Procedure Name:** Intraoperative Multimodality imaging for Skull Base Surgery  
**Proceduralist(s):** Ian Dunn, M.D. (PI); Ossama Al-Mefty, M.D.; Edward Laws, M.D.

**Procedure Name:** Intraoperative Image-Guided Brachytherapy for Locally Recurrent Brain Tumors  
**Proceduralist(s):** Nils Arvold M.D.; Alexandra Golby M.D.; Phillip Devlin M.D.

**Procedure Name:** Real-time Image-guided functional Neurosurgery  
**Proceduralist(s):** Travis Tierney, M.D., Alexandra Golby, M.D.

## Department of Medicine – GI Medicine

**Procedure Name:** Image Registered Endoscopy - Pancreas  
**Proceduralist(s):** Christopher Thompson, M.D.
# Up and Coming Programs

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BWH Publications

BWH Bulletin

Nov. 2012: Research into Breast Cancer Procedure Could Prevent Repeat Surgeries

Nov. 2011: True AMIGOS

May 2011: BWH Unveils New AMIGO Suite

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June 2012: AMIGO Update: Neurosurgery Procedures and More
In the News

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New Tool to Help Brain Surgeons, One Step Closer to Operating Room

ScienceBlog.com
New tool to help brain surgeons one step closer to operating room
Further Reading
AMIGO Publications


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2. Fennessy FM, Fedorov A, Gupta SN, Wells WM, Mulkern RV, Tempany CM. Assessment of abnormal ADC matched voxels with DCE parameters for characterization of prostate cancer at 3T. Oral presentation. May 10th 11:18am. Session; Prostate Cancer, Room 210-211.


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