

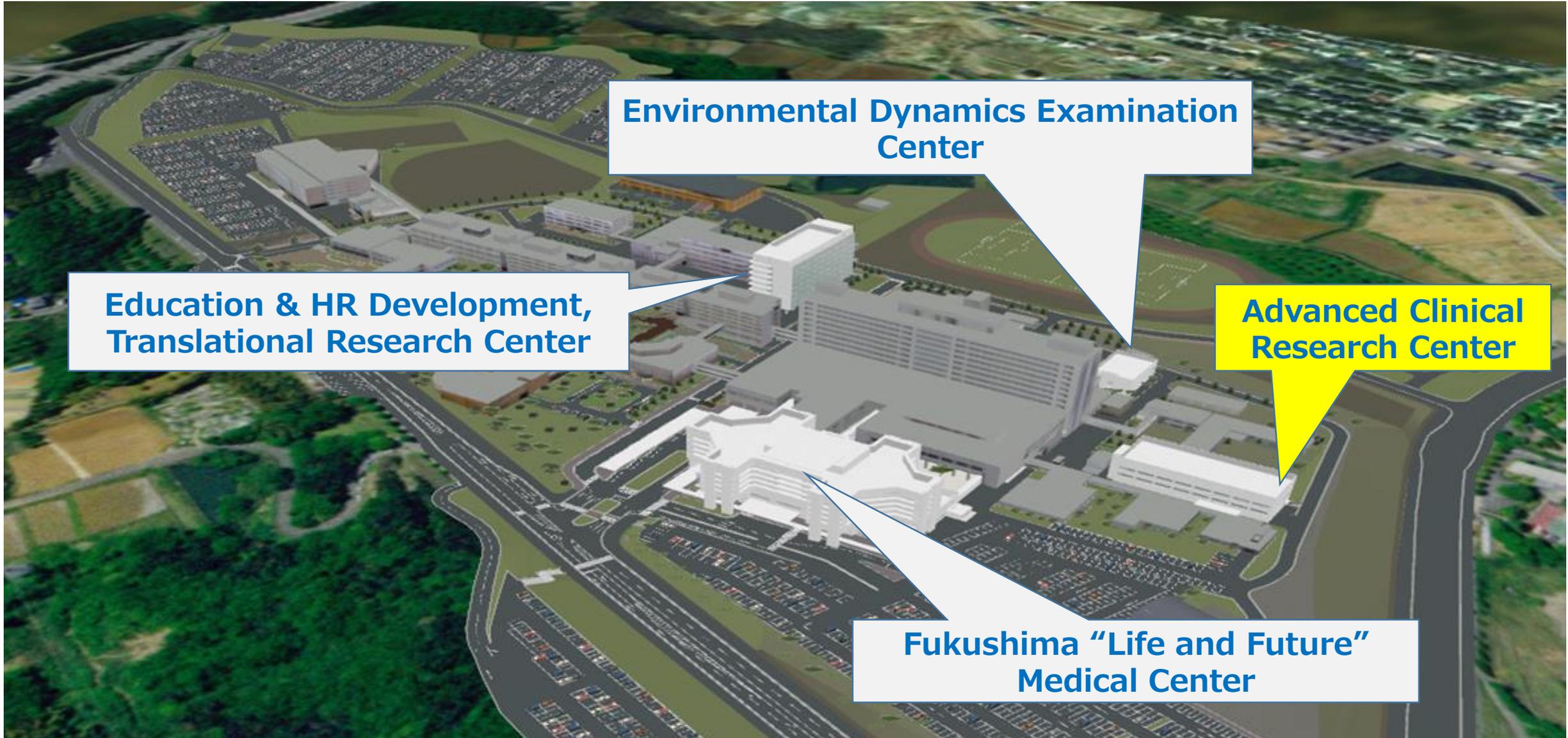
# New Treatment Facility and Targeted Alpha-particle Therapy in FMU

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# Fukushima Global Medical Science Center



**Environmental Dynamics Examination Center**

**Education & HR Development, Translational Research Center**

**Advanced Clinical Research Center**

**Fukushima "Life and Future" Medical Center**

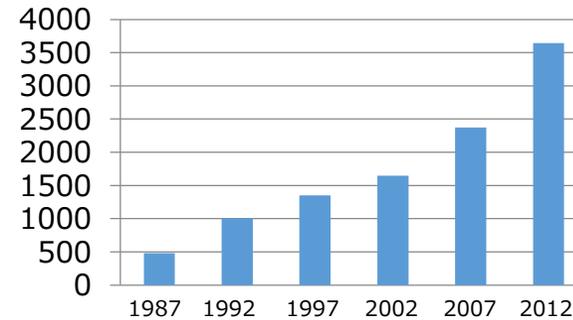
# Current status of Fukushima Medical University in Radionuclide Therapy

- Perform approved radionuclide therapy
  - $^{131}\text{I}$  therapy for differentiated thyroid cancer (DTC) and Graves' disease
  - $^{90}\text{Y}$ -anti-CD20 Ab for low-grade B-cell non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (B-NHL)
  - $^{223}\text{Ra}$ -chloride for symptomatic bone metastases with hormone refractory prostate cancer
  - $^{89}\text{Sr}$ -chloride for relief of painful bone metastases
- Develop new radiopharmaceuticals for targeted radionuclide therapy
  - $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -particle therapy
  - Produce  $^{211}\text{At}$  with in-house cyclotron (MP-30)
- Develop molecular imaging for radionuclide therapy
  - Companion diagnosis with PET/SPECT for targeted therapy

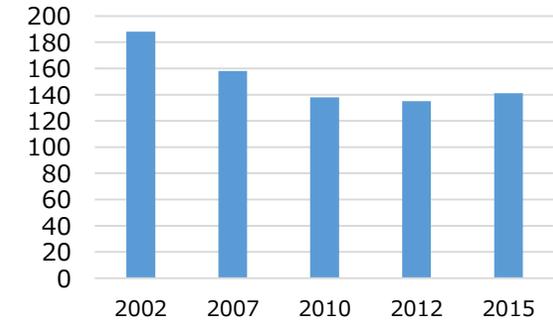
# Domestic status of radionuclide therapy for DTC in Japan

- (1) Increased performance
- (2) Shortage of beds for therapy
- (3) Long waiting period
- (4) Poor survival

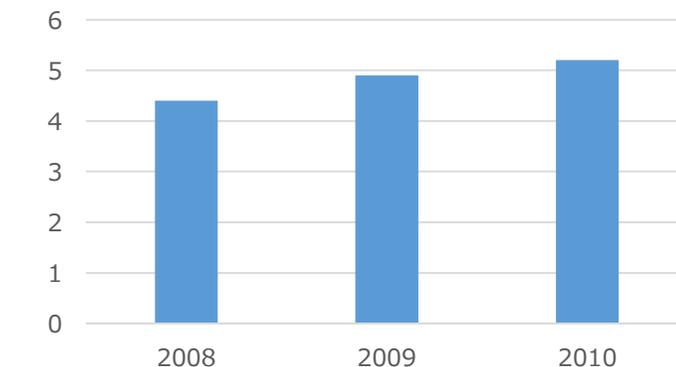
Number of therapy



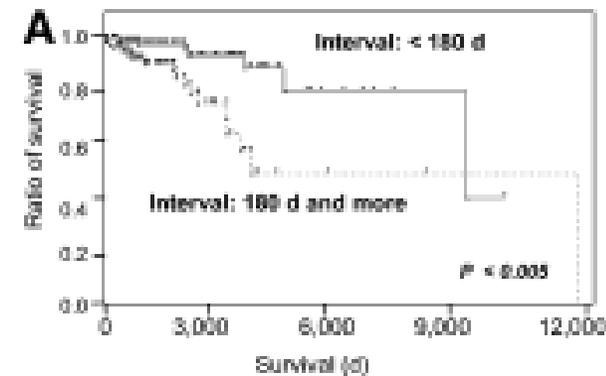
Number of beds for therapy



(m) Waiting period



Shorter survival with longer waiting period



# $^{131}\text{I}$ -MIBG therapy for malignant pheochromocytoma and paraganglioma in Japan

## 《Summary》

- ✓ Rarely “effective”
- ✓ Stable disease in majority
- ✓ Less side effects

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ORIGINAL

Effects and safety of  $^{131}\text{I}$ -metaiodobenzylguanidine (MIBG) radiotherapy in malignant neuroendocrine tumors: Results from a multicenter observational registry

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Drafting Committee for Guidelines on Internal Radiotherapy with  $^{131}\text{I}$ -MIBG, Japanese Society of Nuclear Medicine in Oncology and Immunology, Japanese Society of Nuclear Medicine

**Table 2**  
(A) Treatment-based response to  $^{131}\text{I}$ -MIBG radiotherapy

Disease	Response				Total
	CR	PR	SD	PD	
Pheochromocytoma	0	1	40	9	50
Paraganglioma	0	0	14	1	15
Total	0	1	54	10	65

CR, complete remission; MIBG, metaiodobenzylguanidine; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial remission; SD, stable disease.

**Table 4** Details of bone marrow suppression in adult neuroendocrine tumors

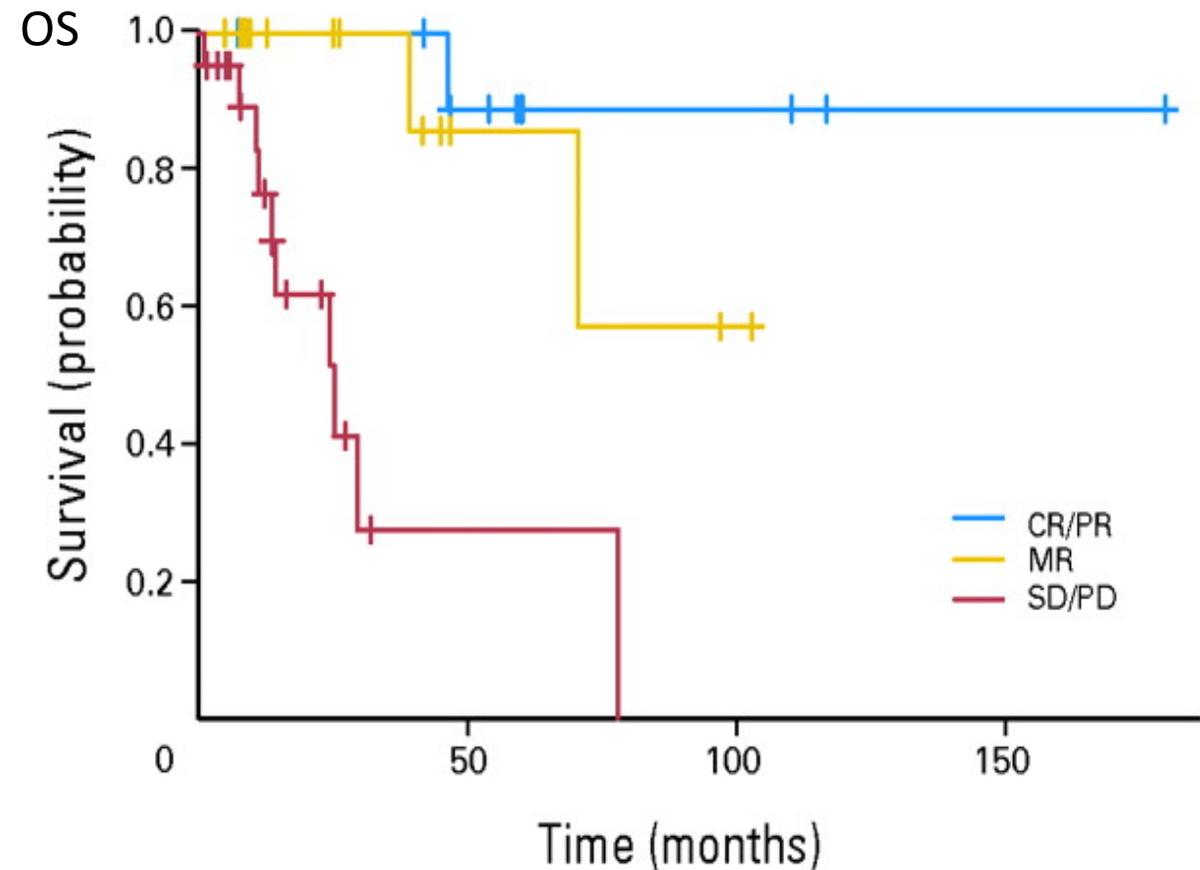
(A) Treatment number-based analysis

	NCI toxicity grade			
	I	II	III	IV
Thrombocytopenia	0	0	0	0
Anemia	0	1	0	0
Leukopenia	0	12	2	0
Total number of patients	0	13	2	0

# $^{131}\text{I}$ -MIBG therapy for malignant pheochromocytoma in the USA

	Dose (mCi)	(mCi/kg)
1st	492-1,160 (av. 818)	9-19
Total	492-3,191	

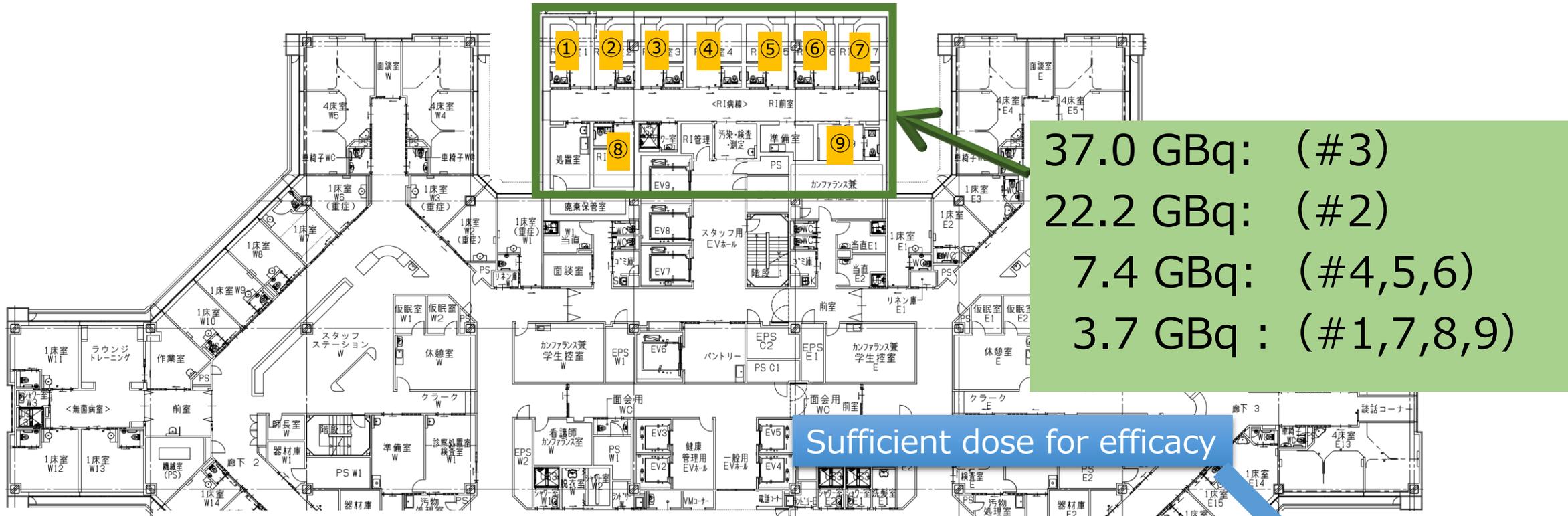
Effectiveness	Total		2 <sup>nd</sup> (vs 1 <sup>st</sup> )	
	No.	%	No.	%
CR	4	8	1	7
PR	7	14	5	33
MR	17	35	5	33
SD	4	8	1	7
PD	17	35	3	20



# Radionuclide therapy ward in Fukushima Medical University

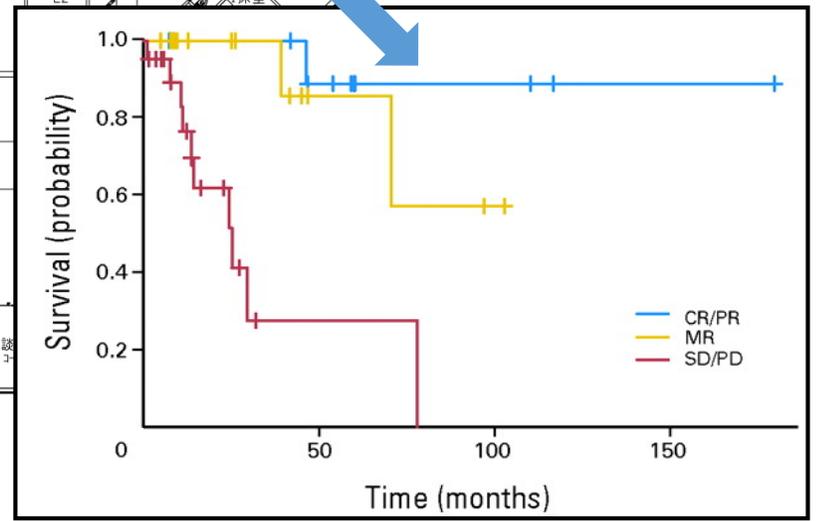
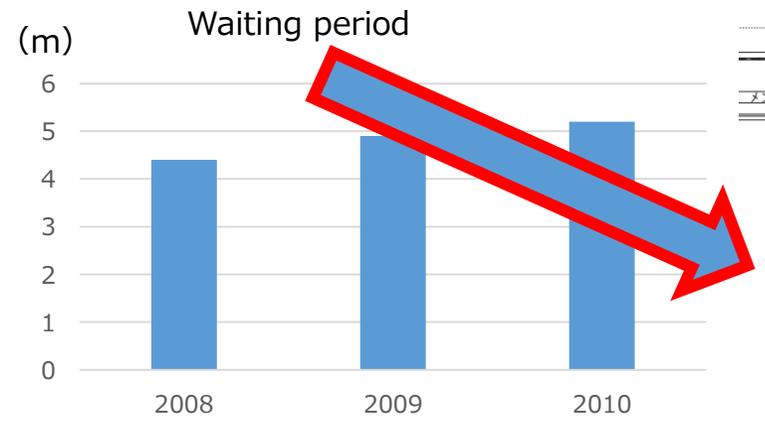


# Radionuclide therapy ward in Fukushima "Life and Future" Medical Center



37.0 GBq: (#3)  
 22.2 GBq: (#2)  
 7.4 GBq: (#4,5,6)  
 3.7 GBq : (#1,7,8,9)

Sufficient dose for efficacy



# Theranostics = Therapy + Diagnostics

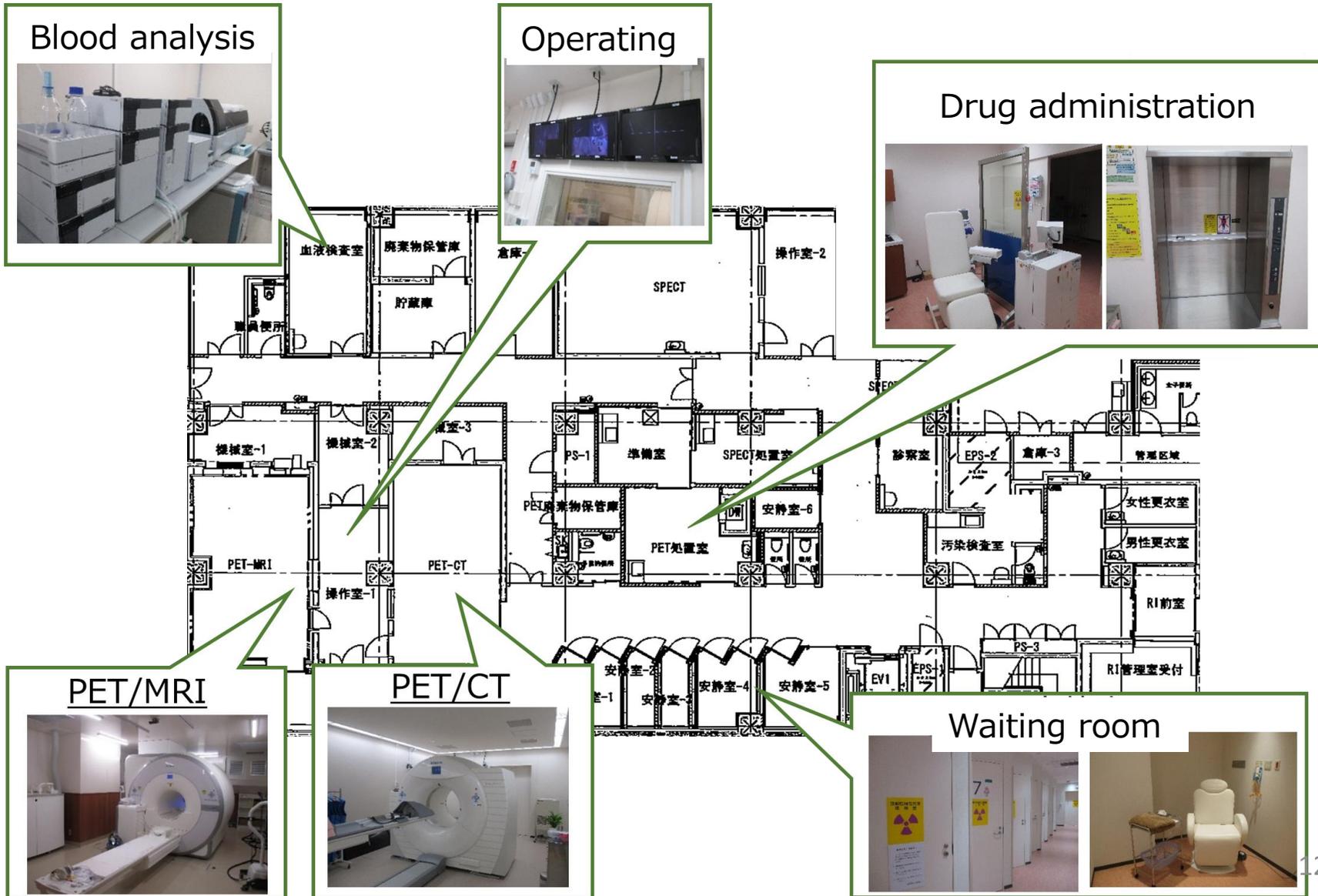
- Specific targets for radionuclide therapy
- Same target for diagnostic imaging
  - Indication
  - Therapeutic effectiveness and toxicity
  - Dosimetry

PET/SPECT  
imaging

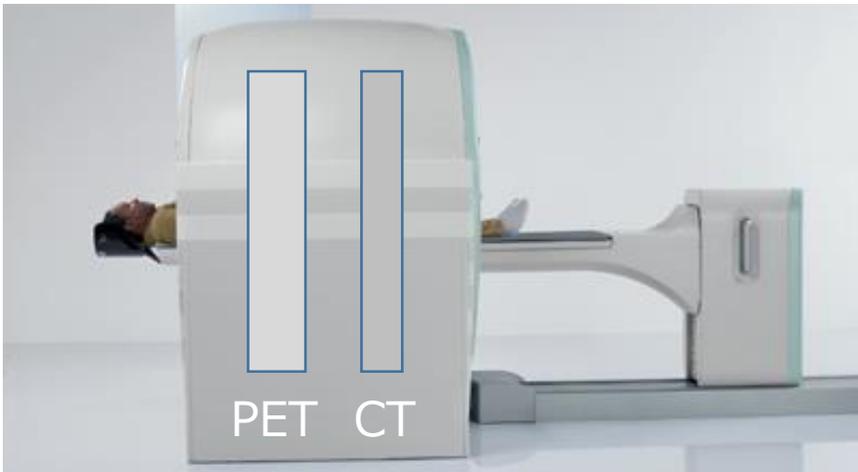
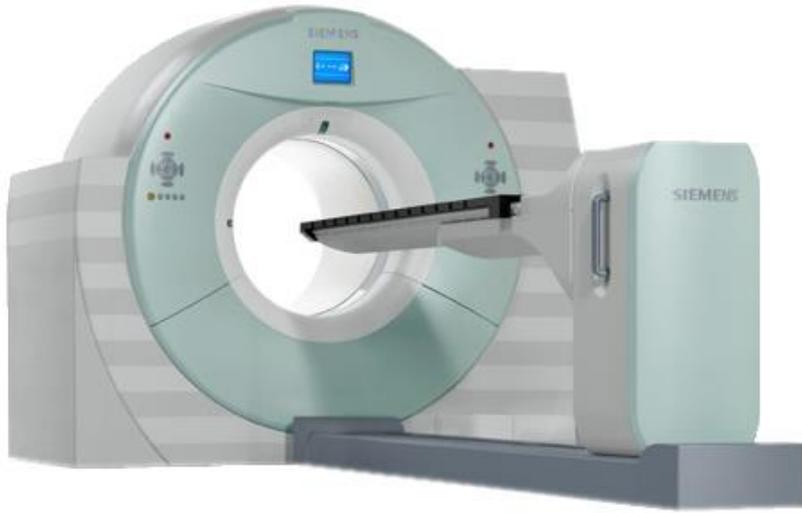
Targets  
→

Radionuclide  
therapy

# Clinical PET/CT and PET/MRI facility



# PET/CT

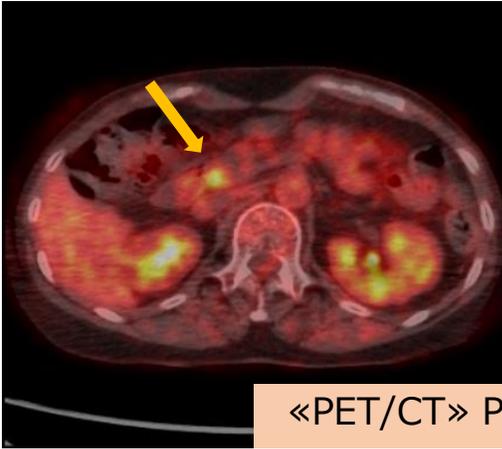


(Biograph mCT, Siemens)

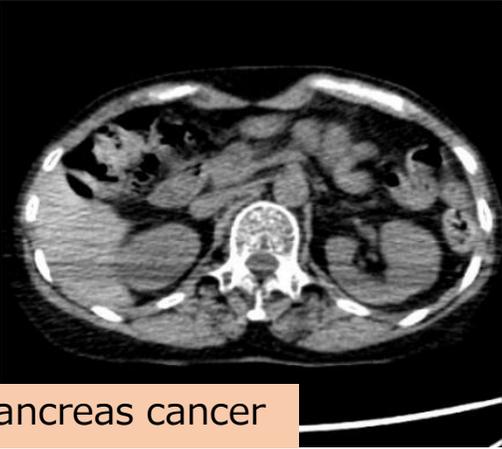
## Pancreas cancer



### PET/CT

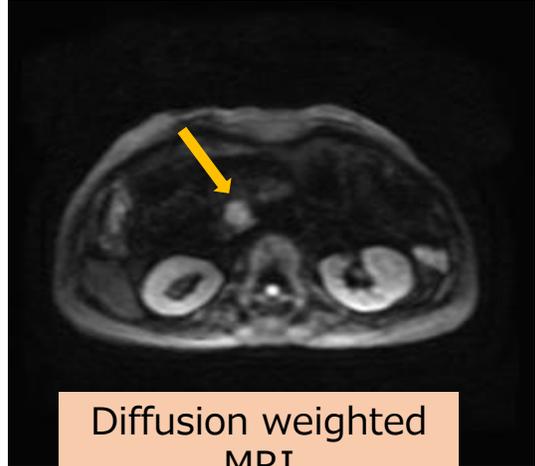


### CT

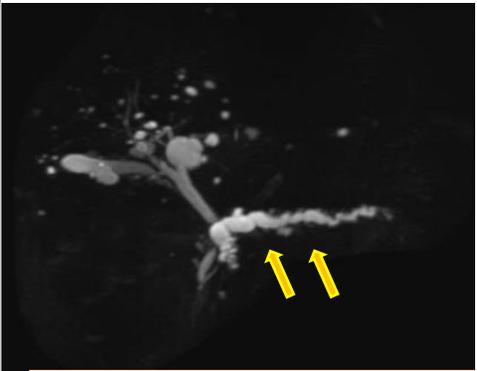


«PET/CT» Pancreas cancer

### MRI



Diffusion weighted MRI

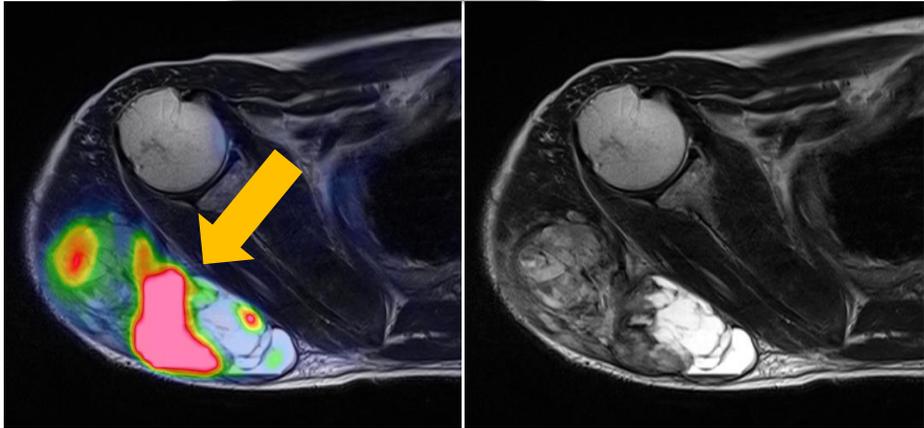


«MRCP» Dilated main pancreatic duct

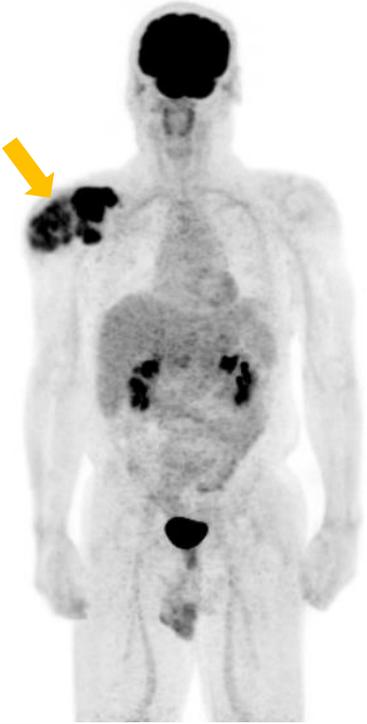
# PET/MRI

## Undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma

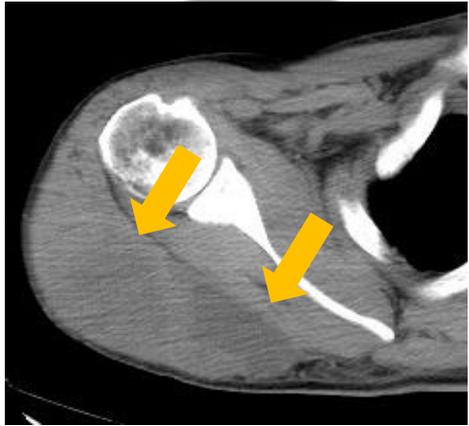
PET/MRI



«PET/MRI» Heterogeneously increased FDG uptake in the tumor

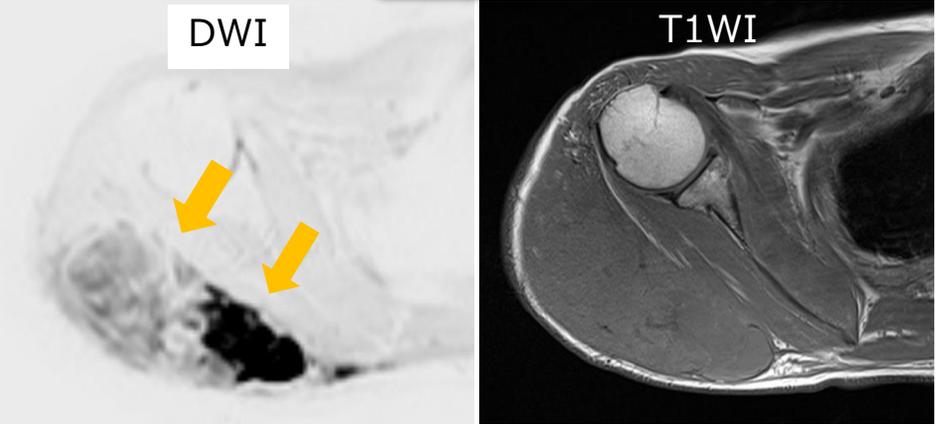


CT

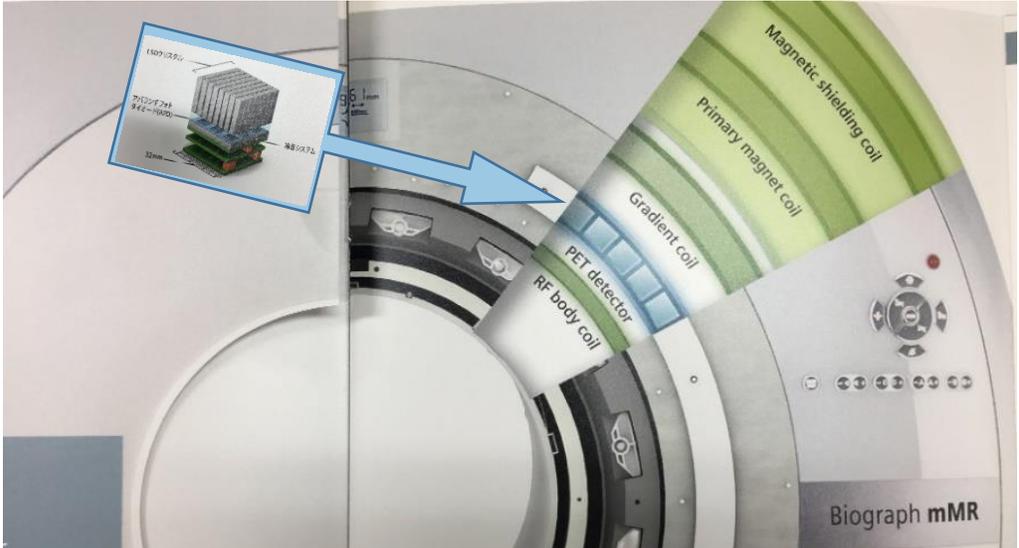


«CT» Low density area in the right deltoid muscle

MRI



«MRI» Heterogeneous signal intensity on diffusion-weighted MRI



(Biograph mMR, Siemens)

# Radionuclides for theranostics

Therapy			Diagnosis	
Radionuclides	T <sub>1/2</sub> (days)	Radiation	Radionuclides	T <sub>1/2</sub> (days)
<sup>67</sup> Cu	2.58	β <sup>-</sup>	<sup>64</sup> Cu	0.53
<sup>77</sup> Br	2.42	EC, Auger	<sup>76</sup> Br	0.68
<sup>131</sup> I	8.02	β <sup>-</sup>	<sup>124</sup> I	4.17
<sup>177</sup> Lu	6.73	β <sup>-</sup>	<sup>68</sup> Ga	68 (min)
<sup>211</sup> At	0.3	α	<sup>124</sup> I	4.17

# Characteristics of $\alpha$ -particle and $\beta$ -particle

$\alpha$ -emitters are more capable comparing with  $\beta$ -emitters for therapy

➤ Increased cellular damage

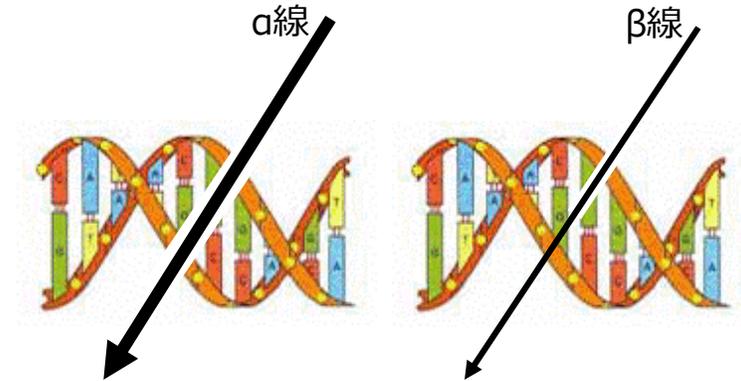
High LET (Linear energy transfer) : 97 ( $^{211}\text{At}$ ) vs. 0.2 keV/ $\mu\text{m}$  ( $^{90}\text{Y}$ )

High RBE (Relative biological effectiveness) : 5-20 ( $\alpha$ ) vs. 1 ( $\beta$ )

➤ Low toxicity

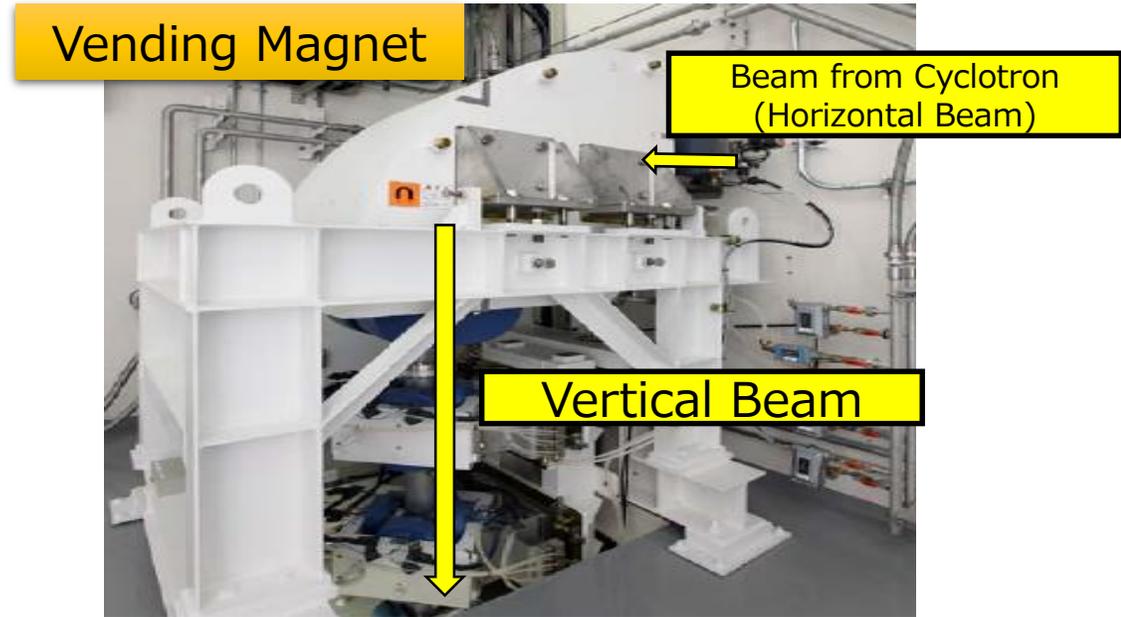
Short path length : <100  $\mu\text{m}$  ( $^{211}\text{At}$ ) vs. 11 mm ( $^{90}\text{Y}$ )

Limited radiation to adjacent normal organs, BM



RI	Radiation	$\gamma$	T1/2	Energy (MeV)	Path length (mm)
$^{67}\text{Cu}$	$\beta$	+	62.1 h	0.39	1.1
$^{89}\text{Sr}$	$\beta$		50.5 d	1.49	8
$^{90}\text{Y}$	$\beta$		64.1 h	2.28	11
$^{131}\text{I}$	$\beta$	+	8.0 d	0.61	2
$^{177}\text{Lu}$	$\beta$	+	6.7 d	0.5	1.5
$^{211}\text{At}$	$\alpha$	+	7.2 h	5.58	<0.1
$^{223}\text{Ra}$	$\alpha$	+	11.4 d	26.5	<0.1

# Characteristics of MP-30 Cyclotron



6 target ports system

## Special Features:

Vertical Irradiation System

Automatic Target Transport System

Advantage of vertical irradiation system

→ Easy material fixing

for low melting point target materials

ex. Gallium, Bismuth

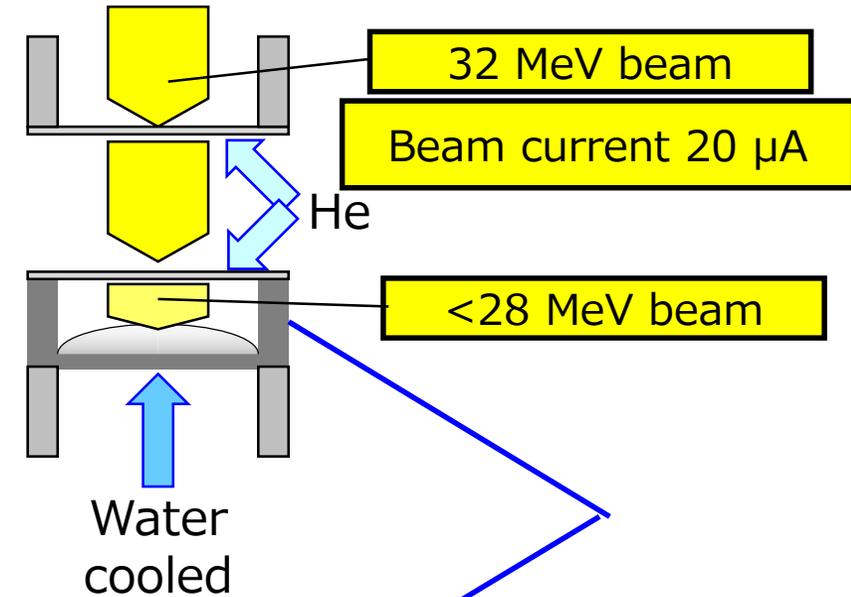
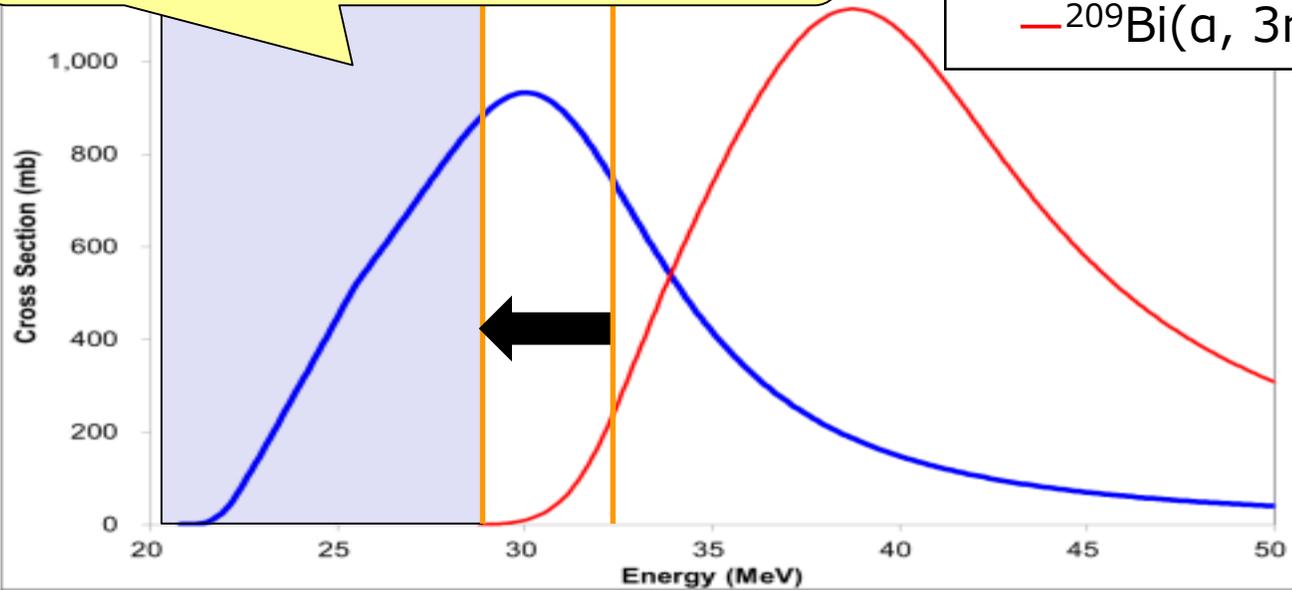
for powder or lump target materials

ex. Oxide, Enrichment powder

# Production of $^{211}\text{At}$ with MP-30 Cyclotron

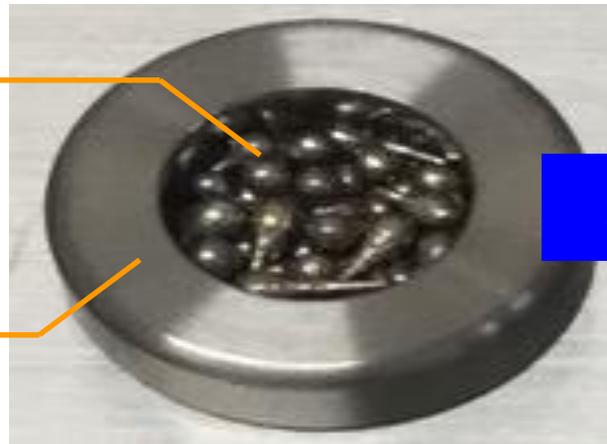
Should be less than 28 MeV  
Not to be contaminated with  
 $^{210}\text{At} \rightarrow ^{210}\text{Po}$  (Highly radiotoxic)

—  $^{209}\text{Bi}(\alpha, 2n)^{211}\text{At}$   
—  $^{209}\text{Bi}(\alpha, 3n)^{210}\text{At}$



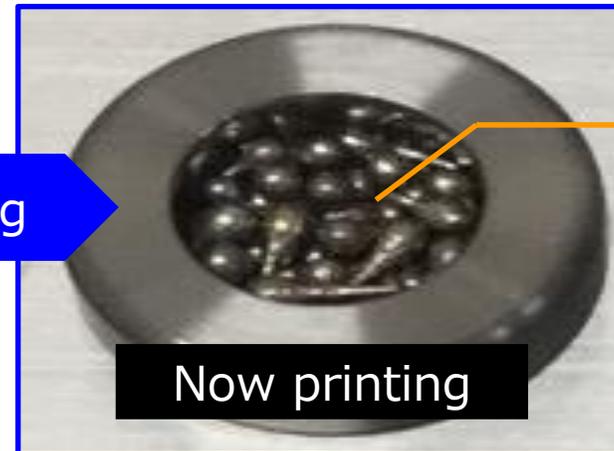
Bismuth lump  
(Target material)

Niobium body



Sealing

Aluminum foil  
(Degraded & Sealer)



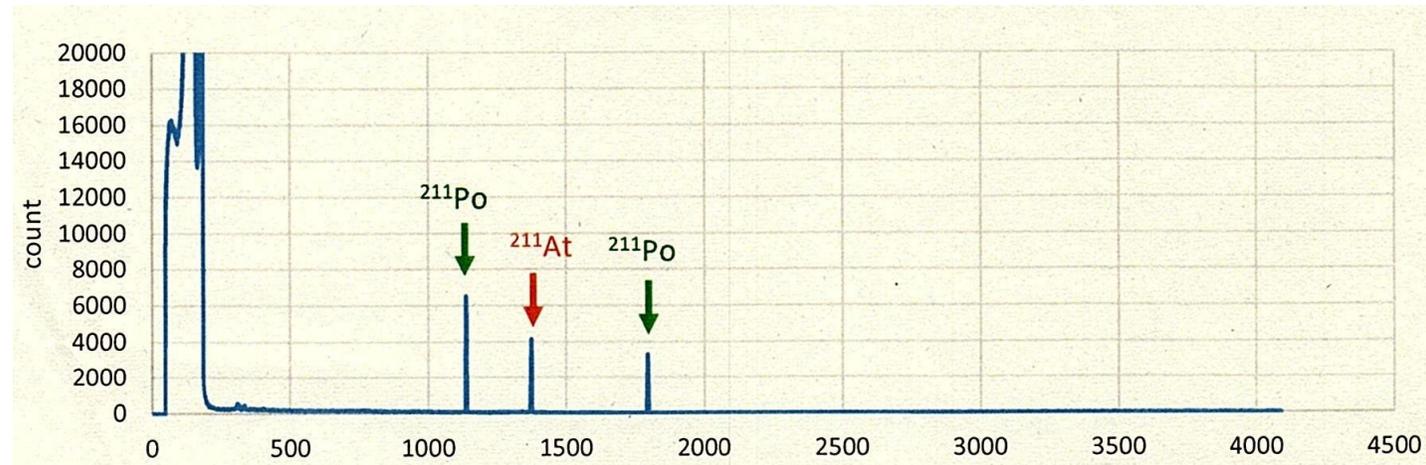
# Production of At-211 at Fukushima Medical University

At-211 production  
 $^{209}\text{Bi}(\alpha, 2n)^{211}\text{At}$   
Projectile energy <28 MeV

Approximately 1.5 GBq (EOB) of  $^{211}\text{At}$   
No production of At-210



MP-30, Sumitomo Heavy Industry



$\gamma$ -ray spectrometry analysis

# Hot labs: Production of radioactive compound and quality control



Hot Lab # 3, 4, 5

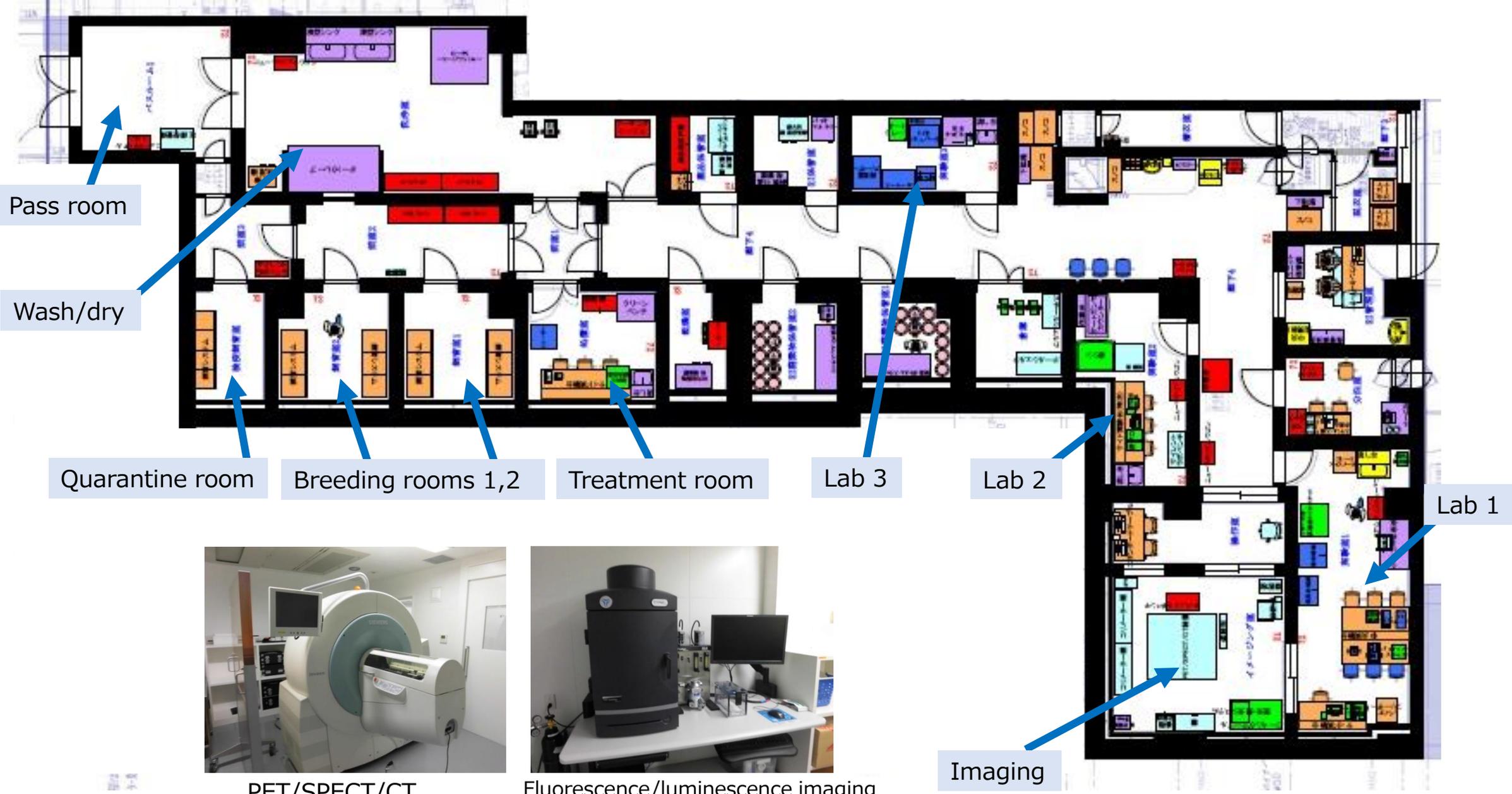


Chemical black box  
(Automatic synthesis device)

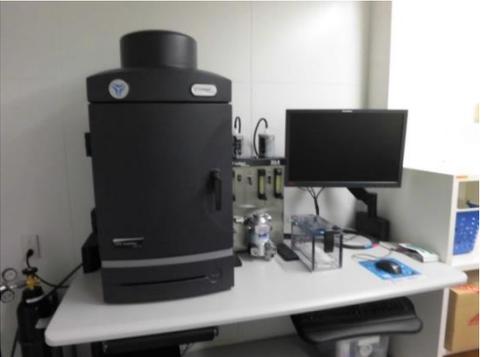


Quality control device

# Animal facility for preclinical study with radionuclide



PET/SPECT/CT



Fluorescence/luminescence imaging

# Animal breeding facilities

Isolated housing



Automatic cage washer



Autoclave

- Three breeding rooms including quarantine inspection room
- Isolated 240 cages for rodent

# Cell culture equipment



CO<sub>2</sub> incubator



Safety cabinet



Microscope, cell counter

- Cell culture for in vitro exam and preparation for tumor model in immunodeficiency mice
- Specific pathogen free status is secured

# Radioactivity measurement and analyses



Liquid scintillation counter  
Gamma counter



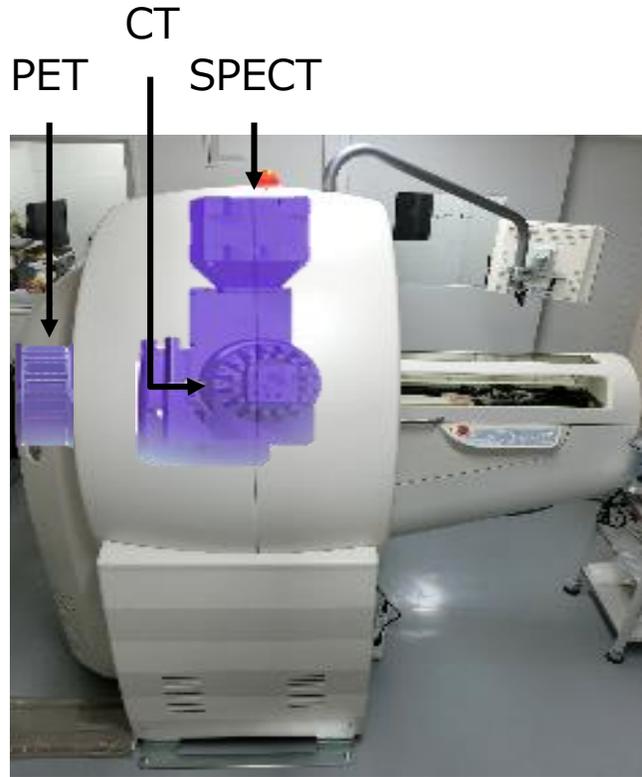
Fluorescence and  
luminescence microscope



HPLC for radioactive  
compounds

- High spec analytical instruments for radioactive compounds and their metabolites
- Pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic study for drug development

# Imaging apparatus for small animal



PET/SPECT/CT



Fluorescence and  
luminescence imaging



MRI



Autoradiography

- Molecular imaging apparatus can be used for in vivo analysis of radioactive compounds
- Pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic study for drug development

# Development of novel radionuclide therapy in Fukushima

- Develop new treatment
  - Investigate target-oriented therapeutic strategy
  - Produce novel radiolabeled compounds
  - Preclinical study and clinical trials for approval
- Targeted  $\alpha$ -particle therapy
  - $^{211}\text{At}$ -labeled compounds
  - Stable and constant production with safety
- Collaboration with researchers, clinical practitioners
- Cooperation with pharmaceutical companies, machinery companies

Thank you for your attention



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はじめよう。