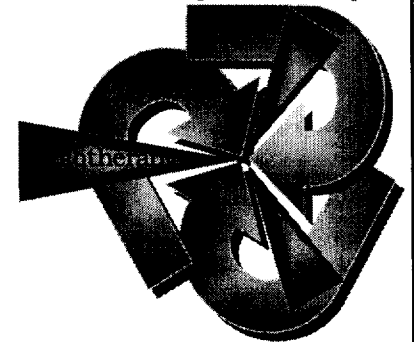


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We continue the commentary section of BenigNews with a discussion on the treatment of Peyronie's Disease (IPP = Induratio Penis Plastica) using a fractionated radiotherapy concept. This paper should encourage us to perform a patterns of care study (PCS) on this topic in Germany and get in touch with our referring urologists.

We also report on a scientific award, the Paul-Krause-Prize, which has been recently awarded to Dr. Ulrich Schäfer (University of Münster, Germany) for his experimental radiobiological thesis on intravascular radiotherapy paper.

Finally, we publish the Meeting Abstracts of the Essen Symposium on "Radiotherapy for Benign Diseases; the conference was held on May 4 - 5, 2001. The next conference will take place on May 3 - 4, 2002 in Essen. The preliminary program outline is published in this issue.

Again, for the next BenigNews we would appreciate further conversation, comments and suggestions from all readers of the upcoming issues via phone, fax, internet or personal communication.

With best regards,

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Editor's Corner

Dear Colleagues and Friends of Radiation Medicine,

we are pleased to present you the second edition of BenigNews in 2001 which contains as a main topic "painful heel conditions". It is rather symbolic that we are keep on to walk with BenigNews through several other interesting topics. We start out with an overview on diagnostic procedures for painful plantar and dorsal heel conditions; we continue with a clinical paper on radiotherapy for painful heel spur and present a detailed scoring system and documentation format for the clinical users. This scoring system has been developed in a multi-center approach by the German Cooperative Group on Radiotherapy for Benign Diseases. It will be used for a large prospective study which is currently in progress and compares pain medication versus different radiation dose concepts.

This issue also contains an interesting paper on radiotherapy for vertebral hemangiomas. In addition, we introduce a rare syndrome with a case report of a patient suffering from a Kasabach-Merritt-Syndrom. In future issues of BenigNews further rare case reports will be presented together with a short literature review.

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