



# New Jersey Medical Physics Society

## Celebrating 44 Years of History

<sup>1</sup>Chengyu Shi, <sup>2</sup>Scott Murphy, <sup>3</sup>John Napoli, <sup>4</sup>Ting Chen, <sup>5</sup>Yin Zhang, <sup>5</sup>Taoran Cui

<sup>1</sup>Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center at Basking Ridge, Basking Ridge, NJ

<sup>2</sup>Princeton Radiation Oncology, Freehold, NJ

<sup>3</sup>Hackensack University Medical Center, Hackensack, NJ

<sup>4</sup>New York University, NY

<sup>5</sup>The Cancer Institute of New Jersey, UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, New Brunswick, NJ

The AAPM NJ Chapter was founded in 1975 and the first president of the chapter was John Glover. John was followed by David Steidley, Jonathan Law, Rene Smith, Joan Seibert, Kenneth Kopecky.

Back in the late 1970's and early 1980's, the meetings were held at the *El Pescador* Restaurant in Roselle Park. There were usually about 20 physicists at each meeting, a presentation would be given by a physicist or speaker sponsored by a vendor, followed by dinner. Joan Seibert recalled:

“After one meeting 4 or 5 of us stayed behind and talked for about an hour since we were all awaiting the delivery of our first accelerator with electron beam capabilities. That was a very big deal back then. How far we've come”.



Top row: Richard Breslow, Ken Kopecky; Middle row: Bill Hillsinger, Gary Zkyes, K. David Steidley, Henry Switaj, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Strauss (friends of Lillian), Joan Seibert; Bottom row: Maimu Ohanian, Lillian Jacobson, Jonathan Law, Steve Nagy. This photo was taken at a meeting in 1980.

The photo to the left was taken in May 1980. It was taken at a meeting held to honor Lillian Jacobson, a physicist in the NY/NJ area, who was retiring. Jonathan Law (front row) was known for his crazy, large, white bow ties.

The membership has grown steadily since 1975 and there are currently more than 140 active members.

In more recent years, our NJ Chapter meeting will have typically 30-40 physicists, vendors, State regulators in attendance for each meeting. The agenda includes a business meeting and presentation, followed by dinner. Details of our recent chapter meeting can be found on our website: [chapter.aapm.org/njmeps](http://chapter.aapm.org/njmeps).



Dr. Anne Greener was hosting the Fall 2018 meeting



Dr. Doracy Fontenla (right) and Ms. Sandra Fontenla (left)



Ms. Sandra Fontenla (2<sup>nd</sup> to right) was talking with attendees



Dr. Doracy Fontenla (further left) was talking with attendees



Dr. Anne Greener provided chapter updated information

On November 7, 2018, our NJ Chapter celebrated its 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary at Villa Gennaro Restaurant, Edison NJ. The invited speaker were Dr. Doracy Fontenla and Ms. Sandra Fontenla from Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. The resident training for medical physicists were discussed and experience were shared to NJ chapter from Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. The day was also international medical physics day and we were glad to celebrate it with the topic focusing on our future medical physicists.



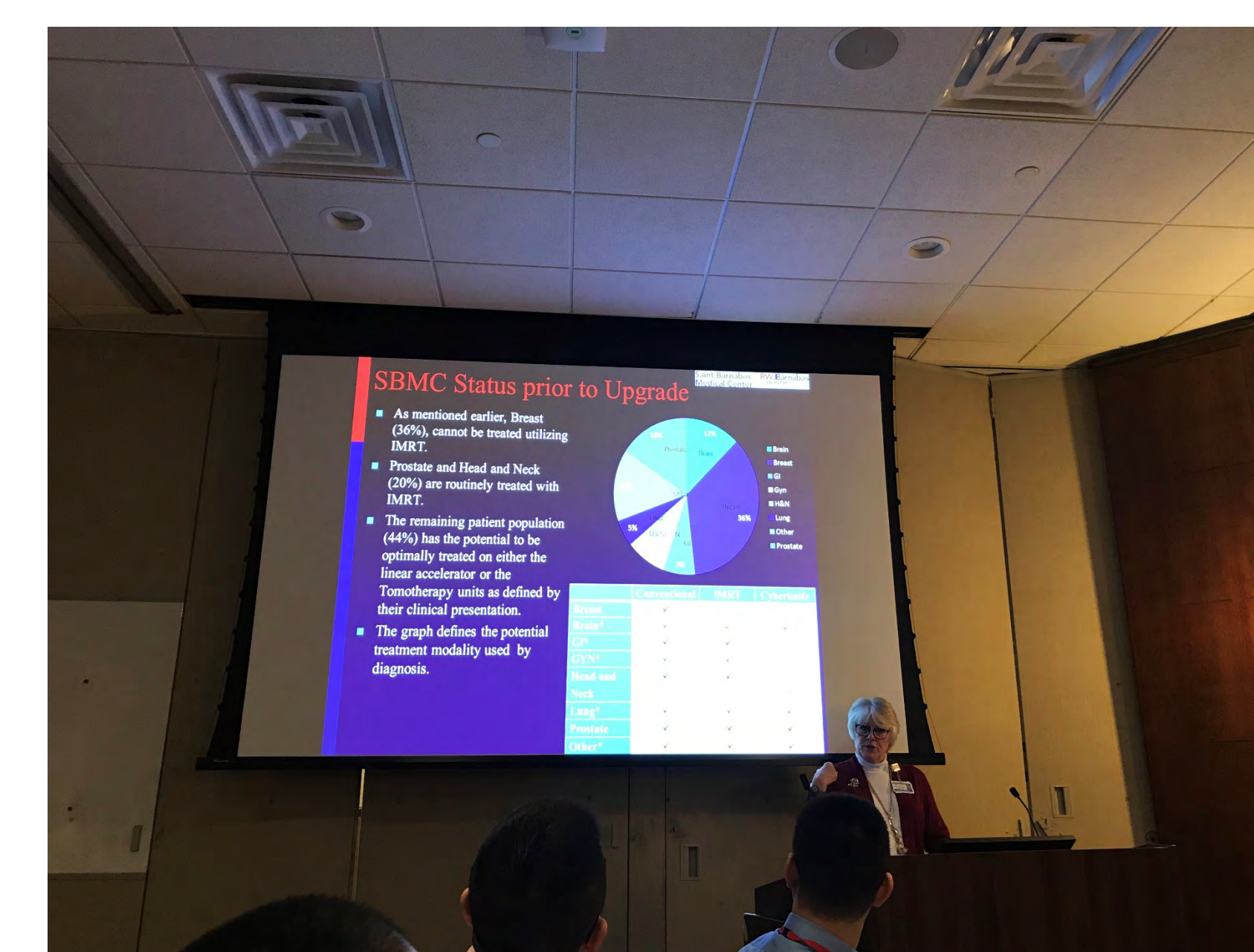
Halcyon machine of Saint Barnabas Medical Center



Board members: Scott Murphy, Taoran Cui, John Napoli, Chengyu Shi and Yin Zhang



Attendees of Spring 2019 chapter meeting



Sandra Mazzeo, MPA, Director of Radiation Oncology, Saint Barnabas Medical Center



Wenzheng Feng, MS, Chief Medical Physicist of Radiation Oncology, Saint Barnabas Medical Center

On March 21, 2019, a meeting was hosted at Saint Barnabas Hospital, Livingston, NJ. The chief medical physicist of Saint Barnabas and director of Radiation Oncology introduced Halcyon machine, which was the first in NJ state. Board members were also gathered together to take a group photo. About 35 members attended the meeting although it was rainy that night. The meeting was so successful and the members were excited to see the Saint Barnabas Hospital and the Halcyon machine.