

IMPORTANT FIELD SAFETY NOTIFICATION

Subject: Incorrect Electron Density Information Used in Dose Calculation

Product: Monaco[®]

Scope: Sites affected will be those who:

- Have created plans using Monaco[®] version 5.40, 5.50 or 5.51.

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Description of Problem:

Monaco[®] is calculating incorrect electron density (ED) information in specific situations. The dose calculation is also affected.

Details:

It is possible that the forced electron density settings will be changed for some structures unintentionally and this can result in incorrect dose calculation. Three specific issues are discussed below. Issues 1 and 3 are specific to MR-Planning. The magnitude of the error in dose calculation is influenced by Issue 1. The specific situations that can lead to the unintended forced electron density behavior are described in Issues 2 and 3.

Issue 1: Erroneous MR Pixel to ED conversion

Depending on the properties of the structure set, the contour shapes and the plan settings, an incorrect Electron Density grid can be calculated. The incorrect ED will be calculated for any voxel that lies within a contour or contours for which the Force ED option on the "Contoured" tab is unchecked and either:

- a) at least one of the contours containing the voxel is set as the External, or
- b) at least one of the contours containing the voxel is used as on the "IMRT Constraint" tab.

The incorrect ED will result in incorrect dose calculation. This can occur Online or Offline and in reference or adapted plans.

Issue 2: Incorrect Creation of New Structures Using Adapt Anatomy Due to Erroneous Letter-Case Logic

Adapt Anatomy can be used to deform structures from a "reference" image to a "target" image. When this is done, Monaco[®] performs a check to determine if each structure from the reference set exists and is contoured in the target structure set. The check for name equivalence is currently case sensitive, and it should not be. Structure names should be unique and case insensitive (for example, Patient and patient should be recognized as the same structure). Thus, the use of Adapt Anatomy can result in the unintended situation where the target structure set contains multiple structures whose names differ only by letter case. Monaco[®] is not designed to operate in this state and the user should not proceed. This may result in Force ED settings that do not match what the user intends and can result in dose calculation errors.

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Issue 3: Force ED Flag on Adapt Setup Not Applied in Adapt Anatomy as Shown in GUI

For Internal or Target type structures, the "Force ED on MR" checkbox on the Adapt Setup Tab is editable. If this box is unchecked for a structure and the user subsequently redefines that structure to be of type External, then the "Force ED on MR" setting for that structure will appear as checked in the GUI and it will not be possible to uncheck it. However, the information displayed in the GUI is not stored and the "Force ED on MR" setting will be unchecked when Adapt Anatomy is performed. This situation can lead to dose calculation errors.

If an anatomical group that has the "Force ED on MR" checkbox unchecked is applied within a plan to a structure set that does not contain an existing External, then the External in the plan will be set to what is defined in the anatomical group. Again, there could be a mismatch shown on the Adapt Setup tab between the Force ED information shown in the GUI and what is stored internally, resulting in dose calculation errors.

Note that by default, new structures created directly from the Auto Margin Dialogue will have Force ED unchecked on the Adapt Setup tab.

Clinical Impact:

In the workflows described, incorrect electron density information can be used in the dose calculation resulting in incorrect dose delivery.

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Recommended User Action:

Manually review the electron density grid to ensure that densities are being correctly applied.

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Description: Incorrect Electron Density Information Used in Dose Calculation	

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