

# Courses, Intents, Directives, and Requests

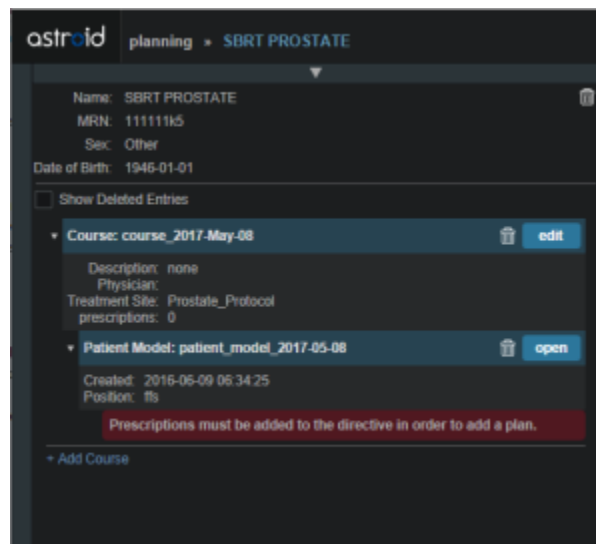
## Overview

The Astroid patient data model uses a hierarchy of items to model the real world workflow patterns of the radiotherapy treatment process. Please refer to the [Hierarchy \(Data Model\) page](#) if you are not familiar with these concepts.

During patient creation (i.e. Importing) a patient record is created containing a *Course*, *Intent*, *Directive*, and *Snapshot*. During Import the required data for the Course, Intent, and Snapshot are entered, however, the Directive remains incomplete. The Directive contains the physician's prescription information including the breakdown of the treatment *Phases* and the specification of *Clinical Goals*. Before creating a *Request* or a *Plan* this information must be entered. Once the Directive is complete, a new request and plan can be created. The following sections provide a walk through for completing the *Directive* and creating a *Request*.

## Completing the Directive

1. From the *Patient list*, select a patient to be opened by clicking the patient row
2. The patient will open to the *patient overview* task and a message will appear telling the user to complete the Directive Phase information



3. Before completing the *Directive* you may edit the *Course* or *Intent* by clicking on the appropriate blue *edit* or *open* button beside the desired item (this information is specified by the user while importing the patient, so this is typically unnecessary)

The screenshot displays a medical planning application interface. At the top, patient information is shown: Name: Prostate\_Bed TG244, MRN: 002442, Sex: Male, Date of Birth: 1955-09-11, and Archived: No Archive. Below this, a section titled 'course\_2017Jan17' is expanded, showing fields for Name (course\_2017Jan17), Description (empty), and Physician (a dropdown menu with 'New Physician' as an option). There are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons. Below the course section, an 'Add Intent' section shows 'intent\_curative\_2017Jan17' with an 'open' button. Underneath, an 'Add Directive' section shows 'directive\_2017Jan17' with an 'open' button. Below the directive, a 'snapshot\_2017Jan17' section is visible with an 'open' button. At the bottom, a red error message states: 'Phases must be added to the directive in order to add a request.'

4. Now open the *Directive* by clicking on the blue *Open* button
5. The *Directive* information is **mandatory** to fill out in order to proceed with planning and at a minimum a Phase must be created with an appropriate *Prescription* for the case at hand
6. The *Directive* information is separated into two blocks of data: *Goals* and *Phases*
7. *Goals* are used fill in the "goals" (objectives) the physician would like to see achieved by the plan
  1. To add a goal, simply select click *Add Structure* and select a desired structure (the choices in the structure drop down will be set by the treatment site template) to which goals should be added
  2. The user can create goals for tumor volumes as well as Organs at Risk (OAR) and can specify minimum dose, maximum dose, mean dose, and volume based (DVH) goal types
  3. The *Goals* will be used for reporting purposes to describe the physician's intent for the treatment; these do not affect the calculation or plan directly

**General**

Description

Goals

PTV\_5040

min: 50.4 Gy(RBE) ✕

max: 66 Gy(RBE) ✕

min mean: Add

max mean: Add

min DVH: Add

max DVH: Add

Rectum

max: Add

max mean: 38 Gy(RBE) ✕

max DVH: Add

Add Structure Add Point

OK Cancel

8. The second part of the *Directive* is the *Phases*
  1. This is where the user will fill in the number of fractions and the prescription dose that specified by the physician
  2. Note that a phase **must** be created in order to start the planning process
9. Click *New Phase* under *Phases* to create a new empty phase
  1. The *Phase* label and description are free text fields that the user can enter to help identify a particular phase as needed
  2. A color may be selected for the Phase to aid in identification as well
  3. The number of fractions to be treated should entered and at least one *Prescription* value must be added (the choices available in the structure drop down will be only the targets from the selected treatment site template)

Name: SBRT PROSTATE  
MRN: 11111195  
Sex: Other  
Date of Birth: 1946-01-01

☐ Show Deleted Entries

Course: course\_2017-May-08
edit

Name: course\_2017-May-08

Description:

Physician:
New Physician

Treatment Site: Prostate\_Protocol

Clinical Goals

PTV\_7920
X

min: 79.2 Gy(RBE) X

max: 83.2 Gy(RBE) X

min mean: Add Statement

max mean: Add Statement

min DVH: Add Statement

max DVH: Add Statement

Rectum
X

max: Add Statement

min mean: 33 Gy(RBE) X

max DVH: Add Statement

Add Structure

Prescriptions

New Prescription

Label: Original

Description:

Color:

Fractions: 28

Prescription: 79.2 Gy(RBE) to PTV\_7920 X

Add

Add Cancel

+ Add Course

4. Once all Phase information has been entered, click the blue *Done* button to complete the Phase
10. Additional phases may be added at this point if needed (for example, for a treatment needing a base treatment and a boost)
11. The *Directive* should now be complete
  1. Click on the patient's name in the top row (breadcrumbs) to return back to the *Patient Overview*

## Creating a Request

1. The *Snapshot* generally does not require editing at this time (see [Snapshots](#) for more information) so the user can now proceed on to creating a *Request*
2. To add a *Request* click on the blue *Add Request* link underneath the *Snapshot*
  1. This will create a default *Request* that treats all Fractions for all Phases in the *Directive*
  2. If this requires modification, then click on the blue *open* button to open the *Request* then

click *Edit* to start editing

Name: Prostate\_Bed TG244  
 MRN: 002442  
 Sex: Male  
 Date of Birth: 1955-09-11  
 Archived: No [Archive](#)

▼ **course\_2017Jan17** [Show Info](#) [edit](#)

Add Intent

▼ **intent\_curative\_2017Jan17** [Show Info](#) [open](#)

Add Directive

▼ **directive\_2017Jan17** [Show Info](#) [open](#)

▼ **snapshot\_2017Jan17** [Show Info](#) [open](#)

Add Request

▼ **request 1** [Show Info](#) [open](#)

Add Plan

3. Phases may be added, removed, or fraction counts modified using the provided controls (the user can choose whether all fractions [All] are going to be implemented in this phase or if just a certain number [Count]).

50.4 Gy(RBE) to PTV\_5040 in 28 fractions

Fractions: ☒ All  
 Implement all fractions in this phase.

☐ Count  
 Implement the following number of fractions.

Add Phase ▼

4. When editing is complete, click the blue *Ok* button at the bottom of the column to save your changes
5. Now click on the patient name to go back to the *Patient Overview*

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