

Plan Templates

Plan Templates are a powerful feature of Astroid that can greatly reduce the time spent in creating high quality treatment plans. In a simple sense, a *Plan Template* is simply a starting point that can be used when creating new treatment plans for this or other patients. When a *Plan Template* is applied during new plan creation (see [here](#) for creating a new plan), all user specified plan parameters from the template are copied into the new plan. In essence you are applying the plan to a new set of images and structures, therefore it is important that structure names and other data are consistent in your *Patient Models* when using *Plan Templates*.

Saving Plan Templates

Plan Templates can be defined globally at the site level for all users at your institution and each user is also free to create their own private list of user level *Plan Templates*. A *Plan Template* can be easily created from any existing plan by ...

When saving an existing plan as a template, there are a few rules/tips that should be kept in mind which help make your templates easier to use in the future ...

- Tip 1
- Tip 2
- Templates must be validated prior to the creating a new treatment plan to ensure compatibility with the new patient model

Using Plan Templates

Plan Templates are applied when creating a new plan:

1. Click on the blue *Add Plan* link under the *Patient Model* to create a new plan
2. From the Base Plan drop down menu choose the *Plan Template* that should be used and then click blue OK

The screenshot shows the 'astroid planning' application interface. At the top, there's a header with 'astroid' and 'planning > TG244 Prostate_Bed [002441]'. Below this, patient information is displayed: Name: TG244 Prostate_Bed, MRN: 002441, Sex: Male, Date of Birth: 1955-09-11. A checkbox for 'Show Archived Entries' is present. The main section shows a 'Plan:' dropdown with a description 'none' and a prescription 'Implementing all course prescriptions'. Below this, a 'New Plan' dialog is open, showing a list of templates: 'none (new plan)', 'Site Templates', 'User Templates', 'Current Patient', and 'Base Plan: none (new plan)'. The 'Current Patient' template is selected. The dialog has 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

3. Open the new plan and check that all plan parameters have been applied as expected
4. Make any changes necessary within plan and then proceed with planning from this starting point
5. If used well, you should be able to review the plan, make a few minor edits, and be at the point of running feasibility & optimization within just a few minutes

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