

# Planning App User Guide

## Overview

The .decimal Astroid Planning App is used for treatment planning of proton radiation therapy treatments. The Astroid Planning App is an interactive end user application that leverages the existing .decimal Dosimetry App functions for device creation, dose calculation, and optimization to facilitate efficient development of proton radiation treatment plans.

## Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance on the setup, access, and usage of the Astroid Planning App.

## Getting Started

### Instructions for Use



It is the responsibility that the user performs end-to-end testing prior to the clinical implementation of Astroid. The user should follow accepted industry guideline (such as AAPM TG244) for the end-to-end testing. This testing should be performed by qualified personnel.

It is the responsibility of the facility to ensure that all users of the Astroid treatment planning system have had training on the Astroid product and possess the appropriate clinical education, experience, and (where applicable) licensure to develop clinical treatment plans. This includes, but is not limited to, the application training provided by Astroid staff.

### Clinical Safety



It is recommended that users follow acceptable global standards during the commissioning of the Astroid product. During the clinical set up, the following should be tested to ensure clinical safety prior to treatment: - Geometric relationships of the hardware machine models - The dose algorithm - Data access and storage - Accuracy of the planning dose systems.

It is the user's responsibility to commission and test the dose accuracy prior to patient treatment. This general liability on the end users should be understood and communicated to all users and a representative with signatory authority from each facility using Astroid must sign a *User Agreement* stating their understanding and acceptance of this responsibility.



Prior to the delivery of any plan on a patient, users are responsible for performing patient specific QA to ensure clinical acceptability of the delivered dose distribution. Since users are responsible for testing the acceptability of the delivered dose before treatment, Astroid, its staff, and representatives shall not be liable for any mis-treatments that may result from use of the system.

Additionally, a site administrator with signatory authority will be required to sign an *End User License Agreement* on behalf of the facility indicating understanding of the responsibilities for quality and accuracy described herein.

## Launcher



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As Astroid is a cloud based application the site administrator will be responsible for the installation of Astroid on to the appropriate workstations. Each user should have an individual log in and password to access the planning app that prevents unauthorized access. Best practices should be followed.

## Precautions

It is the responsibility of those utilizing this application to ensure all that all usages of this product relating to patient treatments are performed by trained and qualified personnel only and that such personnel is aware that the quality of any generated treatment plans is highly dependent on the quality and correctness of the input data; therefore if any questions or uncertainties exist regarding the quality, units, or identification of input data arise, they must be investigated and resolved before the data are used.

## Keyboard and Mouse Controls

Astroid utilizes keyboard shortcuts to help streamline many commonly used functions and display controls. A complete listing of these shortcuts along with a full description of the mouse controls is located at the [Keyboard and Mouse Controls page](#).

# Tutorials

## Task Descriptions

The following task descriptions are thorough guides providing complete information about each task within the Astroid Planning Application.

- [Launching the Astroid Planning App](#)
- [Uploading a DICOM Patient](#)
- [Importing Patient Data](#)
- [Courses, Intents, and Directives](#)
- [Patient Models](#)
- [Creating a Plan](#)
  - [Structures](#)
  - [Dose Grid](#)
  - [PBS Beams](#)
    - [Defining an Aperture](#)
  - [Fraction Groups](#)
  - [Defining Constraints](#)
  - [Setting Objectives](#)
  - [Astroid Optimization](#)
    - [Feasibility & Constraints](#)
    - [Running the Optimizer](#)
    - [Dose Normalization](#)
    - [Navigating the Solutions](#)
  - [Using the Plan History](#)
  - [Publishing a Plan](#)
- More coming soon ...

## End-to-End (Plan) Walkthroughs

The following walkthroughs will take you through the process of creating complete treatment plans in the Astroid Planning App. They provide detailed steps so that any user can begin using the software. Each guide covers a specific type of treatment plan, and although some walkthroughs share certain steps, each has been written as a self-contained unit so that you may begin with whatever guide is the most useful.

- [Prostate Plan Walkthrough](#)

## System Usage

## Improper System Usage

When using the Astroid Planning App, as with any complex program, there is the potential for misuse. The various Astroid Apps comprise a suite of radiotherapy treatment planning tools that are intended to be used by experienced and knowledgeable professionals working in the field of radiation therapy.

## Known Application Limitations

Below are listed the known application limitations, defects, or inconsistencies.

1. The Astroid Planning App is pre-510(k) at this time and has not been validated for use in actual patient treatments
2. When changing a structure type from a TARGET, whether at the Patient Model or Plan level, if that structure was an existing optimization constraint or objective with maximize options selected, those options will continue to be selected and will be unable to be changed in the UI. They can be viewed in the optimization constraint and objective summaries, but will not be editable unless the structure type is changed back to TARGET.
  1. This can result in you having constraints or objectives that might not be ideal for this type of structure. Always double check the constraint/objective summaries if you need to change a structure type from TARGET after you've added optimization parameters to that structure.
3. When importing a new patient, the default physician will be set from the DICOM file. When this physician selection is changed, either during import or later in the Patient Overview, there is no way to re-select the original from DICOM physician.
4. Structures that are expanded in the axis of the CT image slices will have the expansion distance limited by the CT image spacing. So the expansion distance may appear to be an incorrect distance.
5. When creating a new target for a PBS beam via the Create subtask from the Geometric Target drop down, you are able to create a non target structure and have it be selected in this drop down. This is only possible when the Create subtask automatically populates the dropdown upon finishing, and you will not be able to select this target manually if you change the selection.

See [Thinknode Errors](#) for common problems that occur during usage of the Planning app.

Should you discover or suspect any additional errors or limitations not noted above, please contact the .decimal Astroid Planning App development lead, Kevin Erhart, at [kerhart@dotdecimal.com](mailto:kerhart@dotdecimal.com) with details of your concerns. All concerns will be addressed as quickly as possible and follow up with the submitter will occur throughout the inquiry and correction process.

## Results API

The results API is provided to facilitate a controlled and consistent means for accessing necessary treatment plan details and information. From the results API treatment plan data can be accessed, including (but not limited to): patient geometries, prescriptions, beam information, spot placements, and

plan dose results.

Most Planning Results API functions must be called using Thinknode meta requests. Because of this added complexity, an example function call has been added for end user convenience.

## Available Functions

For a comprehensive list of available Planning Results API functions, please refer to the [Results API Function List](#).

## Example

In the [.decimal astroid-script-library](#) there is a script called *planning\_results\_api\_example.py* that provides a basic example in calling and accessing the results API meta functions.

In this particular example the *generate\_plan\_summary\_request* is the API function being called by the generator and meta function.

==== Date and Time =====



The date and time notification in Astroid should match current Windows OS date and time. (note: Astroid may display in 24 hour format, while Windows displays in am/pm).

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==== Unit Conventions =====



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