

Side effects of Breast Cancer Treatment

Organ System	Acute Complications (Days-Months After Treatment)	Late Complications (Months-Years After Treatment)
Fatigue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acute fatigue (common) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chronic fatigue (uncommon)
Skin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irritation Redness Possible peeling and/ or blistering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tissue scarring, discoloration, thickening or firmness
Breast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swelling Tenderness Pain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decrease in size Firmness Tenderness Pain
Chest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tightening of muscles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scarring and tissue scarring or thickening
Ribs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discomfort 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weakening, risk of fractures (rare)
Lungs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inflammation Shortness of breath Cough 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scarring Shortness of breath Cough
Heart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pericarditis Inflammation of the heart sac (rare) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weakening of heart muscle (rare) Heart dysfunction (rare) Heart attack (rare)
Arm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lymphedema Arm swelling (rare) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lymphedema Arm swelling Shoulder discomfort Nerve dysfunction (rare)
Neck	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hoarseness Difficulty swallowing (uncommon) 	
Radiation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contra-indicated for scleroderma or active systemic lupus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Radiation-induced cancer of the skin, breast Underlying muscle/bone (rare)

