

Side effects of Prostate Cancer Treatment

| Type of Treatment | Possible Acute Complications (Days-Months after Treatment) | Possible Late Complications (Months-Years after Treatment) |
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| Radical Prostatectomy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leakage of urine from bladder or stool from bladder (Incontinence) Shortening of Penis (1-2 cm) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chronic leakage of urine from bladder Erectile Dysfunction Inguinal hernia |
| Brachytherapy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pain Burning on urination Urinary retention Blood in urine Increased urinary frequency | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Erectile dysfunction Rectal bleeding (5-10%) Urethral stenosis (rare) Urethral stricture (rare) |
| External Beam Radiotherapy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fatigue Increased urinary frequency Increased urinary urgency Burning on urination Soft bowel movements Diarrhea | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Erectile dysfunction Rectal bleeding (5-10%) Changes in bowel habits (5-10%) Radiation induced second cancer (rare) |
| Hormone Therapy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hot flashes Impaired sexual function Loss of desire for sex Nausea Diarrhea Itching Weight gain | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weakened bones Enlarged and/or painful breast tissue Decreased muscle mass Decreased blood counts |

