

Side effects of Colon, Rectum and Anus Treatment

Organ System	Short-term (Acute) Complications (Days-Months After Treatment)	Long-term (Chronic) Complications (Months-Years After Treatment)
General Body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fatigue • Decreased blood counts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
GI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequent bowel movements • Diarrhea/loose stools • Cramping • Rectal discomfort/pain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diarrhea • Frequent bowel movements • Incontinence • Scar tissue/Bowel blockage • Blood with bowel movements
GU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequent urination • Burning/pain with urination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased urinary frequency • Blood with urination • Scar tissue
Skin: In Radiation Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irritation/inflammation • Itching • Redness/Darkening • Dryness • Hair Loss • Pain • Dry and Wet peeling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small blood vessel formation (telangiectasia) • Lightening/darkening of treated skin • Fibrosis • Tissue thinning • Dryness • Hair loss • Discomfort with sexual intercourse
Lymph (Drainage) System		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swelling of legs (only when groin areas are treated)

