

Side effects of Gynecologic Cancer Radiation Treatment

Organ System	Acute Complications (Days-Months After Treatment)	Late Complications (Months-Years After Treatment)
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acute fatigue • Weight loss • Decreased blood counts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chronic fatigue (uncommon) • Second cancer (rare)
Skin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redness • Peeling and/or blistering • Swelling • Tenderness or pain • Pelvic hair loss or thinning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tissue scarring, thickening, firmness (fibrosis) • Coloration changes (lighter or darker) • Tissue thinning • Pelvic hair loss or thinning
Gynecologic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaginal pain • Hot flashes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaginal dryness • Difficulties with intercourse such as pain and/or narrowing of vagina • Ovarian failure • Infertility
Urinary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pain or burning with urination • Increased frequency of urination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficulty urinating due to damage to bladder or urethra • Blood with urination
Gastrointestinal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased frequency of bowel movements • Pain with bowel movements • Loose stools or diarrhea • Nausea/vomiting • Bloating/gas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficulty with bowel movements due to damage to anus, rectum, or bowels • Blood with bowel movements • Bowel obstruction • Bowel adhesions • Bowel perforation
Musculoskeletal		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pelvic or femoral head fracture
Lymphatic		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lymphedema (swelling of legs)