Fatigue

Skin irritation, redness, peeling

Swelling, itchiness, pain, tenderness

Muscle tightening

Nausea

Sore throat

short term

more likely

RT for Breast Cancer Possible Side Effects

less likely

After the short-term side effects of radiation therapy resolve, others may become noticeable months or years later.

Darkening/thickening of skin

Scar tissue

Breast size change

Complications with breast reconstruction

Breast and/or Arm Swelling

Muscle tightening

Shortness of Breath/Cough

Rib fracture

Heart problem

Second cancer

long term

Side effects are usually temporary and usually go away shortly after treatment ends.

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*Larger/darker bubbles show higher likelihood of occurrence. Smaller/lighter bubbles show lesser likelihood of occurrence. This list doesn’t represent all of the possible side effects. Please talk to your doctors about your specific diagnosis.