

# RADIATION THERAPY FOR CANCER

You will have many questions throughout your cancer journey and your radiation therapy care team is there to help you.

Here are questions you should consider discussing with your radiation oncologist or nurse oncologist before, during and after treatment.

Additionally, you will find a space to write down the answers or take additional notes. This is just a suggested list, and you may have additional questions beyond these.

Your Partners in Cancer Treatment

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**What type and stage of cancer do I have?**

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**How long will I receive radiation? How many treatments will I receive per week?**

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**Will I need chemotherapy, surgery or other treatments? If so, in what order will I receive these treatments? How soon before or after radiation therapy can I start them? How will the treatments be coordinated?**

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**Is there a clinical trial for which I might be eligible? Should I participate in a clinical trial?**

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**What are the benefits and risks of treatment including short-term and long-term side effects?**

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**If I have questions after I leave here, who can I call or email?**

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**What side effects may occur from the radiation treatment and how are they managed?**

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**Will I be able to continue my normal activities?**

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**Is it safe to take vitamins or other supplements during treatment?**

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**How can I expect to feel during treatment and in the weeks following radiation therapy?**

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**How often do I need to return for checkups?**

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**What are the concerning long-term side effects? How can I monitor for these?**

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**How soon can I go back to my regular activities? Work? Sexual activity? Exercise?**

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