RT for Head and Neck Cancers Side Effects

- Fatigue
- Weight loss
- Decreased appetite
- Dry mouth
- Mouth ulcers
- Hair loss on face or back of head
- Pain with swallowing
- Thick mucous/secretions
- Loss or altered taste
- Short-term side effects
- Swelling of the neck
- Difficulty swallowing
- Temporary feeding tube
- Voice changes
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- Difficulty opening mouth
- Severe skin reaction
- Lung inflammation
- Ear fullness
- Shortness of breath
- Cough

- Weight loss
- Loss of hair on face or back of head
- Discoloration of skin
- Chronic taste changes
- Thickening/tightness of neck
- Difficulty swallowing
- Decreased thyroid function
- Permanent feeding tube
- Voice changes
- Permanent feeding tube
- Voice changes
- Difficulty opening mouth
- Hearing loss
- Jaw damage
- Tooth decay
- Spinal cord damage
- Arm nerve damage
- Brain tissue damage
- Second cancers

*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. For side effects for specific locations of the head and neck, visit rtanswers.org.*