



Questions to Ask Your Doctor About Radiation Therapy and Side Effects

1. Why do I need radiation therapy?
2. How many radiation treatments will I have? When should I start? Will I need someone to go with me?
3. How long will each radiation treatment take? Who will give me radiation treatments?
4. How is radiation given?
5. If I choose to have my breast reconstructed, do I still need radiation?
6. What can I do to prepare for my treatment (i.e., wear a two-piece outfit)?
7. What are the possible side effects of radiation? How long will they last? What side effects should I report to you?
8. What are the long-term risks of this treatment?
9. Can I continue normal activities (work, sex, sports, etc.) during treatment? After treatment?
10. How often should I return to see you after my radiation treatments end? Which doctor should I see?