



Radiation Therapy for Breast Cancer

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Breast cancer is a malignant tumor that develops from cells in the breast that change and grow out of control. It can occur in both women and men but is much more common in women. There are several different types of breast cancer but radiation therapy is a common treatment option for all and can be used in combination with other treatments such as surgery and chemotherapy.

Advantages Of Radiation Therapy:

- » Radiation therapy is a non-invasive treatment option, typically offered after surgery.
- » Radiation is a quick treatment with minimal or no pain and a short recovery time.
- » Since it is non-invasive, radiation therapy is an outpatient treatment.
- » Radiation therapy will be targeted to a specific area of the body, which allows for precise treatment of the cancer while minimizing damage to healthy tissue.

Effectiveness Of Radiation Therapy:

Studies have shown that patients treated with radiation therapy have a reduced risk of recurrence and improved survival rates. Radiation therapy is a critical component of breast cancer treatment and may be used after surgery to destroy any remaining cancer cells.

Side Effects:

Radiation therapy is an outpatient procedure with minor side effects that may include fatigue, skin irritation, or hair loss at the point of treatment. Other side effects may occur depending on the specific treatment area.

Conclusion:

Overall radiation therapy can be an effective treatment option for cancer and can reduce the risk of cancer recurrence. It contributes towards 40% of curative treatment for cancer. Cancer survivors should continue to receive regular follow-up care, including mammograms, to detect any potential recurrence of the disease.



QUICK FACTS

1 in 8 women
will be diagnosed
with breast cancer
in their lifetime

**Breast cancer is the
#1 non
skin cancer
among women in the US**

250,000
new breast cancers
diagnosed this year.

3.8 million
breast cancer
survivors in the US.

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