

Radiation Therapy for Lymphoma



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Lymphoma is a diverse group of cancers affecting the lymphatic system, with many distinct subtypes, treatments, and prognoses. Lymphoma originates in the lymphocytes, white blood cells crucial for the body's immune response, and can manifest in lymph nodes, bone marrow, spleen, or other organs. Radiation therapy is one of the main treatment options and it has several benefits for patients.

Advantages of Radiation Therapy

- » Radiation therapy is a non-invasive treatment option with excellent cure rates.
- » 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

Radiation therapy serves as a primary and adjuvant treatment for lymphoma, particularly in cases of localized disease or a multidisciplinary treatment approach. It can effectively shrink tumors, control disease progression, and improve cure rates, either alone or with other treatment options. Radiation therapy achieves favorable outcomes in lymphoma, offering curative potential for localized disease and symptom relief.

Side Effects

Radiation therapy for lymphoma is an outpatient procedure with temporary side effects, such as fatigue or localized skin irritation.

Side effects are generally manageable and resolve over time. Other side effects may occur depending on the specific treatment area.

Conclusion

Radiation therapy is a primary and effective treatment option for lymphoma, offering precise, non-invasive intervention with favorable outcomes and minimal side effects.

Its integration into comprehensive treatment strategies highlights its importance in achieving better outcomes and improving quality of life for patients.

QUICK FACTS

70%
5-year
survival rate

NHL accounts for
90%
of all lymphoma
cases

DID YOU KNOW?

Radiation therapy
has been used since
1962
for curing lymphomas

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