



Meet Your Radiation Therapy Team

A team of highly trained medical professionals will be involved in your care during your radiation therapy treatments. Here are the people you will see and the expertise they provide:

Radiation Oncologist

Radiation oncologists are the doctors who oversee your radiation treatments. They work with your other doctors as well as with other members of the radiation team to develop and prescribe the best treatment plan for you.

Radiation oncologists have a minimum of 9 years of general medical training and a minimum of 4 years of extensive training in radiation oncology. They are board certified.

Radiation Oncology Nurse/Medical Assistant

Nurses work with a radiation oncologist and the radiation therapists to care for you. They also provide nutritional advice, support and counseling for you and your family. Radiation oncology nurses are licensed registered nurses who have specialty training in oncology.

Radiation Therapist

Radiation therapists administer your daily doses of external radiation. These therapists work with dosimetrists (see below) and doctors to ensure the best treatment plan possible.

Radiation therapists go through 2-4 years of specialty training in radiation therapy and are certified by the American Registry of Radiologic Technology.

Medical Dosimetrist

Medical dosimetrists work with a radiation doctor and medical physicist to carefully plan and calculate the dose of radiation to the tumor.

Medical dosimetrists typically are radiation therapists who have an additional 2-4 years of intensive training. They are certified by the American Board of Medical Dosimetry.

Medical Radiation Physicist

Medical radiation physicists are responsible for ensuring the accurate planning and delivery of radiation for you. These highly trained experts calibrate the treatment machines for accurate treatment delivery.

Medical physicists are certified by the American Board of Radiology.