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## Radiation Therapy for Gynecologic Cancers

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Gynecologic cancers include those of the uterus, ovaries, cervix, vagina, vulva and Fallopian tubes. When receiving radiation treatments for these conditions, you may experience side effects, which your doctor will discuss with you. The side effects vary depending on your tumor and the technique used to treat it. Some side effects may go away over time.

### Common Side Effects

- Fatigue
- Skin irritation
- Vaginal irritation or infections
- Frequent urination
- Burning with urination and/or diarrhea
- Sexual changes, such as dryness of the vagina or decreased interest in sexual activity

### Key Reminders

- Do not wash off your treatment marks
- Keep the treatment area as dry as possible
- Use a gentle moisturizing soap, such as Dove or Caress, in the treatment area
- Do not use a douche

If you experience problems related to side effects, please notify your doctor, nurse or radiation therapist. You may need a prescription to help relieve some of your side effects.