



Radiation to the Bladder

When receiving radiation treatments, 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
- Bladder irritation with increased frequency of urination
- Nausea
- Abdominal cramping
- Rectal pressure
- Diarrhea
- Sexual changes, such as vaginal dryness or difficulty achieving an erection

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

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.