

RADIATION THERAPY FOR BREAST CANCER

You will have many questions throughout your cancer journey and your radiation therapy care team is there to help you.

Here are questions you should consider discussing with your radiation oncologist or nurse oncologist before, during and after treatment.

Additionally, you will find a space to write down the answers or take additional notes. This is just a suggested list, and you may have additional questions beyond these.

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SUGGESTED QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR TEAM

What stage is the cancer?

What are the treatment options?

Do I need to see any other physicians?

What are the benefits, risks, and alternatives of having this treatment?

What is my life going to look like (e.g., number of visits, types of visits)?

What can I do to prepare for this treatment?

How many treatments will I have?

How long will it take to get treatment started?

What are the potential short-term and long-term treatment side effects?

Who can I contact if I have questions or concerns during the treatment?

How will the cancer be monitored after treatment?

What can be done if the cancer comes back after treatment?

What kind of follow-up will I have with your team?

If you have any questions about your diagnosis, treatment or side effects, please contact your doctor or other members of your treatment team. To locate a radiation oncologist in your area, or for additional cancer treatment information, please visit www.rtanswers.org.