

Side effects of Breast Cancer Treatment

| Organ System | Acute Complications (Days-Months After Treatment) | Late Complications (Months-Years After Treatment) |
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| Fatigue | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acute fatigue (common) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chronic fatigue (uncommon) |
| Skin | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irritation Redness Possible peeling and/ or blistering | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tissue scarring, discoloration, thickening or firmness |
| Breast | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swelling Tenderness Pain | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decrease in size Firmness Tenderness Pain |
| Chest | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tightening of muscles | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scarring and tissue scarring or thickening |
| Ribs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discomfort | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weakening, risk of fractures (rare) |
| Lungs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inflammation Shortness of breath Cough | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scarring Shortness of breath Cough |
| Heart | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pericarditis Inflammation of the heart sac (rare) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weakening of heart muscle (rare) Heart dysfunction (rare) Heart attack (rare) |
| Arm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lymphedema Arm swelling (rare) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lymphedema Arm swelling Shoulder discomfort Nerve dysfunction (rare) |
| Neck | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hoarseness Difficulty swallowing (uncommon) | |
| Radiation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contra-indicated for scleroderma or active systemic lupus | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Radiation-induced cancer of the skin, breast Underlying muscle/bone (rare) |

