

Side effects of Prostate Cancer Treatment

Type of Treatment	Possible Acute Complications (Days-Months after Treatment)	Possible Late Complications (Months-Years after Treatment)
Radical Prostatectomy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leakage of urine from bladder or stool from bladder (Incontinence) • Shortening of Penis (1-2 cm) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chronic leakage of urine from bladder • Erectile Dysfunction • Inguinal hernia
Brachytherapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pain • Burning on urination • Urinary retention • Blood in urine • Increased urinary frequency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erectile dysfunction • Rectal bleeding (5-10%) • Urethral stenosis (rare) • Urethral stricture (rare)
External Beam Radiotherapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fatigue • Increased urinary frequency • Increased urinary urgency • Burning on urination • Soft bowel movements • Diarrhea 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erectile dysfunction • Rectal bleeding (5-10%) • Changes in bowel habits (5-10%) • Radiation induced second cancer (rare)
Hormone Therapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hot flashes • Impaired sexual function • Loss of desire for sex • Nausea • Diarrhea • Itching • Weight gain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weakened bones • Enlarged and/or painful breast tissue • Decreased muscle mass • Decreased blood counts

