

Completion of Radiotherapy

What happens at my last radiotherapy appointment?

How long will the side effects continue?

The peak of the reaction is approximately 10-14 days after treatment finishes. This means that your side effects may continue for several weeks after finishing treatment.

Continue with the skin care advised by the radiographers for this time. If you have been given any creams or gels by the radiographers continue with these.

The skin in the treatment area will also be more sensitive in the sun, therefore use total sun block in the area for the first year. After the first year use a high factor sun block in the area if you are out in the sun.

Continue taking any medication that may have been prescribed for you to help with side effects of the radiotherapy if they are needed.

Radiotherapy department contact details

Telephone: 01225 824853 Monday-Friday 8am-3:30pm

Website: www.ruh.nhs.uk/patients/services/radiotherapy

Other useful phone numbers/websites

Bath RUH cancer information centre: (01225) 82 4049

Macmillan: www.macmillan.org.uk
08088 080000

Life after cancer PocketMedic® have produced some patient information videos, available at www.medic.video/swe15-cancer (Life after cancer)

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