RADIATION THERAPY SYMPTOM MANAGEMENT

Finished Treatment Instructions (Breast)

For Patients Undergoing Radiation Therapy to Their Breast or Chestwall

What's next?

Your primary nurse will call you on the date below to see how you are doing and address any concerns.

Date:	 	AM / PM

Based on your phone conversation, your Primary Nurse may schedule you for a follow-up appointment.

Will I have side effects after my treatment is finished?

- Radiation continues to work, even after your treatments are finished.
- Most side effects of your radiation treatment will continue for 2 to 4 weeks after your last treatment.
- For most people, the skin reaction will get worse before it gets better. Usually the side effects peak at 10-14 days after your last treatment.
- Please refer to the Radiation Therapy Symptom Management Guide that was given to you before the start of your radiation treatments. It outlines more specific side effects to your case and how to manage them.

Follow-up care instructions

Lubriderm [®] (unscented, lanolin free) or Glaxal Base [®]
Saline Compresses:
Medications:
Other:

If you are having side effects related to your cancer treatment, please contact:

Symptom Support Telephone Service



During the day: Cancer Centre Symptom Support 705-728-9090 x79565



Evenings, weekends and holidays: Bayshore CAREchart 1-877-681-3057

To cancel or change your appointment, please call 705-728-9090 x43333. Please visit www.rvh.on.ca for the latest information and hours of operation.



