

Learn About Radiation Treatments for Skin Cancer

Image-Guided SRT is not the same as other skin cancer radiation

Radiation is one type of treatment for skin cancer. There are 4 different types of skin cancer radiation treatment. Understanding the differences between each type can help you talk with your dermatologist about what you want from and during treatment. Together, you can choose the best treatment for you.



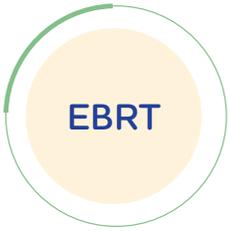
Image-Guided Superficial Radiation Therapy (Image-Guided SRT)

- Uses low-energy X-rays, like the X-rays used at a dentist's office, to deliver doses to skin cancer
- Cures over 99% of basal or squamous cell skin cancers
- Goes only as deep as the skin and has little to no effect on the area around the cancer
- Given right in a dermatologist's office by a Radiation Therapist who works together with the dermatologist
- First and only radiation treatment for skin cancer that uses ultrasound images to measure the size and depth of the skin cancer to know exactly how much X-ray energy to use, track how the cancer is responding, and know the cancer is gone
- Has mild to moderate side effects
- Over 99% patient satisfaction with the outcome and treatment experience



Superficial Radiation Therapy (SRT)

- Uses low-energy X-rays, like the X-rays used at a dentist's office, to deliver doses to skin cancer
- Cures the majority of basal and squamous cell skin cancer
- Dermatologist estimates the size and shape of the skin cancer area
- Does not use imaging, so the dermatologist cannot measure the size and depth of the cancer and cannot see how the cancer is responding to treatment
- Has mild to moderate side effects
- Most patients approve of the outcome and treatment experience



Electron-Beam Radiotherapy (EBRT)

- Delivers electron beam therapy to the skin through a large machine at a radiation treatment center or hospital
- Uses higher energy dosing than SRT that are aimed at the entire area of the body where the cancer is located
- Has lower overall cure rates for nonmelanoma skin cancers but is often used on advanced, deeper skin cancers that need a deep, below-the-skin treatment
- Has mild to moderate side effects
- Most patients approve of the outcome and treatment experience



Electronic Brachytherapy (EBX)

- Delivers X-rays with very high doses of radiation using a special machine
- Often limited in its use to smaller skin cancer areas
- Has very little scientific evidence for cure rates of nonmelanoma skin cancers
- Has mild to moderate side effects
- Less than half of patients approve of the outcome and treatment experience

For more information on skin cancer and your treatment options,
speak with a Skin Cancer Information Specialist today.

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