

Choose the GentleCure™ for Skin Cancer

SEE THE STEPS OF THIS UNIQUE APPROACH TO CURING SKIN CANCER

The GentleCure approach uses Image-Guided SRT to treat basal and squamous cell skin cancer right in your dermatologist's office. It is done by a specially trained radiation therapist (RTT) under the supervision of your dermatology provider. Your RTT will be with you at each visit, making any changes needed to ensure you are well cared for and your cancer is cured.

Once you and your dermatologist decide on GentleCure, your RTT will call you. They will help you understand your skin cancer and the plan for how it will be treated with GentleCure. You will also watch a video that explains the risks and benefits of GentleCure and sign a document to show that you understand the information in the video before the first phase of treatment. Always feel free to ask questions about your treatment, cancer, or skin at any visit.

Simulation phase: a “dress rehearsal” for treatment

THIS VISIT WILL TYPICALLY LAST 30 MINUTES. YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE TREATMENT.



You will sit or lie back in a chair that is in a room in your dermatologist's office. The Image-Guided SRT machine will be near the chair. You can wear your regular clothes.



Your dermatologist and RTT will use a special pen to mark the skin where you will get treatment.



Ultrasound gel is put on the skin marked by the pen. The RTT will use the ultrasound wand to measure the cancer.



Using that measurement, your dermatologist will figure out your dose of X-ray energy.



The dermatologist and RTT will make a template out of a piece of metal that will protect the healthy skin around the cancer. That piece of metal will go over top of the area marked by the pen.



The arm of the machine and the treatment cone will be put over the hole of the metal template. This helps the RTT know how to set up the machine for your real treatment visits.



Ask any questions you have as your dermatologist and RTT walk you through how you will receive treatment at your next visit. If you think of questions when you get home, write them down and bring them to your next visit or call the office.



Treatment phase: watch the cancer go away

OVER SEVERAL WEEKS, YOU WILL HAVE 3 TO 4 TREATMENTS THAT EACH LAST 10 TO 15 MINUTES.



You will sit in the same chair as in the simulation phase. You can wear your regular clothes.



The RTT will place a shield over you, like the one you wear to get X-rays at the dentist office.



Your RTT will use a special pen to mark the skin that is to be treated.



An ultrasound gel is put on the skin marked by the pen. Your RTT will use the ultrasound wand to measure the cancer and show you that it is shrinking. Your dermatologist will review the ultrasound and results.



Your dermatologist will figure out your dose of X-ray energy, which may be adjusted at each visit. The metal template will then be placed over the area marked on your skin. The treatment cone will be moved over the template.



Your RTT will ask you to hold still and will step outside the room. The machine will give you the right amount of X-ray energy. This takes less than a minute.



Your RTT will come back into the room, remove the shield and the template, and let you know that you are finished.

Follow-up phase: keep your skin healthy

YOU WILL COME BACK FOR A FOLLOW-UP VISIT 1 TO 3 MONTHS AFTER YOUR LAST TREATMENT VISIT.



You will sit in the same chair as in the treatment phase.



Your RTT will put a gel on the skin where your cancer was and use the ultrasound wand to examine the area. Your dermatologist may also watch the ultrasound or look at the results.



Your RTT and dermatologist will review the ultrasound and the results and show you that your cancer has been cured.



You may be asked to come back for another follow-up visit, or to start your normal schedule for yearly skin checks again.

For more information about treatment
with GentleCure, visit www.gentlecure.com