



"Comprehensive Family Skin Care"

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Radiation Treatment

Radiation treatment has a 92% cure rate and is being recommended to treat your skin cancer. Radiation treatment is the use of high-dose x-rays or other high-energy rays to kill cancer cells and shrink tumors. It is also called radiotherapy. Side effects include erythema (redness), potential ulceration (localized and temporary), potential skin discoloration (temporary lighter or darker skin at the site), loss of hair at the skin cancer location, and potential for skin cancer 20 years later (localized at site of treatment).

What to expect: You will be scheduled to come in for treatments three times a week for three weeks for a total of nine treatments. It is important that you don't miss any of these treatment sessions. Depending on the location of the skin cancer, you may be asked to lie on the examination table. If you are unable to lie down, please notify your provider. Lead shielding will be placed to the surrounding skin, eyelids, and from your thyroid to your knees. If the cancer is near an open cavity (such as the eyelids, nostrils, or ears) lead shielding to these areas will be provided as indicated. The session takes approximately two minutes. During the session, you have to stay still and close your eyes. Dr. Moore highly recommends that you apply Cicalfate to the site once or twice a day to speed up the healing process since the cancer cells often die faster than your body repairs the skin in the area. Cicalfate is a French, physician grade product which consists primarily of Zinc, Copper and Sucralfate to promote healing and to decrease scarring. Usage of Cicalfate speeds up healing and subsequently decreases redness and irritation at the areas.

Procedure codes: This procedure is typically covered by Medicare and doesn't require anyone to call to check coverage. For all non-medicare patients, we will call your insurance to see if it is covered. It is highly recommended that **all non-medicare patients** call as well. The **procedure codes are 77261, 77401 and 77427**. When calling insurance, make sure and document the name of the person that you spoke with. Ask if the procedure is covered, if it will be applied to a deductible, and if you have a co-pay. We should obtain your email address and make sure that you are set up on our patient portal system before you leave the office. Once we hear back from your insurance, we will message you on the patient portal system with the coverage benefits that we found out from your insurance. At this time we will also request that you message us back letting us know if you would like to proceed with the testing and when you would like to schedule. If you opt not to use the patient portal system, we can call you but we apologize in advance if we "play phone tag". If you have any further questions, please ask your healthcare provider, message us on the Patient Portal, or call our office at 817-795-7546, ext 310.