

Patient Education Pathway: Radiation Therapy for Gynecological Cancer

Patient Education/Resource To Be Delivered	When Is It Delivered	Who Delivers It
<p>Send the 'radiation treatment' smart phrase template to the patient's MyChart account using EPIC in-basket (Send email template as an alternate for patient's without MyChart).</p> <p>Content includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The link to the Your Guide to the Durham Regional Cancer Centre (DRCC) booklet. Provide paper copy when patient next seen in person. Links to the radiation therapy teaching videos. <p>The link to the Radiation Therapy – A Guide for People with Cancer booklet (Canadian Cancer Society) is included in these templates as an FYI only.</p>	At consult	DRCC nurse
Your First Visit to the DRCC handout	If first consult appears at a partner site location	RO/nurse
Brachytherapy Only (Vaginal Vault)		
Radiation Therapy to the Vaginal Vault: High Dose Rate (HDR) Brachytherapy Procedure handout.	At initial consult and information reviewed at 1 st HDR treatment	RO/ nurse/radiation therapist
External Beam and Brachytherapy (Vaginal Vault)		
Bladder and Bowel Preparation for Radiation Therapy handout (full bladder for CT simulation and external beam treatments).	At initial consult	RO/nurse
Review preparations required for CT simulation and external beam treatments.	Phone call day prior to CT Simulation	radiation therapist

<u>Radiation Therapy to the Pelvis</u> handout.	CT Simulation	radiation therapist
<u>Radiation Therapy to the Vaginal Vault: High Dose Rate (HDR) Brachytherapy Procedure</u> handout.	At initial consult and information reviewed at 1 st HDR treatment	RO/ nurse/radiation therapist
External Beam and Brachytherapy (Cervix)		
<u>Bladder and Bowel Preparation for Radiation Therapy</u> handout (full bladder for CT Simulation and external beam treatments).	At initial consult	RO/nurse
Review preparations required for CT simulation and external beam treatments.	Phone call day prior to CT Simulation	radiation therapist
<u>Radiation Therapy to the Pelvis</u> handout.	CT Simulation	radiation therapist
<u>Radiation Therapy for Cancer of the Cervix: High Dose Rate (HDR) Brachytherapy Procedure</u> handout.	At initial consult and information reviewed at pre-op appointment. One on one education session with radiation therapist during external beam treatments.	RO/ nurse/radiation therapist
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<u>Using a Vaginal Dilator</u> handout.	When finishing brachytherapy treatments	radiation therapist/nurse

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