Gynaecological Cancer Radiation Therapy Patient Education Pathway

Radiation Therapy Consultation
All patients to receive:
1.) Radiation at DRCC DVD
2.) Radiation Therapy - A Guide for People with Cancer Booklet (Canadian Cancer Society)

RO/Nursing to provide one of the following booklets (as appropriate) and corresponding education to patient:

External Beam Radiation

Bladder and Bowel Preparation for Radiation Therapy
Standard Preparation Instructions (tick boxes that apply):
- Empty Rectum
- Full Bladder

Radiation Therapist ensures patient has prepped and provides booklet to patient:

CT Simulation for external beam radiation planning

Radiation Therapist ensures patient has prepped for these appointments

External Beam Radiation Treatments
Nursing to ensure patient aware of necessary preparations for upcoming brachytherapy appointments as outlined in the appropriate education materials:

**Radiation Therapy for Cancer of the Cervix: High Dose Rate (HDR) Brachytherapy Procedure**

- **Pre-op Assessment Appointment**
  - HDR Cervix

Radiation Therapy to reinforce and review the required preparations for brachytherapy

If having treatment to **Vaginal Vault** provided with:

**Radiation Therapy to the Vaginal Vault: High Dose Rate (HDR) Brachytherapy Procedure**

- **Patient Education Appointment**
  - HDR Cervix
  - HDR Vaginal Vault

Team ensures patient has prepared for procedure

Patient provided with education and information prior to end of treatments on vaginal dilator use:

**Using a Vaginal Dilator**

- **Procedure Days:**
  - HDR Cervix Brachytherapy
  - HDR Vaginal Vault

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