Prostate 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

Gold Seed Implant for Prostate Cancer

OR

Bladder and Bowel Preparation
(for patients prescribed external beam radiation that would not be suitable for a gold seed implant procedure, i.e. previous prostatectomy or contraindications)

Brachytherapy

High Dose Rate (HDR) Brachytherapy Procedure for Prostate Cancer

OR

Low Dose Rate (LDR) Brachytherapy Procedure for Prostate Cancer

Nursing to ensure patient aware of necessary preparations for upcoming appointments as outlined in the appropriate education materials

Pre-op Assessment Appointment
(HDR, LDR, Gold Seed Implant)
Prostate Ultrasound Study
(For LDR only, HDR upon request)

Procedure Day:
LDR Brachytherapy
HDR Brachytherapy
Gold Seed Implant

CT Simulation for external beam radiation planning
(all patients except LDR attend this appointment)

External Beam Radiation Treatments
1 month follow up for LDR

(CT scan, MRI, X-rays and consultation with RO/Nursing)

Last revision: April 2014