

Pregnancy and Radiation Therapy

If you are a patient of childbearing age (typically age 10 – 55) and have a uterus, you will be asked if you are pregnant or could possibly be pregnant before radiation treatment planning or treatment begins.

Radiation Therapy can harm unborn babies. If there is a possibility you could be pregnant, bloodwork will be ordered and your treatment planning and treatment may be delayed until the bloodwork results are available. If you are pregnant, your cancer care team will discuss your treatment options with you.

You will need to use effective birth control to prevent pregnancy during your treatments. Talk to your family doctor, nurse practitioner or radiation oncologist about which method is best for you.

What are your questions? Please ask. We are here to help you.



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