

## 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 at your simulation markings appointment and again before your first treatment.

Radiation Therapy can harm unborn babies. If there is a possibility you could be pregnant, you may be given a pregnancy test or blood work may be ordered. Your simulation markings appointment and treatment may be delayed until the 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.

**Patient and family feedback is very important to us.**

We would like to invite you to send any comments or suggestions on how to improve this booklet to [education.cancercare@nshealth.ca](mailto:education.cancercare@nshealth.ca) or feel free to call us at 1-866-599-2267.

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