



**PATIENT
INFORMATION**

Breast Bud Irradiation (Prostate)

Radiotherapy information for
Torbay Hospital patients

Introduction

The following information is not intended to be comprehensive, but should give you an idea of what to expect during and soon after your radiotherapy treatment here at Torbay Hospital.

There are copies of the excellent MacMillan booklets to refer to in the waiting area. These relate to specific cancer and types of treatment.

General Principles of radiotherapy

Radiotherapy means the delivery of powerful X-ray or electron beams to destroy cancer cells. This is carefully planned to a defined area of the body containing cancer cells or where a cancer has been removed.

The type of radiotherapy you will receive is called 'external beam radiotherapy'. This means that radiation is delivered from a machine (linear accelerator) which generates X-rays and electrons. Radiation is only present when the machine is switched on, so you are not radioactive after your treatment.

Arrangements for your radiotherapy

Treatment is delivered to your chest using a special attachment to the treatment machine called an electron applicator. This allows us to give you superficial radiotherapy to the nipple area without treating the tissues below. A small area centred on each nipple will be treated.

Treatment details

A single treatment, which lasts approximately five minutes, is given to the area around each nipple

Side effects

Radiotherapy will affect some of your normal tissues. You may find that the skin in the treated area becomes a little red and sore or itchy. You should not notice any other side effects with this treatment.

Follow Up

Your urologist and/or oncologist will see you on a regular basis to monitor any side effects and your response to treatment. You will need to have a PSA and liver function blood test prior to your appointment. This can be done at your GP practice about one week before your hospital appointment.

Please note that the information in this leaflet is to be used as a guide only.

If you need any further assistance or information please contact:

**Prostate Specialist Radiographer
01803 655347**

**Macmillan Oncology Radiographer
01803 654273**

**Cancer Support & Information Centre:
01803 617521**

www.prostatecanceruk.org /0800 0748383 is a useful source of information

Parking Permit: You will be given a parking permit to use for one of the radiotherapy parking spaces; this has to be returned at the end of radiotherapy