



Radiation Therapy for Brain Cancer

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RADIATION THERAPY FOR BRAIN CANCER:

A Comprehensive Overview

Although brain cancer is not that common, it is a very serious disease because tumors can put pressure on parts of the brain, changing the function of surrounding healthy brain tissue. There are over 120 brain tumor types, based on the brain tissues they affect. Not all brain tumors are brain cancer, but even benign tumors can be dangerous because of their size or location. Radiation therapy is one of the treatment options available for brain cancer that offers several benefits for patients.

ADVANTAGES OF RADIATION THERAPY:

- Radiation therapy can target cancer cells specifically, while minimizing damage to surrounding healthy tissue, allowing for the preservation of the brain.
- Compared to treatment options like chemotherapy and surgery, radiation therapy has a relatively low risk of side effects and complications.
- Radiation therapy is also effective at preventing the recurrence of brain cancer, this is especially the case when used in combination with other treatments such as surgery or chemotherapy.
- It is a non-invasive treatment option, which is particularly beneficial for patients who may be unable or unwilling to undergo surgery, or in cases where surgery is not feasible or appropriate.

EFFECTIVENESS OF RADIATION THERAPY:

- Studies have shown that radiation therapy can reduce the risk of brain cancer recurrence in some cases.
- Radiation therapy is a well-established treatment option with a long track record of effectiveness in treating brain cancer.

SIDE EFFECTS:

- Radiation therapy typically only causes minor side effects, such as headaches or fatigue, compared to other treatment options like surgery and chemotherapy.

CONCLUSION:

Radiation therapy is a proven and effective treatment option for brain cancer with a low risk of complications.

It offers many benefits such as no anesthesia or hospitalization required, preservation of the brain, and mild to manageable side effects. Radiation therapy improves the patient's quality of life during and after treatment, and it should be considered as part of a comprehensive treatment plan for brain cancer.

QUICK FACTS

120

There are over 120 different types of brain tumors.

1%

The chance that a person will develop brain cancer in their lifetime is less than 1%.

9th

Brain cancer is the ninth leading cause of cancer death in the U.S.

