



# Radiation Therapy for Prostate Cancer

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# A Comprehensive Overview

There are millions of men worldwide living with prostate cancer. It is a disease that occurs in the prostate and it is the most common cancer among men after skin cancer. Prostate cancer that is detected early, when it is still confined to the prostate gland, has the best chance for successful treatment. Radiation therapy is one of the treatment options available for prostate 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 prostate.
- 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 prostate 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 prostate cancer recurrence in some cases.
- Radiation therapy is a well-established treatment option with a long track record of effectiveness in treating prostate cancer.

### SIDE EFFECTS:

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

### CONCLUSION:

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

It offers many benefits such as no anesthesia or hospitalization required, preservation of the prostate, 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 prostate cancer.

### QUICK FACTS

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Prostate cancer is the most diagnosed cancer in men.

**1 in 8**

About one man in eight will be diagnosed with prostate cancer during his lifetime.

**97%** survival rate

Prostate cancer has a 97% 5-year relative survival rate.

