



## HIGH DOSE RATE BRACHYTHERAPY

## TREATMENT OF THE OESOPHAGUS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE END OF TREATMENT

### POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS

The treatment will continue to act within your body even after you have ended your visits. Certain side effects may appear, persist or worsen in the week following your last appointment.

Possible side effects include:

- fatigue at the end of the treatment;
- discomfort or sensitivity in the treated area for some time;
- difficulty swallowing;
- pain in the oesophagus;
- sputum tinged with blood.

### SIGNS OF COMPLICATIONS TO WATCH FOR

Notify the brachytherapy team immediately if you experience the following symptoms at the end of your treatment.

#### **If you did not have chemotherapy**

- fever above 38.3 °C for more than 24 hr. (take temperature orally).

#### **If you had chemotherapy:**

- fever above 38.3 °C (take temperature orally);
- persistent or increasing pain in the treated area;
- sputum with significant bleeding or clots;
- any other symptom that worries you.

### FOLLOW-UP

At the end of your brachytherapy sessions, your radio-oncologist will make a follow-up appointment. You will receive a letter or a telephone call informing you of the date and time of your appointment.



You can reach the brachytherapy team at 819-346-1110, ext. 14602, Monday to Friday, between 8 am and 4 pm.



If the clinic is closed, call Info-Santé at 8-1-1.



Should any of the symptoms listed above worsen, go to the nearest hospital emergency department.

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