



END OF RADIATION THERAPY TREATMENTS | PELVIS

You have just had your last radiation therapy treatment. The side effects (redness or bump on your tattoos, redness at the area treated, irritation of the buttock or groin creases, diarrhea, frequent urge to urinate, burning sensation when urinating, fatigue) may persist or even increase during the two weeks after your treatments are over. These effects will gradually disappear.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO FOLLOW AT THE END OF TREATMENTS

In the coming weeks, it will be important to follow these recommendations to minimize the complications that may occur.

Caring for the skin at the area treated

- Be gentle with your skin.
- Apply an unscented moisturizing cream to the area treated for several weeks (until the redness and discomfort disappear) to ensure optimal recovery of the skin.
- Refrain from exposing the area treated to irritants like the sun and cold until the redness on your skin disappears.
- In the future, you should always apply a sunscreen with SPF 45 (protection from UVB and UVA rays) to the area treated during any exposure to the sun.

Irritation in the buttock creases

Take a sitz bath for approximately 15 minutes. Fill the bathtub with 3 inches of water and add 3 tablespoons (45 ml) of baking soda. Then, gently sponge-dry your buttock creases, or dry this area with a hairdryer on the coolest setting.

Diarrhea

Even though your treatments have ended, you may experience diarrhea. Should this be the case, return to the low-fibre diet recommended during your treatments. This situation should resolve itself in a few weeks. Then, return to a balanced diet gradually.

Return to daily routine activities: return to your regular activities progressively.

In the event of complications or a worsening of the side effects associated with radiation therapy



You can reach the Radiation Oncology Department at 819-346-1110, ext. 14602, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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



Consult your family doctor or go to emergency at the nearest hospital.

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