



Your Next Step in Care Planning Your Radiation Treatments

The radiation therapy team that will plan and deliver your radiation treatments are called Radiation Therapists. You will need a special kind of CT scan to design your treatment plan. This scan will take about 30-45 minutes.



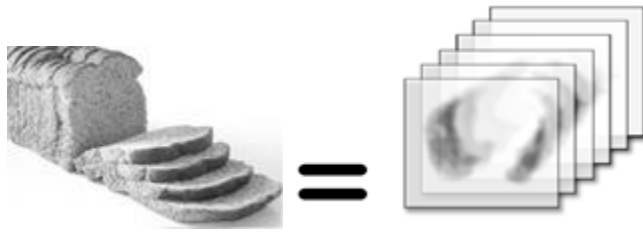
What To Expect during the Planning CT Scan

- You will need to lie flat on a hard table that will move in and out of a large open hole that will not touch you.
- The radiation therapists will help place you in a stable position that you can hold for a period of time.
- It is important that you can lie still in the same position each day for your treatments.
- If you are having treatment to your head or neck area a mask may be made in order to keep your head still.
- A pillow may be designed to help support your arms above your head.



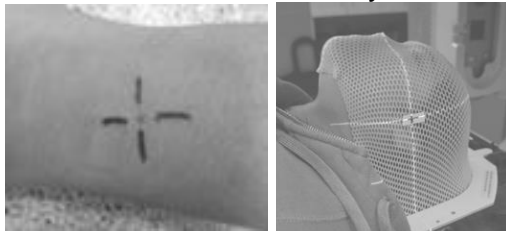
Pictures Used For Planning

The planning CT scan takes pictures of your body in slices like a loaf of bread. Your Radiation doctor will use these pictures to plan your treatments.



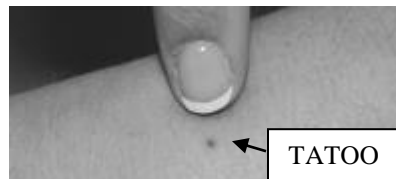
Marking the Treatment Area

The Radiation Therapist will need to draw on your skin or mask for the planning CT scan. The marks that are drawn on your skin will wash off in a few days.



Tattoos

- The marks on your skin will need to be made permanent in order to set you up for treatment each day.
- Permanent marks are called tattoos and will not wash off.
- A tattoo is made by placing a small amount of ink under the surface of your skin using a needle.



Your Role In Safety

Tell your radiation team if you...

- Think you might be pregnant.
- Have a pacemaker or defibrillator.
- Use electronic devices such as a pain or insulin pump.
- Have any allergies or have had reactions to any drugs.

Your Symptoms Matter

- Your Symptoms Matter screening tool will help you tell us how you are feeling while on treatment
- You will be asked to enter you scores every week on the computer the day before your weekly review with your doctor or nurse
- Your radiation therapy team will use your scores to help manage your symptoms.

**Your radiation team is here to support you through your treatment journey
Feel free to ask questions or request help at any time**