



## Radiation Treatment Overview Limb



During treatment, side effects MAY include:

**Common:**

- Swelling in the treatment area or in the arm or leg near the treatment area
- Red, warm and dry skin with some short-term blistering and peeling
- Increase in pain
- Fatigue
- Reduced blood counts

After treatment is finished, side effects MAY include:

**Common:**

- Swelling in the treatment area or in the arm or leg near the treatment area
- Long-term skin changes (e.g. darker, lighter or thinner)
- Treatment area may heal slower after injury or surgery
- Soft tissue may be more stiff and less flexible

**Less Common:**

- Bones in the treatment area are more likely to break or fracture

**Rare but can be serious:**

- Risk of an injury to any part of the body that has received radiation during treatment. This may be serious, require major surgery and could be life threatening.
- There is a very low risk that a new cancer will be caused by the radiation in the future.

*The severity of these side effects will vary from person to person. If you are having chemotherapy during your radiation treatments side effects may be worse. When you begin your radiation treatments, the radiation therapists will give you information to help you manage the side effects. You will also be able to meet with your radiation oncologist during your treatments to talk about any side effects that you may have.*

***This list may not all apply to your radiation treatment. Please speak to your radiation oncologist to understand what to expect from your treatment.***