



## PATIENT & CAREGIVER EDUCATION

# Proton Therapy Treatment at ProCure Proton Therapy Center

This information describes what to expect while you're treated with proton therapy at ProCure Proton Therapy Center in New Jersey.

## About Proton Therapy

Proton therapy (or proton beam therapy) is a type of radiation therapy that uses beams of protons to kill cancer cells.

Like other types of radiation therapy, proton therapy kills cancer cells by damaging their DNA. However, proton therapy may cause fewer side effects than other types of radiation therapy. Protons deliver the radiation dose directly to the tumor. This means that the healthy tissue near the tumor is less likely to be damaged.

## Proton Therapy at ProCure

Your doctor at Memorial Sloan Kettering (MSK) has recommended that you get proton therapy as part of your cancer treatment. MSK patients get their proton therapy at the

ProCure Proton Therapy Center in New Jersey.

While you're getting your treatment at ProCure, your MSK doctor will remain your primary doctor.

The address for ProCure is:

ProCure Proton Therapy Center  
103 Cedar Grove Lane  
Somerset, New Jersey, 08873

### **About your proton therapy treatment team**

Your treatment team will include:

- Your MSK doctor.
  - Your doctor is in charge of your care and your treatment plan and work closely with your healthcare team at ProCure. After you finish your proton therapy, you'll continue your follow-up and any other care at MSK.
- Your nurse and healthcare team at ProCure.
  - They will teach you about your proton therapy treatment and what to expect. They will also watch for side effects of the proton therapy and help you manage any side effects that you have.
  - While you're getting your proton therapy, contact your healthcare team at ProCure if you have any questions or concerns about your care. The contact information for the

nurses at ProCure is listed at the end of this resource.

## **Your role on your proton therapy team**

You will have a team of healthcare providers working together to provide the right care for you. You're a part of that team, and your role includes:

- Arriving on time for all your proton therapy sessions.
- Asking questions and talking about your concerns. We have included a list of possible questions at the end of this resource.
- Telling someone on your proton therapy team when you have side effects.
- Telling your MSK doctor or ProCure nurse if you're in pain.
- Caring for yourself at home:
  - Quitting smoking, if you smoke. If you want to quit, tell your doctor or nurse.
  - Following your proton therapy team's instructions for how to care for your skin.
  - Drinking liquids as instructed by your healthcare team.
  - Eating the foods suggested by your healthcare team.
  - Maintaining your weight.

## **Scheduling your treatments**

The staff at ProCure will contact you to schedule your treatments and get your information. If you would like to reach them

directly, you can call 732-357-2639 or email them at [intake@nj.procure.com](mailto:intake@nj.procure.com).

## After Your Proton Therapy

Most people return to MSK for all of their follow-up care. Please be sure to keep your follow-up appointments with your MSK radiation oncologist. They will see how you respond to treatment and help with any related symptoms or concerns.

You may have blood tests, x-rays, and scans during your follow-up appointments. Before coming, write down your questions and concerns. Bring a list of all your medications with you, including patches and creams.

## Contact Information

If you have any questions or concerns about your proton therapy treatment, talk with a member of your ProCure healthcare team. You can reach them Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 10:30 PM at the numbers listed below.

Radiation oncologist at ProCure: \_\_\_\_\_

732-357-2660

ProCure nurse: \_\_\_\_\_

732-357-2623

Email: [nurses@nj.procure.com](mailto:nurses@nj.procure.com)

After 10:30 PM, during the weekend, and on holidays, call 609-

683-7685 and ask for the radiation oncologist on call.

## **Administrative contact information**

If you would like to talk with someone about your experience at ProCure, call the administration team at the number listed below.

Tom Wang, President of ProCure Proton Therapy

732-357-2615

## **Questions to Ask Your Healthcare Team**

We recommend that you write the questions to ask during your visit with your doctor or nurse. Write down the answers during your appointment so that you can review them again later.

Here are some examples of questions to ask:

How many treatments will I get?

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What side effects should I expect during proton therapy?

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Will these side effects go away after proton therapy is finished?

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What kind of late side effects (side effects that happen after radiation therapy is finished) should I expect after proton therapy?

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