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Side Effects of Palliative Radiation Therapy to the Brain

Memorial Sloan Kettering nurse practitioner Carol Ann Milazzo describes side effects commonly associated with radiation therapy to the brain. Radiation can cause patients to feel temporarily fatigued. Other common temporary side effects may include hair loss, headaches, nausea, and short-term memory impairment.

Patients may want to ask their doctors about how to manage these potential side effects during and immediately after radiation.



Please visit www.mskcc.org/videos/side-effects-palliative-radiation-therapy-brain to watch this video.

If you have any questions, contact a member of your care team directly. If you're a patient at MSK and you need to reach a provider after 5 p.m., during the weekend, or on a holiday, call 212-639-2000.

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