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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](http://www.mskcc.org/videos/side-effects-palliative-radiation-therapy-brain) to watch this video.

If you have questions or concerns, contact your healthcare provider. A member of your care team will answer Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Outside those hours, you can leave a message or talk with another MSK provider. There is always a doctor or nurse on call. If you're not sure how to reach your healthcare provider, call 212-639-2000.

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