

Side Effect Management for Skin Cancer Patients

Common Side Effects:

- Skin irritation, ranging from redness to blistering and peeling
- Change in skin color
- Hair loss in area being treated
- Fatigue
- If area being treated is near the nose, you may have dryness internally and nosebleeds
- If area being treated is near the eyes, you may have watery eyes

Helpful Hints:

- Start applying lotion/Aquaphor to the treatment area from the start of treatment.
- Do not scrub or rub area being treated. Pat skin dry only.
- If you have itching or burning, let your nurse or physician know because there are prescription lotions/creams available.
- Be sure to use sunscreen during radiation treatment and after radiation treatment is done as you are more susceptible to sunburns in the treated area.
- Maintain frequent skin checks with a dermatologist.