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Patient Guide to Magnetic Resonance guided Radiation Therapy

An innovative treatment option for people who have been diagnosed with cancer

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Magnetic Resonance guided Radiation Therapy (MRgRT), is a new and innovative treatment option that allows doctors to watch your tumor as they treat it, and adapt your treatment to tumor changes in real time.

Watch your tumor

- MRgRT is a combination of an MRI scan and radiation therapy.
- This differs from traditional radiation therapy because MRgRT allows doctors to watch your tumor as they treat it.
- MRgRT is designed so your doctors can adapt your treatment to daily changes in your body to create an approach that is unique to you.

Magnetic Resonance Radiation Therapy

Improve your treatment experience[1]

- MRgRT is expected to reduce the dose to the healthy tissues that are next to the tumor.
- It can help reduce unwanted side effects from the radiation.[1,2]
- It can potentially result in fewer treatment sessions.[3]

Respond to your body

The MR image allows your doctor to target your tumor with increased accuracy and precision,[4] which reduces the amount of radiation exposure to surrounding organs.

Radiation therapy is a cancer treatment that uses high doses of radiation to destroy cancer cells and shrink tumors.

~50%

of all cancer cases are treated with radiation therapy, according to studies.[5]

57%

of all cancers globally are lung, breast, prostate, colon, stomach, liver, rectum, esophagus or cervical cancer.[6]

8 in 9

of these cancers are located in difficult-to-visualize soft-tissue anatomies, which is where MRgRT is especially effective.

Where can I go for updates and more information?
Please contact your healthcare provider with any questions/concerns.

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