

Additional Information

DVD

A free DVD is attached at the back of this booklet – “Understanding Radiation Therapy”. It is not a requirement that you view this DVD, but it gives additional information you may wish to view. Much of the information on the DVD is in written form in this booklet. The DVD can also be viewed in the Radiation Oncology Department. If you do not wish to keep the DVD, please return it to the Radiation Oncology Department for other patients’ use.

MIDCENTRAL DHB WEBSITE

www.midcentraldhb.govt.nz/rcts

USEFUL WEBSITES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

www.ozanamhouse.org.nz

www.cancernz.org.nz

<http://psycho-oncology.massey.ac.nz/>

www.leukaemia.org.nz

www.canteen.org.nz

Feedback

We encourage feedback, and assurance is given that any comments will not adversely affect your current or future care.

You can give feedback:

- through discussion with MidCentral DHB staff providing your care
- by completing “Tell us what you think...” pamphlets available for all services and distributed around the department
- by contacting the Customer Relations Co-ordinator, PO Box 2056, Palmerston North 4440 or phone (06) 350 8980
- by contacting a Health and Disability Commissioner Advocate, phone 0800 112 233.

Possible Questions for Your Radiation Oncologist

Sometimes it is difficult to remember the questions you want to ask when speaking to your doctor. It may be helpful to write them down beforehand.

Some questions you may like to ask are:

- What is the complete list of treatment options for this disease?
- What will the treatment involve physically?
- Why is this treatment being recommended instead of other options?
- What is the best possible outcome of this treatment?
- Will using this treatment now affect my options for other treatment later?
- What is likely to happen if I do not undergo this recommended treatment?
- Will I be able to carry on with my normal life when I’m not at the hospital?
- What side effects can I expect?
- How long after my treatment ends will it take for the side effects to go?
- Will there be any permanent damage?
- Will I still be able to have children?
- Should I keep taking my usual medicines?

