## About Radiation Therapy



(RAY-dee-AY-shun THAYR-uh-pee) The use of high-energy radiation from x-rays, gamma rays, neutrons, protons, and other sources to kill cancer cells and shrink tumors.

- Why do you believe radiation is a possible treatment option?
- How many radiation treatments will I receive?
- Should I have someone drive me to the treatments?
- What side effects may occur and how will they be managed?
- What kind of work or activity limitations will I have? For how long?
- What is my prognosis?
- What type of follow-up will I need?
- Should I get a second opinion?
- Will the treatments be covered by insurance and what, if any, out-of-pocket expenses will there be?
- Should I consider enrolling in a clinical trial? Why or why not?