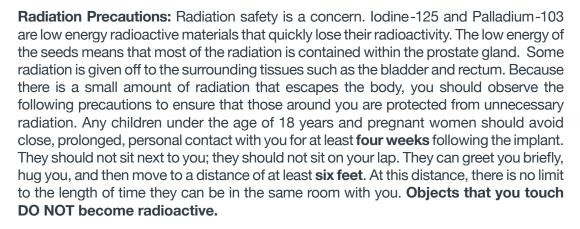




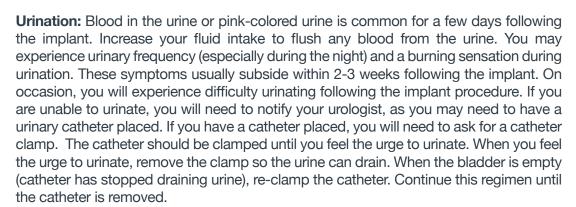
RADIOACTIVE SEED IMPLANTS

Prostate Radiation Therapy

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PATIENTS RECEIVING RADIOACTIVE SEED IMPLANTS FOR PROSTATE CANCER



Sexual Intercourse: Sexual intercourse may resume following the implant. You should use a condom during intercourse for two weeks following the implant. You may experience slight pain with ejaculation the first few times you have intercourse. You may notice blood in the semen, this is not harmful.













Bowels: It is not uncommon for you to go without a bowel movement for the first day or two after the implant. You do not need to use a laxative—bowel function will return on its own. Rarely, you will note more frequent bowel movements and a looser consistency to the stool.

Some bruising, discoloration, swelling of the testicles or implant area may occur. An ice pack may help to decrease the discomfort.

Long-Term Side Effects



Urination: You may continue to have ongoing problems with urination. Please notify the Radiation Oncologist. The Radiation Oncologist may refer you to your urologist. If the urologist recommends a urinary procedure to help the symptoms (i.e., TURP), remember: **NO PROCEDURE SHOULD BE PERFORMED WITHOUT PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF THE RADIATION ONCOLOGIST.**



Bowels: Very rarely, you may have on-going problems with bowel irritation. Please notify the Radiation Oncologist. The Radiation Oncologist may refer you to a colon-rectal specialist for evaluation. It is important to remember: **NO BIOPSIES OF THE RECTUM SHOULD BE PERFORMED WITHOUT PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF THE RADIATION ONCOLOGIST.**