



TRANSCRIPT:

Preparing for radiotherapy Part 1: Introduction to radiotherapy

In this video we're going to talk about:

- Radiotherapy as a treatment option for womb cancer
- And the different types of radiotherapy

Some people with womb cancer will be offered radiotherapy as part of their treatment plan. This is most commonly given after surgery to try and reduce the chance of the cancer coming back. Radiotherapy may be recommended in combination with another treatment such as chemotherapy.

Whether you need radiotherapy will depend on how far your cancer has spread, what it looks like under the microscope, and the results of some tests done on your cancer that work out which molecular group it belongs to. It may also be given as the main treatment for womb cancer, or if the cancer comes back, known as recurrence.

[What happens during radiotherapy?]

Radiotherapy uses high dose energy rays to kill the cancer cells. It can be given externally, called external beam radiotherapy, or internally, called brachytherapy, or a combination of both.

No treatment is given on your first appointment with the radiotherapy team. This is all about them getting to know you and explaining and planning your treatment. It's a good idea to bring someone with you to help you remember and understand the information that will be discussed.

You will usually be an outpatient while undergoing this treatment, meaning you will not have to stay overnight.

[Where can I find further information and support?]

There's more information about radiotherapy on our website, including a checklist of things to take with you during treatment, put together by our Peaches' community. You can also go to our video titled, 'Accessing support and information', and you can find a list of organisations on the website that provide helpful support and information.

