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Information for patients and carers

Radiotherapy Treatment for Patients who have a Pacemaker or an Internal Defibrillator (ICD).

When giving radiotherapy it is important that any pacemakers or ICDS are regularly monitored to avoid a small risk of interference. The chances of this happening are extremely low, and every precaution is taken by the clinician/radiotherapy staff to avoid treatment in this area. Once the doctor has established that you have one of these devices, they will inform you of the potential risks when they consent you for radiotherapy. If you feel you have any further questions following this, then please inform a radiographer at your next appointment.

The Pacing Team

The pacing team are responsible for checking your pacemaker/ICD during your radiotherapy treatment. The pacing team can either attend your appointment at Rosemere or you may be asked to see the team in the cardiology department at a set time. This will be confirmed on or prior to your first appointment.

The frequency of any pacemaker/ICD checks can vary from patient to patient depending on various factors. Due to this you will be given clear instructions of how often the pacing team may be present.

Any extra appointments that you may require will be automatically scheduled by our bookings team.

Radiotherapy team

The radiotherapy team are responsible for the safe delivery of your radiation treatment. As part of this they will check for any potential side effects of treatment at each appointment. As part of their checks, they may take your pulse before and after treatment. If you your feel dizzy, faint or find that you have a return of the original symptoms prior to having a pacemaker/ICD, then please let the team know. If you find that this occurs out of your treatment times, please contact the pacing team directly or your GP as soon as possible

Smoking

It has been proven that smoking can make your radiotherapy side effects worse and reduce the effectiveness of the treatment. It is important that you reduce or stop smoking whilst on treatment.

We understand that this may be difficult at such a stressful time and staff are very open to discussing this with you and offering you the support you may need.

Contact details

Should you require further advice or information please contact:

Radiotherapy Reception **(01772) 522900**

Appointments **(01772) 522752**

If you would like to watch a short radiotherapy information video, please scan the QR code.

Sources of further information

www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk
www.nhs.uk
www.accessable.co.uk

Stop smoking services

https://www.nhs.uk/better-health/quit-smoking/find-your-local-stop-smoking-service/

Macmillan at Rosemere Cancer Centre

https://tinyurl.com/38z3d2fy
(01772) 523709

All our patient information leaflets are available on our website for patients to access and download:

Available via the QR code or in the **Radiotherapy** section of the Lancashire Teaching Hospitals website:

www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/patient-information-leaflets

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Please ask if you would like help in understanding this information. This information can be made available in large print and in other languages.

www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/cancer-patient-information-leaflets

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