

**HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER  
RADIATION ONCOLOGY POLICY AND PROCEDURE  
PATIENT EDUCATION**

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**SCOPE**

All patients receiving radiation therapy.

**PURPOSE**

Every patient receiving radiation therapy will be educated on the impact of radiation therapy on their site specific cancer to prepare the patient for simulation and the radiation treatment plan.

**POLICY**

All patients receiving radiation therapy will receive education on their site specific cancer and the effects this treatment may have during and after treatment. Patients will be encouraged to ask questions at any time before, during and after treatment.

**PROCEDURE**

1. The Nurse and the Radiation Oncologists will give patients and family members the site specific cancer education in preparation for their treatment and follow-up.
2. Written education materials are given to the patient at the time of consultation and reviewed with each patient visit.
3. The nurse educates the patient on what will happen during the CT simulation and the first day of treatment.
4. Documentation regarding patient education shall be placed within the patient's record.
5. Video and group educational conferences are further provided on an individual basis, as needed.
6. Site-specific cancer education and CT simulation education fact sheet is given to the patient at the time of the consultation.