

Weekly Assessment of Patients under Treatment

Policy:

To determine the effects of administered treatment to the Radiation Therapy Center patients, weekly assessment by the responsible radiation oncologist is essential.

Procedure:

Weekly determinations of the irradiated individuals shall be documented in the patient's radiation oncology chart and shall consist of the following:

- 1) Current, cumulative administered radiation dose;
- 2) **S**ymptoms/complaints (expected-related to applied therapy or unexpected);
- 3) **O**bservation/physical examination findings (i.e., tumor response, significant weight loss, acute radiation side-effects) and laboratory test results (i.e., blood count/chest radiograph results);
- 4) **A**ssessment/explicit overall impression/status of the disease/problem and the patient (i.e., improving/resolving/worse/no change);
- 5) **P**lan (i.e., essential consultation is made with the hospital dietician if the patient has lost significant weight, modification/change in the treatment plan, if required, continuation of treatment according to plan, prescription for observed acute reactions to treatment etc...).

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