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Extremities:

Early Reactions:

1. Skin changes: redness, irritation, scaliness, ulceration, coloration, thickening, or hair loss.
2. Inflammation of soft tissues causing tenderness, swelling, and interference with movement.
3. Inflammation of joints causing pain, swelling and limitation of joint motion.
4. These reactions are likely to be intensified by chemotherapy before, during or after radiation therapy.
5. Depression of blood counts leading to increased risk of infection and/or bleeding.

Late Reactions:

1. Changes in skin reaction and/or coloration, permanent hair loss, and scarring of the skin.
2. Scarring or shrinkage of soft tissues and muscle causing loss of flexibility and movement, swelling of the limb.
3. Nerve damage causing loss of strength, feeling, or coordination.
4. Bone damage causing fracture.
5. Joint damage causing permanent stiffness, pain, and arthritis.
6. Swelling of limb below the area treated.
7. In children, there may be additional late reactions as follows:
 - a. Disturbances of bone and tissue growth.
 - b. Bone damage to limbs causing stunting of bone growth and/or abnormal development.
 - c. Second cancers developing in the irradiated area.

I have read the above side effects/complications and understand the possibility of them occurring to me, and I accept such possibility.

Witness: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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