



# Understanding Your Superficial Radiation Therapy

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SRT is a non-surgical treatment for certain types of skin cancers, such as basal cell carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma, especially when surgery is not preferred or not ideal.

It uses low-energy, targeted radiation that treats cancer cells on or near the surface of the skin without cutting, stitches, or anesthesia.



## Pros

- **No cutting or stitches.** Ideal for patients who prefer to avoid surgery or who are not surgical candidates.
- Excellent cure rates for appropriate skin cancers.
- Often provides **excellent cosmetic outcomes** with minimal scarring.
- No downtime, normal activities can continue right away.



## Cons

- **A copay will apply** for each visit, including the fitting visit and each treatment session.
- Requires 2 visits per week over 9 weeks (1 fitting + 17 treatments).
- Mild redness, irritation, dryness, or crusting can occur in the treated area.
- Temporary darkening or lightening of the skin may develop.
- Not appropriate for aggressive, deeply invasive, or recurrent cancers.

## What to Expect

- Your first appointment is a **fitting and planning** visit, where measurements and settings are customized.
- After, you will receive **17 total treatments**, scheduled **two times per week** (with at least 1 day in between).
- Each treatment takes only a few minutes and is painless.
- A small radiation device is placed directly over the area; you will not feel heat, vibration, or pressure.
- You may return to all **normal activities** immediately after each session. Performed in the office using local numbing injections.

## Aftercare and Restrictions

- Apply a thin layer of moisturizing ointment if the skin becomes dry, red, or irritated.
- Avoid harsh skincare products, scrubs, acids, or retinoids on the treated area.
- Protect the area from sun exposure by using sunscreen and protective clothing.
- Notify your provider if there's significant redness, increasing pain, drainage, or swelling.
- Final cosmetic healing may continue for several months after treatment is completed.

\*\*\*Disclaimer: This summary is intended for general information only. It does not include every detail about the procedure. All specific instructions, risks, and expectations will be discussed fully with you in the office at the time of your visit.