

Brachytherapy Cylinder Treatment

Brachytherapy treatment is a type of internal radiation therapy. For this treatment, a device called a cylinder is placed into the vagina. The device is used to give a high dose of radiation to a small strip of tissue in the vagina called the vaginal cuff. The purpose of the treatment is to help prevent cancer from coming back.

You are not radioactive after these treatments.

Before starting, you need a CT scan of your pelvis. You will lie in a CT scan machine in the position you will be in for your treatment. Pictures from the scan are used for planning your radiation.

What to expect on treatment days

Most people have 3 to 5 treatments and each visit lasts about 30 to 60 minutes. You can drive yourself to and from each treatment.

The treatments are not painful. You may feel pressure from the exam and cylinder placement. The cylinder is removed after the 10 to 20 minute treatment. While getting radiation, your team is just outside the room and they can see and hear you.

What else you need to know



- Arrive at your CT planning visit with a full bladder.
Check in on the Lower level of the UH Seidman Cancer Center.
- Do not have sex or use a hot tub, tampons or douches until someone from your radiation team says it is ok.

How to reach your team



If you have any questions, please talk with your radiation team.

To reach your radiation doctor or nurse, call _____.