

Your Journey Through Proton Radiation Therapy for Pediatric Cancer Treatment

Registration



Welcome. We look forward to caring for you.

Before your consultation:

Please complete your registration.

Consultation



Your care team will review your medical history and give you an exam. They will talk to you about your treatment options.

This visit lasts about 2.5 hours.

Next steps include:

Additional appointments will be scheduled, as identified. Your care team will tell you what visits you need.

We will also schedule a treatment planning CT simulation.

Treatment planning CT simulation



A radiation therapist will take images using a CT scan. Your care team needs these images to make your treatment plan.

The radiation therapist may make a device for you to wear, if needed. It will help you stay still during daily treatment. You may get small tattoos. This will help us direct your radiation every day.

A nurse will provide you with radiation treatment education.

This visit lasts about 1.5 hours.

What is happening now:

Your physician and care team are working on your treatment plan.

Once your physician has completed your treatment plan, the scheduling team will call you with your treatment start date.

Treatment



A radiation therapist will help you get set up. This includes daily X-rays for positioning and treatment.

Treatment visits last about 1 hour.

During treatment visits:

You will meet with a nurse and physician for about 15 minutes each week of treatment.

You may have repeat CT scans. This can help your care team decide if they need to adjust your treatment plan.

Finish treatment



You have completed your proton therapy treatment.

After treatment:

A nurse and physician will give you follow-up care instructions.

They will also discuss follow-up appointments at your last weekly visit.

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