

Is this treatment covered by my insurance?

Electron Beam Therapy (EBT) as a type of skin cancer radiation, is a medically accepted form of skin cancer treatment and is part of the most recent National Comprehensive Cancer Network treatment guidelines. It is covered by Medicare and most major insurance carriers.

We will help you check with your insurance company to determine out of pocket costs of treatment as plans vary greatly and change on a regular basis.



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NON-SURGICAL SKIN CANCER TREATMENT

with ELECTRON BEAM THERAPY



A Safe and Effective Non-Surgical Solution for Patients with Basal or Squamous Cell Carcinomas

The Water's Edge Dermatology Electron Beam Therapy (EBT) System is a safe and effective **non-surgical** alternative for the management of the most common kinds of skin cancers. It is particularly well-suited for treatment of cancers near the eyes, ears, nose, scalp or lips because it can provide high rates of cure with favorable cosmetic results. While surgery is the most widely available treatment option, the electron beam therapy alternative may provide you the best combination of clinical, cosmetic and functional results.

How does the treatment work?

Cancer cells, unlike normal healthy cells, have a reduced ability to repair damage from Electron Beam Treatment (EBT). Electrons are a type of radiation that is not deeply penetrating (compared to X-rays). The electron beam is created by a computer controlled FDA approved machine that produces a pure therapy beam that is then custom tailored to your site of skin cancer. Unlike older technologies that still use penetrating X-rays or strong high-dose radioactive sources, the Water's Edge Dermatology Electron Beam system best protects healthy tissues. The treatment works by delivering a series of small daily treatments, each lasting less than five minutes, that destroys cancer cells, while allowing healthy cells to heal.

How effective is this treatment?

Many of the published studies have reported cure rates of common sized cancers ranging from 90%-97%. However, no treatment is always successful and many factors can affect the likelihood of cure including the cancer size, histologic subtype, anatomic location, prior treatments delivered and individual personal factors. Ask your doctor for specific estimates regarding your cancer.

How long does the treatment take?

The total length of time of the treatment depends on several factors including the cancer size, location, and the overall desired cosmetic outcome. Most patients complete their course of electron beam treatment in anywhere from 15-30 conveniently scheduled Monday through Friday sessions, each lasting less than 5 minutes. The longer treatment courses tend to deliver better cosmetic results. Regardless of the regimen, during the entire course of treatment there are no restrictions nor limitations on patient activities.

What side effects might I expect?

The side effects of treatment are limited to skin within the area of the treatment site. The type of side effects will depend upon the size and location of the cancer, individual patient factors, and the length of treatment desired. In general, most patients will gradually develop skin irritation, redness or "sunburn" in the treatment area by the end of their course of treatment. Occasionally patients will be prescribed creams or lotions to help healing. Side effects develop gradually and subside gradually within a few weeks after treatment.

You may lose hair within the treatment site, which may not grow back. There can also be subtle lightening or thickening of the skin in the treatment area or the development of small spider veins years after treatment. Most patients are very pleased with their cosmetic results, in particular when compared to their surgical alternative. Be sure to ask your doctor about specific possible side effects for your individual case.

How can I learn more about this treatment option?

The best way to learn more about Electron Beam Therapy (EBT) is to schedule an in person consultation. Your provider will then review all of the details of your medical history and individual case and make recommendations. You will have an opportunity to discuss the details of treatment, address expectations and review outcomes and have any questions answered.

Results of Electron Beam Therapy



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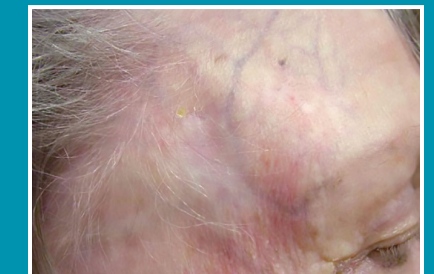
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