

Definition: Radiation Therapy

Radiation therapy is a type of cancer treatment. It uses high-energy X-rays or particles to kill cancer cells or stop them from growing.

Two common kinds of radiation therapy are external-beam and internal. During external-beam radiation therapy, a large machine aims high-energy rays at the part of your body with cancer.

For internal radiation therapy, a high-energy implant is put inside your body near the cancer.

Want to know more about radiation therapy? Talk with your care team. They are here to help.