


Skin reactions to radiotherapy for breast cancer

Because of COVID-19, we are currently not able to see you face to face as often as we previously could, to check on any side effects of your radiotherapy treatment. This sheet shows the possible side effects to the skin of radiotherapy of the breast, so you can check your own breast(s) and identify which, if any, side effects, you may be experiencing. This will help you discuss your symptoms with your cancer nurse specialist or review radiographer, so they can help you to manage them.

	
<p>↑ RTOG 0: No visible change to the skin</p>	<p>↑ RTOG 1: Faint or dull erythema (redness)</p>
	
<p>↑ RTOG 2a: Tender or bright erythema (redness)</p>	<p>↑ RTOG 2.b: Patchy and moist desquamation (peeling/flaking)</p>
	<p>Please let your CNS or review radiographer which number is closest to the skin on the breast that had radiotherapy treatment.</p>
<p>↑ RTOG 3: Confluent moist desquamation (spreading, sticky and peeling)</p>	