

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge
Radiation for Breast Cancer

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
	YOUR SURGERY WAS SUCCESSFUL... THE DOCTOR THINKS HE GOT THE ENTIRE TUMOR. BUT THE QUESTIONS ARE ALWAYS THERE... GOING ROUND AND ROUND THROUGH YOUR MIND, WILL MY BREAST CANCER COME BACK? WHAT SHOULD I DO?
Al Moreno, M.D. Track 5 (:15)	"THE MAIN GOAL OF RADIATION IS TO DECREASE THE CHANCE OF THE TUMOR COMING BACK ON THAT SAME BREAST."
	ACCORDING TO MAYO CLINIC DR. AL MORENO, RADATION THERAPY IS RECOMMENDED TREATMENT

	<p>FOLLOWING MOST LUMPECTOMIES OR PARTIAL MASTECTOMIES. THE STANDARD COURSE MEANS UP TO FIVE TREATMENTS A WEEK FOR SIX WEEKS. HOWEVER NEWER TECHNOLOGIES CAN SHORTEN THAT TO A WEEK OR EVEN LESS.</p>
	<p>DR. MORENO SAYS WOMEN WHO UNDERGO A MASTECTOMY GENERALLY DO NOT NEED RADIATION THERAPY. EXCEPTIONS INCLUDE THOSE PATIENTS WITH A FEW OR SEVERAL AFFECTED LYMPH NODES, THOSE WHO HAVE LARGE TUMORS OR THOSE WHOSE TUMORS ARE VERY CLOSE TO THE CHEST WALL.</p>
	<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I'M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.</p>
