

# Quality of life radiation study for soft tissue radiation damage to the pelvic area



Clinical trials and studies can change lives and we are looking for people who have undergone radiation treatment to the pelvic area to assist us in understanding of the Quality of Life after radiation.

When you have your 6 weeks follow up with your oncologist you will be asked if you wish to participate in an outcome study looking for late or delayed radiation effects, particularly in the bowel and bladder.

This study runs for 10 years; however, your participation will only be required for 5 years.

There are six (6) subsections in this study, with the focus on patients being treated for

- Bladder Cancer
- Cervix Cancer
- Endometrium Cancer
- Vulva Cancer
- Colon Cancer
- Prostate Cancer

If you are being treated for one of the above subsections, you are aged between 18 and 80, and you are interested in participating, we would love to hear from you.

## What happens if you decide to join the study?

To start with you will be asked to fill out the initial Informed Consent Form, and as part of this Informed Consent you will give your Medicare number for data collection, and to evaluate your Quality of Life after radiation, e.g. medications, doctors' visits etc. One of the end points of this study is to find the most value-added treatment to the individual.

You will then be required to fill in assessment forms which contain basic questions, the answers to which express your personal view or perception of your quality of life.

The assessment forms are filled in at commencement of your study as a baseline reference, and at six monthly intervals over the five-year period. The forms generally contain

multichoice answers. At the very most, the forms would take up about ½ hour of your time.

The forms will be made accessible to you electronically and/or in paper form, with all being entered into a secure database, which will be closely monitored over the course of your participation.

## How will this study benefit you?

If there are any side effects after your radiation treatment the questionnaire will help with early detection and an alert will be raised. One of the investigators from Wesley Hyperbaric will send out a letter alerting your oncologist, GP and/or other specialists. This will be followed up by a telephone call to your oncologist or GP.

Meanwhile, we will still be collecting data on your treatment. If at any time you become aware of any adverse effects from the radiation treatment, contact us and we will ensure that the necessary steps are taken so that you receive the correct treatment for your condition.

One of the treatments available for radiation damage is Hyperbaric treatment, and this may be offered to you if considered appropriate following consultation with your Oncologist / GP.

You have the right to decline any treatment suggested to you, and if you do, you will still be part of the study and still receive the best standard of care from your Oncologist and GP.

## What happens if you decide to leave the study?

You will be at liberty to withdraw from the Study at any point in time. All that would be required is completion of the simple Withdrawal Form.

**If you would like to be involved in this study or need more information, please contact the friendly team at Wesley Hyperbaric**



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