

Northwestern Medicine<sup>®</sup>



**TESTS AND PROCEDURES** 

## **Radiation Exposure**

If you have any questions, please ask your physician or nurse.

Your procedure today used X-ray imaging, a type of radiation. While we used safety measures to limit your exposure to radiation, your procedure needed a radiation dose at the higher end of the normal range.

## **Radiation skin changes**

Some factors may make your skin more sensitive to radiation. Risk factors include:

- Previous radiation treatments to that area
- Medications
- Diseases
- Genetic conditions

There is a chance that you may notice some changes to your skin in the area where your care team used radiation. Look for these symptoms in the exposed area of your skin:

- Rash or skin redness
- Hair loss
- Itching
- Dry, flaky skin

Most often, these conditions will go away on their own. In rare cases, skin conditions may need more medical attention.

## Follow-up care

2	weeks	after	your	pro	cedure
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to do next.

1.	Please inspect the skin located _ ask a caregiver to check the area	·	If you cannot see the area easily		
2.	Call	at	Leave a message		
	letting your care team know if your skin has redness or a rash.				
3.	You will get a call back within 24	hours (Mone	day through Friday) to let you know what		

Appointment				
In some cases, patients may need follow-up about 6 weeks after the procedure.				
☐ You do not need a 6-week follow-up visit.				
$\square$ You will have a 6-week follow-up visit or phone call on (date)				
Contact information				
If you have any questions or need help, please call				
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