A) Policy Statement

Patient education regarding radiation therapy will be provided to all patients undergoing radiation treatments.

B) Purpose of Policy

To provide appropriate, site specific, information from staff for their radiation treatments including; intent of treatment, options for treatment, what to expect during treatment, and management of treatment related side effects

C) Procedure

1. Staff reviews treatment related side effects with the patient before treatment begins and at least one time during the course of treatment.
2. Patients will be assessed of their educational needs prior to, during and at completion of their treatment by radiation staff.
3. Facility offers information on the cost of treatment to patients, including an assessment of the financial toxicity related to costs
4. All assessments will be documented in the patient’s medical record.
5. Written or online materials will be given, as well as verbal instructions.
6. Arrangements will be made for patients who do not speak English fluently or have communication barriers.

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