

Soft-Tissue Radiation Injury (STRI): Patient Information

- HEALING SUPPORT AFTER RADIOTHERAPY -



The Problem

WHEN YOU HAVE PAIN OR BLEEDING AFTER RADIOTHERAPY

Radiation treatment can affect tissues long after therapy ends. Some people develop changes months or even years later – such as bleeding, pain, ulcers, or delayed healing. These may be signs of a radiation tissue injury (STRI), and treatments are available to support recovery.

EARLY ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT CAN MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE.



Who Should Talk to Their GP?

SYMPTOMS TO LOOK OUT FOR

If you've had radiotherapy and notice changes in any of the areas below, speak with your GP:

- Bladder or bowel changes
– bleeding, pain, urgency, or continence issues
- Skin or soft tissue changes
– ulcers, non-healing wounds, colour or texture changes
- Mouth or throat issues (head & neck treatment)
– dry mouth, swallowing difficulty, ongoing ulcers
- Pelvic or sexual health symptoms
– pain, bleeding, or fragile tissue affecting genital areas
- Digestive symptoms
– abdominal pain, diarrhoea, or bowel irritation
- Delayed healing or new pain in previously treated areas



The Solution

HOW HBOT SUPPORTS HEALING

Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) is a safe, hospital based treatment where you breathe 100% oxygen in a pressurised chamber. This increases oxygen delivery to damaged tissue and supports natural healing.

HBOT may help by:

- ✓ Improving blood flow and oxygenation
- ✓ Reducing inflammation and tissue stress
- ✓ Supporting faster, more complete healing

All treatment at Wesley Hyperbaric is supervised by a specialist doctor and experienced nursing team.



The Process

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING TREATMENT

- Begin with a referral from your GP or specialist
- Attend a medical assessment and tour of the facility
- If suitable, you'll have daily sessions (Monday–Friday)
- Most people complete 20–40 sessions, each lasting around 90 minutes

During treatment, you will rest comfortably in a climate controlled chamber with a nurse present at all times. Many people choose to read, or relax during their session.



The Cost

A FUNDED TREATMENT PATHWAY

- Medicare + Private Health Insurance = little or no out-of-pocket cost for most patients
- Uninsured patients may receive support through the Medicare Safety Net
- DVA Gold and White Card holders are fully covered for treatment and transport (if required)



Live Outside Brisbane?

- Telehealth consults available for initial appointments
- Travel assistance may be available through state-based schemes

*This brochure provides general information only. Your doctor will assess whether HBOT is suitable for your individual situation. Funding and out-of-pocket costs depend on your eligibility.



Talk to your GP or contact our team:

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Our facility is registered for the treatment of a range of health conditions, for which it has been proven that HBOT may be beneficial. Here's a list of conditions that can be treated at Wesley Hyperbaric:

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