

Frequently asked questions about CyberKnife

1. Will I feel anything? No, nothing will touch you and there will be no pain during the procedure.
2. How long do treatments take? Typically treatments take 15 minutes to 1.5 hours depending on the area being treated.
3. Can I eat before the procedure? Yes, most patients can eat and drink normally. Prostate patients will not eat breakfast before their treatments.
4. Can I take my regular medications? Yes
5. Is there a knife in the procedure? No, there is no knife or cutting of any kind.
6. How many treatments will I have? The number of treatments may range from one to five.
7. What should I wear? Wear comfortable clothing. If possible no metal around the area that will be treated. For female patients with lung cancer we suggest wearing a sport bra or no bra at all.
8. Can you see or talk to me during the procedure? Yes, there are cameras and an intercom so that we can talk if needed. The therapist will also be able to hear you.
9. What if I cough or sneeze during the treatment? The machine and therapist constantly monitor your movements and the robot will correct for movement.
10. What if I move during my treatments? The machine and therapist constantly monitor your movements and the robot will correct for movement.
11. Is there music to listen to? Yes, there is music that you will be able to choose from. You can choose the type, genre of music and artist. You can also bring CDs from home if you would like.
12. Can I drive? Yes, the treatment will not interfere with you driving ability.

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