

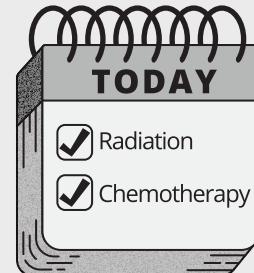
# For people getting concurrent treatment for gynecological cancer: **Start chemotherapy at the right time**



Concurrent treatment is when you get 2 types of cancer treatment at the same time. The treatment you will get includes **radiation therapy** and **chemotherapy**.

To get the best from your treatment, **chemotherapy and radiation therapy must start on the same day**.

Chemotherapy strengthens the effect of radiation. If you start chemotherapy a day or more before radiation therapy, the effect of the radiation will not be as strong.



Your chemotherapy and your radiation therapy are two different appointments. These appointments will be booked by different doctors.

Your radiation therapy is booked by your radiation oncologist (radiation doctor).

Your chemotherapy will be booked by either:

- Your medical oncologist (chemotherapy doctor) or
- Your surgical oncologist (cancer surgeon)



**Contact your radiation or chemotherapy doctor right away** if you are booked to start chemotherapy on a day that you do not have radiation.

You will get radiation therapy every day (except weekends and holidays).

You will not get chemotherapy every day. How often you get chemotherapy will depend on your treatment plan.



The first appointment in your radiation treatment plan is your **CT simulation appointment** (also called your **planning appointment**.) **This is not radiation treatment.** Do not get chemotherapy on the same day as your CT simulation appointment. **You must start chemotherapy on the same day that you start radiation treatment.**