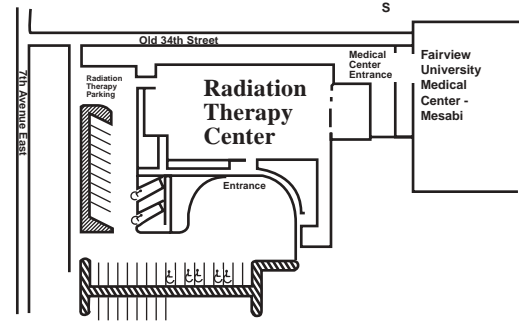
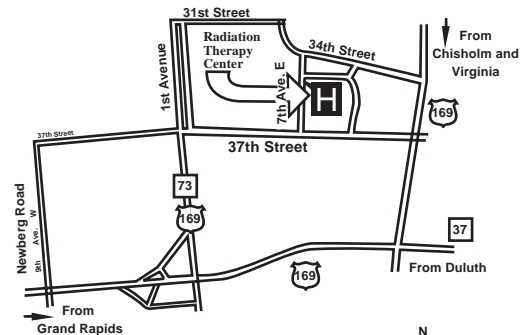




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The Radiation Therapy Center



Welcome!

Welcome to the Radiation Therapy Center at the Fairview University Medical Center. You have been referred to our center by your doctor for an appointment to discuss radiation therapy treatment for your disease. We hope this brochure will provide you with helpful information before your first appointment.

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What to expect

Your first appointment is a consultation visit with our Radiation Oncologist, a physician who has had special training using radiation to treat diseases. At this visit, the doctor will review your records, examine you and discuss treatment options, including the benefits and risks of radiation therapy.

Also during your first appointment, a Radiation Therapy Nurse will review the radiation treatment process and begin to teach you how to care for yourself during the duration of your treatment program. Please allow 1 1/2 to two hours for this visit.

When radiation therapy has been selected as an appropriate course of treatment, the next step, called simulation, begins. Simulation involves special planning to determine the area where the treatment will be given. An x-ray machine located in our Radiation Therapy Center is used to pinpoint the treatment area. In addition, a treatment-planning CT scan may be done.

The simulation process may take place on the same day as your consultation visit, or may be scheduled for another day. Simulation takes approximately one to two hours. There are no restrictions on what you may eat or drink prior to simulation.

Once the treatment area has been determined, you will be scheduled for your radiation therapy. Therapy is given daily, Monday through Friday, for an average of five to eight weeks. The number of treatments is determined during the treatment planning process with the Radiation Oncologist. Treatment visits are short, taking only 15 to 30 minutes.

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Insurance

Please bring your insurance card(s) to the first appointment. Most insurances cover the costs for radiation therapy, but we encourage you to contact your insurance company with questions related to reimbursements. You may receive two or three separate billings: one from Fairview University Medical Center for the therapy itself, one from Range Regional Health Services for the laboratory and radiology services, and one from Lakeland Pathology for pathology review. Please let us know if you have payment or billing concerns.

Parking

Parking is available on the west end of the Radiation Therapy Center building. Please park in the spaces marked HEMO/R.T. PARKING.

If you have any questions before your first appointment, please call 800.663.8939 or 218.362.6784.

Our goal is to provide quality care to our patients in a sensitive, respectful and compassionate manner.

