

Advances in radiation treatment transform cancer care

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Cancer care can be a trying time. But radiation treatment – where precise radiation is delivered outside your body to shrink tumors – has come a long way, making things safer and more convenient. Tim Ditman of OSF HealthCare has more.

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Doctor Neha Sharma is a cancer doctor who provides care at OSF. She says treatment time and side effects have improved.

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Dr. Neha Sharma (NAY-ha // SHAR-mah)  
radiation oncologist at OSF HealthCare

**“We’re able to prevent some of the side effects we saw in the past. One example is breast cancer. We’re able to avoid normal tissue and organs like the heart and lungs much more now with the equipment we use. We’re able to prevent side effects to the heart and lungs, or they are much less common.” (:23)**

I’m Tim Ditman.

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Doctor Sharma encourages you to talk to your cancer doctor about all options.