

Postoperative radiotherapy in prostate cancer: acquired certainties and still open issues. A review of recent literature

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ABSTRACT

It is recognized that radiation therapy can eradicate microscopic tumor disease, even in postoperative prostate cancer patients, when extracapsular extension, positive surgical margins or increased prostate-specific antigen is found in surgical specimens. This review of recent literature analyzes and discusses acquired certainties and still open questions regarding type, timing, doses, techniques, toxicities, and associated hormonal therapies of radiotherapy prescribed after radical prostatectomy. Free full text available at www.tumorionline.it

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