



CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF RADIATION ONCOLOGISTS  
ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DES RADIO-ONCOLOGUES

## Definition of RT Waiting

**By: Manpower and Standards of Care in Radiation Oncology Committee  
September 2000**

1. The interval between the date of the initial referral to radiation oncology and the date of the radiation oncology consultation reflects the waiting for radiation oncology consultation, and this should not exceed 10 working days.
2. For routine single modality treatments, the interval between the radiation therapy requisition date OR the radiation oncology consultation date, whichever is later, and the first day of therapy reflects the waiting for radiation therapy.
3. For multi-modality treatments, the interval between the target RT start date and the first day of therapy reflects the waiting for radiation therapy.
4. The waiting for radiation therapy should not exceed 10 working days.
5. As a quality indicator, radiation centres can report at regular intervals the number OR percentage of patients who have waited more than 10 working days for radiation oncology consultation or for radiation therapy.

F. Wong, MD  
Chair, Manpower and Standards of Care in Radiation Oncology Committee

Presented/Accepted CARO Board of Directors, Sep 21/00  
Presented/Accepted CARO Members, Sep 22/00