



# Questions to Ask

## Acoustic Neuroma Radiation Specialists

If you have opted for radiation treatment of your tumor, you may wish to ask some of the following questions of your radiation therapist, neurosurgeon, or neurotologist. Be sure that you are comfortable with the responses:

How many tumors have been treated with radiation at your center in the past year?

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Will this be a one-dose procedure, or will it consist of several smaller doses?

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What type of radiation treatment (e.g., Gamma Knife, LINAC, CyberKnife, Novalis, proton beam, etc.) do you perform? What are the advantages of this type of radiation over the others that are available?

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Why do you recommend this form of radiation treatment over others?

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Is the size of my tumor safe to treat with radiation?

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What are the long-term side effects of this treatment?

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What are the more serious complications such as malignancy, hydrocephalus and what are the relative frequencies?

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How many of your patients have experienced continued growth of their tumors following treatment? If this happens to me, what would be my best follow-up procedure? Can I have microsurgery, or can I repeat radiation treatment?

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After radiation treatment, may I go about my business as before treatment, or are there any special precautions I should take?

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When and how often should I schedule follow-up MRIs after treatment? Will I get these MRIs for the rest of my life?

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