

## **Parathyroid Cancer - After Treatment [1]**

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**ON THIS PAGE:** You will read about your medical care after treatment for a parathyroid tumor is finished and why this follow-up care is important. To see other pages, use the menu on the side of your screen.

After treatment for parathyroid cancer ends, talk with your doctor about developing a follow-up care plan. This plan may include regular physical examinations and/or medical tests to monitor your recovery for the coming months and years. This should include tests to monitor your blood for elevated PTH and calcium levels. See the [Diagnosis](#) [3] section for a description. Follow-up care should also include imaging scans, such as an ultrasound of the neck, to watch for signs that the cancer has returned. When parathyroid cancer does recur, it typically reappears between two and five years after the initial surgery, although there is always a risk of recurrence.

ASCO offers [cancer treatment summary forms](#) [4] to help keep track of the cancer treatment you received and develop a survivorship care plan once treatment is completed.

People recovering from parathyroid cancer are encouraged to follow established guidelines for good health, such as maintaining a healthy weight, not smoking, eating a balanced diet, and having recommended cancer screening tests. Talk with your doctor to develop a plan that is best for your needs. Moderate physical activity can help rebuild your strength and energy level. Your doctor can help you create an appropriate exercise plan based upon your needs, physical abilities, and fitness level. Learn more about the [next steps to take in survivorship](#) [5], including making [positive lifestyle changes](#) [6].

*The next section offers a list of questions you may want to ask. Use the menu on the side of your screen to select [Questions to Ask the Doctor](#), or you can select another section, to continue reading this guide.*

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[1] <http://www.cancer.net/cancer-types/parathyroid-cancer/after-treatment>

[2] <http://www.cancer.net/about-us>

[3] <http://www.cancer.net/node/19513>

[4] <http://www.cancer.net/node/25394>

[5] <http://www.cancer.net/node/22>

[6] <http://www.cancer.net/node/24554>