

A new approach in the management of radiation dermatitis







Radiation dermatitis – the unwelcome consequence of a life-saving therapy

Radiation dermatitis is an acute skin reaction affecting approximately **95% of patients** who receive radiation therapy to the breast, groin or perineum.^{1,2,3} It generally ranges from erythema to dry or even moist desquamation and can be a source of significant pain, discomfort and psychological distress. In particular, moist desquamation poses the risk of infection and can result in treatment breaks which impair patient outcomes.³

Up to 50–60% of patients receiving cancer treatment will undergo radiation therapy at some stage of their illness.^{1,3,4}

Adjuvant **chemotherapy** substantially increases the risk to develop severe skin injuries.⁵
The introduction of modern mega-voltage treatment machines with skin-sparing capabilities have improved but **not eliminated** skin toxicities.⁶

How do current therapies rate?

Systematic reviews on the management of radiation dermatitis found **no evidence** indicating a difference between topical pharmacological treatment and topical non-pharmacological treatment in patients undergoing radiation therapy, except for corticosteroids.^{7,8}

Corticosteroids can cause thinning of the skin, which can potentially cause skin dehydration.⁹

Studies assessing **lotions, creams and emulsions** (aloe vera, hyaluronic acid, corticosteroids sucralfate, etc.) either showed no benefit in managing radiation dermatitis or provided conflicting evidence.¹⁰⁻¹²

Although there is early evidence suggesting the efficacy of silicone-based film dressings ^{13,14}, these **solid dressings** can have disadvantages like having some small bolus effect. ^{13,15}.

It is essential to minimize any skin damage by ensuring that interventions are based on best practices and supported by evidence-based guidelines.²

Consensus goals of care for skin reactions during radiation therapy ^{7,9,10} StrataXRT scores

Initial maintenance of skin integrity	Stroto XTL
Reduced potential of further exacerbation of skin reactions	Andrews Williams XIII
Minimized water loss and optimized skin hydration by means of topical agents	Strate XII
Promotion of comfort and compliance	Andrews Williams XII.
Reduction of pain and pruritus without causing a bolus effect	SECOLO VICTORIA DE LA CONTRACTORIA DE LA CONTRACTOR
Control of bleeding, odor and excessive exudate	(in combination with secondary dressing)
Provides ideal environment for rapid re-epithelialization	STOTAL XIL. 9 th harmonic
Promotion of moist wound healing environment where skin is broken	Stroto XII
Protection from trauma and friction	Strate XII
Protection from infection	Stroto XII.

StrataXRT is used from the initial radiation dose for the duration of radiation therapy until full skin recovery

StrataXRT is intended to be used under the direction of healthcare practitioners in the management of radiation dermatitis.

StrataXRT may be used on all types of radiation dermatitis, toxic and compromised skin and superficial wounds resulting from radiation therapy.



The RTOG scale for radiation dermatitis

RTOG Scale Score	Observation: External Signs	Observation: Cellular Level	Clinical Assessment	Treatment Goals	StrataXRT suitable for use
0		and the Record of the	No visible change to skin	Maintain soft, supple, clean, odor free and intact skin.	Stroto Xrt
1		Vinns	Redness and inflammation Mild tightness/itch	Maintain soft, supple, clean odor free, intact skin, reduce irritation and promote comfort.	Description of the second of t
2		in the second	Sensitive skin with bright redness With/without dry desquamation Tightness/itch/sore	Promote skin hydration, comfort and maintain skin integrity. Reduce itch, pain, soreness and discomfort.	Debut areas are to the last of
2.5	0	Trans.	Patchy moist desquamation Moderate oozing	Reduce risk of complications of further trauma and infection. Reduce pain, soreness and discomfort.	Stroto XIL
3	A De		Confluent moist desquamation Pitting oozing	Reduce the risk of infection, minimize pain and trauma of the skin.	Strate XII
4			Ulceration, bleeding, necrosis	Debride the wound. Control associated bleeding and oozing (exudate), minimize effects of wound infection.	A Market and an art of the state of the stat

Other scales of measurement include RISRAS and CTCAE. The key measurement point on this RTOG scale is level 2.5 (2b), which denotes the first level of the appearance of moist desquamation. Photos from several patients. Images (RTOG 0-3) courtesy of The Princess Royal Radiotherapy Review Team, St James's Institute of Oncology, The Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust. Taken from the publication "Managing Radiotherapy Induced Skin Reactions, a Toolkit for Healthcare Professionals".

StrataXRT evidence in prevention¹⁶

"This definitive RCT suggests that StrataXRT is effective for preventing, delaying and reducing severity of RD in patients with head and neck cancer."

- StrataXRT creates a protective film that maintains skin integrity, reduces mechanical friction and irritation to the affected site.
- StrataXRT lightly bonds to the stratum corneum, protecting it from excessive sloughing.
- StrataXRT provides a semi-permeable coverage for optimal hydration of the injured area.
- StrataXRT promotes a moist wound healing environment which assists in reducing the skin's acute inflammatory response.
- StrataXRT does not cause bolus effect.^{17,18}

To be used immediately after the first dose of radiation therapy.

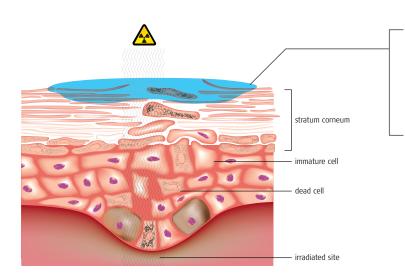
41.0% reduced risk of developing grade 2 skin toxicity. ¹⁶

49.4% reduced risk of developing grade 3 skin toxicity. ¹⁶

StrataXRT, clinical evidence for reduction of radiation dermatitis in the treatment area¹⁹

StrataXRT reduces Trans-Epidermal Water Loss (TEWL) promoting a moist wound healing environment, leading to:

- Faster re-epithelialization of the skin post therapy.
- Relief of low-grade cutaneous changes such as dry, itching, flaking, peeling and irritated skin.
- Reduction of pain, redness and soothing of the exposed skin areas.



In dry desquamation, StrataXRT protects the fragile epidermis and maintains the skin's integrity, preventing the outmost layers from excessive sloughing.

In moist desquamation, StrataXRT protects the dermal stroma from long term deterioration whilst promoting a moist wound healing environment for the reparative process.

Why is StrataXRT an innovative product?



FILM-FORMING, FULL CONTACT, FLEXIBLE WOUND DRESSING

StrataXRT dries to form a thin and flexible wound dressing that ensures full constant contact with the skin.



FROM DAY ONE

StrataXRT can be applied from day one of radiation therapy.



NO BOLUS EFFECT

StrataXRT does not cause a bolus effect. 17,18



PROMOTES MOIST WOUND HEALING ENVIRONMENT

StrataXRT promotes a moist wound healing environment leading to faster re-epithelialization.



SYMPTOMS

StrataXRT promotes a moist wound healing environment leading to relief of the symptoms of radiation dermatitis such as dry, itching, flaking, peeling and irritated skin, and reduces pain, redness and heat sensation.



HYDRATION

StrataXRT is semi-permeable, which allows the skin to breathe and remain hydrated.



PROTECTION

StrataXRT protects the skin from irritants while reducing the risk of contact dermatitis.



NON-REACTIVE

StrataXRT is non-reactive, it has no measurable pH, and contains no alcohol, parabens or fragrances, making it suitable for children, and people with sensitive skin.



FOR DIFFERENT AREAS

StrataXRT is suitable for large surface areas and contoured skin like the breasts, face and neck, back and pelvic area, as well as joints and hairy areas without the need for shaving.



SECONDARY DRESSINGS

StrataXRT can be used in combination with secondary absorbing dressings (in moist desquamation).



LIGHTLY BONDS

StrataXRT lightly bonds to the most superficial damaged skin layer.

"Observed risk reduction of radiation dermatitis with the use of StrataXRT" ¹⁶

A 197-patient study conducted in Australia investigated the effects of StrataXRT versus 10% Glycerine moisturizer (Sorbolene cream) for preventing and managing radiation dermatitis in patients with head and neck cancer receiving radical radiotherapy. ¹⁶

skin toxicity

StrataXRT is superior to moisturizer in **preventing and reducing severity** of skin toxicity:

- 41.0% reduced risk of developing grade 2 skin toxicity.
- 49.4% reduced risk of developing grade 3 skin toxicity.
- Lower mean skin toxicity at the end of the radiation treatment period.

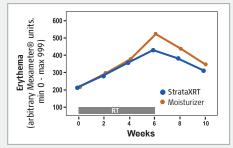
StrataXRT is superior to moisturizer in **delaying severity** of skin toxicity:

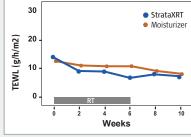
- Longer period without grade 3 skin toxicity, with 75% of patients surviving 6 weeks.
- Median of 4 weeks to reach grade 2 toxicity compared to 3 weeks for moisturizer.

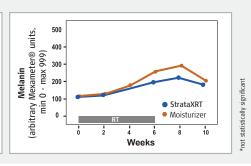
StrataXRT is **easy to apply, acceptable, feasible and effective** for head and neck cancer patients, even in situations where body hair is present.

A 56-patient study was conducted in South Korea, where patients who received radiation therapy were randomly assigned to two groups: StrataXRT versus a cosmetic moisturizer cream containing herbal extracts (X-derm).²⁰

StrataXRT patients had a significantly lower level of **erythema** (21%) and **Trans-Epidermal Water Loss (TEWL)** (76%)* at 6 weeks and had lower **melanin** changes (31%) at 8 weeks when compared to the moisturizer group.







Weeks

A 5-patient case study series was conducted in Spain to explore the use of StrataXRT for the treatment of radiation dermatitis **during concomitant chemotherapy.**⁵

Patients who received StrataXRT were able to **continue the therapy uninterrupted** instead of being at risk of stopping treatment due to the commonly expected deterioration experienced with adjuvant chemotherapy.



Start of treatment

with StrataXRT



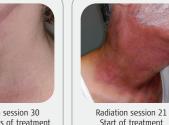
Radiation session 26

After 14 days of treatment

with StrataXRT



with StrataXRT



with StrataXRT



After 10 days of treatment

with StrataXRT



Post-radiation day 4 After 18 days of treatment with StrataXRT

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StrataXRT

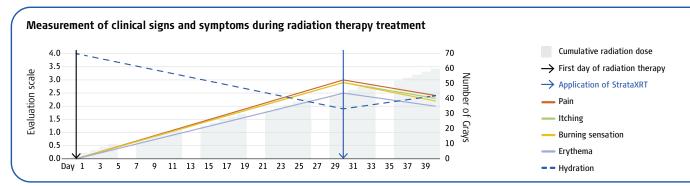
Post 4 weeks

Clinical Evidence Treatment: "Study showed that topical use of [...] StrataXRT can reduce RD with respect to objectively measured physiological skin parameters" 19

A 54-patient multicenter study performed in Spain focused on the efficacy of StrataXRT as a wound dressing and a monotherapy in the treatment of radiation dermatitis.¹⁹

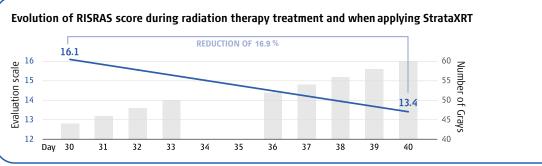
Start of StrataXRT therapy: RTOG score of 2.5 ± 0.5 in at least 25% of irradiated area (different cancer types). All patients were treated with StrataXRT **while undergoing radiation therapy (RT).** The common clinical experience is that the radiation dermatitis severity escalates over time and is proportionally associated with the accruing radiation on the tissues.

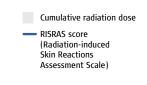
- After the start of the StrataXRT application, the improvement of skin condition, clinical signs and symptoms during ongoing RT were observed.
- Use of StrataXRT shows statistically significant evidence in **reducing the severity of radiation dermatitis** during ongoing RT.
- Reduction in radiation dermatitis markers allows the radiation treatment to be continued, instead of being
 interrupted due to an increase in the severity of radiation dermatitis.



During the StrataXRT treatment period, StrataXRT showed:

- decrease of pain by 20.5%
- decrease of itching by 22.2%
- decrease of burning sensation by 24.7%
- decrease of erythema by 20.6%
- improvement of hydration by 26%





Although, radiation dermatitis would only worsen during the RT and until approximately 2 weeks after the end of RT, StrataXRT showed clinical improvement:

- Decreasing of RISRAS score by 17% from the beginning of StrataXRT application until the end of RT.
- Decreasing of RISRAS score by 37,6% from the beginning of StrataXRT application until 10 to 14 days after the end of RT.

StrataXRT versus Mepitel Film®

StrataXRT was shown to be **non-inferior to Mepitel Film** on the reported outcome measures of moist desquamation and worst grade of acute radiation dermatitis.²¹

StrataXRT is flexible and allows a **perfect adaptation to body surfaces** in which common physical sheeting are unsuccessful or impossible to use, such as those with high mobility (joints), high friction (axilla), wet skin (mucosa), and higher hygienic necessities (perineum).5

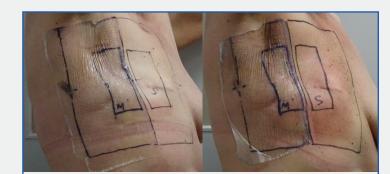
StrataXRT was also found to be easier to use and improved patient adherence when compared to physical dressings.²²

StrataXRT is a more pragmatic choice as Mepitel Film further extended the utilization of scarce nursing resources:

- The average time per application of Mepitel Film was 15 minutes (range 7.5-50 minutes).
- StrataXRT application does not require any nursing time as it is applied by the patient.²¹

StrataXRT helps the nursing team save time and money by avoiding the use of physical dressings that are difficult and time-consuming to apply. With StrataXRT, only a small amount is needed, and patients find it easier to use because it is transparent when applied, leading to improved patient adherence.²²

StrataXRT does not need to be removed, which can be traumatic for patients when dressings need to be removed and reapplied. 19



Patient at commencement of radiation therapy with Mepitel Film of the lateral half of the right chest wall and StrataXRT on the medial half of

7 weeks after commencement of radiation

n = 40, randomized Mepitel half, StrataXRT half

Three patients developed itching from Mepitel Film with early removal on one patient.²¹

Effective resource management

StrataXRT is clinically proven to reduce the severity of radiation-induced skin reactions, thereby improving the **patient's** quality of life¹⁶, and minimizing the probabilities of not complying with the planned radiation therapy (StrataXRT reduces treatment breaks).

A reduction of patients with radiation-related skin toxicity will:¹⁹

- Reduce need for additional resources associated with radiation therapy discontinuation.
- Benefit the radiation unit's planning and use of resources.
- Support better health outcomes.

StrataXRT has simplified current dressing protocols, resulting in a significant reduction in the average time spent with each patient.²³

Participants using StrataXRT required **fewer nursing interventions** for managing radiodermatitis.²⁴

Before and After Cases

A 64-year-old female patient in Spain presented with a bilateral carcinoma with cutaneous infiltration with supraclavicular and multiple axillary adenopathy. Prior to radiation therapy, the patient received 4 cycles of Adriamycin and cyclophosphamide, as well as 12 cycles of paclitaxel chemotherapy. StrataXRT was applied to the left breast, while standard therapy was applied to the right breast.25

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7 days post radiation therapy. Start of treatment with StrataXRT



72h post treatment with standard therapy on the R-Breast and StrataXRT on the L-Breast



After 10 days of treatment with StrataXRT

A series of case studies were performed in South Korea to assess the efficacy of StrataXRT on head-and-neck patients.²⁶

- An overall improvement with reduced itching and pain symptoms was observed.
- StrataXRT promotes a moist wound healing environment for faster re-epithelialization.
- This moist wound healing environment reduces the skin's acute inflammatory response.



Start of treatment with StrataXRT



After 7 days of treatment with StrataXRT



Start of treatment with StrataXRT

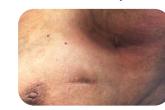


After 3 days of treatment with StrataXRT

Neoplasm of breast²⁷ - Clinica IMQ Zorrozaurre, Bilbao, Spain



Radiation session 19 Start of treatment with StrataXRT



Post radiation day 6 After 7 days of treatment with StrataXRT



Post radiation day 13 After 14 days of treatment with StrataXRT

Neoplasm of parotid- Face²⁷ - Clinica IMQ Zorrozaurre, Bilbao, Spain



Radiation session 21 Start of treatment with StrataXRT



Post radiation day 2 After 13 days of treatment with StrataXRT



Post radiation day 18 After 29 days of treatment with StrataXRT

Dosage and Administration

StrataXRT gel is a unique formulation that requires **substantially less product** per application than typical creams or gels.

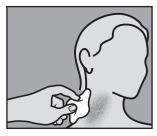
StrataXRT 1.75 oz (50g) is enough to treat an area of 6×12 inch (15×30 cm) twice per day for 30 days. 0.35oz (10g) of StrataXRT is enough for approximately 1 week of application.



How supplied:

StrataXRT 1.75oz (50g) tube (73661-420-50)

Directions for use



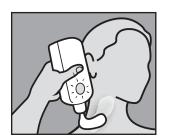
1. Ensure that the affected skin or superficial wound is clean and dry. Gently pat dry as much excess exudate or wound fluid from the area as possible prior to gel application.



2. Apply a **very thin layer** of StrataXRT directly to the affected area and allow the gel to dry. When applied correctly to exposed areas, StrataXRT should be **dry in 5-6 minutes**.



3. If it takes longer to dry you have probably applied too much. Gently remove the excess with a clean tissue or gauze and allow the drying process to continue.



4. Once dry, StrataXRT may be covered by sunscreen, cosmetics and clothing.

Additional directions

- StrataXRT should be applied **once or twice daily** to the affected areas or as required to maintain contact with the affected surface.
- StrataXRT may be re-applied more often to ensure constant contact with the skin, or to reduce symptoms.
- Washing will likely remove StrataXRT. Re-apply StrataXRT **after each wash.**
- In areas with **higher hygienic necessities** such as the groin, perineum, and anal region, StrataXRT should be applied after each urination and bowel movement, on dry and clean skin.
- For best results StrataXRT should be maintained in **continuous contact** with the skin (24 hours a day/7 days a week).
- StrataXRT does not need to be removed prior to radiation therapy.
- StrataXRT can be used with or without a secondary protective dressing.
- StrataXRT does not need to be rubbed in or massaged, as it does not penetrate below the level of stratum corneum
 and will not enhance its effect.
- StrataXRT can be applied directly to the skin, using the finger, Q-tip etc.

Tips for StrataXRT usage

- StrataXRT may be stored in the refrigerator prior to application for faster relief of the burning sensation that may occur
 following radiation therapy.
- If not completely dry, StrataXRT may stain clothing. Normal washing will not remove the product from the clothes. If staining occurs, dry cleaning should be able to remove it without damaging the fabric.

StrataXRT and other products

Moisturizers, lotions, burn creams etc. are not required. StrataXRT can be re-applied more often to avoid dry and tight skin feeling, as StrataXRT prevents the water evaporation through the damaged skin that may cause this feeling. Alternatively, a moisturizer can be applied after StrataXRT dries to maintain the first contact of StrataXRT with the skin.

StrataXRT protects the skin from irritants while reducing the risk of contact dermatitis.

StrataXRT reduces the need for corticosteroids. StrataXRT promotes a moist wound healing environment which leads to a reduction in the skin's acute inflammatory response without side effects of corticosteroids.

IMPORTANT

Due to StrataXRT's semi-permeable nature:

- StrataXRT may enhance the effect of an active ingredient if StrataXRT is applied over the active ingredient.
- StrataXRT may prevent or reduce absorption of active ingredients if they are applied over StrataXRT.

Secondary dressing. StrataXRT will not absorb exudate. In moist desquamation, StrataXRT should be used in combination with absorbent dressings. StrataXRT should be the first layer of contact with the skin. StrataXRT does not need to dry before applying the secondary dressing.

Additional prescribing information

Therapeutic group: Wound dressing specifically developed for the management of radiation dermatitis.

Pharmaceutical form: Occlusive, non-resorbable, self-drying and transparent gel.

Description: When used as directed StrataXRT dries to form a protective layer that is gas permeable and waterproof which hydrates and protects compromised skin areas and superficial wounds. StrataXRT helps to promote a moist wound healing environment. This moist wound healing environment promotes faster re-epithelialization²⁸ and reduces the skin's acute inflammatory response seen with both dry and moist desquamation.

Warnings: For external use only. StrataXRT should not be placed in contact with the eyes. StrataXRT should not be applied over topical medications unless advised by your physician. StrataXRT may stain clothing if not completely dry. If staining occurs, dry cleaning should be able to remove it without damaging the fabric. For correct storage please reclose the tube tightly with the cap. If irritation occurs, discontinue use and consult your physician. Keep out of the reach of children. Do not use after the expiration (EXP) date printed on the tube. The expiration (EXP) date does not change once the tube has been opened. Do not use if the tube is damaged.

Contraindications: Do not administer to patients with known hypersensitivity to the ingredients of this product.

Side effects: At the time of producing this material, no adverse effects have been reported with the use of StrataXRT.

Drug interactions: None known.

Use in specific populations: No specific population restrictions, StrataXRT is suitable for children and people with sensitive skin.

Storage: Store at room temperature, out of direct sunlight.





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For topical use only 73661-420-50

StrataXRT - a new approach in the management of radiation dermatitis

StrataXRT:

- Is intended to be used from the initial radiation dose for the duration of radiation therapy until full skin
- Promotes a moist wound healing environment which leads to:
 - Reduction in pain, redness and heat sensation
 - · Relief of dry, itching, flaking, peeling and irritated skin
 - Faster healing
- Hydrates and protects all types of radiation dermatitis, toxic and compromised skin
- Is non-reactive, contains no alcohol, parabens or fragrances



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