

PROTON THERAPY LITERATURE

In the treatment of cancer, high doses of radiation are used to destroy cancer cells by damaging their DNA. When the DNA of a cancer cell is destroyed beyond repair, the cell dies and is then eliminated by the body through natural processes.

Proton therapy is an advanced form of radiation treatment that has been used to treat more than 160,000 people worldwide. By 2030, it is estimated that between 300,000 and 600,000 patients will have received proton therapy treatment.

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