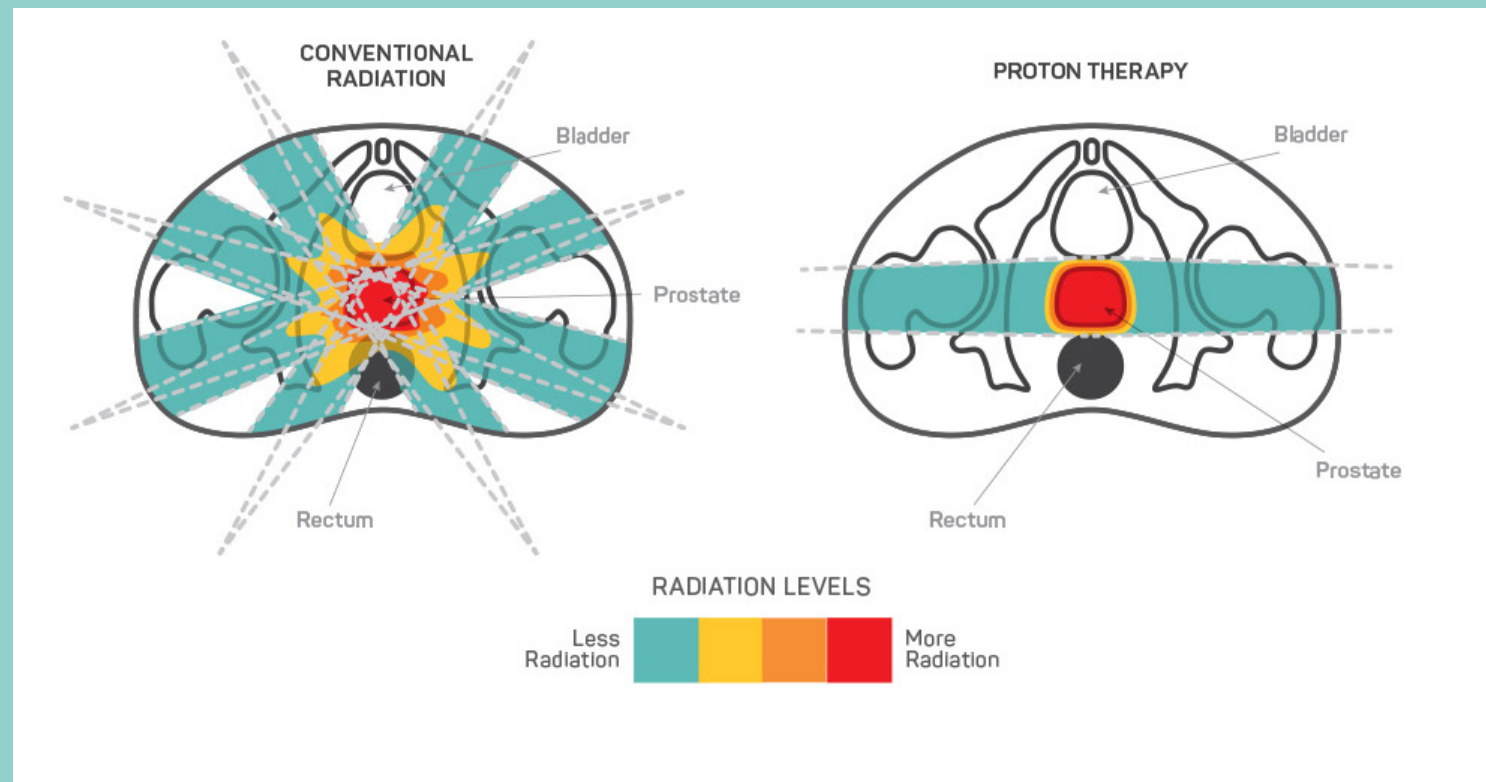


# Proton Therapy for Prostate Cancer



Excess radiation from conventional (X-ray) therapy (above left) can cause side effects years, even decades, after treatment is completed. These side effects include erectile and bladder dysfunction, and a small risk of secondary cancers. To avoid treating healthy tissue, optimal dose to the prostate is often reduced.

Proton therapy (above right) precisely treats the prostate, while avoiding nearby healthy tissue, such as the bladder and rectum, so that optimal dose can be achieved.

## Proton Therapy at SCCA Proton Therapy Center:

- Proton therapy is given in a state-of-the-art center with specialized medical equipment.
- Most patients do not feel pain or discomfort during treatment. Side effects, if they occur, can be treated with medication prescribed by your radiation oncologist.
- Many of our patients are able to work full time.

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