

Longwood Construction Notice: Ongoing construction near our Longwood campus may affect traffic in the area. [Check the latest access changes before you travel.](#) ×

Foxborough Schedule Change: Dana-Farber - Foxborough will be closed for in-person patient care on World Cup game days and extending hours on non-game days. [View closure dates.](#)

[For Patients and Families](#) /

[Resources and Support Services for Patients and Families](#)

Sexual Health Program for Cancer Patients and Survivors

During cancer treatment, you may notice physical and emotional changes in the way you feel about your body and about sex. This is a common reaction to treatments such as chemotherapy, hormone therapy, and surgery. You may also feel uncomfortable talking to your doctor or your partner about these changes.

After cancer treatment, sexual difficulties can be both temporary and lasting, but also manageable, according to the Sexual Health Program at Dana-Farber.

Causes include:

- Chemotherapy treatments, which can trigger temporary or permanent menopause, among other changes
- Hormonal therapy for prostate cancer

We use cookies to make our site work. We also use optional cookies to measure our site's performance, personalize content and provide social media features, including through advertising and analytics partners. You can click on "Cookie settings" to disable these optional cookies. By using our site, you agree to our [Website Privacy Policy](#).

[Cookies Settings](#)

[Accept All Cookies](#)

- Changing one's medications for depression or other emotional concerns
- Using lubricants, dilators, or other tools to increase comfort
- Getting more sleep and exercise
- Being open with your partner, if you have one, about sexual issues
- Seeking professional help for fertility and other sexual-health concerns

Our Program

Dana-Farber's Sexual Health Program is committed to addressing patients' concerns about sexual health as an integral part of their care, from diagnosis and treatment through survivorship. The program provides education, consultation, and personalized rehabilitation counseling for patients and their partners who have experienced changes in sexual health during and after cancer treatment.

We believe all patients should have access to straightforward information about the ways cancer can affect sexuality. We offer private, compassionate counseling, consultation, and education to help you cope with these changes and find solutions.

Our Services

The Sexual Health Program provides services for individuals and couples, and is inclusive of all genders and sexual orientations. The program is open to all Dana-Farber patients, as well as patients from other hospitals. Our services include:

- Sexual rehabilitation counseling for individuals and couples, including coping with menopausal symptoms, erectile dysfunction, discomfort during intercourse, decreased desire, and changes in body image
- Coping with infertility-related distress
- Educational workshops
- Opportunities to get involved with clinical research programs

We use cookies to make our site work. We also use optional cookies to measure our site's performance, personalize content and provide social media features, including through advertising and analytics partners. You can click on "Cookie settings" to disable these optional cookies. By using our site, you agree to our [Website Privacy Policy](#).

617-632-4523

EMAIL

Meet Our Team



Sharon Bober, PhD, Director of the Sexual Health Program

Reflecting the approach of Dana-Farber's adult treatment centers, the Sexual Health Program delivers care with the efforts and expertise of a multidisciplinary team.

Patients typically meet with program Director Sharon Bober, PhD, and, if they are women, with gynecologist Sandy Falk, MD, who recently joined the Institute and specializes in female sexual health.

We use cookies to make our site work. We also use optional cookies to measure our site's performance, personalize content and provide social media features, including through advertising and analytics partners. You can click on "Cookie settings" to disable these optional cookies. By using our site, you agree to our [Website Privacy Policy](#).

- Veronica Sanchez-Varela, PhD, a Dana-Farber postdoctoral fellow, who is available to meet with Spanish-speaking survivors

Bober's group also collaborates with several Dana-Farber caregivers outside the survivorship program, including psychiatrists on our [Supportive Oncology](#) care team.

More About Sexual Health

Sex After Cancer ▶

WBUR radio reports on how Dana-Farber's Sexual Health Program helps patients get their "groove" back.

Five Things Every Cancer Patient Should Know About Sex ▶

In this WBUR radio interview, Sharon Bober, PhD, discusses the important facts about sex and sexual health all cancer patients should know before, during, and after treatment.

How Cancer Treatment Affects Sexuality

Sharon Bober, PhD, discusses cancer treatment's effects on sexuality.

- [Sexuality in women](#)

We use cookies to make our site work. We also use optional cookies to measure our site's performance, personalize content and provide social media features, including through advertising and analytics partners. You can click on "Cookie settings" to disable these optional cookies. By using our site, you agree to our [Website Privacy Policy](#).

Get the help you need today.

[REQUEST AN APPOINTMENT](#)

[CONTACT US](#)

[Clinical Trials](#)

[Global Health](#)

[Inclusion, Engagement, and Access](#)

[Community Health](#)

[Events](#)

Stay in touch with us

Discoveries, workshops, stories of hope and triumph can be found in the pages of Dana-Farber's free digital newsletters and publications.

[SUBSCRIBE](#)

We use cookies to make our site work. We also use optional cookies to measure our site's performance, personalize content and provide social media features, including through advertising and analytics partners. You can click on "Cookie settings" to disable these optional cookies. By using our site, you agree to our [Website Privacy Policy](#).



450 Brookline Avenue,
Boston, MA 02215

📞 617-632-3000



HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL
TEACHING HOSPITAL

[Privacy Policy](#) [Terms of Use](#) [Accessibility](#) [Price Transparency](#)

Copyright © 2026 Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Inc. All Rights Reserved.

We use cookies to make our site work. We also use optional cookies to measure our site's performance, personalize content and provide social media features, including through advertising and analytics partners. You can click on "Cookie settings" to disable these optional cookies. By using our site, you agree to our [Website Privacy Policy](#).