

## RED FLAGS: THINGS TO WATCH FOR WHEN EXERCISING DURING AND AFTER CANCER

## TYPICAL/EXPECTED RESPONSES TO EXERCISE INCLUDE:

- Breathing heavier
- Faster heart rate
- Higher body temperature
- Gentle pulling, aching or slight discomfort In your muscles during exercise
- Mild muscle soreness after strength training, especially if you have not used this muscle for a long time

## **EXERCISE RED FLAGS:**

- Unusual shortness of breath (unable to catch your breath after resting)
- Pain in your chest/arm/jaw
- · Sharp, muscle or joint pain
- Irregular heart beat
- Feeling dizzy or nauseous

## IF YOU EXPERIENCE ANY OF THESE RED FLAGS YOU SHOULD:

- reduce how fast/hard/long you are doing the exercise
- stop that exercise today and try it again tomorrow.

But, if these don't help and the red flags do not go away within 20-30 minutes of stopping exercising, you may need medical assistance - <u>call</u> 911 or go to nearest emergency room in a hospital.