Brachytherapy

This is a form of radiotherapy which is delivered via pellets which are inserted into the prostate. The pellets may either be permanently (low dose) or temporarily (high dose). This treatment may be with or without additional external beam radio therapy. The pellets are performed under a general anaesthesia.

Risks:

- Bruising of perineum (area between scrotumand back passage)
- Inability to pass urine which may require atemporary catheter
- Erectile dysfunction
- Rectal discomfort
- Infection requiring antibiotics
- Urinary leakage
- Injury to surrounding structures (rectum)
- Need for further cancer treatment