

The Royal College of Radiologists

Who are they?

The Royal College of Radiologists (RCR) is a **professional body** that works with its membership to improve the quality and standards of medical practice across the fields of **clinical radiology** and **clinical oncology** for the **benefit of patients**.

What do they do?

The RCR **supports clinical radiologists** and **clinical oncologists** throughout their training and their careers. It encourages development of these two specialities and public awareness of the surrounding issues. It endeavours to **maintain highest professional competence and practice** in both specialities and strives to **promote study and research** in related subjects.



Training: Maintains and reviews the postgraduate training curricula for both specialities, ensuring the quality of training.



Influence and public education: Seeks to influence standards and national policy. Informs patients on related issues.



FRCR examination: Conducts and develops examinations for both specialities.



Research, Quality improvement and Audit: Encourages improving practice for patients through delivery and support of research, audit and quality improvement projects.



Development of service and workforce: Supports the workforce in clinical radiology and clinical oncology for the benefit of patients, highlighting workforce gaps.



Maintains standards for the profession: Supports the process of revalidation through guidelines and a professional development scheme.

Recent work

- Setting up **RCR Learning** which brings together resources for clinical and non clinical training via an electronic platform www.rcrlearning.org
- Successful **RCR 17 conference** which provided education in radiology and oncology
- Helping **shape and contribute** to the implementation of the **cancer strategies** and highlighting the need for change <https://www.rcr.ac.uk/posts/english-cancer-strategy-1000-days-go>
- Publications to gain **consensus on radiotherapy** treatment particularly in breast cancer <https://rcr.ac.uk/clinical-oncology/publications>
- Republication of **iRefer** - the essential radiological referral guidelines <https://rcr.ac.uk/publication/irefer-making-best-use-clinical-radiology-eighth-edition>
- Reports on **workforce censuses** which highlight the shortfall of doctors in each speciality <https://rcr.ac.uk/publication/clinical-radiology-uk-workforce-census-2016-report>