

PRESS STATEMENT

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Royal College of Radiologists responds to NCEPOD report, *Adding Insult to Injury*

Responding to the The National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death (NCEPOD) report, *Adding Insult to Injury*, on the clinical care of patients suffering from acute kidney injury, Dr Tony Nicholson, Vice-President of the College and Dean of the Faculty of Radiology, said, "The Royal College of Radiologists welcomes the *Adding Insult to Injury* NCEPOD report and hopes that its recommendations will be acted upon at every level.

"This is the fifth NCEPOD report since 2000 that has highlighted the poor provision of both diagnostic and interventional radiology services in England, both in and out of hours. That any patient in a modern health care system can suffer for want of a simple ultrasound scan or drainage procedure, should be a matter of deep concern for those that commission health care services. The Royal College of Radiologists has been working with the NHS Chief Executive and Medical Director as well as the Chief Medical Officer and other ministers, to correct these serious deficiencies".

Notes to Editors

1. For further information, please contact Dan Garbutt, Communications Officer, on 020 7299 1138 or dan_garbutt@rcr.ac.uk
2. The Royal College of Radiologists (RCR) has approximately 7800 members and Fellows worldwide, representing the disciplines of clinical oncology and clinical radiology. All members and Fellows of the College are registered medical or dental practitioners.
3. The NCEPOD report, *Adding Insult to Injury*, can be downloaded from <http://www.ncepod.org.uk/reports.htm>