

## **PRESS STATEMENT**

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### **The Royal College of Radiologists needs YOU!**

The Royal College of Radiologists (RCR) wants to ensure that the voices of patients and lay people from across the full length and breadth of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland are heard to improve the UK's cancer and radiology services. Patients and carers from all ethnic and social backgrounds who have experience of radiotherapy, chemotherapy, and radiology services are invited to apply to join the RCR's patients' liaison groups (PLGs).

The RCR is keen to ensure that patients' liaison groups truly reflect the spectrum of patients who use the services of radiologists and oncologists. We need people from all walks of life to feed back to us their experience of radiology and oncology services.

- Patients' liaison groups have undertaken a wide range of invaluable college projects including the following:
- Production of advisory booklets targeted at professional in cancer and radiology departments to improve services for patients
- Production of patient information leaflets on a wide range of radiological procedures
- Contributions to different studies and reports on topics ranging from cancer treatment and fertility through to safety in radiotherapy
- Contributions to the college patient information website [www.goingfora.com](http://www.goingfora.com)
- Participating in a wide range of college functions and roles – including Education and Accreditation.

Clive Booth, Chair of the Clinical Radiology Patients' Liaison Group, said, "As a patients' representative, I find it refreshing how much our voice is really listened to by the RCR. It makes for better doctors, and that has got to be in the interests of all patients. If you have the time to support us please do volunteer."

Sol Mead, Chair of the College Clinical Oncology Patients' Liaison Group, said, "So many of us have an experience of cancer, either as a patient, relative or carer, and that experience can be put to excellent use in a Patients' Liaison Group. Involvement in a PLG can be a very

rewarding activity, and it's a genuine opportunity to have a say in decisions that will affect the diagnosis and treatment of cancer patients across the UK".

The RCR has two patients' liaison groups:

- **The Clinical Oncology Group** deals with radiotherapy, chemotherapy and other non-surgical cancer treatments.  
Closing date for applications: **Wednesday 21 April 2010**
  
- **The Clinical Radiology Group** deals mainly with radiology used for diagnosing medical conditions (i.e. x-rays, MRI, CT scans).  
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Patients' liaison group members will be provided with full travel expenses for involvement in three or four daytime meetings in London over the course of the year. Details of how to apply can be found at [www.rcr.ac.uk/plgrecruitment](http://www.rcr.ac.uk/plgrecruitment)

### Notes to Editors

1. For further information, please contact the Royal College of Radiologists' Communications Officer on 020 7299 1138, or [dan\\_garbutt@rcr.ac.uk](mailto:dan_garbutt@rcr.ac.uk)

2. Further information on the RCR's Patients' Liaison Groups can be found at <http://www.rcr.ac.uk/content.aspx?PageID=503> (Clinical Radiology) and <http://www.rcr.ac.uk/content.aspx?PageID=502> (Clinical Oncology).

The RCR's Virtual Hospital Department patient information website can be found at <http://www.goingfora.com>

3. The Royal College of Radiologists has approximately 8000 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.