



PRESS STATEMENT

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Royal College of Radiologists welcomes Prime Minister's pledge on investment in diagnostic tests for cancer

Professor Andy Adam, President of the Royal College of Radiologists (RCR), said, "The RCR welcomes this investment in the earlier diagnosis of cancer in NHS patients; such early detection is so often the key to effective treatment, and diagnostic imaging plays a crucial role in this field.

"We look forward to working with the Department of Health and others involved in this initiative, to define the most effective and efficient methods of deploying resources. Good co-ordination between GP practices and their local radiology departments is essential, as more than one imaging modality may have to be used. Good communication between GPs and Consultant Radiologists will reduce unnecessary steps in patient investigation and maximise the accuracy and speed of diagnosis."

Notes to Editors

1. For further details, please contact Dan Garbutt, Communications Officer at the Royal College of Radiologists, 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.