



# The Royal College Of Radiologists

## **PRESS STATEMENT**

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### **The Royal College of Radiologists welcomes Lord Darzi's Next Stage Review of the NHS**

Speaking on the publication of Lord Darzi's Next Stage Review of the NHS, Professor Andy Adam, the President of The Royal College of Radiologists, said, "Lord Darzi has produced an outstanding set of recommendations that promise to revolutionise the way health care is delivered in this country. His report is visionary, ambitious and substantial. For the first time in the sixty-year history of the NHS the quality of care delivered to patients assumes centre stage. This is done not just in words and promises, but through methods designed to measure clinical outcomes and to reward the delivery of high standards of clinical care."

"We are encouraged by the recognition of the central role of clinicians in achieving the aims set in the report. Clinical Radiologists and Clinical Oncologists will particularly welcome the emphasis on innovation and the adoption of new technology. We are pleased to note the extended role envisaged for the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE), and the focus on the better use of evidence to encourage the rapid implementation of medical advances.

"The recommendations set out a clear and most welcome strategic direction for a rejuvenated NHS fit for the 21st century. Of course, the success of many of the envisaged changes will depend on the details of their implementation. The RCR will do all it can to enable Lord Darzi's vision to be realised and we look forward to working with the Department of Health and the other Royal Colleges to achieve the aims laid out in the review."

#### **Notes to Editors**

1. The Royal College of Radiologists (RCR) has approximately 7,500 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.
2. The Radiology Accreditation Project (RAP) has been jointly developed by The Royal College of Radiologists and The Society and College of Radiographers. The project aims to develop a process for accrediting services offering diagnostic and/or interventional radiology in the UK. For more information see the RAP website at <http://accreditation.rcr.ac.uk/>.