

2026 Virtual Oncology Careers Day

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Chaired by **Dr Allison Stillie**
Chair, Clinical Oncology Undergraduate Committee



The Royal College of Radiologists

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9.00 am - 3.00 pm



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Programme

| Time | Session | Speakers |
|-----------------|---|--|
| 9.00am-9.10am | Welcome | Dr Alison Stillie |
| 9.10am-9.25am | Icebreaker Quiz - Slido.com | |
| 9.25am-10.15am | Clinical Oncology vs Medical Oncology friendly debate | Dr Gerard Walls (CO) Dr Neha Chopra (MO) |
| 10.15am-10.30am | BREAK | |
| | Session 1 - Workshops | |
| | Multidisciplinary Team Meeting (MDT) | Dr Amy Cooper |
| 10.30am-11.15am | Academic | Dr Taha Lodhi Dr Holly Egan |
| | Treatment planning | Dr Mandip Khaira Dr George Watkinson |
| 11.15am-11.30am | BREAK | |
| | Session 2 - Workshops | |
| | Multidisciplinary Team Meeting (MDT) | Dr Amy Cooper |
| 11.30am-12.15pm | Academic | Dr Taha Lodhi Dr Holly Egan |
| | Treatment planning | Dr Mandip Khaira Dr George Watkinson |
| 12.15pm-1.15pm | LUNCH BREAK | |
| | Session 3 - Workshops | |
| 1.15pm-2.00pm | Medical students - Optimising Applications for Specialty Training | Dr Vishnu Pillai |
| | Resident doctors/doctors in training - Optimising Applications for Specialty Training | Dr David Fackrell |
| 2.00pm-2.15pm | British Oncology Network for Undergraduate Societies (BONUS) | Miss Joecelyn Kirani Tan - BONUS Clinical Oncology Chair 2025/26 |
| 2.15pm-2.30pm | Awards, bursaries and prizes | Dr Louise Hanna - Medical Director, Education and Training, Clinical Oncology |
| 2.30pm-3.00pm | Q&A | |
| 3.00pm | Close | |

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Workshops

Multidisciplinary team meeting workshop

Chaired by Dr Amy Cooper

Joined by: a group of residents and medical specialists – names to be confirmed

A multidisciplinary team is a group of healthcare professionals with expert knowledge in the management of cancer. They attend a regular multidisciplinary team meetings (MDTs) to discuss the management of patients with a new, recurrent, or progressive diagnosis of cancer.

The purpose of this workshop is to simulate a realistic MDT and enable the attendees to witness the complex interplay of different members of the team involved throughout the patient's journey. Though normally an MDT will be tumour-site specific, such as breast, in this case it will span a variety of oncology sites to give an overview of the types of patients treated under our care.

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Academic workshop

Chaired by Dr Taha Lodhi and Dr Holly Egan

This workshop will cover academic opportunities available during oncology training, an introduction to academia in undergraduate medical education, and an overview of a career in academic oncology.

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Treatment planning (contouring) workshop

Chaired by Dr Mandip Khaira and Dr George Watkinson.

This workshop will focus on a clinical case, specifically discussing the indications for radiotherapy. Participants will be instructed on the contouring process with emphasis in the contouring of elective volumes and the importance of organs at risk (OAR). Additionally, the session will cover the treatment plan and dose distribution.

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Awards, bursaries and prizes

Undergraduate Oncology Society of the Year

A prize of £200 to recognise and reward undergraduate oncology societies that have been active during the preceding year. Emphasis will be given to societies that have a plan for sustainability and those that have been innovative in their activities.

Education Innovation and Excellence Prize (EIEA)

A prize of £250 to recognise and reward innovation and excellence in undergraduate oncology education. This prize is intended to reward medical students, radiology trainees or consultants that have developed and implemented innovative projects in the field of undergraduate education.

Clinical Oncology Undergraduate Elective Bursaries

A prize of at least £300 each will be awarded to five successful undergraduate elective submissions, to support an elective period of study in oncology. Electives may be undertaken in the UK or abroad.

Clinical Oncology Undergraduate Essay Prize

A prize of £200 for an essay either on a topic relevant to oncology or describing personal experience of working in a hospital oncology department during an elective period or vacation.

Clinical Oncology Undergraduate Research Prize

A prize of £400 for personal research on an oncology topic.

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF)

The RCR Summer Undergraduate Fellowships (SURF) in Clinical Oncology provide medical students with a unique opportunity to undertake a research project in the field of academic clinical oncology during their early years of study.

These prestigious awards are an excellent opportunity for medical students to bolster their CV while gaining an insight into the field of clinical oncology and the academic opportunities it provides. You'll also gain mentorship from senior academics and clinicians. The recipients will hold the title: RCR Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow in Clinical Oncology.

Full details for how to apply for the awards for training education and exams and research re-published on the [RCR website](#).

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Engagement activities

RadReach

The RadReach mentoring scheme aims to transform training at an elemental level and offer continued support for final year medical students and/or foundation scheme doctors from a widening participation background.

All mentors and mentees will be paired through a matching process via the mentoring platform. Once matched, the commitment for mentors and mentees will be for one year. We suggest you have 6-8 one-hour meetings over this period. Our Mentoring Team will check in with mentor and mentees throughout the year to offer support and answer queries.

Read our editorial piece discussing equity of opportunity in radiology and oncology.

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Undergraduate resources

Undergraduate non-surgical oncology curriculum 2020

The clinical oncology undergraduate committee together with medical oncology colleagues, updated the undergraduate non-surgical oncology curriculum to bring it in line with the GMC's 'Outcomes for Graduates 2018' and the upcoming Medical Licensing Assessment (MLA): UK medical students graduating in the academic year 2024-25 and later will need to pass the MLA before joining the medical register.

The updated curriculum illustrates how the generic outcomes described in the Outcomes for graduates can be achieved in the context of non-surgical oncology, by identifying the minimum capabilities in practice for non-surgical oncology that all newly qualified doctors require to be safe junior doctors, and by promoting an understanding of cancer and non-surgical oncology in newly qualified doctors. The undergraduate non-surgical oncology curriculum 2020 is available on the RCR website to download.

British Oncology Network for Undergraduate Societies (BONUS)

A national network of medical students and junior doctors promoting medical, clinical and surgical oncology.

BONUS:

- Collaborate in national research projects which encourage active involvement from medical students.
- Organise research presentation evenings allowing students to present their research nationally – with prizes available!
- Host career and education events delivered by senior clinicians across the UK.
- Connect university oncology societies nation-wide to promote student-led events.

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Choose Oncology campaign

Sign up to our Choose Oncology campaign to stay connected with the latest RCR recruitment webinars! Learn more about clinical oncology training, get tips on preparing a strong specialty training application, and be the first to hear about upcoming events.

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Undergraduate committee

| Member | Region | Membership |
|----------------------|------------|---|
| Alison Stillie | Edinburgh | Chair |
| Amy Cooper | Edinburgh | Resident member |
| Brandon Tan | Aberdeen | Resident member |
| Damien Coleburt | Somerset | Resident member |
| Emma Khoury | London | Internal medicine training member |
| Holly Egan | Manchester | Foundation year member |
| Jacqueline De Ridder | London | RCR Project Officer - Workforce Development and Training |
| Kian Sabzevari | Cardiff | Resident member |
| Louise Hanna | Velindre | RCR Medical Director, Education and Training, Clinical Oncology |
| Lubna Bhatt | Cheshire | Consultant member |
| Mandip Khaira | Sheffield | Consultant member |
| Philippa Smith | Cornwall | Resident member |
| Samantha Forner | London | Consultant member |
| Tom McGowan | Nottingham | Undergraduate member |
| Vinay Prasad | Belfast | Undergraduate member |
| Vacancy available | | Consultant member |
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Profiles: Why Oncology?

Dr Alison Stillie

**Consultant Clinical Oncologist and Associate Director of Medical Education,
Edinburgh Cancer Centre, Western General Hospital in Edinburgh**

I followed a career in clinical oncology as it allows me to work collaboratively with colleagues across the multi-disciplinary team to deliver radiotherapy and systemic anti-cancer therapy to patients in an ever-changing field. I enjoy the focus on teamwork, regular patient contact, the opportunity to participate in clinical trials, and the breadth of treatments that we can now offer our patients.

Dr Gerard Walls FRCR PhD

**Senior Lecturer & Consultant in Clinical Oncology
Queen's University Belfast | Cancer Centre Belfast City Hospital**

Oncology has to be most stimulating and rewarding career in medicine - achieving incredible outcomes now for so many patients, the everyday 9 to 5 has aspects of biology, physics and chemistry, we apply hands-on anatomy knowledge when using our cutting edge radiotherapy technology, and there's an abundance of opportunities to be involved in discovering our future treatments via clinical trials and research. Not to mention working closely with colleagues from a huge range of specialties and disciplines with that common vision of delivering the best possible care for the individual patient in front of us in clinic. No 'Sunday blues' here!

Ms Joecelyn Kirani Tan

**Year 4 Medical Student
Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust
Clinical Oncology Chair, British Oncology Network of Undergraduate Societies (BONUS)**

I am drawn to oncology because it transforms what was once a fatal diagnosis into a manageable or even curable disease through ongoing research and innovation. The field uniquely combines cutting-edge science with deeply human connections, offering the opportunity of supporting patients and their families during some of the most vulnerable moments of their lives. The resilience of patients and the ability to translate scientific progress directly into hope and healing makes oncology a career where I can make a meaningful difference every day.

Dr Holly Egan

**Academic Foundation Year 2 Doctor
Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust
Research Fellow, OHSU (Portland, USA)**

Oncology for me encompasses everything I love about being a doctor - it is ever changing, the patients are varied, and you're able to help people in the worst times of their life. Oncologists work with a vast range of allied healthcare professionals and are at the forefront of research. My love for oncology and women's health intertwines beautifully, and I cannot wait to pursue a career in Gynae-Oncology.

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Dr Vishnu Pillai**Clinical Oncology Specialty Registrar, ST6****City Hospital, Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust**

I was drawn to oncology from early in my career - it felt exciting, fast moving and sounded very rewarding to practice. Working life is very much in keeping with that; and sometimes things move so quickly that the entire speciality practice changes in a matter of months. The number of treatment options might be a bit daunting; however, it's exciting to be part of the forefront of that. Ultimately, it really is the day-to-day work that is very rewarding; time spent getting to know and help patients with their cancer journey, working with talented and varied members of the MDT, or just having a chat with a patient to catch up. It's a challenging, exciting, and varied speciality, with a space for everyone to bring their own unique style and strengths where they can thrive.

Dr Taha Lodhi**Cancer Research UK Clinical Research Training Fellow****University of Manchester/ Christie NHS Foundation Trust**

I chose oncology because it sits at the intersection of cutting-edge science, technology, pharmacology, and genetics. It's a field that constantly reinvents itself and is the most rapidly evolving specialty in medicine. Beyond the science, it's the human side, the resilience and gratitude of patients that makes this career deeply meaningful. It's not very often that you get to truly feel you're making a difference every single day.

Dr Amy Cooper**Clinical Oncology Specialty Registrar, ST7****Edinburgh Cancer Centre, Western General Hospital**

Clinical oncology is a specialty that offers so much - the opportunity to work with a multi-disciplinary team of skilled and passionate individuals, to provide holistic whole patient care to patients at a tough time in their lives, and a fascinating and rapidly changing treatment landscape with both drug therapies and radiotherapy techniques. I love working as part of a team with both colleagues and patients to formulate a patient-centred management plan based on evidence-based research.

We are looking forward to having you at the 2026 RCR Virtual Oncology Careers Day.

Remember to complete the feedback survey after the event to receive your attendance certificate.

We wish you all the best in your studies and look forward to welcoming you as a member of the RCR soon.

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Dr Alison Stillie

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