Reflection on ‘near miss’ incidents: a tool for clinical oncologists and clinical radiologists

Tools for improving professional practice in clinical oncology and clinical radiology
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- Reflection on serious untoward incidents (SUIs): a tool for clinical oncologists and clinical radiologists
- Revalidation audit tool
- Revalidation continuing professional development (CPD) summary tool
- Attendance at mandatory training: a tool for clinical oncologists and clinical radiologists
- Supporting information for health for use in appraisal and revalidation
- Supporting information for probity for use in appraisal and revalidation

**List of radiology-specific tools published**

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- Personal reflection on discrepancies and adverse events
- Self-review of practice for diagnostic radiologists
- Self-review of practice for clinical radiologists undertaking interventional procedures
- Recording attendance at radiology discrepancy meetings
- Case-based discussion for diagnostic radiologists
Introduction

The Royal College of Radiologists (RCR) considers it important to provide tools to help Fellows and members produce the supporting information that they will require to achieve revalidation, and to support them in improving their professional practice.

The RCR has published its specialist standards framework¹ which details the types of supporting information clinical oncologists and clinical radiologists will need to produce to enable them to revalidate.

The RCR has developed this tool to allow clinical oncologists and clinical radiologists to reflect in a structured fashion on a near miss incident and record any resulting changes to practice. This could be used as a form of supporting information for revalidation.

A ‘near miss’ incident is where a significant mistake almost occurred that could have adversely affected patient care. They can provide useful lessons as part of an individual’s reflection on their practice.

Please anonymise any patient information/data entered in the pro forma.

As revalidation processes develop and change with implementation, the RCR will review its revalidation tools and would expect them to evolve over time. We would welcome any feedback from those who use the tools to assist with this process.

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Reference

**Reflection on ‘near miss’ incidents pro forma**

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**Description of the background/incident. Please anonymise any patient data.**

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**How has your practice/service changed as a result?**

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