Clinical Fellow: national radiotherapy consent project

The RCR is looking to recruit one or more Clinical Fellows to take forward the RCR’s award winning radiotherapy consent project in 2023 and in particular to lead on the development of the RCR’s first combined chemo-radiotherapy forms.

In 2020 the RCR’s Faculty of Oncology embarked on a project to develop the first national site-specific radiotherapy consent forms. The RCR forms are used widely across the UK and the project was recognised by the BMJ, winning its 2021 Cancer Care Teams of the Year Award.

We are now looking to appoint one or more Clinical Fellows to work with us to take this project forward working on the following areas:

- Development of a series of combined chemo-radiotherapy consent forms
- Work on reviewing and updating the current consent forms to ensure they adequately meet the needs of both patients and oncologists.

This is an exciting opportunity, where you will encounter cross organisational collaboration as we work with various specialty groups, as well as patient representatives to further develop the suite of site-specific national consent forms for radiotherapy and combined chemo-radiotherapy.

For more information on this role, please contact the Clinical Oncology Projects and Development Officer at guidance@rcr.ac.uk.

The deadline for applications is Tuesday 6 December 2022.

Role and responsibilities

The principal duties of the Clinical Fellow will be to:

- Work with radiotherapy professionals and patients to ascertain which information should be on a consent forms.
- Lead the partnership with SACT consent team to develop combined chemo-radiotherapy consent forms
- Lead the partnership with site-specialty groups such as the British Urology Group and UK Breast Cancer Group to develop and review content for their consent forms.
- Work with lawyers and other consent experts (e.g. GMC, national chemotherapy consent team) to ensure legal and regulatory aspects are considered.

Person specification

The Clinical Fellow will be a member or Fellow of the RCR, who is resident in the United Kingdom and at the time of their application is in active clinical practice in the NHS and holds a current license to practise.
Applicants will be invited to complete a declaration of interests form.

In order to fulfil this role, the individual will be expected to demonstrate:

- A detailed understanding of, interest and experience in, the patient consent process and the specific aspects of consent for radiotherapy treatment
- The ability to transfer this knowledge and experience into practical tools (consent forms) for use by radiotherapy departments in the UK
- Excellent interpersonal and oral and written communication skills, including the capacity to support and influence others and to liaise effectively with site-specialty groups as well as Officers and staff at the RCR.

**Time commitment**
The appointment will be 12 months initially with the potential to extend the appointment further depending on its success.

The role will require an average time commitment of 2-4 days per month. However, as this is a projected based role it is expected that the time commitment will fluctuate throughout the year with heavier workloads in some months than other.

The majority of the work will be undertaken informally and remotely.

It is expected that the appointee will liaise closely with the Medical Director, Professional Practice for the Faculty of Clinical Oncology (MDPP-CO) to ensure the activities are not over-burdensome.

For specialist registrars some study leave may be approved for this project at the discretion of your training programme director.

There may be occasions when the Clinical Fellow is asked to attend specific events, meetings or conferences on behalf of the Faculty e.g. with other stakeholders. Participation in such events will be discussed and agreed in advance with the MDPP-CO, and will amount to no more than a few days per year.

**Resources**
This is a voluntary role. The RCR will meet the travel expenses incurred by the Clinical Fellow in travelling to the RCR and attending events as described above, in accordance with the RCR travel and expenses policy.

**Confidentiality**
The Clinical Fellow shall maintain confidentiality and information security in line with the RCR data protection policies.

The Clinical Fellow may from time to time be provided with documents at various stages of development prior to their formal approval and publication, which may need to be kept confidential. The Clinical Fellow shall not disclose any confidential information to an outside person or organisation.

The Clinical Fellow will not express any opinion or make any statement publicly or to the media that is held out to be a view from the RCR without first consulting and agreeing the approach with the Vice President of their Faculty.
Copyright and intellectual property
The RCR will hold the intellectual property and copyright of any documents or publications produced by the individual in their capacity as a Clinical Fellow. The Clinical Fellow will be required to assign these rights to the RCR.

Applications and appointment process
To apply, please send your CV and a brief covering note outlining your suitability for this role to guidance@rcr.ac.uk

Applications from eligible candidates will be ranked against the person specification criteria by a selection panel comprising the Vice-President, Clinical Oncology, the Medical Director for Professional Practice, Clinical Oncology and the Quality and Standards Operations Manager. Highest scoring candidates will be invited for a short interview via telephone or video call.