

Radiotherapy Board

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The [Radiotherapy Board](#) is a partnership between the Institute of Physics and Engineering in Medicine (IPEM), The Royal College of Radiologists (RCR) and the Society and College of Radiographers (SCoR). It provides guidance, oversight and support for the continuing development of high-quality radiotherapy services for patients with cancer in the UK.

The work of the Radiotherapy Board

Advising stakeholders and policy-makers about future workforce requirements - to ensure a trained, skilled and flexible, multi-disciplinary UK radiotherapy workforce - remains one of the Radiotherapy Board's key priorities and is central to all its discussions.

Since its previous Summary Report (issued in May 2024) the Board has also:

- **completed *Guidance on the management of patients with cardiac implantable electronic devices receiving radiotherapy***

This new edition will be published shortly and will recommend the best evidence-based practice for managing patients with such devices who require radiotherapy. It covers all steps in the treatment process and offers pragmatic guidelines for assessing risk with appropriate safety measures. The Board would like to thank Karen Smith, Nick West and Stefano Sirianni for leading production of this guidance.

- **continued to develop new guidance on the management of patients with non-cardiac implantable electronic devices (IEDs)**

This will offer practical advice on the procedures to follow when treating patients with a range of non-cardiac IEDs, including wearables such as continuous glucose monitors and passive devices such as shunts and electrodes. The Board is aiming to publish this guidance by the end of 2025.

- **maintained its focus on promoting sustainable working in radiotherapy**

A multi-professional [Working Group on Sustainability in Radiotherapy](#) is encouraging radiotherapy teams to adopt more sustainable ways of working. It is developing a 'Green Radiotherapy Framework' through which it is hoped departments will apply for Bronze, Silver or Gold levels of accreditation for the sustainability of their services. This is currently being piloted in five centres in the UK. Members of the Working Group also supported the RCR's [Sustainability Day](#) on 25 September 2024. This successful and positive event enabled them to showcase sustainability in radiotherapy as part of a wide-ranging programme.

- **attended the 2024 ESTRO¹ Congress**

Held in Glasgow from 3-7 May, the Radiotherapy Board took a networking space in the Communities Pavilion at this year's Congress. This was a great opportunity to raise the profile of its work and activities in support of the radiotherapy community.

Looking ahead, the Radiotherapy Board will be undertaking a review of its guidance entitled *Ionising Radiation (Medical Exposure) Regulations: implications for clinical practice in radiotherapy*, to ensure it reflects the recent changes to the 2017 Regulations. The Board also maintains a close interest in the development and application of artificial intelligence in radiotherapy.

There is more information about the work of the Radiotherapy Board on [this set of web pages](#) (hosted for the Board by the RCR) and you can contact us at RadiotherapyBoard@rcr.ac.uk.

¹ European Society for Radiotherapy and Oncology