



# The College of Radiographers Research Awards

## Final Report Form

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Grant ID:

<b>1. Principal Investigator</b>	Beverly Snaith
<b>2. Project Title</b>	A review of radiographer image interpretation in the trauma environment
<b>3. Amount of Award</b>	£5000
<b>4. Did you spend the money as indicated in your proposal (if not why)?</b>	
Yes	
<b>5. Did you reach your intended project outcomes (if not why)?</b>	
Initially the project was aimed at examining 'commenting' practice. It was recognised that the study format, questionnaire, would enable a broader information base to be investigated which should provide more contextual information. The project therefore developed broader outcomes related to radiographer image interpretation, encompassing all forms - from red dot, through commenting to definitive reporting within clinical and academic departments.	
<b>6. What are your significant findings?</b>	

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Radiographer image interpretation is embedded in clinical practice to a varying degree across the UK, Regional variation exists in the provision of red dot, commenting and reporting practice. Radiographers are embracing new ways of delivering services including changing practice related to technological advances and also leading hot reporting services. Issues exist related to governance of abnormality detection systems, in particular related to education and audit.

Higher education is providing opportunities for skills development at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels, focussing predominately on the musculoskeletal system, with a variety of teaching and assessment methods.

The fabric is in place to support the College of Radiographers aspiration of all radiographers providing a written interpretation on musculoskeletal emergency department examinations by 2010.

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**7. Have you submitted the work for publication (if so where)?**

Articles written and submitted

1. Abnormality detection schemes in the emergency care environment – An assessment of current practice (submitted to Radiography)
2. Radiographer reporting of trauma images: evaluation of practice in the United Kingdom (submitted to BJR, but declined as out of scope of the journal, considering resubmission elsewhere)
3. Radiographer interpretation of trauma radiographs: issues for radiography education providers. (submitted to Radiography)

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**8. Please provide an executive summary of your work (two sides of A4 maximum)**  
**N.B. If you already have a draft or final version of the proposed publication can you please attach.**

Draft publications attached.

**9. Return of application form**

Please return this form to:

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