

# A Career as a Radiologist

## Best points

- Highly varied career – each session of every day can be different
- Wide blend of anatomy, physiology and pathology – particularly with newer functional imaging techniques
- Rapidly changing and evolving specialty at the forefront of modern medical technology – 30 years ago (the length of many consultant's careers) CT and MRI were in their infancy but are now routine – the next 30 years will be equally exciting
- Substantial growth in importance of diagnostic imaging – radiology is now crucial for diagnosis and treatment of most serious illnesses
- Expanding role in therapy for a large variety of conditions – stenting arteries and veins, draining infected collections, relieving occlusions from gall stones or kidney stones, treatment of tumours, stopping blood loss after trauma...and many more
- Option of staying extremely general or highly subspecialized – few specialties deal with all of paediatrics, obstetrics, medicine and surgery as frequently as radiology

## Summary of training

- Medical degree
- Complete foundation training
- 5 year run-through specialty training
- Optional additional 1-3 years either as extension of specialty training (for a few subspecialties) or as a post-certificate of completion of training (post-CCT) fellow, often done abroad
- Can integrate with research e.g. MD or PhD during training
- Consultant post (with ongoing professional development)

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<a href="http://www.rcr.ac.uk/content.aspx?PageID=164">http://www.rcr.ac.uk/content.aspx?PageID=164</a>	Royal College of Radiologists guide to becoming a clinical radiologist
<a href="http://www.rcr.ac.uk/content.aspx?PageID=1592">http://www.rcr.ac.uk/content.aspx?PageID=1592</a>	Royal College of Radiologists medical student essay and research prizes
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