



Advanced Radiotherapy Summer School - Blog

Monday 1st - Thursday 4th July 2019

My name is Julie Webb and I am a Canadian born, New Zealand-trained therapeutic radiographer. I've been at the Christie for over seven years working in various radiotherapy roles, gaining experience in treatment planning, clinical trials, and research. A former teacher, I'm especially passionate about promoting educational opportunities for everyone, from students and newly qualified staff to those who have been in the profession for several years and now have a range of continuing professional development options.

About the study day?

The four day summer school focuses on a different, exciting topic each day: stereotactic ablative radiotherapy, adaptive radiotherapy, novel and specialised radiotherapy, and proton beam therapy. We have gathered the experts together to discuss and debate issues in these current radiotherapy developments so the subject matter can be quite advanced at times. However, there are still many presentations which are simple enough for those who are new to their profession to follow.



Pictured above: **Julie Webb**



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Networking Opportunities:

We are lucky to have some big names in radiotherapy like Professors Tony Lomax, Marcel van Herk, Peter Hoskin, and Karen Kirkby participate in the summer school. It's really entertaining to watch them go head-to-head in a debate and get quite animated about an issue they care strongly about. There are plenty of breaks to chat to fellow attendees and the social events provide even more opportunities to meet each other. Because people move around often in radiotherapy and we've had attendees from all over the world, it's likely you'll bump into someone you trained or worked with years ago, maybe on another continent!

Days Aims:

This is an opportunity for every professional involved in radiotherapy to explore developments in a range of radiotherapy areas such as: SABR, SRS for metastases, the use of MR in radiotherapy, dosimetry, carbon ions, breath-hold techniques, novel agents, proton beam therapy, theragnostics and big data, radiobiology, and treatment planning. Everyone will come away knowing something they didn't know beforehand and with many new thoughts racing through their minds. Informally, we feel the summer school will be a success if we have provoked debate, exchanged ideas with colleagues, and prompted interesting discussions and even better, if there are smiles and laughter at the social events. As a now proud Mancunian, I look forward to joining attendees on the tour of Manchester as we all learn more about this culturally and scientifically rich city.

Why you should attend:

The Christie is the only NHS centre with both proton beam therapy and an MR-linac for adaptive radiotherapy so we are in a unique position to lead and facilitate the exchange of knowledge and ideas in these areas. It's simply not possible to stay current with radiotherapy without learning about these exciting developments. Additionally, many of the speakers, presenters, and workshop facilitators are admirably passionate about their areas of expertise so the summer school is an opportunity to bounce off their enthusiasm. We know not everyone prefers the same teaching and learning techniques so there is a varied format of presentations, plenary debates, workshops, and social events. There really is something for everyone.

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