

Editorial

Welcome to the first issue, third volume of the *Journal of Radiotherapy in Practice*. We are very pleased to continue to receive good quality articles from a range of different countries and on a variety of subjects.

One of the aims of the Journal is to present articles, which will stimulate professional debate on current issues. To facilitate this process we have a dedicated member of the Editorial Board acting as correspondence editor, Hazel Colyer, who will comment upon and reply to the letters we receive and will also give the right to reply from the original author, should they so wish. So if you would like to comment on a previous article or have any burning issues you wish to raise, then please write in.

If you are considering submitting an article, you will find the instructions to authors a useful guide, found at the back of the Journal or you may prefer to contact a member of the Editorial Board for guidance. We will be pleased to advise you.

In this issue, there are 5 original articles; Jan Chianese and Brian Channon present the first article. The authors describe the rationale and process by which a new and different model of clinical teaching, learning and assessment has been developed to support pre registration degree students in becoming recognised competent practitioners in radiography.

For those individuals who are involved or interested in risk management, Ola Holmberg and Brendan McClean present a very detailed analysis of the incidents originating in the treatment preparation chain and evaluate these in terms of near misses and actual incidents.

In the article presented by Warren Kilby, there is much discussion and some interesting conclusions made regarding the significance of cell survival parameters for the use of equivalent uniform dose in tumour dose evaluation.

Vincent Wu and his colleagues present their study on the evaluation of the user-friendliness and dosimetric accuracy of treatment planning systems for 3-dimensional conformal radiotherapy.

The article presented by Jan Verstraete and D. Huyskens, highlights the value of completing appropriate QA forms to register procedural errors in a radiotherapy department in an attempt to improve the overall quality assurance process.

To complete this issue, Heidi Probst undertakes a book review on the 'Principles and Practice of Brachytherapy: Using Afterloading Systems'.

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