

Appendix 1: Literature Search Process

(Based on OU and University of Manchester on-line tutorials)

The Research Role of the Consultant Radiographer

Background information on Consultant Radiographers

- Looking at current background information of those in post
- Current guidelines by DH, Skills for Health and SCoR

Focus on topic

Need to know 'what is the research profile of the profession'?

Published papers on research in radiography and on consultant radiographer roles and development.

Keywords: 'Consultant Radiographer'; 'Research'; 'Radiography'; 'Evidence-Based Practice'; 'Role Development'. Combining using Boolean logic.

Detailed search of sources

Electronic sources. Abstracts, indexes, conference proceedings

Search using reference databases: MEDLINE Pubmed, CINAHL. PreMEDLINE, EBSCO EJS, Science Direct, ISI Web of Science.

Secondary evaluation of literature

Search using all available journal sites: Sciencedirect; Ingenta; Blackwell

Also used:

Reference chaining by following up references from reference lists of relevant articles

Hand searching of key radiotherapy/cancer journals with ready professional access - Radiography, JRP, Journal of Cancer, Radiotherapy and Oncology, International Journal of Radiation Oncology Biology Physics

Reference feedback Look at subject indexing for a key reference and used to modify search terms.

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