

Adam Ryder - Radiographer/ Masters by Research Student



As a research radiographer I split my time between my clinical work in radiology, where I specialise in CT scanning, and my research related activities. I am fortunate to be involved with a number of the research teams, especially oncology, orthopaedics and rheumatology, as a number of their clinical trials require participants to have specific scans and x-rays. Working with teams outside of radiology has been a great experience, and I have learned a huge amount from my colleagues about their specialities and how radiology imaging impacts research, as well as the research processes within the NHS.

One of my favourite things about being involved with research is being able to catch up with the research participants when they come for follow-up scans and x-rays, as it is unusual for a diagnostic radiographer to regularly see the same patient. I also like to take every opportunity to discuss research with my colleagues to encourage further interest and involvement with research in radiology.

Inspired by this interest, I completed UHCW's Interdisciplinary Clinical Academic Research Programme (INCA) with Coventry University which, as well as deepening my understanding of research, encouraged me to develop my own research project. I applied for a Masters by Research degree which started in September 2018, and have submitted my first grant application eight months later, so fingers crossed! I really enjoy the academic, teaching and interdisciplinary opportunities that being involved with research has provided me with, without having to give up my clinical work, and hope that more radiographers will have research opportunities in the future.

