



The East of England RTN Regional Study Day May 2025

Patients First, Staff Always:

Post event summary

Summary

The 'Patients First, Staff Always' East of England Radiotherapy Network Study day took place on 16th May at Hinxtton Hall, Cambridgeshire.

The study day was attended by 31 delegates from the East of England Radiotherapy Network. Our first ever hybrid format expanded access, with a further 34 delegates able to join us virtually – broadening access to this key opportunity for shared learning and collaboration.

The programme covered a range of topics relevant to radiographers, physicists and oncologists, and included topics including implementing Surface Guided Radiotherapy, adaptive radiotherapy, using ProKnow to audit planning, and prehab and late effects.

The event feedback was extremely positive, with 100% of respondents rating it as either 'excellent' or 'good'.

Programme

The programme brought together radiographers, physicists and oncologists and covered a broad range of topics. One of the day's most popular sessions was 'Leadership and kindness: How our behaviour affects patient care and staff morale' which inspired us all to consider the importance of compassion in clinical practice.

Other highlights included: understanding the NHS pension, implementing SGRT, Implementing OART and developing dosimetrists career pathway, using ProKnow to audit RT planning, the power of prehab and late effects services, and RT service variation in the EofE.

Sponsors

The event was supported by nine industry partners, whose representatives showcased the latest radiotherapy technology, equipment and services. Their contribution ensured the study day remained free to attend for delegates and created valuable opportunities for networking throughout the day.



Who was there?

The conference was aimed at radiotherapy professionals working at the six radiotherapy centres in the East of England Radiotherapy Network.

A total of 46 people attended:

- 30 conference delegates
- 14 industry sponsor representatives
- 2 East of England Radiotherapy Network colleagues

A further 34 delegates joined the conference virtually, which was the first time this had been offered at a network conference.

Delegates were able to make the most of the coffee and lunch breaks, enjoying the free refreshments and taking the opportunity to connect, swap ideas, and explore the latest technology from nine industry partners.

Feedback

Feedback from the event was very positive:

100% of respondents rated the conference excellent (38%) or good (62%) – a testament to the programme's quality and relevance.

100% of respondents were very satisfied (38%) or satisfied (62%) with the quality of speakers and range of topics covered

100% of respondents like an annual network study day or conference.

Delegates praised both the engaging programme and the opportunity to connect with colleagues from across the region.



The limited attendance was acknowledged – this proved difficult this year due to workforce challenges across the region and several delegates pulled out at the last minute due to clinical commitments.

Many respondents requested that we continue to provide a virtual attendance option.

With strong support and enthusiasm for these events, the Network is exploring the options for 2026.



Presentations

Main sponsor presentation: An introduction to Ergéa – Alex Britton, Ergéa

Sponsor presentation: Understanding the NHS Pension Scheme – Chan Singh, Wesleyan Financial Services

Sponsor presentation: Agile path to SGRT success: Launching tattooless breast and thorax treatments from day one (VisionRT) – Jodie Bailey and Jo Thomas, Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital



Implementation of Online Adaptive Radiotherapy and how it's helping to develop a Dosimetrists' career pathway – Nicky Wilde, Southend University Hospital

Using ProKnow to audit radiotherapy planning: a local example – Liam Stubbington, Addenbrooke's Hospital

Beyond treatment: The power of prehab and late effects services – Isla Veal, Guy's and St Thomas' and Lara Anthony, Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital

Radiotherapy Service Variation in the East of England: The past, the present, and the future – Sarah Miller and Dr Emily Scott, East of England Cancer Alliance

Leadership and kindness: How our behaviour affects patient and staff morale – Dr Sanketh Rampes, Luton and Dunstable Hospital



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- All speakers for sharing their expertise.
- Our sponsors for their generous sponsorship and participation.

Most of all, thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to making the day such a success.

We hope to build on this in future and look forward to hosting more exciting network events.

