

# Patient Care and Good Professional Practice in Diagnostic Radiography

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## ABSTRACT

This thesis investigates aspects of good professional practice in radiography and the components of care in the radiographic process. It was carried out to provide information about the provision of care and professional practice in imaging procedures. It is a result of previous research by the author (DeCann 1986) which investigated the teaching of psychological aspects of patient care in radiography.

The research is divided into two parts. The first is a description of care in radiographic practice. This includes a survey of the anxiety reduction methods employed by staff in the imaging team, during barium enema examinations, and is followed by observational studies of the imaging team.

It shows that good professional practice is a combination of caring, technical and team skills.

The second part is a mathematical evaluation of clinical assessments for student radiographers.

It shows that radiographic examinations can be categorised into levels of complexity, each level demanding a range of differing skills. This is supported by professional opinion and a range of empirical, analytical procedures.