**Terms of Reference - Cardiac Radiographers Special Interest Group**

**1. Purpose**

To provide support and encouragement for radiographers undertaking cardiac imaging, of any imaging modality.

**2. Aims**

The aims of the special interest group are:

* To provide an online forum to share knowledge and experience, and to ask for advice.
* To promote best practice and develop high professional standards.
* To share imaging protocols and procedures to ensure consistency and quality in cardiac radiography across different healthcare settings.
* To encourage and support research in cardiac imaging to improve diagnostic techniques, patient care, and outcomes.
* To advocate for, and raise awareness of the importance of cardiac imaging in healthcare, including the promotion of heart health and the role of radiographers in the prevention and early detection of heart disease.
* To promote ethical practices in cardiac imaging, ensuring that patient care and welfare are always at the forefront of professional activities. To facilitate discussions and provide resources on ethical dilemmas specific to cardiac radiography and how to address them.
* To foster collaboration among radiographers, radiologists, cardiologists, and other healthcare professionals involved in cardiac care.
* To facilitate professional development by sharing educational opportunities - webinars, study events, journal articles and books.

**3. Meetings and correspondence**

* The online forum will be the primary method of communication.
* There is the potential for meetings and/or study events if there is enough interest.
* An officer representing the Society and College of Radiographers may be invited to attend SIG meetings, where time allows, to provide advice and updates.
* The SIG will keep records and notes of meetings, which will be shared with members.
* The SIG will produce an annual report for the benefit of members.

**4. Membership**

* Any UK-based radiographer with an interest in cardiac imaging may join.
* Membership is free.
* You do not need to be a member of the SoR to become a member of the SIG.
* To request to join the group, please email one of the contacts listed with an outline of your role and responsibilities, and what you hope to gain from becoming a member.
* Membership will be reviewed annually in line with SoR recommendations - to ensure details remain accurate.
* Participation in the group and attendance at any meeting/event is voluntary and self-funded.

**5. Contacts**

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