

CoRIPS Research Award 025:
Experiences of neophyte therapy radiographers in extended roles

This grounded theory project explores the experiences of neophyte therapy radiographers in extended roles.

The research question was:

What is the developmental process of the neophyte therapy radiographer working in an extended role?

Interviews were undertaken to examine the perceptions of neophyte therapy radiographers who had been working in extended roles (for up to 2 years), to try and gain an understanding of their professional development. This was done by exploring the nature and dynamics of the experiences that informed their practice. Although the project will not be fully completed at the time of the presentation, it will cover the key findings from the interviews.

It is anticipated this greater understanding and knowledge will inform the development of a substantive theory that explicates the stages and processes of extended role practice and professional development within the first 2 years of practice.