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## Editors' Choice Paper (Volume 24, 2018)

Each year, the *Radiography* journal presents an award for the 'Editors' Choice' paper, selected from the previous year's five issues. For the 2018 selection, the Editors selected a shortlist of articles which both captured their interest and, where possible, met the following criteria:

- Either original research or systematic / high quality narrative review
- Displays an international relevance on a current topic
- Benchmarks current knowledge or pushes the boundaries of radiography knowledge
- Large scale research (e.g. multi-centre / multi-author / multiple references) or have potential to be up-scaled
- Demonstrates rigorous methodology and/or critical analysis of own work and that of others

Our Editors have once again had a difficult task as many articles fit some or all of the above criteria. We short-listed eight articles for final review which spanned a wide range of topics and demonstrated the use of several different research methodologies.

We are delighted to announce that the award for Volume 24 (2018) is presented to R. Challen and colleagues [1] for their article entitled:

*'Dementia patient care in the diagnostic medical imaging department'*

This timely and thought-provoking qualitative study was published within our 2018 Special Issue on *Embracing Diversity in Radiography*. Combining semi-structured interviews with people with dementia and their carers, and focus groups with radiography academic staff and students, key themes highlighted that patient care of people with dementia in the imaging department is in need of improvement. Important recommendations are made for improvements in dementia education, building partnerships with carers, creating more suitable physical environments, and introducing dementia-friendly imaging protocols. These issues are also very relevant to radiotherapy departments with the increase in patients with dementia who are diagnosed with cancer and receiving radiotherapy.

Three other papers from the 2018 shortlist are highly commended: Portelli et al [2] (Issue 1) for their institutional survey *'Benefit-risk communication in paediatric imaging: What do referring physicians, radiographers and radiologists think, say and do?'*; Woznitza et al [3] (Issue 3) for benchmarking reporting agreement levels *'Agreement between expert thoracic radiologists and the chest radiograph reports provided by consultant radiologists and reporting radiographers in clinical practice: Review of a single clinical site'* and Humphrey et al [4] (Issue 4) for their rigorous investigation of an under-researched topic *'The experiences of women receiving brachytherapy for cervical cancer: A systematic literature review'*.

Congratulations to all of our Editors' Choice 2018 selections.

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