



Radiotherapy and its physics

The Oncologist

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My name's doctor Paul Rogers. I'm a Clinical Oncologist here at the Royal Berkshire Hospital in Reading, and I've been here now for seven years. I began training in nineteen eighty-four at St Mary's Hospital Medical School in London. That was a five-year programme and at the end of that I obtained the MBBS exam. I then went into a general medical job and after three years achieved the MRCP, Membership of the Royal College of Physicians. Following that I then went into a specialist registrar role in oncology and after three years obtained the FRCR exam, which is the Fellowship of the Royal College of Radiologists and then following that I then did a three year programme deciding, or specialising in prostate cancer, urological cancers and chest cancers for my consultant post. The Royal College of Radiologists is a body that has two faculties. There is the faculty of Radiology which is the diagnostic side of X rays, using X rays to diagnose not just cancers but all sorts of conditions, and then there is the faculty of Clinical Oncology which is involved with the use of X rays for the treating of cancers and that is the faculty to which I belong and the college basically has a role in terms of defining and governing the, the education of trainees, and there is an educational programme and two part exam that all trainees must sit.