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| Project title | Radiation oncology and health professionals' perceptions of the problems delivering radiotherapy to children and what can help |
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| Research description | <p>More children are being diagnosed with cancer and living with the effects of treatment. Radiotherapy (RT) is used but a concern is unintended radiation to children's organs.</p> <p>Distress may result in the child moving or being unwilling to cooperate so there is often a need for sedation to keep patients immobile, delivered five days a week for six-seven weeks. This adds risks for children and organisational challenges.</p> <p>This qualitative study aims to explore the views of Radiation Oncology and health professionals who work with paediatric cancer patients on the provision of paediatric RT including barriers and solutions to paediatric RT care and appropriate interventions and supports to reduce distress.</p> |
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