



# Radiologists caution against consistent delays in cancer treatment

## Description

According to a recent report from the Royal College of Radiologists, long delays in cancer care are becoming increasingly common in the UK, with almost half of specialist cancer centers experiencing frequent delays. The report highlights a significant shortage of radiologists and clinical oncologists, leading to an "impending crisis" in the cancer workforce.

Both the Conservative and Labour parties have made promises to address these issues if elected. The Conservatives aim to meet current cancer care targets by the end of the next parliament and increase the number of nurses and doctors. Meanwhile, Labour plans to double the number of scanners for early detection. The Liberal Democrats have proposed a legal guarantee for cancer patients to start treatment within 62 days of referral.

The report also revealed that almost all cancer centers attribute their delays to workforce shortages, with some patients facing delays in receiving chemotherapy and radiotherapy. Cancer Research UK has called for a long-term cancer strategy to address these issues and increase capacity in the system.

One patient, Rosemary Head, shared her experience of waiting eight months for a lung cancer diagnosis and treatment, highlighting the frustration and anxiety caused by these delays. Macmillan Cancer Support has echoed concerns about the significant number of patients waiting too long for essential scans and treatment. As the UK heads into elections, health policies and promises to improve cancer care are in the spotlight.

Sources:

- BBC News: Long waits becoming routine at UK cancer centers, report warns
- Cancer Research UK: Election promises on cancer care in UK

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Impending** // (adjective): About to happen imminent.
2. **Attribute** // (verb): Regard something as being caused by.
3. **Strategy** // (noun): A plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall aim.
4. **Anxiety** // (noun): A feeling of worrynervousnessor unease about something with an uncertain outcome.
5. **Election** // (noun): A formal group decision-making process by which a population chooses an individual to hold public office.
6. **Radiologist** // (noun): A physician who specializes in the use of medical imaging to diagnose and treat diseases.

## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. Which area is at risk of being entirely covered by water during a flood?  
Option: Mountains  
Option: Desert  
Option: Valley  
Option: Island
2. What medical condition results in the body converting sugary foods into alcohol internally?  
Option: Type 2 Diabetes  
Option: Auto-brewery Syndrome  
Option: Celiac Disease  
Option: Asthma
3. Which term refers to the quality of being correct or precise?  
Option: Confidence  
Option: Intuition  
Option: Accuracy



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Option: Guesswork

4. What type of medication is used to treat fungal infections?

Option: Antibiotic

Option: Antiviral

Option: Antifungal

Option: Anti-inflammatory

5. Which type of supplements contain live beneficial bacteria?

Option: Vitamins

Option: Probiotics

Option: Minerals

Option: Painkillers

6. What term describes something about to happen soon?

Option: Finished

Option: Postponed

Option: Resolved

Option: Impending

7. Which word describes something innovative and revolutionary?

Option: Traditional

Option: Outdated

Option: Groundbreaking

Option: Conventional

8. What is a traditional story that may or may not be based on reality?

Option: Fact

Option: Legend

Option: Myth

Option: Biography

9. Which term refers to a magical or medicinal potion believed to have powers?

Option: Serum

Option: Placebo

Option: Elixir

Option: Potion

10. Which device is used to conduct electricity between a nonmetallic part of a circuit?



- Option: Transistor
- Option: Fuse
- Option: Resistor
- Option: Electrode

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. \_\_\_\_\_ to his craft the artist spent hours every day perfecting his skills.
12. To avoid any \_\_\_\_\_ the judge recused himself from the case involving his cousin.
13. The organization launched several \_\_\_\_\_ to promote environmental sustainability.
14. The brain communicates through complex networks of \_\_\_\_\_ pathways.
15. A well-thought-out \_\_\_\_\_ is crucial for a successful marketing campaign.
16. \_\_\_\_\_ is the hard outer surface of teeth that protects them from damage.
17. The process of choosing a new leader through an \_\_\_\_\_ is a fundamental part of democracy.
18. A specialized doctor called a \_\_\_\_\_ interprets medical images like X-rays and MRIs.
19. The ability to remain calm under pressure is an \_\_\_\_\_ that many successful leaders possess.
20. High-speed internet has greatly improved global \_\_\_\_\_ and communication.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. Intoxication caused by the consumption of alcohol.
22. When a medical condition is incorrectly identified by healthcare professionals.
23. An approximate calculation or assessment of something.
24. Thorough exhaustive and carefully detailed in approach.



25. Something that occurs repeatedly or is frequent in its appearance.
26. A stimulus that initiates a reaction response or chain of events.
27. A meeting or discussion to seek advice or exchange ideas.
28. Essential or influential in causing a desired outcome or process.
29. Preventive treatment to protect against a disease or condition.
30. Situations where a person's duties or interests may be at odds with each other.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Valley 2. Auto-brewery Syndrome 3. Accuracy 4. Antifungal 5. Probiotics 6. Impending 7. Groundbreaking 8. Myth 9. Elixir 10. Electrode

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Dedication 12. Conflict of Interest 13. Initiatives 14. Neural 15. Strategy 16. Enamel 17. Election 18. Radiologist 19. Attribute 20. Connectivity

**Matching sentence:** 1. Drunkness 2. Misdiagnosed 3. Estimate 4. Rigorous 5. Recurrent 6. Trigger 7. Consultation 8. Instrumental 9. Prophylaxis 10. Conflicts of Interest

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