Introduction

You are invited to participate in a research study about medical student interest in radiation oncology. The goal of this research study is to identify populations of medical students who are more or less inclined to consider pursuing a residency in radiation oncology. The entire survey should take approximately 5-7 minutes to complete.

This study is being conducted by Holly Grace, a current M4 at NYMC. Participation in this study is available to all students of NYMC. Participation in this study is voluntary. If you agree to participate in this study, you will answer a series of questions about your demographics, interests, and impressions of medicine and radiation oncology.

Participating in this study may not benefit you directly, but it will help to build upon prior research findings relating to diversifying the radiation oncology workforce and provide further direction pertaining to targeted outreach and education. You may skip any questions you do not want to answer. You may withdraw from the survey at any time but data up until the time of withdrawal may be used.

The information you will share with us if you participate in this study will be kept completely confidential to the full extent of the law. Study findings will be presented only in summary form. While the investigators will keep your information confidential, there are some risks of data breeches when sending information over the internet that are beyond the control of the investigators.

Please note: You must be 18 or older to participate in this study.

If you have any questions about this study, please contact Holly Grace (hgrace@student.nymc.edu).

By completing this survey, you are consenting to participate in this study.

Which NYMC School of Medicine class are you a member of?
Prior degree(s) you have earned:

- Bachelors of Science
- Bachelors of Arts
- Masters
- Ph.D.
- J.D.
- Other

Where did you live during high school?

- Northeast
- Mid-Atlantic
- South
- Midwest
- West
- Southwest
- Outside of the USA

What is your age?

- 18-24 years old
- 25-29 years old
- 30+ years old
- Prefer not to answer
What was your sex at birth?

- Male
- Female
- Intersex
- Other
- Prefer not to answer

What is your gender identity?

- Male/man
- Female/woman
- Transfemale/transwoman
- Transmale/transman
- Genderqueer/Gender nonconforming
- Nonbinary
- Other
- Prefer not to answer

What is your race? (Select all that apply)

- White
- Black/African American
- Chinese
- Japanese
- Korean
- Filipino
- Vietnamese
- Native Hawaiian
- Chamorro
Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? (Select all that apply)

- [ ] No
- [ ] Yes, Mexican American/Chicano
- [ ] Yes, Puerto Rican
- [ ] Yes, Cuban
- [ ] Yes, other Hispanic/Latino, Spanish origin (eg. Dominican, Salvadoran, columbian, Venezuelan, Guatemalan, Spaniard, Ecuadorian, etc.)
- [ ] Prefer not to answer

Were you born in the United States?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
- [ ] Prefer not to say

Is English your first language?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
- [ ] Prefer not to say

If applicable, please specify your religion.
Medical Questions

Do you have a first-degree relative who is a physician?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Do you have a first degree relative with a graduate degree from the United States?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Do you have a personal relationship with a radiation oncologist (i.e. family member, friend, neighbor, etc.)

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say
Which of these medical specialties have you been aware of previously?

- Medical Oncology
- Surgical Oncology
- Radiation Oncology
- Gynecologic Oncology
- None of these specialties

If you were aware of radiation oncology, how were you made aware?

- Family member
- Acquaintance in the community
- Medical school faculty member
- Another medical student
- Advisor/mentor
- Other

Are you considering pursuing a career in oncology?

- Yes
- No

Have you ever previously considered a residency in radiation oncology?

- Yes
- No

What is the likelihood that you will pursue a career in radiation oncology?

- Not likely at all
Why is this likelihood not higher? (Unless you chose definitely)

☐ I do not know enough about radiation oncology.
☐ I already know what specialty I want to pursue.
☐ It seems too challenging.
☐ I do not like physics.
☐ I do not like oncology.
☐ [Other]

On a scale of 1-5, with 5 being the highest, how strongly do you agree with these statements?

I value taking time to think through problems with very few emergencies.

I value evidenced-based decision making and an intellectual environment.

I want to work closely with a variety of other physicians.

I want to be more involved in treatment than diagnosis of medical conditions.

I want to use advanced technologies to treat patients.

I want to spend a lot of time working with patients on a daily basis.

I want to see my patients for long-term follow-up.

I am looking to become highly specialized rather than provide primary care.

I believe radiation oncology is well understood by most doctors and medical students.

I believe radiation oncology is well understood by the general public.

What would be necessary to increase the chance of choosing radiation oncology for your residency?

Do you have any additional comments, opinions, or thoughts relating to radiation oncology?

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