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Radiography research: where should we be in 2030? (part 2)

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There is no doubt that the only way to develop a professional field of knowledge is through research and Radiography is even more dependent on it, due to the exponential technological development of its field. In fact, we need to stop, watch and listen, to understand where these new technological roads will take us. One thing is certain: our profession will not be the same in 2030 and universities demonstrate some difficulties in anticipating what the future will bring, to be able to adapt the education models to incorporate the changes arising. Technology is taking over most of the decisions we have to make in our daily clinical practice, and therefore we have an obligation to, through research, develop new competencies in the fields where technology will never take over our role: It's "The human touch". Radiographers will have to understand that patient safety (understood in a broad concept) and communication skills are the main pillars of our profession and developing them is the only way to keep our profession alive. Therefore, there is an urgent need to bring together professional societies and universities on a global summit, to establish an international strategic research agenda for radiography, as an instrument to develop our profession, anticipating the impact of the new technological advancements in our field of knowledge.

Learning Objectives:

1. To explore the changing landscape in medical imaging and how this might influence our research.
2. To consider the future radiography profession, what it might look like and where it might lead our research.
3. To propose some research targets for our profession to work towards over the next decade.

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