Using a narrative analysis, what is the lived experience of people (and their partners where appropriate) who have gastrointestinal symptoms following pelvic radiotherapy for pelvic cancer

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Registration date	Overall study status	Statistical analysis plan		
18/05/2016	Completed	[X] Results		
Last Edited	Condition category	Individual participant data		
05/03/2020	Cancer			

Plain English summary of protocol

See https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/about-cancer/find-a-clinical-trial/a-study-to-understand-peoples-experiences-after-having-radiotherapy-to-the-pelvis

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Study information

Scientific Title

Improving awareness among health care professionals of what people experience when they have bowel problems after pelvic radiotherapy via narrative analysis

Study objectives

The number of people surviving a cancer diagnosis is growing and yet so are the unintended consequences of the cancer treatment. When radiotherapy is given to treat pelvic cancers up to 90 % of patients may have late GI symptoms, now known as Pelvic Radiation Disease (PRD). Whereas there are quantitative studies measuring quality of life in this group of people there is very little qualitative data regarding lived experience- what is it like to have life-changing bowel problems after completing the cancer treatment. It is hoped that this study will raise awareness amongst health care professionals about PRD and improve the current availability of specialist gastroenterology treatment.

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

The Ethics Board is Health Care Research Wales, 09/06/2016, ref: 16/WA/0126

Study design

Single site observational cohort study

Primary study design

Observational

Study type(s)

Quality of life

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Pelvic Radiation Disease

Interventions

A narrative analysis will be used to analyse the qualitative interviews to gain an understanding of the experience of living with PRD. Each participant will have an interview lasting approximately 1 hour. This will be face-to face, either in the participant's home or the Out-Patient Department. The narrative analyses will depend on the patients response to the interview.

Intervention Type

Other

Primary outcome(s)

Life stories in narrative form, created by collecting peoples experiences of living with PRD (via face-to-face interviews) and developing a narrative to improve health care professionals understanding

Key secondary outcome(s))

N/A

Completion date

01/06/2017

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

- 1. Aged >18 years
- 2. Been referred to the PRD clinic in the trial site hospitalwith bowel problems at least 6 months post-completion of pelvic radiotherapy

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Adult

Lower age limit

18 years

Sex

All

Key exclusion criteria

Unable to participant in an interview

Date of first enrolment

01/08/2016

Date of final enrolment

01/03/2017

Locations

Countries of recruitment

United Kingdom

Wales

Study participating centre University Hospital Llandough

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Organisation

Cardiff University

ROR

https://ror.org/03kk7td41

Funder(s)

Funder type

Other

Funder Name

Investigator initiated and funded

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary

Available on request

Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
Basic results		03/09/2018	03/09/2018	No	No
HRA research summary			28/06/2023		No
Participant information sheet	Participant information sheet	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes
Plain English results			05/03/2020	No	Yes