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Prof. Peter Vock: a number of studies have suggested a European Curriculum for Radiology (ECRT) to address the need for such programmes that are not specific to those using ionising radiation but are not in place and safety issues are disregarded?

ECRT: Which personal experiences have you had as a patient or accompanying a relative or friend receiving medical care and how have these encounters changed your practice?

PV: I have been lucky until now and do not have a lot of experience with medical care. However, the few situations have shown me the need for a more patient-centric orientation of all medical processes, which may be quite difficult, above all in a public health system.

ECRT: Can you recommend anywhere to find further information about theses important topics?

PV: Sorry this is a project of its own and cannot be summarised in a few sentences. However, important information can be found at the websites of the International Commission on Radiological Protection, ICRP (www.icrp.org), the International Atomic Energy Agency, IAEA (https://nuclear.iaea.org/RPoP/RPoP/Content/index.html), the United Nations’ Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, UNSCEAR (www.unscear.org), and the European Commission (http://ec.europa.eu/energy/greenpower/topics/nuclear-energy/radiation-protection/radiation-medical-use.html). ESR e-learning modules cover several different aspects of radiation protection (https://elearning.european-society-of-radiology.org/library/search/search).