



UK Society Issues COVID-19 Imaging Statement



Radiology departments should be prepared for an increase in the number of cases of COVID-19, the British Society of Thoracic Imaging has said in a statement.

The organisation was commenting as the number of cases and deaths from COVID-19 increased in the UK and strict shut-down measures were implemented in Europe's hardest-hit country, Italy.

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"It is imperative that trusts have standard operating procedures to minimise risks to staff and patients, as outlined by [Public Health England](#)," the BSTI said. "Responsibility lies with local policy and implementation."

While CT scans do not yet have an official role in COVID-19 diagnosis in the UK, the BSTI said the position could change and there was a risk that use of the modality could be under-estimated.

The BSTI said it was establishing a web-link accessible by all hospitals for upload of [imaging of COVID-19 positive cases](#). The objective is for "upskilling and the provision of training cases."

The imaging cases will be held in the UK Cloud and be completely anonymised at source.

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