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Dear Sanjay,

Thank you for contacting me and inviting comment on the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiology's white paper *Towards Interoperability: Clinical Radiology Forging the Path Ahead*. The College's vision for digital health outlining the critical steps towards advancing the next stages of interoperability in medicine.

Having considered the white paper in consultation with the Sonographer Policy and Advisory Committee, we believe that the proposed work, focussed across the five strategic projects of eReferral, standardised terminology for radiology referrals, imaging guidelines and decision support for requesting doctors, access to historic images and artificial intelligence, captures the digital health journey and provide a robust framework for action.

What is proposed is an ambitious body of work, with the first target to create a common terminology for radiology procedures, the Radiology Request Set, to be completed by mid-2022. Followed by eReferral, with a gradual shift over a two to three-year timeframe.

The Australasian Sonographers Association commends the College on leading this work to fully utilise available technology in the patient journey from clinical radiology referral, test performance and interpretation, and receiving the results. We look forward to working with the College on this vital work.

If you require any additional information from us on this matter, please contact the ASA Policy & Advocacy Advisor, James Brooks-Dowsett, by phone on +61 406 998 429 or email to policy@sonographers.org, or contact me directly.

Yours sincerely,

Jodie Long
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