Since a few years, the RBRS supports PROCARE, the PROject on CAncer of the Rectum. For performing high image quality MR rectal cancer staging, scan parameters were developed and demonstrated during workshops. Further all radiologists were encouraged to include their patients in the Procare database.

The rather low degree of participation by the radiologists justifies this renewed request to all radiologists to actively participate in Procare by uploading their rectal cancer cases and using high quality MR imaging. This will definitely reinforce the position of the radiologists in the Belgian health care system!

For more information, visit the following websites:
Procare http://www.kankerregister.be/,
the role of the radiologists http://tinyurl.com/3rhsgl6,
the presentation of the Procare project manager Tamara Vandendael during BWGE 2011 http://tinyurl.com/3umpb8j
the Procare manual http://tinyurl.com/3epyfaz. The technical recommendations for high quality MR imaging of the rectum are attached.

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