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WHAT'S ON THE WEB

Radiology

Radiology is an essential part of today's practice of medicine. The skill of studying and deciphering radiological images can be greatly enhanced by visiting the following websites.

One of the most interesting and useful sites is BrighamRAD (<http://brighamrad.harvard.edu/index.html>), a home page for education and research of the department of radiology at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School. Its teaching case database has over 150 excellent cases with high quality images. Another section is Finding-the-Path, which presents a problem based guide to diagnostic imaging strategies in acute situations. File of Images for Radiology Education (FIRE) is a collection of radiology teaching cases for medical students. One unique feature is RadPath, which is an exciting mix of radiological images and pathological slides. And there is much more on the site worth browsing.

Radiology Glossary (<http://rad.usuhs.mil/glossary.html>) is a site maintained by the department of radiology and radiological sciences of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda. This has a comprehensive collection of the terms used in radiology, illustrated with labelled magnetic resonance imaging scans, computed tomograms, ultrasound scans, angiograms, plain x ray films, and images from interventional and other special procedures in radiology.

A link from the above site takes you to Medpix (<http://rad.usuhs.mil/medpix/medpix.html?mode=default>)—a free online medical image database containing more than 20 000 images, more than 5000 clinical cases, and around 4500 peer reviewed topics on radiology. You can search the images with different options, see them in different grey scales, correlate them with clinical scenarios, and study detailed literature on the topics.

Another good site dedicated to medical imaging is www.xray2000.co.uk. It has a collection of over 6000 images (IMAGEBASE) in a user friendly format. It also provides good material on pathology and safety and techniques in radiology.

The radiology section of Emedicine (www.emedicine.com/radio) has detailed text and continuing medical education courses on radiology. When you register on the site, which is free, you will receive regular emails of interesting radiological cases.

www.ctisus.com is a site of the advanced medical imaging laboratory, part of the department of radiology of Johns Hopkins University, where you will find all you want to know about computed tomography. It features a multimedia approach for understanding computed tomography scanning, comprising teaching

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files, video lectures, and clinical cases. An additional feature is a medical illustration gallery, where computer aided three-dimensional images provide an excellent resource for studying body structure.

Finally, radiology resources (<http://home.earthlink.net/~terrass/radiography/radcat.html>) is a site maintained by the department of radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. It has a comprehensive collection of links and resources for radiology. These links take you to websites dedicated to different subspecialties of radiology, radiology journals, radiation physics, and radiological and general anatomy as well as the history of radiology.

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