
A Day In The Life Of A Radiologist

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Abstract

The other I was sitting in my department doing my routine finishing up job as a radiologist, this young medical school graduate came to me with a query on why Radiology as career after medical school. He said what do you guys do, isn't clinical medicine more interesting, more challenging. This got me thinking, I just love Radiology, at times I feel you can just spend your days reporting MRIs and CTs. I explained to him, man, challenging is a small word for radiology practice, it is exhilarating. Then I went on to tell him what I do for my living.

The day started with a few post operative CTs from the neurosurgery department with routine discussion on the residual mass, followed by a few ultrasounds one of which was an intraabdominal ectopic pregnancy and one was a bicornuate uterus, followed by some more routine MRI's, followed by a case of child who had developed hemiplegia following head injury and MRA revealed ICA dissection, even before this was through we saw another case of chronic pancreatitis and a case of biliary ascariasis.

Followed by a small coffee break and Neuroradiology meet discussing Hirayama disease (it's a rare disease!), and discussion on a case of post radiotherapy glioma who was himself a cardiologist wherein the question was whether the changes represent post radiotherapy change or recurrence.

The brain storming sessions...

Another coffee break and we meet our pathologist on the way and he tell us about a case which looked like a clear cut Meningioma radiologically and turned out to be fungal pachymeningitis. The look-alikes in radiology....

To end the day we had some patient with suspected meningitis and MR showed dilated virchow robin spaces and we said could be cryptococcal meningitis, India ink was done and bingo... the joy you feel at that time is probably similar to what a surgeon feels on resecting a tumour... Then, I explained to him that Radiology or medical imaging is one the most integral part of any hospital and in no other branch (probably except pathology) do you get to see such variety, such plethora of pathologies. It is the joy that only a true radiologist can understand. May be I am biased, but I love my job and how many people today can say this so surely.....

On a different this time we have seen a lot of good cases and papers coming in to us and we at internet journal of radiology are grateful to the authors and readers for support and look forward to a long lasting relation.

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