

CLINICS IN DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING

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The Editorial Board of the Singapore Medical Journal is pleased to announce the introduction of a new section entitled "Clinics in Diagnostic Imaging". The inaugural article makes its appearance in the current issue. Timing of this section could not be more appropriate as it coincides with the centenary of the discovery of X-rays by Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen on 8th November 1895 in Würzburg, Germany.

The field of radiology has since grown rapidly, particularly in the past two decades. Advances in techniques and technology have seen the introduction and establishment of colour Doppler ultrasound, computerised tomography, interventional radiology and magnetic resonance imaging. Perhaps of greater significance is the extent to which diagnostic imaging has been accepted and integrated into modern clinical practice, possibly at the expense of traditional bedside skills. Bearing in mind the plethora of imaging techniques available, utilisation of the most appropriate form(s) of diagnostic imaging, ideally in consultation with a diagnostic radiologist, cannot be over-emphasised. This problem-

orientated approach can only be of benefit to the patient, in terms of expense, ionising radiation hazard and hopefully, influence on clinical management.

Clinics in Diagnostic Imaging aims to present case studies and topics of interest to general clinicians and trainees in various specialities. The emphasis will be on the application of imaging in a particular clinical setting and/or imaging features of a relatively rare but well recognised condition. Like the successful 'ECG case' series, Clinics in Diagnostic Imaging will take the form of a quiz and topical review. The clinical background, initial figures and posed questions will be presented on a right-hand page. Overleaf will appear interpretation of the images, diagnosis, further figures if necessary, and a brief pertinent discussion. Contributions are now invited from readers of Singapore Medical Journal, including non-radiologists. The instructions for this section will be added to the 'Editorial Notice' in the next issue of the Journal. Any comments and suggestions for improvement are most welcome.

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