

# Not just a job

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# What do radiologists enjoy about their job?

- Problem solving
- Pointing patients in the right direction
- Reducing uncertainty
- Helping clinical colleagues
- Making astute observations
- Suggesting rare diagnoses
- There's always something new
- Draining pus
- humour

CXR request 6<sup>th</sup> Nov 2013

“hit by aresole on bonfire”

# Patient 1

male 55 pain in  
neck after RTA

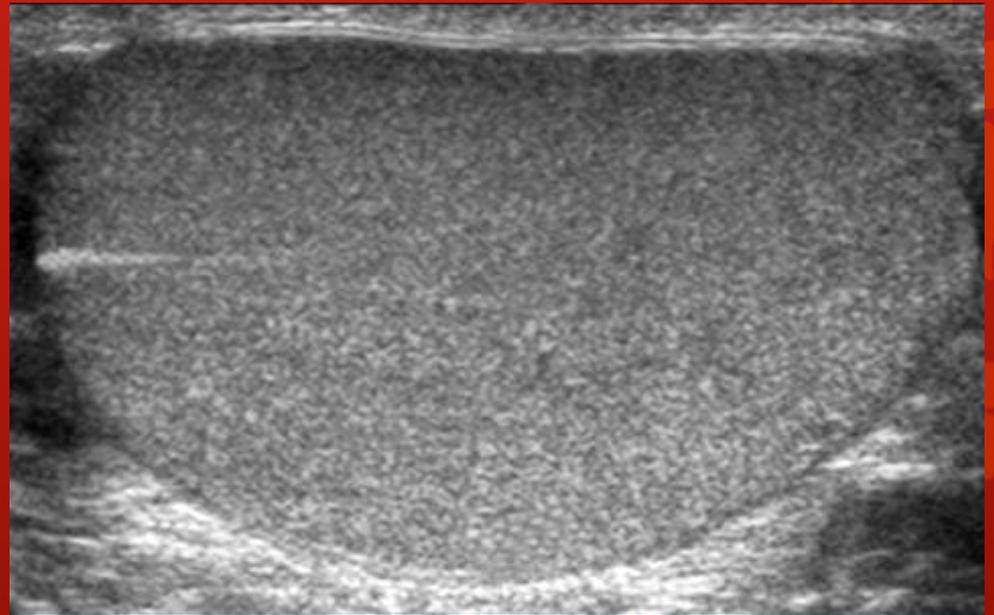


# Straight to CT...



## Patient 2

Male, 21,  
3 months  
discomfort in  
left testis



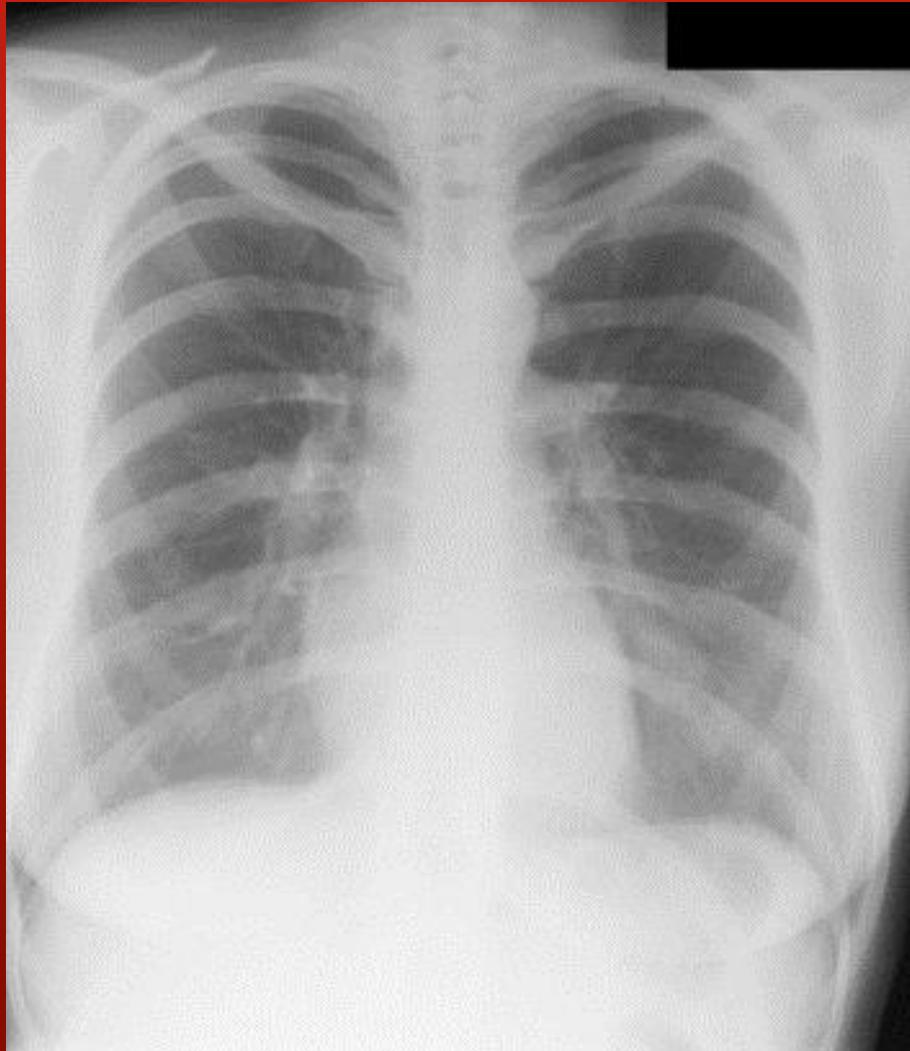
# Patient 3

Girl, 14  
Uncontrollable  
bleeding during  
routine surgery  
for branchial cyst





Patient 4: Female, 42 severe  
breathlessness. History of asthma



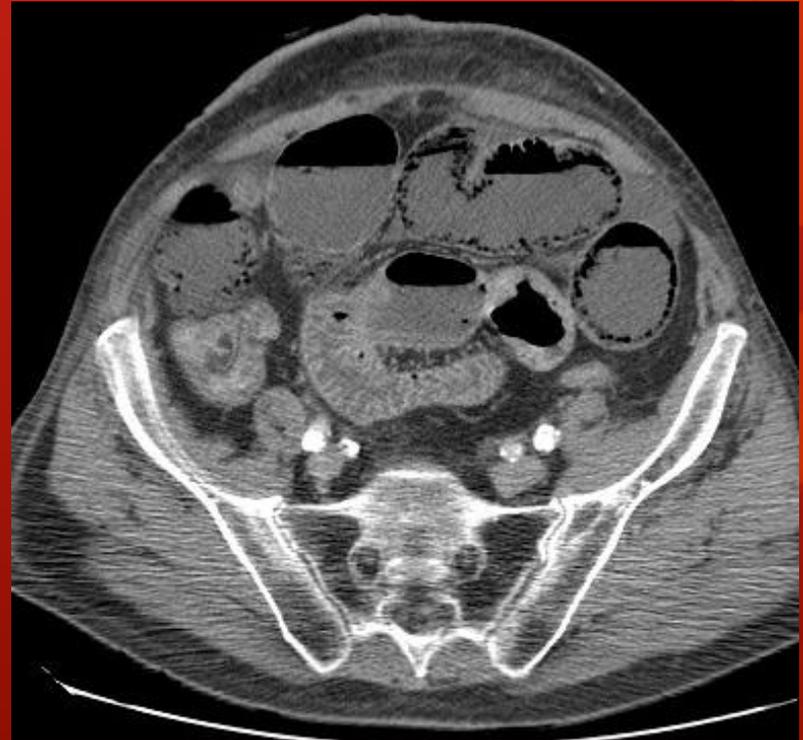
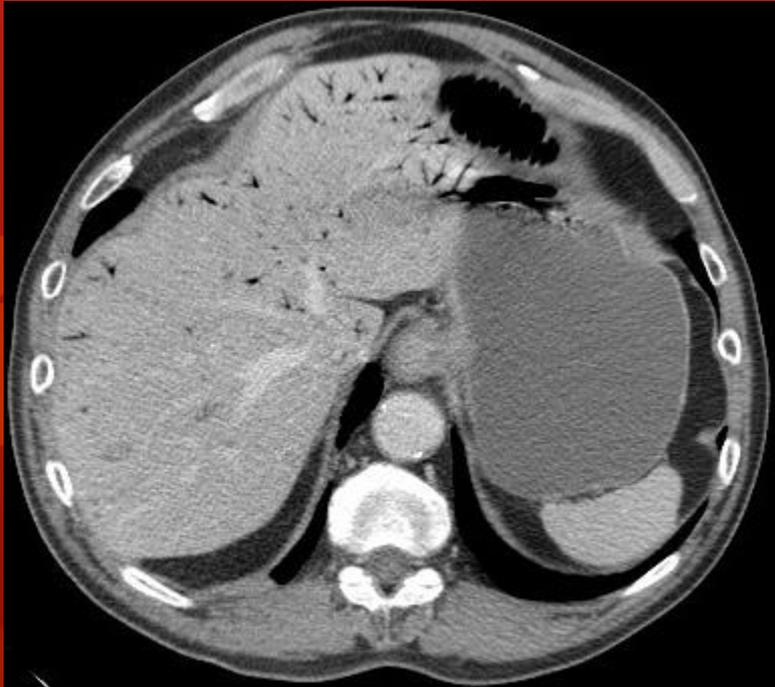
# lesson

You can die with a normal chest X-Ray

- Asthma, PE, MI, tamponade, dysrhythmia etc

So never put too much reliance on radiological findings if they are at variance with the clinical picture

Patient 5. Male 74 6 days post laparoscopic anterior resection.



# outcome

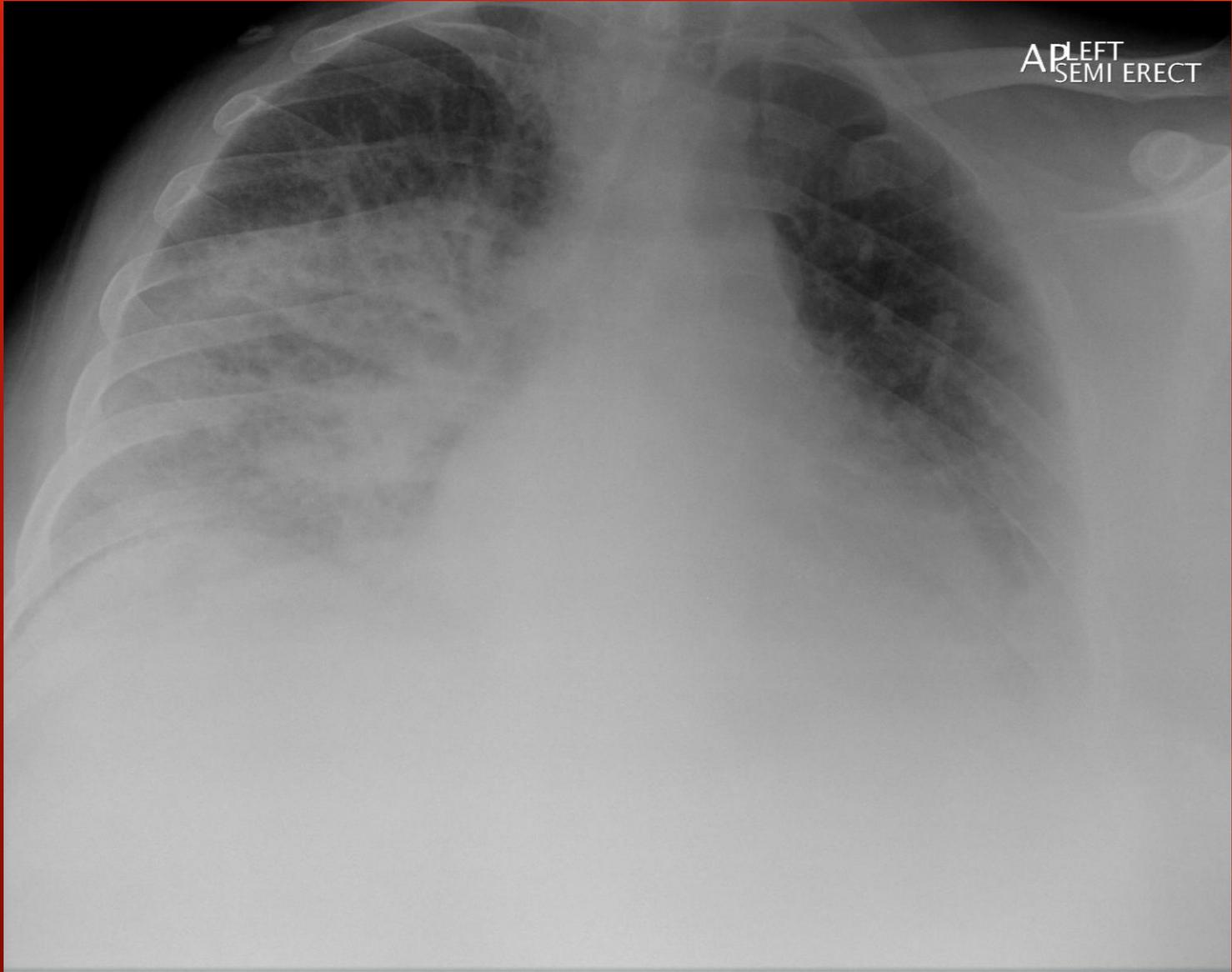
- Normal small bowel at operation
- Uneventful recovery

# Lesson (again)

- Do not put too much reliance on radiological findings if they are at variance with the clinical picture

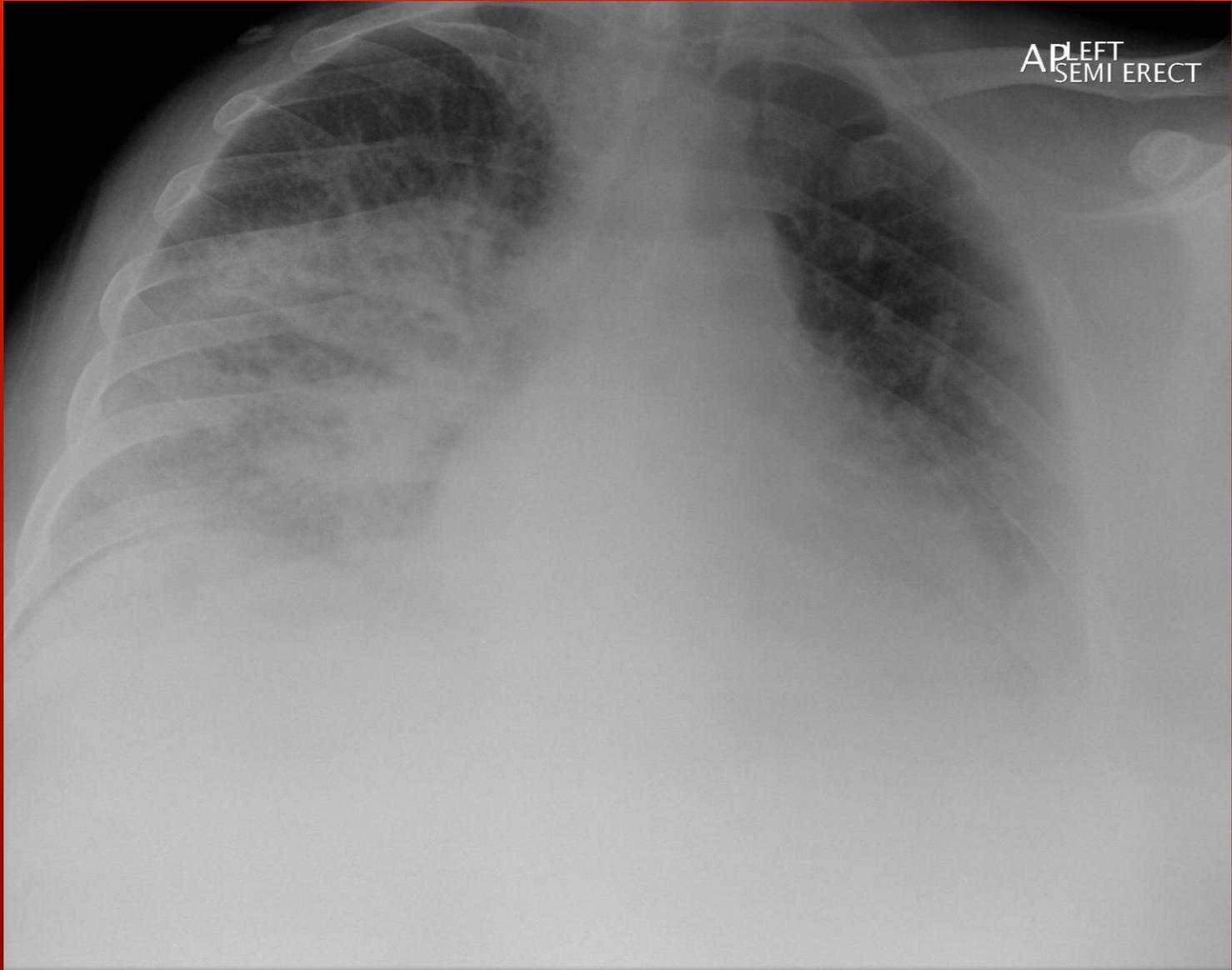
# Patient 6

Male, 45  
Sudden onset  
cough, chest pain  
& breathlessness



diagnosis

○ pneumonia



# Messages

- You will be amazed at what it is possible to miss
- The science of perception as applied to radiology is still very poorly understood

# Patient 7

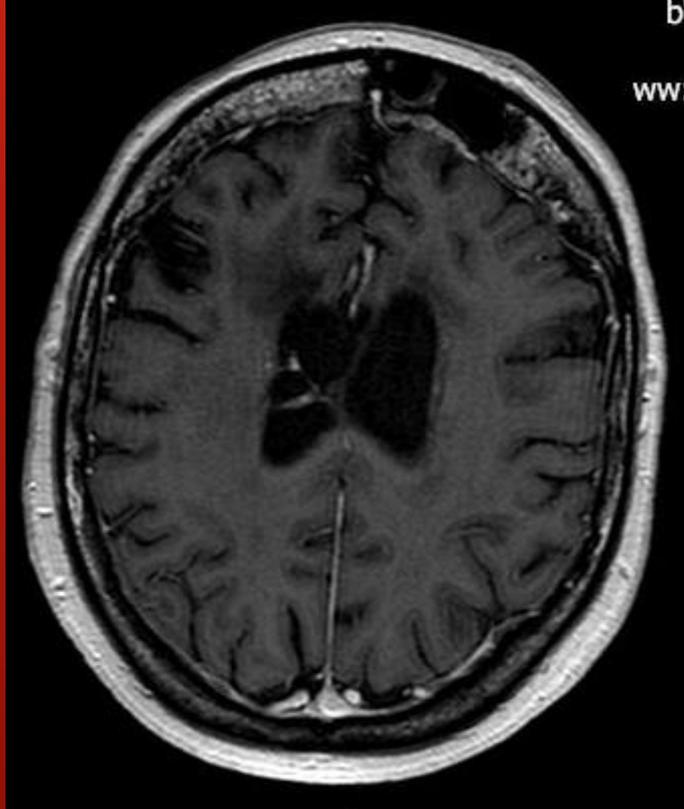
- It's Christmas Eve
- I've gone shopping
- Female, 42. Admitted to A&E following collapse with ?seizure.
- Past history of brain tumour resected aged 18
- Otherwise entirely well



Pre-contrast

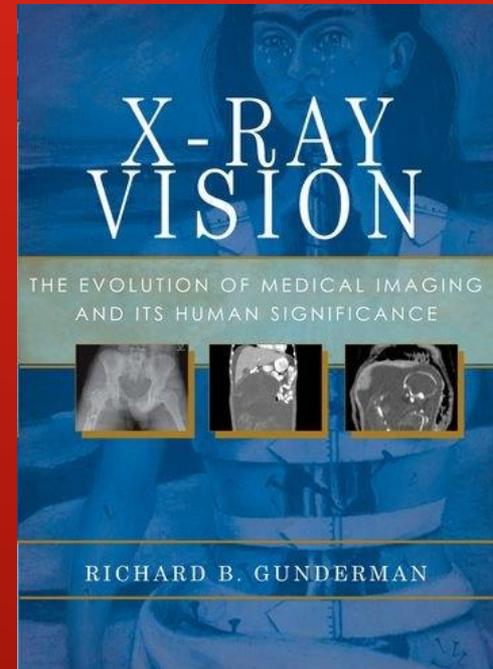
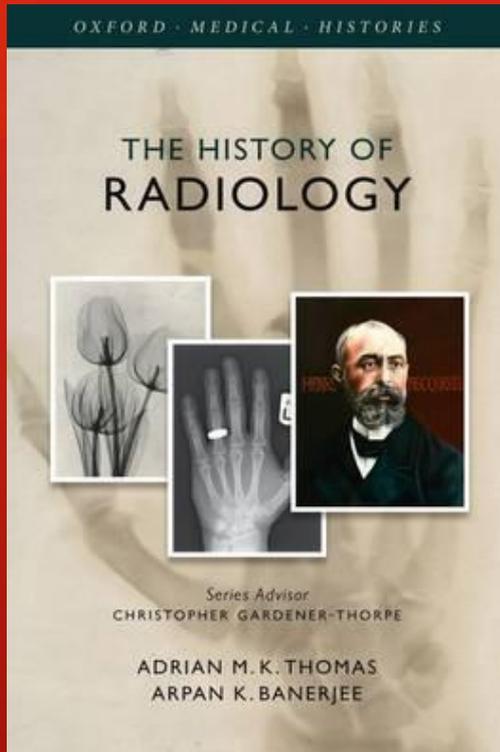


Post contrast



# Messages

- Everything you have learned in your clinical career to date is still relevant
- History, Examination, Tests
- Good radiology is only rarely about making subtle observations



So what is radiology all about?

Improving health  
not  
finding things wrong with people

It's not about the image or the technology

It's not about the radiologist

It's about the patient

And now for the promotional bit...

# THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF RADIOLOGISTS

Leading, Supporting and Educating

# WHAT DOES THE RCR DO?

- Designs, delivers and assures the quality of training
- Sets exams - FRCR
- Issues guidance and standards across the range of radiological practice
- Referral guidelines (i-Refer)
- National audits
- workforce and workload census
- READ – shared learning from experience
- CPD – conferences and events
- Leadership and mentoring (\*\*new for 2014!\*\*)
- Supports radiologists and radiology departments in difficulty
- Runs an accreditation scheme for radiology departments (ISAS)
- Lobbies health policy makers to promote the role of imaging and radiologists in healthcare

# YOU SPOKE – WE LISTENED!

- 2014 membership survey
- 1653 responses
- 2000+ comments/suggestions
- 11 themes – see website

# SURVEY FINDINGS

You thought we should ...

- Provide greater support to fellows and members across their careers
- Be perceived as less anglo and London-centric
- Be more active in political discourse with a higher media profile
- Promote the professionalism of oncologists and radiologists
- Raise public awareness of our specialties
- Promote the development of interventional radiology
- Enhance member engagement and deliver better value for money
- Provide improved online education resources
- Better support those overseas and raise our international standing
- Do more to encourage and support research
- Improve junior engagement

# WHAT WE HAVE DONE

- Posted a report of survey findings on the website
- Included survey themes in the new college strategy for 2014-16
- Begun regular updates of Fellows and members ('What you said ... what we're doing ...')
- Fed messages/ideas into a review of college communications
- Incorporated the survey messages in the annual review 2013-14
- Woven survey headlines and actions into Officers' presentations

Thank you  
Any questions?