MSK Radiology 4U: The Premiere Musculoskeletal Imaging Resource

Sir,

In an era that embraces technology, access to information has now become easier than ever. The introduction of smartphones and tablets has translated into a portable wealth of information. This has resulted in new and exciting opportunities for specialties such as radiology. Today's smartphones provide applications ("apps"), which allow viewing of high-quality imaging in different imaging modalities and enable access to images remotely via a handheld device. Not only is this playing a role in day-to-day reporting but has also created possibilities in the field of medical education that were previously thought unimaginable.

This is what a group of highly specialized musculoskeletal (MSK) radiologists from the Royal Orthopedic Hospital, Birmingham, set out to do with the advent of the "MSK RADIOLOGY 4U" which is available as a free app on iOS and Android as well as a website www.mskradiology4u.co.uk.

Over 3500 cases are presented in this application, and these may be viewed randomly or searched by keywords. These cases encompass a spectrum of MSK pathology, which varies from the run of the mill cases to rare conditions that may only be encountered in specialized tertiary centers such as the Royal Orthopedic Hospital. Not only can the cases be viewed with ease but they are also accompanied by a short description of the pathology that encourages further reading or discussion. It is indeed a rare opportunity to be able to view such a wealth of MSK pathology, which has resulted from the years of dedication to the subject. New cases are constantly being added making this an up to date online database of MSK radiology. It is a premiere educational tool and reference guide and is the culmination of commendable teamwork.

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Screen shot of the website, www.mskradiology4u.co.uk

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