

GO RAD: International Society of Radiology global outreach initiative

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We are globally connected

In today's world, we have unprecedented capabilities of globally sharing information and knowledge. As the world of scholarship and education shrinks by virtue of these readily available electronic tools, it is appropriate for radiology's international leadership to look to current and future global educational needs. Most if not all radiology journals publish online and offer educational content of tremendous value to radiologists and related health care providers, but open and easy access to newly published content is often only available to subscribers or society members.

Through formal agreements between the International Society of Radiology (ISR) and cooperating radiology society members, and their respective publishers and journals, we are proud to have developed the innovative and successful global outreach project known as GO RAD (www.isradiology.org/gorad), as a way of bringing together and making freely available, some of the best, current, up-to-date radiology literature, from many of the world's leading radiology journals. By way of agreements from the publishers, the GO RAD platform provides immediate free, worldwide access to a selected amount of otherwise restricted-access content by providing an open access electronic link back to the original online article at the time of first publication.

GO RAD was created for the purpose of advancing radiology education in our global radiology community. Currently we

regularly include content from over 30 journals, published on five continents. We select current, practical, and timely radiology literature with content primarily targeted and dedicated to improving public health in developing nations and underserved populations.

The radiology community can find many other interesting areas of freely available content on the ISR Web site, including past and upcoming ISR virtual congresses, which present refresher courses given by internationally renowned radiologists, radiological cases, electronic posters, and discussion forums. The content can be viewed anytime and registration is free. In addition, you can find several online textbooks, including *The Imaging of Tropical Diseases*, *Gamuts in Radiology*, *Basic Physics of Ultrasonographic Imaging*, and the *WHO Manual of Diagnostic Imaging*.

Also, through the development of content in the ISR's International Commission on Radiology Education (ICRE), we are developing online educational modules in content areas such as tuberculosis, maternal fetal health, HIV related disease, and pediatric radiology. Look for these in the future.

Although tremendous health disparities remain around the world, we are making progress in our efforts to expand access to educational materials for all. We hope that you will take advantage of and spread the word about these available educational opportunities.

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