
Foreword: *Radiology* Select Volume 6—Imaging of Joints

Dear *Radiology* Select Reader:

When we chose "Imaging of Joints" for our sixth volume in the *Radiology* Select series, we were very excited about offering a compilation of articles on a theme that is relevant to many different practice settings in radiology—from the emergency room radiologist, to readers of outpatient images, to musculoskeletal radiologists, to clinical radiologists and researchers with expertise in computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging, and ultrasonography. Given the variety of musculoskeletal imaging techniques and the importance of appropriate diagnosis of joint pain and degenerative disease, the topic has stimulated a large amount of research.

We asked Thomas M. Link, MD, PhD, to be the guest editor of this volume because of his expertise in clinical aspects of musculoskeletal imaging and his knowledge of research in the field. Dr Link completed his medical residency in Muenster, Germany. He is currently chief of the musculoskeletal imaging section in the Department of Radiology and Biomedical Imaging at the University of California, San Francisco, where he is also Clinical Director of the Musculoskeletal and Quantitative Imaging Research Group. He has interest in translational research, tying laboratory "bench" research to clinical care.

Dr Link had the difficult task of reviewing original research and reviews recently published in *Radiology* and selecting among them for inclusion in this compilation. He chose to focus on the major joints of the upper and lower extremities and to have a section on cartilage imaging as well. We are limited in the number of articles we can include in order to have a compilation of reasonable size, so selection of the final list of articles is, of necessity, subjective. The contents of this volume reflect a somewhat personal view of what constitutes a key article—it is not the result of a quantitative determination. Furthermore, it must be recognized that *Radiology* has published many more fine articles in the subject area than can be condensed into this 25-article volume. Many excellent and clinically important articles, therefore, had to be passed over and not included.

Continuing medical education (CME), in the form of CME credits, as well as self-assessment CME (SA-CME), is an important aspect of clinical practice in radiology. Recent American Board of Radiology diplomates, in addition to needing CME, also need SA-CME for recertification. We believe that *Radiology* Select offers a perfect vehicle to provide up-to-date SA-CME for our readers and will help them better understand how research evolves and translates into clinical practice. Therefore, the articles' corresponding authors were contacted and asked to supply questions for CME and SA-CME activities. We are proud to offer 22 SA-CME credits in this volume.

The online era provides multimedia opportunities for publications. We exploit this capability by providing audio and video conversations with authors to explore their views on the effect of their work and the work of others in the field. These conversations also allow experts to share their thoughts on future developments and the impact of their work on these.

In keeping with the trend of increasing reliance on electronic publishing, we are offering *Radiology* Select in two formats: an online version to be read on the Internet and a printed version. The latter "print on demand" version is a printed compilation of the articles for those who prefer reading hard copy. The online HTML version allows viewing with a Web browser, download of individual PDFs, and access to the audio and video conversations. The CME and SA-CME activities are available only through the online version.

We thank Dr Link for reviewing and selecting the articles collected in this volume. We are especially grateful to the authors of the articles, without whom *Radiology* Select would not be possible.

Sincerely,

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