

Peninsula Radiology Academy Open Day, Plymouth

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A delegate's review of the Peninsula Radiology Academy's 'Introduction to Radiology' one day course

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I attended the open day at the Peninsula Radiology Academy looking for inspiration and guidance in radiology.

I am delighted to say that the day more than met my expectations. Traveling 250 miles was definitely worth the effort.

I reached the site promptly at 8:30 for registration. We were offered hot drinks on arrival, which provided a good opportunity to mingle with everyone.

The day started with History of Radiology by Dr. Vasquez. It was very interesting to know how the specialty has come such a long way in such a short time. This was followed by a talk about research in radiology by the head of the academy, Prof. Roobottom. Research is essential for the development of new imaging modalities and techniques. He also spoke about how the Peninsula Radiology Academy came into existence.

Then Dr. Fox spoke on the specialty of radiology. He gave us a good insight into a radiologist's week. He also gave a brief overview of the Peninsula Radiology Academy scheme and how it is different from other training programs.

A talk on the future of radiology was given by Dr. Maskell, President of RCR, which was very informative. He explained the challenges facing radiology, for example; the public focus in relation to patient transparency and also one's right to technology. He also spoke about new techniques and new applications of old techniques.

There was then a short coffee break, after which Prof. Watkinson, an IR consultant spoke about sub-specialties, and how radiologists play a crucial role in the diagnosis and management of disease. He shared a wonderful example to explain how pinhole surgery has played an important role in enhanced recovery.

The ST1 recruitment talk by Dr. Sulkin, Head of School was very helpful. He provided a thorough overview of the interview process, stations and questions that one might anticipate.

The talk by Dr. Mukonoweshru on neuroradiology was very exciting. He spoke about diagnostic and interventional neuroradiology.

Following this Dr. Suresh gave an engaging talk on musculoskeletal radiology. It was fascinating to see how things improved in this field. Patients now have the facility of having scans and intervention or management on the same day.

The session on cardiac imaging by Dr. Mitchell was fascinating. It was pleasing to know how cardiac imaging has improved patient outcome.

The talk by Mr. Cantin, a sonologist gave a brief overview about ultrasound. Information on elastography was fascinating as it is a relatively new technology.

The first half of the day was followed by lunch and a poster display. This was fantastic opportunity for trainees to display posters. The afternoon teaching session after lunch was divided into four teaching group sessions. In the first session, we were given an opportunity to gain hands on experience of using the ultrasound scan on a live patient and simulation transvaginal ultrasound.

In the second session we performed an ultrasound guided biopsy on an olive! The third and the fourth sessions were on image interpretation, which were very good practice opportunities for those applying for radiology.

The evening wrapped up with a question and answer which was again very helpful for those planning to apply for radiology.

I thoroughly enjoyed my day in the Peninsula Radiology Academy open day. It was a day definitely well spent. I would highly recommend the open day to anyone thinking of considering radiology as a career.

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