



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 to further explore the Radiology speciality and to also learn about what the academy offers its trainees.

The presentations were generally well thought out and interesting. The initial talks about the ST1 recruitment clarified any queries about the process, and allowed us to ask questions.

The History of Radiology talk, given by Dr Banerjee was fascinating. It gave us a concise summary of the history of the speciality including how many accidents and (now deemed) unethical practices resulted in the advancement of Radiology.

The talk by Dr Gray about academy based training was helpful to differentiate between Academy training schemes and other training programmes.

Talks about the future of Radiology and research opportunities helped to clarify what our role would be in radiology in the future and to improve imaging modes and techniques we need to be involved in research.

The opportunity to present a poster was also invaluable, as this gave us some experience in the process of designing a formal presentation poster. It was also fascinating to see other posters of interesting cases that inspired doctors to pursue a career in radiology.

The afternoon workshop sessions were excellent. The cross sectional imaging and emergency plain film sessions were very appropriate for those of us applying for Clinical Radiology training this year, as these sorts of images could come up in the interview.

Trying my hand at ultrasound scanning was a new experience, and definitely unique from observing ultrasound clinics. The ultrasound simulators session gave

us a great introduction to these types of equipment and was enjoyable. The interventional simulators session was also valuable in showing how EVACs work, as well as ultrasound guided biopsy.

The open forum discussion with the current ST1s at the end of the day allowed us to ask any further questions we might have about the application process and the training programme.

Overall, the day was interesting, informative and educational. The only downside was that the Workshop sessions were too short to be able to really get involved in all the activities and get to practice using the equipment. For instance, during the interventional simulators, I was only able to work with the EVAC equipment, and would have liked the chance to practice on the other pieces of equipment. This could probably only be achieved by lengthening the programme by 2 or 3 hours, or to make it a 2 day experience.

A highly recommended course for all budding Radiologists!

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