NEWSLETTER FOR THE SOCIETY OF SKELETAL RADIOLOGY
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Introduction

Greetings. This represents the first (and hopefully the last tardy) edition of the Newsletter for the Society of Skeletal Radiology. As discussed at our Winter meeting in Phoenix, this newsletter will hopefully serve at least three functions 1) to provide a forum for discussion of multicenter projects sponsored by the society; 2) to provide a venue for members to ask other members for specific interesting cases with the idea of permitting evaluation and possible reporting of these cases and 3) to provide a section to advertise for musculoskeletal jobs or fellowships which may be available. As you will note, this first newsletter is relatively brief since I only received a few pieces of information to publish. Because of the brevity I thought I would use this opportunity to describe some of the ground rules for the various activities covered in this newsletter.

Groundrules for Future Newsletter Contributions

1. **Discussion of society sponsored multicenter projects.**

The section will serve as a forum for the principal investigators only (i.e. Murali Sundaram and B.J. Manaster for the MR evaluation of musculoskeletal tumors). The principal investigators can use this to call for new participants in the study or to describe and report preliminary results.

This section can also be used to briefly describe new multi-institutional studies for which principal investigators are seeking society support. The newsletter is bi-annual (May and December)

but it is hoped that new proposal's would be reserved for the December issue in preparation for the Annual Winter meeting of the Society.

2. **Call for interesting cases.**

Any member of the society may in this section of the newsletter advertise for the contribution or collaborative efforts of other members of the society in combining similar interesting cases. At the recent meeting in Phoenix, it was suggested that the person who calls for the interesting cases would be first author in any resulting publications. Co-authorship would be negotiated between the participating contributors with the first author having final say in the matter.

Description of the types of cases which members of the society are interested in collecting can be as brief or as detailed as desired.

3. **Advertising for musculoskeletal jobs or fellowships.**

Once this section gets established, I would envision having a marketplace table similar to the one utilized in old issues of Investigational Radiology. Since I only had two job descriptions submitted for this issue, I am running them in their entirety.

Reports

1. **Multicenter Studies**

At the Winter meeting in Phoenix, the two limb prospective study looking at dynamic gadolinium evaluation of musculoskeletal tumors (evaluating the effects of neo-adjuvant therapy prior to surgery and evaluating tumor recurrence) was discussed. The society decided to support this endeavor with Drs. Murali Sundaram

and B.J. Manaster as co-principle investigators. People who expressed interest in participating in the study were as follows: Berquist, Bush, Conway, Griffiths, Hayes, Kilcoyne, Mesgarzadeh, Renfrew, Resnik, Steinbach and Tehranzadeh. From these participants alone, we had an estimate of over 150 patients in neo-adjuvant therapy leg and over 200 patients in the tumor follow-up leg of the study. We would be most interested in hearing from any other members of the society interested in getting involved in this study. Please contact Dr. B.J. Manasters directly.

Currently the two protocols have been submitted to Squibb pharmacy in an attempt to obtain funding for the study. I should be hearing from Squibb in the next couple of months.

Finally, B.J. Manaster will be sending (or has sent) a spreadsheet/worksheet for the reporting of patient data to each of the participants in the study.

2. **Call for Cases**

A. Chuck Resnik from the University of Maryland is collecting cases of melorheostosis with MRI.

B. Jean Schills from the Cleveland Clinic is collecting cases of fracture/dislocation of the patella evaluated by MRI.

C. Jean Schills from the Cleveland Clinic is collecting cases of medial malleolar stress fractures.

D. Mike Mulligan from Walter Reed Medical Center is collecting cases of adamantinoma and osteofibrous dysplasia that have MRI.

3. **Job Descriptions**

A. The University of Alabama at Birmingham and the Kirklin Clinic announce the following position: Faculty position at the Instructor/assistant professor level is available in Musculoskeletal Radiology. MRI and interventional skills are necessary.

The University of Alabama at Birmingham is a Metropolitan University with the Medical Center housing a University Hospital of 1000 beds, a Veterans Hospital of 450 beds, and a major rehabilitation hospital. Its medical center is one of the most rapidly growing in the country.

The Kirklin Clinic, to be occupied in June 1992, is a World Class outpatient clinic designed by the venable architecture I.M. Pei. It is the third largest clinic in the United States. If interested please contact William W. Daniel, M.D. 1813 Six Avenue South, Birmingham, AL 35233 (205) 934-2165.

B. Musculoskeletal radiologist at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. The department of radiologic-pathology at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP), is seeking a musculoskeletal radiologist as chief of the section of Musculoskeletal Radiology. This full-time, non-federal position will be funded through the American Registry of Pathology at a salary commensurate with the individual's academic rank. Board certified musculoskeletal radiologists may apply for the position. The individual must be prepared to begin at the AFIP between January 1 and July 1, 1993.

The department of radiologic pathology is dedicated to the study of radiologic pathologic correlation. Our case material is

based on the outstanding cases which are submitted each year by the residents attending our six courses in radiologic pathology as well as cases seen in consultation by the various pathology departments in the institute. In our research efforts, we work closely with several outstanding pathologists who are specialized in bone and soft tissue disease. Our educational program includes 6 six week courses for residents and a one week course for practitioners each year. Also we have recently instituted several international courses in Spain/Austria, Japan/Korea, and Taiwan/Thailand.

Although our department has no clinical service facilities, near by academic University Hospital affiliations are encouraged and can be arranged.

Those interested in this rewarding position should send a letter and copy of their C.V. to Dr. James L. Buck, Chairman and Registrar, Department of Radiologic-Pathology, Arm Forces Institute of Pathology, Washington, D.C. 20306-6000 (202) 576-2973/2162.

Since newsletters will be coming out in May and December I would request that I receive all information wishing to be published in upcoming newsletters by April 15th, and November 15th respectively. I look forward to serving as editor of this newsletter over the next 2 years. If there are any questions or submissions, please address them to:

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