

# X-Ray Diagnosis – A Physician's Approach

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This book presents just over 100 X-rays, with a few chosen clinical details, for the diagnosis by the reader. Abnormalities that should have been noted and comments are listed on the following page, reproducing a successful style of clinical teaching (and examining). The first requirement for such a book is excellent reproduction of X-rays, so that relatively subtle changes can be shown, rather than only the gross abnormalities usually portrayed in standard textbooks. This is achieved in the present monograph, so that this reader could only excuse one or two of his failures of detection by the defence, "I would probably have seen it on the original film". The second requirement, a precise commentary with useful points on differential diagnosis and further management, is also achieved.

The overall aim is to encourage alertness and a systemic approach in clinicians reviewing X-rays, not to detail all possible changes. A few special radiological procedures and CT scans are included, but these do not have the same teaching impact, in part because these techniques are more selective, but also because, apart from CT head scans, the clinician rarely has to assess these unaided by the radiologist. Conceivably, sometime in the future our reliance on plain radiography as the first imaging procedure will be superseded; until then, books of this quality will play a valuable role in self-education and assessment for clinicians and all levels of "students".

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