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Imaging in Physical Therapy... From Classroom to Clinical Practice

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Imaging in PT Practice: Established Model Internationally

A world map with callout boxes pointing to the following countries: Canada, UK, Norway, Netherlands, Australia, and South Africa.

Model Used Domestically in Limited Jurisdictions

Over 4 decades in US military

Other institutions: Public Health Service
Indian Health Service
Other civil service sectors

Civilian Settings: Georgetown University Hospital
Kaiser-Permanente
University of Wisconsin Hospital & Clinics
Selectively used by practitioners in Colorado

In PT Practice for the Future

Logical extension of 1st contact clinician

Consistent with clinical doctorate status

Management decisions / referral

What is being taught in the US?

Survey of accredited programs:
75% of curricula (155) responded
98% included imaging
Remarkable inconsistency in instructional content
Range: 2 - 75 hours
Mean: 24.4 hours

MSK emphasis at 76% of total

Boissonnault et al, 2014

"Imaging Education Manual for Doctor of Physical Therapy Professional Degree Programs"

Written by Imaging SIG
Published by Orthopaedic Section, April 2015

Contributions from educators, clinicians, researchers across US

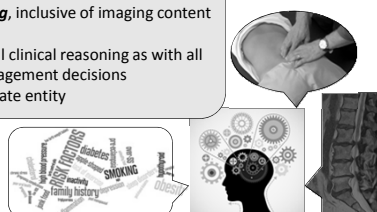
"How to" guide for DPT curricula
Includes suggested methods & exam questions

available at www.orthopt.org

Conceptual Framework of Imaging Instruction

Not teaching "imaging"
Teaching **clinical reasoning**, inclusive of imaging content

Integration into our typical clinical reasoning as with all other patient data & management decisions perspective----not a separate entity



Bases for Imaging Decision Making in ACR Appropriateness Criteria

Age	Other imaging results
Trauma presence/absence	Weight-bearing ability
Mechanism of injury	Tenderness to palpation
Prior surgery	
Risk factors	Well established in PT educational curricula & clinical practice
Appearance	
Pain provocation / physical function tests	


Other Existing Standards & Practices

Normative Model of Physical Therapist Professional Education

- No specific content on depth or breadth
- Numerous statements mentioning imaging specifically & other diagnostics

Clinical Performance Instrument

- At least 9 performance criteria allude to imaging


**Evaluative Criteria
PT Programs**
August 2014

“Two separate studies of DPT programs, as well as data collected in the Biennial Accreditation Report, indicate that, in the main, programs converting to offering the DPT are making important, substantial changes. Among them are:
Increased content in areas such as diagnostics, imaging”

CAPTE:
PT Standards & Required Elements
Effective January 1, 2016

Standard 7
The curriculum includes content, learning experiences, and student testing and evaluation processes designed to prepare students to achieve educational outcomes required for initial practice in physical therapy and for lifelong learning necessary for functioning within an ever-changing health care environment.

REQUIRED ELEMENTS:

7A The physical therapist professional curriculum includes content and learning experiences in the biological, physical, behavioral and movement sciences necessary for entry level practice. Topics covered include anatomy, physiology, genetics, exercise science, biomechanics, kinesiology, neuroscience, pathology, pharmacology, diagnostic imaging, histology, nutrition, and psychosocial aspects of health and disability.

Evolving Legislative Authority

Wisconsin Act 375:
Physical therapists granted privileges for ordering radiography
Signed into law April 2016

Other States:
Colorado
Maryland

Legislation considered in other states



**“Diagnostic & Procedural Imaging in
Physical Therapist Practice”**

“White Paper”
Published May 2016 by the Orthopaedic Section, APTA

Comprehensive perspective
History, present & future
Evidence in support of expanded privileges
Addresses required legal, institutional & payer changes

available at www.orthopt.org

House of Delegates RC 12-16

Prior to NEXT, June 2016

Charged APTA to pursue **practice authority** for imaging in PT practice


Passed with **93% favorable vote**

To address processes & barriers

APTA soon to analyze all state practice acts & monitoring in State Affairs


Parallels to Thrust Manipulation Education

- 2002 • **44% of curricula included** Boissonnault et al. 2004
- 2004 • **Manipulation Education Manual** APTA, 2004
- 2006 • **CAPTE Std 7D27 “...thrust & non-thrust...”** CAPTE, 2006
- 2012 • **99% of curricula included thrust** Noteboom et al. 2015



Imaging Resources

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What content do I need to teach?

Imaging Education manual for Doctor of Physical Therapy Professional Degree Programs by APTA Orthopedic Section, Imaging SIG

- https://www.orthopt.org/uploads/content_files/SIG/IMAGING_EDUCATION_MANUAL_FINAL_4.15.15.pdf

APTA Resources

- Guide to Physical Therapist Practice (Guide 3.0)
- A Normative Model of Physical Therapist Professional Education: Version 2004
- Minimum Required Skills of Physical Therapist graduates at Entry-level




What Textbook would you use for students?

McKinnis, L Fundamentals of Musculoskeletal Imaging, 4th ed. FA Davis, ISBN: 978-0-8036-3821-1 2014

- Basic introductory book. Has chapters on the different patterns such as neuro, cardiopulmonary as well as musculoskeletal etc. This is used in several courses as a reference for medical imaging.

Malone T, Hazle C, Grey M. Imaging in Rehabilitation. McGraw Hill, ISBN: 978-0-07-144778-2 2008

- Introductory book on all imaging modalities including ultrasound, MRI etc.


Reference Textbooks 

McKinnis, L. Musculoskeletal Imaging Handbook: A Guide for Primary practitioners. FA Davis ISBN 978-0-8036-3917-1

- New handbook, does not have the depth of the Fundamentals book but it is a great resource for practicing physical therapists. Includes the ACR guidelines for each area of the body. Has information on various imaging studies as well.

Greenspan A. Orthopedic Imaging, A Practical Approach, 6th ed. Lippincot Williams and Wilkins. ISBN: 13: 978-1451191301 2014

- A primary reference book for medical schools, practicing radiologists and orthopedic physicians.

Where Can I Get Imaging Studies to use in lectures? 

<http://radiologyreviewarticles.com/msk/musculoskeletal-imaging-websites/>

- has a list of different web sites you can review, some have pathology, some have actual cases

<http://www.acr.org/>


- Main web site

<http://www.acr.org/Quality-Safety/Appropriateness-Criteria>

- go to basic access or advanced search

<http://xrayhead.com/>

- Stanford MSK MRI Atlas, has specific cases that can be used



<https://medpix.nlm.nih.gov/>

- Over 53,000 cases, medical imaging data base, has a case of the week

<http://learningradiology.com>

- Online teaching, lectures

<http://www.imagingpathways.health.wa.gov.au>

- Imaging pathways or flow sheets for decision making on which type of study to order


<https://www.mypacs.net/mpv4/hss/casemanager>
• This free website has over 30,000 cases that use imaging

<http://www.uth.tmc.edu/radiology/presentations/index.html>
• Diagnostic imaging presentations

<http://uwmsk.org/>
• University of Washington, Department of Radiology
• Interactive anatomy Modules and Radiographic information
• Radiographic anatomy of the Skeleton

www.auntminnie.com
• Great resource for all things Radiology and (Case of the Day)


<http://www.jospt.com>
• Monthly MSK imaging case



Other Sources for Imaging?

Ask family, friends
or whom ever may be able to lend
you images

- Get a signed release so no HIPAA violations occur






I don't know enough to teach this information. Where do I go to get more education?

Evidence in Motion course: Radiology/Essentials of Musculoskeletal Imaging cost \$650
• <http://www.evidenceinmotion.com/educational-offerings/course/radiologyessentials-of-musculoskeletal-imaging/>


Rehab Education cost \$250
• <http://www.rehabed.com/musculoskeletal-imaging-for-the-physical-and-occupational-therapist/>

Med Bridge \$100
• Basic Musculoskeletal Radiology and Imaging
• <https://www.medbridgeeducation.com/courses/details/basic-musculoskeletal-radiology-and-imaging>




Diagnostic Imaging Education:
Military Model



US Army-Baylor Doctoral Program in Physical Therapy
Producing Clinician Scientists and Leaders of Tomorrow!


US ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT
AMEDD CENTER & SCHOOL

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Army-Baylor DPT
Mission Statement

To produce active duty, commissioned physical therapists who are clinician scientists and leaders prepared for worldwide military health system practice



History

- > 4 decades of successful, safe and accurate integration of diagnostic imaging in the US Military (Greathouse, 1994)
- 90.9% agreement between clinic exam and MRI Dx for direct access PT (Moore 2005a)

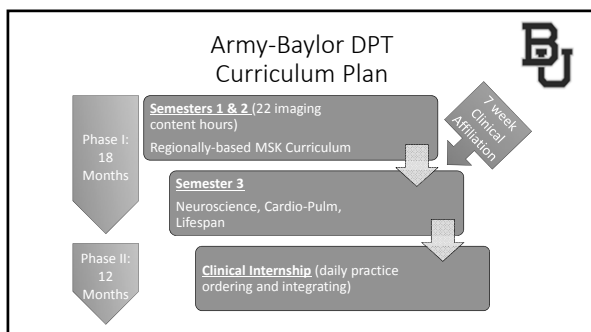
TABLE 2. Percent agreement between clinical diagnosis (CD) and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) by specialty.

Providers	CD/MRI Agreement	Total MRI	Agreement
Physical therapists	108	145	74.5%
Orthopaedic surgeons	139	172	80.8%
Nonorthopaedic providers (all)	86	243	35.4%

- No adverse effects in 472K direct access PT visits, includes diagnostic imaging ordering and prescribing medications (Moore 2005b)

Military Scope of Practice


- Musculoskeletal Injuries are Common!
 - 18.6M active duty healthcare visits in 2015 (MSMR, 2016)
 - Average 14 visits per member
 - 45% increase since 2006
 - 30% of all visits MSK-related, and on the rise!
- Direct access / first contact
- Home station and deployed environments
- Diagnostic Imaging is a core standard clinical privilege across Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard



Imaging Content: Semesters 1 & 2


- 2-hour lecture: Introduction to Radiology
 - Principles of Imaging
 - Modality indications & contraindications
 - Safety
 - Introduces:
 - Clinical guidelines – Canadian C-spine, Ottawa Knee/Ankle; Low Back Pain
 - ACR Appropriateness Criteria
 - Principles of ordering diagnostic imaging
- 7 regional blocks
 - 2 hour plain films lecture:
 - Anatomy, pathology
 - Guidelines, ACR Appropriateness, clinical indicators

**Imaging Content:
Semesters 1 & 2**




- **Advanced Imaging**
 - Three 2-hour blocks covering:
 - Anatomy and pathology
 - Guidelines, ACR Appropriateness, clinical indicators
 - Procedures for ordering MRI, CT, Bone Scan, Dx US
 - Integrating imaging results into exam/management
 - Coincides with regional MSK instruction
 - Lower extremity
 - Upper Extremity
 - Spine – includes exposure to US use for clinical biofeedback

**Parallel Content:
Semesters 1 & 2**

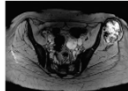


- **MSK Region: Examination & Management**
- **Primary Care**
 - 1 hour medical screening per region
 - Signs/symptoms, systems review and medical comorbidities
- **Clinical Affiliation: initial exposure to integrating imaging into practice**
- **Competence Assessment**
 - Written Exams: identify anatomy, pathology and principles of management/integration
 - Imaging decision-making integrated into MSK region practical and written exams, and primary care exams
 - Oral comprehensives prior to beginning Clinical Internship


**Imaging Content:
Clinical Internship**



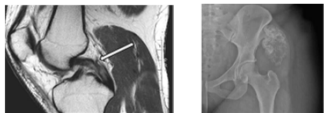
- 1-year experience in military clinics/hospitals
- CIs are Fellowship Trained clinicians with full scope of clinical privileges to order diagnostic imaging
- Interns generally allowed to order imaging with-in 2 weeks of start date
 - Clinical discussion with faculty
 - Faculty approve all electronic orders/documentation
- Receive 16-30 hrs with MSK Radiologist

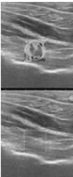


Capstone Project




- Case presentation demonstrating medical screening and diagnostic work-up
- 3 imaging cases published since 2014
 - Sperier et al, JOSPT, 2015
 - Dummar, et al, OPTP, 2015
 - Butler, et al, OPTP, 2015







Army-Baylor DPT Dx Imaging Research







- Faculty-led, student driven research program
- > 25% of DPT students involved in imaging research
 - DN in patients with LBP, neck pain
 - Shear Wave Elastography
 - Foot/ankle instability
- > \$500K intramural research funding since 2013
- Equipment: 4 Sonosite Titan; 1 Supersonic Imagine Ultrasound Elastography machine
- 5 conference platforms/posters since 2014



Diagnostic Imaging Education: Small Private University


- Liberal Arts Education
- 2,600 Undergraduates
- 270 Graduate (DPT, OT, Med)
- No Medical School/ Medical Center Affiliation
- Located in Tacoma, WA






University of Puget Sound DPT Mission Statement

To prepare students at the clinical doctoral level for entry into the physical therapy profession. Our presence on a liberal arts campus underscores our belief that the development of clinician scholars is a natural extension of the values of critical analysis, sound judgment, active inquiry, community participation and apt expression. Through a careful blending of rigorous academic work and mentored clinical practice, our program seeks to prepare clinician scholars for informed, ethical, and efficacious professional practice.



UPS DPT Curriculum Plan



Year One (foundational year)

- Students concentrate on foundational courses, begin to plan research projects, and begin to study elements of clinical management. Anatomy, Neuroanatomy.

Year Two (clinical education year)

- Students' main focus is to learn all aspects of patient examination, assessment, and treatment design, progressively dealing with more complex situations through integrated experiences under close supervision in the on-site clinic.
- **Summer: 1st full time 12 weeks internship**

Year Three


- **Fall semester:** Capstone projects, take on greater responsibility in the on-site clinic, and study areas of special interest in advanced elective courses.
- **Spring semester:** two, 12 weeks off-campus internships.

MSK Imaging Within the Orthopaedic Content



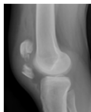
- **Fall semester, 2nd year:**
 - Lumbopelvic spine, hip, knee, foot & ankle.
 - 2-hour lecture: Introduction to Radiology
 - Principles of Imaging
 - Modality indications & contraindications
 - Safety
 - Introduces:
 - Clinical guidelines – Canadian C-spine, Ottawa Knee/Ankle; Low Back Pain
 - ACR Appropriateness Criteria
 - Principles of ordering diagnostic imaging
 - 1 hour region specific blocks.
 - Integrate into lab/clinical scenario discussions.
- **Spring semester, 2nd year.**
 - Cervicothoracic spine, shoulder, elbow, wrist & hand.
 - 1 hour region specific blocks.
 - Integrate into lab/clinical scenario discussions.



Key Instructional Resources

- McKinnis textbook
- American College of Radiology Appropriateness Criteria
- Clinical Decision Rules / Guidelines
- J Orthop Sports Physical Therapy MSK Imaging feature articles
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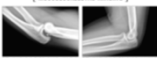
Imaging Content: Clinical Internship

- Three 12 week full time internships in settings throughout the U.S.
 - Imaging experiences are varied.
- Two 8 week on-site clinical experiences.
 - No imaging privileges, have ability to review images and/or reports.





Published Cases



Proximal Dislocation of the Elbow

Journal of Orthopaedic Trauma, 2014



Osteochondral Lesion of the Elbow

Journal of Orthopaedic Trauma, 2014



Osteochondral Defect of the Medial Femoral Condyle

Journal of Orthopaedic Trauma, 2014

Other Options?

- What happens when,
 - Programs are too small to provide adequate imaging in the curriculum.
 - Not enough faculty to teach extra courses.
 - Faculty doesn't feel they have the expertise to teach the subject matter.
 - Curriculum already too full.
 - Not enough money/space to hire another faculty for imaging content.
 - Or.....

On-line, distance learning options


- Programs have been created to cover MSK imaging content.
- Examples:
 - Medbridge, Seattle, WA, an online medical education program which already has basic imaging content, as well as imaging specific for those interested in OCS and SCS certifications. <https://www.medbridgeeducation.com/>
 - The University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, TX, has created an on-line distance education program in MSK imaging for their tDPT program.
 - Both programs provide testing after modules to evaluate learning.
 - Can these, or systems like these, be integrated into your DPT programs?



The Legislative Connection



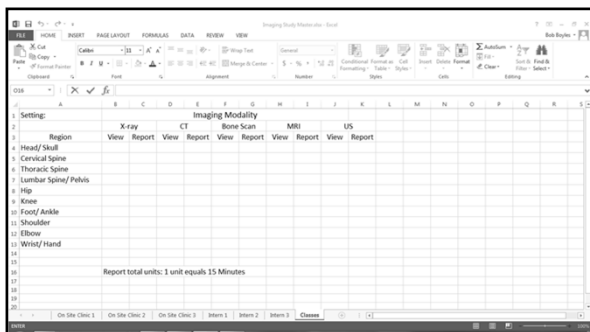
- Experience from Washington State Physical Therapy Association (PTWA).
- 7 year legislative battle to remove the prohibition on spinal manipulation by Physical Therapists.
- Eventually successful in removing prohibition. However to gain state endorsement, PTs must demonstrate:
 - 100 hours of training in differential diagnosis.
 - 250 hours of didactic and practical training related to the delivery of spinal manipulative procedures.
 - 300 hours of supervised clinical experience in spinal manipulative procedures.
 - 150 hours of specific training in spinal diagnostic imaging.



Musculoskeletal Imaging Education in a Doctor of Physical Therapy Program

Boyles RE, Lancaster RL, Muraoka T, Sak-Ocbina WC

As direct access musculoskeletal experts, Physical Therapists (PTs) must have clinical decision making skills to direct care and decide appropriateness for imaging. Evidence shows that, with adequate imaging education, PTs decrease imaging and associated health care costs compared to other primary care providers. Additionally, PTs have been found to be comparable to orthopedic surgeons in their ability to decide appropriateness of imaging. The APTA's goal is to have enough imaging education in entry level programs so that PTs will have imaging privileges. Currently, there are no published studies reporting time spent with musculoskeletal imaging in entry level DPT education. The purpose of this study is to survey the type and amount of imaging education provided in one entry-level DPT program.



Setting:	Region	X-ray	CT	Imaging Modality	Bone Scan	MRU	US
1		View	Report	View	Report	View	Report
2	Head/Skull						
3	Cervical Spine						
4	Thoracic Spine						
5	Lumbar Spine/Pelvis						
6	Hip						
7	Knee						
8	Foot/Ankle						
9	Shoulder						
10	Elbow						
11	Wrist/Hand						
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- American College of Radiology Appropriateness Criteria <http://www.acr.org/Quality-Safety/Appropriateness-Criteria>

Diagnostic Imaging Education: Large Private University




- Feinberg School of Medicine
- XXXX Graduate/PostGrad (MD, DPT, PA, MPO)
- Medical School/ Medical Center Affiliation
- Located in Chicago, IL

Feinberg School of Medicine Mission Statement


Our mission is to impact the practice of medicine through discovery and education





NUPTHMS Mission Statement

- To educate doctors of physical therapy and movement scientists in an academic medical environment that integrates research, education, and clinical care.
- To promote optimal health outcomes for our patients and society through the advancement of rehabilitation science and practice.
- To be a diverse faculty and student body producing global leaders in the profession of physical therapy and the science of human movement.



NUPTHMS DPT Curriculum Plan

Year One (foundational year)


- Students concentrate on foundational courses - Anatomy, Kinesiology, Physiology, Psychosocial, Intro to Clinical Decision Making, Neuroscience, Exam and Evaluation, Synthesis
- **Spring Trimester: 1st full time clinical experience – 6 weeks**

Year Two (clinical management year)

- Students' main focus is to learn all aspects of patient examination, assessment, and treatment design across the lifespan, progressively dealing with more complex multi-systems involvement. Synthesis
 - Imaging content throughout the entire thread
- **Spring Trimester: 2nd full time clinical experience – 6 weeks**


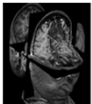
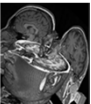
Year Three (clinical experiences)

- **Fall & Winter Trimesters: 3rd and 4th clinical experiences - 13 weeks x 2**
 - "Keeping an eye out on interesting patient cases where imaging featured and results influenced POC"



Imaging Throughout the Curriculum

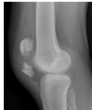
- **Year One (foundational year)**
 - Anatomy, Kinesiology, Neuroscience, Exam and Evaluation, Synthesis
- **Year Two (clinical management year)**
 - Imaging throughout with support of faculty expertise, research methods, interdisciplinary support, ACR guidelines centered around case examples, complex cases, and synthesis projects
- **Year Three**
 - Clinical experiences

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Published Cases

[MUSCULOSKELETAL IMAGING]



Symptomatic Ganglion Cyst in a Patient With Knee Pain

The patient presented with chronic knee pain and swelling. MRI demonstrated a large, well-defined, rounded mass in the suprapatellar region, consistent with a ganglion cyst.

[MUSCULOSKELETAL IMAGING]



Comminuted C7 Articular Pillar Fracture in a Patient With Multiple Sclerosis and Recent Falls

The patient presented with neck pain and a recent fall. CT scan demonstrated a comminuted fracture of the C7 vertebral body, involving the articular pillar.

[MUSCULOSKELETAL IMAGING]



Identification of Metastatic Lesions in a Patient With Low Back Pain Following a Motor Vehicle Collision

A patient with a history of low back pain and a recent motor vehicle collision. MRI of the lumbar spine identified multiple vertebral body lesions, consistent with metastatic disease.

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Dr. Boyles - Other Options?

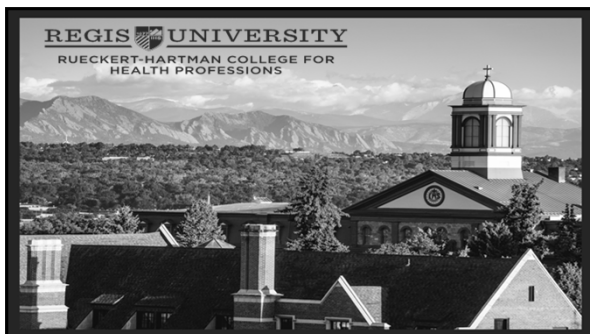
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Question – Does this provide foundation for 'post-doc', residency, fellowship, internship opportunities with key locations/people on a national and international scale?
Question – Online learning opportunities?
what to do with a Radiology report? How do you explain the findings with a patient and how do you use it in clinical decision making?

Imaging Education at a Small Private University

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- President, HPA The Catalyst, APTA
- Assistant Dean, Associate Professor
- School of Physical Therapy, Regis University

REGIS UNIVERSITY
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 Regis University is one of 28 Jesuit colleges and universities (eight have DPT education programs) nationwide.
Rueckert-Hartman College for Health Professions
Loretto Heights School of Nursing
School of Physical Therapy- MS- 1996, DPT 2004
School of Pharmacy
Division of Health Services Education
Division of Counseling and Family Therapy

Doctor of Physical Therapy Program Mission Statement
The DPT Program is dedicated to providing value-centered education within the Jesuit Catholic tradition. The professional education is extensive in depth and breadth and promotes current best practice across settings. The program is designed to prepare graduates as leaders in the profession who bridge theory and practice in a dynamic health care environment. Special attention is placed on developing an appreciation of the uniqueness of the individual and recognition of how this uniqueness influences health and wellness of diverse populations. Emphasis is placed on developing advocates for the public welfare and common good by changing self-centeredness and other values that compromise a sense of community. Graduates are challenged to integrate Jesuit values with future personal and professional pursuits. Graduates practice autonomously, ethically, and legally as primary care providers. As professionals, graduates are decision-makers and critical thinkers who have a clear understanding of the value of lifelong learning and contributing to the body of knowledge of physical therapy.

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DPT Curriculum

- 1 credit Radiology Course added to DPT curriculum in 2002, Sem IV (Fall of year 2)
- 2 credit Diagnostic Imaging and Procedures- 2005
 - Added NCV/EMG content and lab
 - Added RUSI lab
 - Added Decision making lab
- Transition DPT- 2002-2014
- Fellowship in Manual Therapy- 2003
- RegisCares- onsite faculty practice- 2010

REGIS UNIVERSITY
RUCKERT-HARTMAN COLLEGE FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONS

DPT 712 Diagnostic Imaging and Procedures

- 2 Semester credits- Semester IV
- CREDITED CONTACT HOURS: Lecture:16 Lab: 6 Final Exam :2
- **APPLIED SCIENCE SET OBJECTIVES:**
- **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**
- Introduces the foundations and principles of diagnostic imaging and procedures used in clinical management to include radiograph imaging, CT, RUSI, MRI and electrophysiologic studies. Rationales and guidelines for examination selection are discussed. Performs nerve conduction and needle EMG studies. Examines basic interpretation of diagnostic imaging as well as interpretation of EMG and nerve conduction studies. Laboratory included.

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Course Content

- 8 lectures, 6 labs
- Intro to diagnostic imaging with focus on history, terminology, technology
- Plain Film radiographs- Fracture evaluation
- Plain Film radiographs- spine evaluation
- CT, arthrography, Bone scans, Pet Scans
- MRI
- RUSI
- EMG/NCV
- Clinical decision making, legal implications
- Set foundation for more detailed clinical application in future musculoskeletal and neurological management courses, as well as differential diagnosis course.
- Students will know about the technology, how to communicate and understand reports, how to use ACR and other clinical decision making rules.

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Course Resources

- Textbooks
 - McKinnis LN. (2014). *Fundamentals of Musculoskeletal Imaging*.(4th edition) Philadelphia, F.A. Davis.
 - Malone T, Hazle C, Grey M.(2008) *Imaging in Rehabilitation*. New York City, McGraw Hill.
 - Swain J, Bush K. (2009). *Diagnostic Imaging for Physical Therapists*. St. Louis, Saunders, Elsevier
 - Cornwall M, Nyre E, Harris, J. (2015). *Imaging Handbook for Physical Therapists*. Philadelphia, Wolters Kluwer.
- Articles
- Electronic Resources

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Course Evaluative Activities

- Quizzes
- Finals Exam - electronic with images
- Article review
- JOSPT assignment- 3 image corner reviews
- Small groups with radiologic professional- MD, PA, NP, RT

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Colorado Physical Therapy Practice Act

- **12-41-105. Limitations on authority.**
- (1) Nothing in this article authorizes a physical therapist to perform any of the following acts: (a) Practice of medicine, surgery, or any other form of healing except as authorized by the provisions of this article; or
- (b) Use of roentgen rays and radioactive materials for therapeutic purposes; the use of electricity for surgical purposes; or the diagnosis of disease.
- Precedent of rule by omission vs. commission
 - Direct access
 - Ordering or requesting imaging

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