Fundamentals of Diagnostic Imaging (CLSC-5102)

Course Calendar, Summer 2012

DATE	TOPIC	
	WEEK 1	
May 8	Course introduction and overview of imaging modalities; history of diagnostic imaging	
May 9	The clinical thinking process and the role of diagnostic imaging	
WEEK 2		
May 15	Starting with the end in mind: describing radiographs and imaging lexicon	
May 16	The controlling factors, mAs and kVp, and how they affect the films	
WEEK 3		
May 22	The tube – anatomy and cathode processes	
May 23	The tube – anode processes and connecting back to the big picture	
WEEK 4		
May 29	The generator – purpose, types, effect of type on dose and connecting back to the big picture	
May 30	The subject – interactions with matter and differential absorption	
WEEK 5		
June 5	The subject – subject contrast and connecting back to the big picture	
June 6	The film and screen – image formation and intensifying screens	
WEEK 6		
June 12	The processor – film processing and connecting back to the big picture	
June 13	The extras – collimation, grids, filtration and beam hardening	
WEEK 7		
June 19	The extras – geometric distortion and magnification, penumbra and image quality	
June 20	In-class Exercise	
WEEK 8		
June 26	Review for midterm exam	
June 27	Review for midterm exam	
June 29	Midterm exam (7 AM)	
WEEK 9		
July 3	Radiobiology and radiation protection	
July 4	No class – Independence Day	
WEEK 10		
July 10	Digital x-ray imaging – computed radiography (CR) and digital radiography (DR)	
July 11	Introduction to cross-sectional imaging, computed tomography (CT) and magnetic resonance imaging (MR)	

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July 17	MR imaging continued	
July 18	Nuclear medicine – radiotracers, scintigraphy, single photon emission computed tomography (SPECT) and positron emission tomography (PET)	
WEEK 12		
July 24	Ultrasound	
July 25	Application of diagnostic imaging in clinical practice (case scenarios)	
WEEK 13		
July 31	Application of diagnostic imaging in clinical practice (case scenarios)	
August 1	Application of diagnostic imaging in clinical practice (case scenarios)	
WEEK 14		
August 7	In-class Exercise	
August 8	Review for final exams	
August 10	Final exam (7:00 AM)	
WEEK 15		
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