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Chapter 1 General Principles of Musculoskeletal Imaging

1. A conventional radiograph is the best modality for screening for:

- A. Metastatic tumors
- B. Subtle fractures
- C. Bone or joint abnormality
- D. Soft tissue lesions

2. "Routine series" of radiographs are ordered to:

- A. Complete the physical examination
- B. Provide the most visualization of the anatomy with the least number of radiographs
- C. Provide a baseline of a pathological condition prior to starting treatment
- D. Standardize data for future research

3. The following densities are correctly arranged in order of increasing radiodensity:

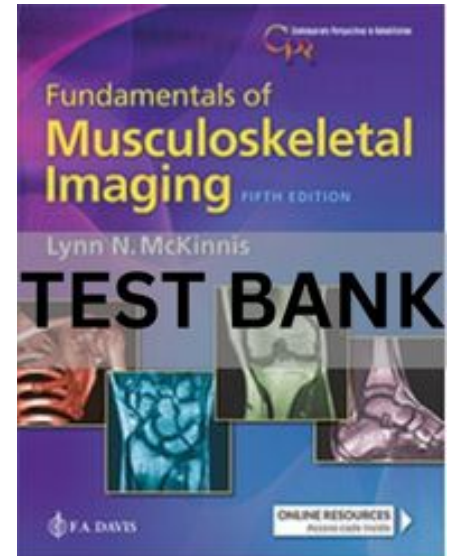
- A. Air, fat, water, bone
- B. Fat, air, water, bone.
- C. Air, water, fat, bone
- D. Bone, water, fat, air

4. Why are two radiographs, made at right angles to each other, a standard of clinical practice?

- A. To account for any distortion on one radiograph
- B. To visualize three dimensions of the anatomy
- C. To scout for what advanced modality to order next
- D. To screen for additional pathological conditions

5. What does the philosophy ALARA mean?

- A. As low as reasonably achievable
- B. As lucky as a radiologist can accomplish



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- C. As low an amount of radioactivity absorbed
 - D. A philosophy replaced by MPD (maximal permissible dose)
6. Contrast media is used in radiography to:
- A. Outline the position of metallic hardware
 - B. Provide protection from radiation to sensitive tissues
 - C. Determine if a pathological condition is acute or chronic
 - D. Allow visualization of soft tissues not evident on conventional radiographs
7. The most common projections in routine radiographic examination of the appendicular skeleton and spine are the:
- A. Superior and inferior
 - B. Coronal, sagittal, and axial
 - C. Cephalad and caudal
 - D. Anteroposterior, lateral, and oblique
8. Accepted convention for viewing radiographs is to look at the image as if the patient were facing the viewer.
- A. True
 - B. False
9. Radiographic distortion is the difference between the actual object and its recorded image. Every radiograph will have a degree of size or shape distortion.
- A. True
 - B. False
10. A major advantage of the bone scan is how sensitive it is to increased bone metabolism. A major disadvantage of the bone scan is:
- A. Lack of specificity to the pathological condition
 - B. It can only show cortical bone, not cancellous bone

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- C. It is unable to visualize the entire skeleton in one exam
- D. It can show only structural, not physiological, changes

Chapter 2 Radiologic Evaluation, Search Patterns, and Diagnosis

1. A search pattern for viewing radiographs is the ABCs, which stands for:

- A. Alignment, bone density, cartilage spaces, soft tissues
- B. Anatomy, body mass, connective tissues
- C. Alignment, breaks in continuity, cortical margins, soft tissues
- D. None of the above

2. Predictor variables help narrow the diagnostic possibilities. If a lesion is wider than it is long and has poorly defined margins, these characteristics are predictive of what kind of lesion?

- A. Malignant
- B. Metastatic
- C. Benign
- D. Infectious

3. Sclerosis is seen on radiograph as _____ and is a sign of _____.

- A. radiolucent; repair.
- B. radiolucent; inflammatory process
- C. radiodense; repair
- D. radiopaque; repair

4. Radiologic hallmarks of *degenerative joint disease* include:

- A. Concentric joint space narrowing, sclerotic subchondral bone, and periarticular rarefaction
- B. Asymmetrical joint space narrowing, sclerotic subchondral bone, and pseudocysts
- C. Osteophyte formation and osteoporosis
- D. Asymmetrical joint space narrowing and articular erosions

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5. Radiologic hallmarks of *rheumatoid arthritis* include:

- A. Concentric joint space narrowing, erosions of subchondral bone, and periarticular rarefaction
- B. Asymmetrical joint space narrowing, sclerotic subchondral bone, and pseudocysts
- C. Osteophyte formation and osteoporosis
- D. Asymmetrical joint space narrowing and articular erosions

6. Joint capsules become visible on radiograph when they become distended by effusion seen in the instance(s) of:

- A. Acute infection
- B. Hemophilic bleed
- C. Joint trauma
- D. All of the above

7. If an abnormality discovered on radiograph has characteristics of a malignant lesion, the next step is diagnostic evaluation is:

- A. Advanced imaging
- B. Surgery
- C. Chemotherapy
- D. Radiation

8. Osteoporosis is a metabolic disease that results in decreased total bone mass. What percent of reduction in bone mass must occur before osteoporosis becomes evident on radiographs?

- A. 20%
- B. 30%
- C. 40%
- D. 50%

9. Tumors are generally divided into two categories, based on the amount of bony destruction they incur:

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- A. Benign and malignant
- B. Benign and metastatic
- C. Primary and secondary
- D. Aggressive and benign

10. What procedure is necessary to accurately define the infectious organism in an infected joint?

- A. MRI with contrast
- B. Nuclear imaging with a glucose analog
- C. Aspiration biopsy
- D. Bone scan

Chapter 3 Radiologic Evaluation of Fracture

1. A *trauma survey* of radiographs assesses life-threatening injuries in priority order. Usually the first radiographic examination performed is the:

- A. Lateral thoracolumbar
- B. Anteroposterior abdominal
- C. Cross-table lateral of the cervical spine
- D. Anteroposterior skull

2. **Refer to the figure.** Radiographic assessment of a fractured bone must include:

- A. Two views at right angles to each other
- B. The routine radiographic exam for the most proximal joint
- C. An AP view of the contralateral limb to assess normal values
- D. The routine radiographic exam for the most distal joint

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3. Eponyms are standardized, and the definitive glossary is included in the text for correct use of eponyms in documentation.

A. True

B. False

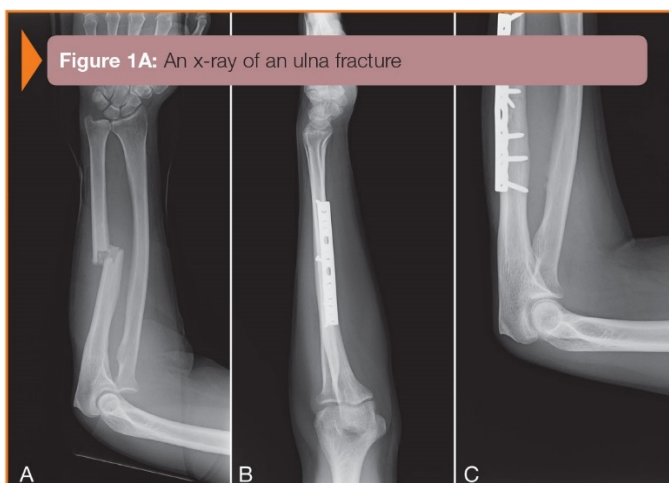
4. **Refer to the figure.** Name the bone and characteristic of the fractures:

A. Midshaft of the ulna, incomplete, displaced

B. Midshaft of the radius, incomplete, displaced

C. Midshaft of the ulna, complete, displaced

D. Midshaft of the radius, complete, displaced



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5. Refer to the figure. The _____ is fractured in the most common epiphyseal injury pattern, a Salter–Harris _____:

- A. femur; type 1
- B. femur; type 2
- C. tibia; type 1
- D. tibia; type 2



6. Guiding bone fragments toward normal anatomic position via manipulation or traction and followed by stabilization with an external device is known as:

- A. Closed reduction
- B. Open reduction

7. “Missed” fractures occur with some frequency because of:

- A. Failure to order radiography
- B. Failure to recognize fractures on radiographs
- C. Subtle fractures that are difficult to see on radiographs
- D. All of the above

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8. A basic principle of fracture management if there is clinical suspicion of fracture but negative radiographs is to:

- A. Instruct the patient to use the limb to pain tolerance
- B. Immobilize the limb and repeat radiographs in 7 to 10 days
- C. Immobilize the limb for the average 4- to 6-week healing phase
- D. Initiate physical therapy for sprain management

9. When all the processes of healing have ceased at an ununited fracture site, the condition is called:

- A. Nonunion
- B. Malunion
- C. Delayed union
- D. Avascular necrosis

10. **Refer to the figure.** The deformity of the radius is known as:

- A. Plastic bowing
- B. Greenstick fracture



- C. Torus fracture
 - D. Complete midshaft fracture
- Chapter 4 Computed Tomography

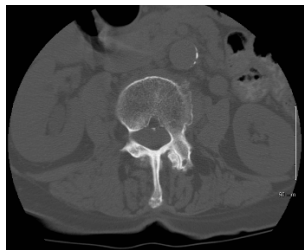
1. When viewing an axial CT image of the spine:

- A. The spinous process points down and the patient's left side is to the left on the image
- B. The spinous process points down and the patient's right side is to the left on the image
- C. The spinous process points up and the patient's left side is to the left on the image
- D. There are no fixed conventions for viewing these images

2. **Refer to the figure.** What imaging method is displayed in this axial scan of the lower thoracic spine?

- A. CT, soft tissue window
- B. CT myelogram
- C. CT, bone window
- D. 3D CT

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3. In CT scans, which improves spatial resolution (visible details in the image)?
 - A. Small matrix size
 - B. Thick slices
 - C. Small field of view
 - D. Low bone density

4. In CT images:
 - A. Cortical bone appears dark
 - B. Fat appears light gray
 - C. Dense structures appear white
 - D. Muscles have a lighter shade than do tendons

5. Windowing (typically expressed in terms of Hounsfield units) refers to the:
 - A. Size of the field of view in the images
 - B. Pixel density displayed in the images
 - C. Range of radiodensities displayed in an image
 - D. Collimation used when producing the images

6. Cone beam CT has which characteristic?
 - A. It constructs images from a large number of slices
 - B. It has longer scanning times but greater image detail
 - C. It is associated with less radiation exposure
 - D. It has less spatial resolution than conventional scanners

7. What is true of resolution in CT images?
 - A. Contrast resolution distinguishes between tissues that have very different radiodensities
 - B. Spatial resolution improves with larger matrix size
 - C. Higher contrast resolution always improves the image quality
 - D. Spatial resolution improves the larger the field of view

8. Musculoskeletal CT scanning is typically done with:
 - A. A slice thickness of 0.5 mm or less
 - B. Contrast-enhanced CT
 - C. Slices of less than 3 mm
 - D. Comparison with MRI

9. The main advantages of CT lie in:
 - A. Displaying fine detail of cortical bone
 - B. Its ability to differentiate between malignant and benign tumors

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- C. Showing the histological makeup of tissues
- D. Low radiation

10. **Refer to the figure.** In this image, the arrow points to:

- A. Muscle
- B. Tendon
- C. Entrapped air
- D. Intermuscular fat plane



Chapter 5 Magnetic Resonance Imaging

1. On T1 MRI:

- A. Fat appears dark gray
- B. Inflammation is bright
- C. Tendons appear light gray
- D. Healthy tendons appear black

2. What type of imaging is displayed in this image?

- A. T1 MRI
- B. T2 MRI
- C. STIR
- D. MRI myelography

