



**Chapter Council Presents
Sharing Roundtables
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Table 18: Medical Images

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Discussion:

The facilitator had each participant introduce herself and explain why she had chosen Medical Images. All expressed a desire to learn of the various sources of medical imaging and/or how to promote their usage. Although slides and video-recordings have provided images in the past, the discussion focused on the use of the electronic and digital format. Discussed the pros and cons of the cost for purchasing CD or online access with single site verses institutional site licenses. As a solution to conserve budgets, the suggestion was made to scan images from books and journals, but it was noted the negatives to this process requires copyright clearances once the desired images are located as well as the inferior quality of the reproductions from these sources.

Sources Discussed:

- images.MD-encyclopedia of images
- Human Anatomy-atlas approach
- MDConsult- surgery related images
- Netter Presenter-interactive atlas
- The Virtual Human-digital image of human cadavers

Current Uses:

- Classroom presentations
- Lectures
- Meetings

- Study tool
- Grand round preparation

Questions:

- Is there a listing of Images?
- What are ways to promote better usage of medical image resources?
- Where to find specific “normal” and diseased organs?

Concerns:

- Specific images are difficult to locate.
- CD images are often very difficult to use.

Suggested Solutions:

- An Imaging Index
- **User-friendly instructions for finding**