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2:00pm-4:00pm Registration		
Session I (4:00pm-5:30 pm) Miscellaneous topics (7 min. / Paper + 2 min. Discussion)		
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4:00-4:09	1- Aptness of CT wash of masses: is it fact or fiction <i>Dr. Doaa Sharaf (Man.</i>	out in pediatric adrenal on? soura Urology&Nephrology Centre)
4:09-4:18	2- MRI CSF flowmetry; early detection of hydro <i>Prof. Hazem Moharran</i> <i>Dr. Mohamed Hafez</i>	the golden modality in cephalus in children t (Cairo University) (Cairo University)
4:18-4:27	3- The diagnostic perfor ultrasonography in the u the critical care setting <i>Dr. Rania Refaat</i>	mance of chest p-to-date work-up of (Ain Shams University)
4:27-4:36	4- Role of ulrasonograph <i>Dr. Germeen Albeir</i>	hy in pediatric female pelvis (Mansoura University)
4:36-4:45	5-Does low dose MDCT diagnosis of congenital a <i>Dr. Nagham Omar</i> <i>Dr. Gehan Saifeldin</i>	Thave advantages in megacolon in infants? (Assuit University) (Assuit University)
4:45-4:54	6- Estimation of how is the work-up of hepatobl <i>Dr. Mohamed Gaber</i>	64 MDCT accurate in astoma in pediatric patients <i>(El-Menia University)</i>

Session I (4:00pm-5:30 pm) Miscellaneous topics

(7 min. / Paper + 2 min. Discussion)

4:54-5:03	7- Employment of diffusion weighted magnetic		
	resonance imaging in character	rization of hepatic	
	focal lesion: is it helpful?		
	Dr. Reem Elkady	(Assiut University)	
	8- Role of Magnetic Resonance	e spectroscopy in	
5:03-5:12	grading of primary brain tumors in pediatrics.		
	Dr. Radwa Kamel Abdulnasse	(Assiut University)	
5:12-5:21	9- Diffusion tensor imaging an	d MR tractography	
	in subacute infarctions		
	Dr. Ahmad Farahat	(Military Medical Academy)	
	10- Focus on the role of chest	ultrasonography in	
5.21-5.30	the diagnosis of pneumonia and	d its complications in	
5.21 5.50	children.		
	Dr. Hoda Abdel Kareem	(South Valley University)	
	Opening ceremony		
	Sayed Ghoneim (Secretory General ESRNM),		
5.30-5:45	Magda Shady (President of Conference),		
	Ihab Saad (Dean of Mansoura Faculty of Medicine),		
	Elsayed Abdel Khalek (President, Mans. Univ.)		
	Nefertiti Eid (Head of Scientific Committee),		
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Session II (5:45pm-7:30 pm) CNS & Head & Neck

(15 mins / talk)

Chairpersons:	Prof. Ahmad Abd Elkhalik	
(Alphabetically)	Prof. Magdy Elrakhawy	
	Prof. Sabry Elmogy	
	Prof. Mohamad Eltokhy	
	Prof. Mohamad Fuad	
	1- Conventional and advanced MR imaging in	
5:45-6:00	pediatric brain posterior fossa tumors.	
	Prof. Sabry El-Mogy	(Mansoura University)
6.00 6.15	2- 3D US prediction of congenital anomalies	
6:00-6:15	Prof. Magda Shady	(Mansoura University)
	3- Role of MRI in detection of int	trauterine fetal
6:15-6:30	brain anomalies.	
	A. Prof. Galal ElHawary	(Mansoura University)
	4- Preoperative assessment of coo	chlear implants:
6:30-6:45	15 years experience	
	Prof. Hazem Moharram	(Cairo University)
	Dr. Mohamed Hafez	(Cairo University)
6:45-7:00	5- Preoperative embolization of nasopharyngeal	
	angiofibroma with extracranial extension.	
	Prof. Talal Amer	(Mansoura University)
7:00-7:15	Discussion	
7:15-7:30	Philips Pediatric CT	

Session III Musculo-s (15 min/talk)	(7:30pm-9:15pm) keletal & Oncology)	
Chairpersons:	Prof. Abdel Karim Hass	san	
(Alphabetically)	Prof. Ali Abdel Karim		
	Prof. Ekram Hamed		
	Prof. Magda Elbakry		
	Prof. Saleh Elesawy		
	1- Role of MRI in knee sy	welling in pediatric	
7:30-7:45	age group		
	Prof. Saleh El-Esawy	(Mansoura University	ッ
7:45-8:00	2- Role of MRI n the ass	sessment of pediatric elbow	W
	Prof. Ali Abd El Karim	(Alex. University	y)
8:00-8:15	3- CT vs MRI in the asses	essment of muscle diseases	5
0.00 0.12	Dr. Eman M. Abd El-Sal	lam (Mansoura University	り
8:15-8:30	4- Role of imaging in ped	diatric oncology	
	Dr. Amal Refaat	(Children Cancer Hospital 57357	7)
8:30-8:45	5- PET CT and whole boo	dy diffusion MRI in initial	I
	assessment and follow up	p of pediatric lymphoma	
	Dr. Amr El-Nayal	(Children Cancer Hospital 5735)	7)
8:45-9:00	Discussion		
9:00-9:15	Xerox – Paper printing		

Session IV (10:00am-12:00pm)

Basic Radiology *Prof. Mamdouh Mahfouz* (Cairo University)

Session V (1:00pm-3:00pm)

Chairpersons:	Prof. Nevertiti Eid	
	Prof. Yousef Badran	
	Film reading session	
1:00-2:00	Prof. Hassan El-Kikiy	(Cairo University)
2:00-3:00	Prof. Nevertiti Eid	(Mansoura University

Philips Workshop (5:00pm-6:00pm)

Role of imaging in pediatrics (Philips)

Cardio-vascular & Chest Imaging (15 mins / talk)Chairpersons: Prof. Mahmoud Abd Elshahid **Prof. Mervat Shafeek** (Alphabetically) Dr. Amina Sultan Dr. Salwa Eteiba 1- Role of MDCT in imaging of congenital heart 6:00-6:15 diseases Dr. Ahmad Ibrahim (Ain Shams University) 2- Role of MRI in imaging of congenital heart 6:15-6:30 diseases Dr. Sara EL-Fawal (Alex. University) 3- Pediatric mediastinal masses 6:30-6:45 A.Prof. Hadeel Seif Eldeen (Qasr Eleiny Hospital) 4-Prenatal and postnatal imaging of lung lesions 6.45 - 7.00**Prof. Jihan Mazroa** (Mansoura University) 5- MDCT in congenital anomalies of the chest 7:00-7:15 **Dr.** Ashraf Abd El-Rahman (Mansoura Children Univ.) Discussion 7.15 - 7.30SAMSUNG XGEO Clinical Review(World Wide)

(Samsung HME Clinical Professor)

Session VI (6:00pm-7:45pm)

Dr. Miran Lee

7.30-7.45

Session VII (7:45pm-8:45 pm) Miscellaneous topics

(15 mins / talk)

Chairpersons:	Prof. Fathy Tantawy
(Alphabetically)	Prof. Magdy Settin
	Prof. Mohamad Borg
	DR. Mohamad Aboelhoda
	1- US findings in normal breast development and
7:45-8:00	breast masses in children
	Prof. Nermin Soliman (Mansoura University)
8:00-8:15	2- Role of Diffusion-Weighted MR Imaging in
	Pediatric Patients with Diffuse Liver Disease.
	Prof. Adel El-Badrawy (Mansoura University)
8:15-8:30	3- Imaging in pediatric urinary tract
	Prof. Mohamed Abu El-Ghar (Mansoura Urology&Nephrology centre)
8:30-8:45	Discussion
8:45-9:00	Closing ceremony

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Abstracts

Aptness of CT Washout in Pediatric Adrenal Masses: Is It Fact or Fiction?

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Purpose: To evaluate the accuracy of multi-detector computed tomography (MDCT) in diagnosis and differentiation of pediatric adrenal masses. Patients and methods: Between September 2011 and March 2013, charts of 50 pediatric patients were retrospectively reviewed. Mean age was 6 years (range 0.1-12 years). Twenty seven were girls. All had computed tomography scanning with a 64-MDCT scanner. They underwent unenhanced CT of the upper abdomen, then two enhanced acquisitions at 60 seconds (venous phase) and 15 minutes (delayed phase) after IV administration of iodinated contrast agent. Absolute percentage washout (APW) and relative percentage washout (RPW) were calculated. The results were correlated with histopathological examination in children to who adrenalectomy was done.

Results: Fifty patients with 53 adrenal masses were evaluated. The left side was involved in 33 children. Bilateral adrenal masses were noted in 3 cases. Adenomatous lesions demonstrated APW more than 60% and relative percentage washout RPW more than 40%, while APW less than 60% and RPW less than 40% in non-adenomatous lesions. The final diagnosis was hyperplasia in three cases, adrenal adenoma in 2 cases and non-adenomatous masses in 45 cases as follow: Neuroblastoma in 33 cases, Pheochromocytoma in 5 cases, Adreno-cortical carcinoma in one case, adrenal heamorrhage in 4 cases, and adrenal cyst in 2 cases.

Conclusions: MDCT is the modality of choice in diagnosis of pediatric adrenal masses with high accuracy in differentiating benign from malignant masses with subsequent characterization of different types of non-adenomatous masses by specific CT criteria with high sensitivity & specificity and with lesser need to use CT washout equation in pediatric adrenal masses.

MRI CSF Flowmetry; The golden modality in early detection of hydrocephalus in pediatrics.

Authors: Prof. Dr. Hazem Moharram MD, Dr. Mohamed Hafez MD, PhD

Abstract:

Cine phase contrast magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) has been increasingly used during the last decade for evaluating cranial and spinal cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) flow.

Purpose: The aim of our study is to assess the value of cine-phase contrast MRI CSF flowmetry in early detection and diagnosis of hydrocephalus in children prior to the full established clinical features.

Material and Methods: CSF flow study was performed with the use of an optimized two dimensional cine phase-contrast MR technique. The protocols of examination include quantitative and qualitative analysis of CSF flow properties at the level of the aqueduct of Sylvius and applied on20 patients with relatively large head.

Results and Conclusion: Correlative statistical analysis revealed that the systolic peak and mean velocity as well as the systolic stroke volume values in normal pressure hydrocephalus (NPH) patients were statistically significantly higher than those of the normal controls denoting hyperdynamic aqueductal CSF flow in non-obstructive hydro-cephalus. In cases of obstructive hydrocephalus either complete or partial, we found statistically significant markedly low systolic peak velocity, end-diastolic peak velocity and stroke volume values in comparison to healthy volunteers indicating a hypodynamic CSF circulation.

Our results confirm the value of cine phase MRI as golden modality for characterizing CSF hydrodynamics in various types of hydrocephalus with early and accurate diagnosis prior to the established clinical calvarial deformity features of hydrocephalus.

The diagnostic performance of chest ultrasonography in the up-to-date work-up of the critical care setting

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Objective: To compare the sensitivity, specificity and diagnostic performance of chest ultrasonography (US) for various pathologic pleuropulmonary abnormalities in intensive care unit (ICU) patients.

Material and methods: Ninety consecutive patients admitted in chest ICU with respiratory distress were assessed clinically and by chest radiography (CXR). They were suspected to have a provisional diagnosis of any of the following pathologic entities: pneumonic consolidation, bronchogenic carcinoma, metastatic pulmonary nodules, pleural effusion, pneumothorax, hydropneumothorax and mesothelioma. These patients were scheduled for chest computed tomography (CT) and prospectively reviewed using chest US examination. The results of chest US were compared with the chest CT being the diagnostic standard of reference for each pathological entity to subsequently calculate its sensitivity, specificity and diagnostic performance.

Results: The sensitivity, specificity and diagnostic accuracy of chest US were 100%, 96% & 97% for pneumonic consolidation, 71%, 100% & 98% for bronchogenic carcinoma and 92%, 100% & 99% for pneumothorax. The sensitivity, specificity and diagnostic accuracy of 100% for the rest of the included pathological entities were obtained.

Conclusion: Chest ultrasonography has a considerable diagnostic performance for various pleuropulmonary pathologic conditions that may be encountered in the ICU patients making it as an adjunct tool in the up-to-date work-up of the ICU setting.

Role of ultrasonography in pediatric female pelvis

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Abstract:

Wide varieties of pathological processes affect the female pelvis in childhood. Ultrasonography, a safe and available modality, provides real- time images of multiple planes and therefore is ideal for pediatric pelvic evaluation.Additional modalities such as CT and MRI should be reserved for cases in which ultrasonography is non-conclusive.

Aim of the work: to evaluate the role of ultrasonography in diagnosis of pediatric female pelvic pathological conditions.

Patients and methods: Thirty six female patients in pediatric age group, with variable complaints underwent pelvic ultrasonography examination. They were divided into two groups. Group A underwent complementary CT or MRI Group B were treated based on the diagnosis obtained by US. The results of US were compared with the result of CT & MRI in group A .While in group B they were compared the data obtained after clinical/ surgical management.

Results: This study included 36 cases divided in 2 groups. Group A included 21 cases (9 cases had non gynecological disorders and 12 cases had gynecological disorders). Group B included 15 cases; 4 of them had acute appendicitis and 11 had miscellaneous gynecological disorders. Pathological diagnosis was obtained in 17 cases.

Conclusion: Ultrasound is the initial examination of choice for evaluation of pediatric gynecologic disorders; however, CT and MRI were more specific in characterization of disorder and determination of the extent of disease. The spectrum of gynecologic disorders in childhood mimics non gynecological disorders which necessitates accurate differentiation prior to treatment.

Does low dose MDCT has advantages in diagnosis of congenital megacolon in infants?

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Objectives: evaluation of the applicability of low dose MDCT in detecting and diagnosis of congenital megacolon and assessing the postoperative status in infants.

Patients and methods: Patients were recruited from the cohort of Infants with chronic constipation from pediatric and surgical clinics in Assuit University. The recruited patients were sedated before examination. Examinations were done on 64-rows MDCT. Neither oral nor IV contrast media were administered for these examinations. Water soluble contrast enema was used. Scanning in the supine position cover the entire abdomen and pelvis. The images were sent to the workstation to be viewed in the axial, sagittal and coronal planes as well as for displaying volume rendering. Each MDCT examination was reviewed independently by two experienced radiologists for Interpretation of images by detecting and determining the location and length of the transition zone and detecting any associated anomalies. Evaluation of postoperative status.

Results: Twenty- tow patients were recruited . A transition zone was found at rectosigmoid in 17(77.2%) cases, long segment (above sigmoid) in 2 (9%) cases, ultra short in 1 (4.5%) case, and total colone in 2 (9%) cases. We have found associated other gastrointestinal anomalies in 2 cases, spinal dysraphism in 3 cases and urological anomalies in 2 cases. Postoperative evaluation is performed in 12 cases revealed good correction in 10 cases.

Conclusion: low-dose MDCT has an essential role in diagnosis and assessing the postoperative status of congenital megacolon in infants. work-up of the ICU setting.

Estimation how 64 MDCT is accurate in the work up of hepatoblastoma in pediatric patients

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Background: Primary malignant liver tumors account for 1%–2% of all childhood cancers. Hepatoblastoma is the most common primary hepatic malignancy of childhood. The probability of cure for hepatoblastoma is related strictly to the feasibility of achieving a complete mass definition and resection.Imaging plays a pivotal role in the diagnosis and management of children with hepatoblastoma.

Objective: The aim of this work is to assess how MDCT is an accurate imaging modality for detecting hepatoblastoma surgical resectability and for the evaluation of the surgical bed in pediatric patients.

Patients & methods: This study included 17 children,9 females and 8 males' children with hepatoblastoma, (proved by biopsy), their ages ranged from 6 to 36 months. All patients were subjected to complete clinical examination, laboratory investigations including α -fetoprotein (AFP), bone scan, abdominal U/S and detailed MDCT for the chest and abdomen.

Results: CT chest and abdomen was done using a 64 MDCT machine. The images were studied and reviewed on multi-planner & 3D reconstructed images for the tumor focality, marginal definition, involvement of the vascular structures namely, inferior vena cava, hepatic veins and portal veins, lymph node metastases, and pulmonary metastatic nodules. The collected data were correlated with the surgical & pathologic findings. Post-operatively, MDCT liver was done to detect residual or recurrent tumor in the surgical bed. MDCT found to be accurate in detecting tumor resectability (16/17 cases), evaluation of the vascular structures (15/17 cases) and in detecting residual/recurrent tumor following surgery (3/4 cases).

Conclusion: MDCT of the abdomen and chest in children with hepatoblastoma is used to assess tumor resectability and to detect the presence of pulmonary metastasis, it can be performed quickly, easily, and usually without sedation. MDCT with its multi-planar image elegantly display the extent of hepatic involvement by tumor and its proximity to the vascular structures. Adding 3D CT imaging can provide high quality images of the tumors and its location relative to vital hepatic blood vessels that could help the surgeon to identify the tumor borders accurately and devise a comparative safe surgical strategy.

Employment of Diffusion weighted magnetic resonance imaging in characterization of hepatic focal lesions, is it helpful?

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Objectives: The aim of this study is to investigate the role of diffusion weighted MRI (DWI) in improving hepatic focal lesion characterization and to determine the best ADC cutoff point to differentiate benign from malignant lesions.

Materials and Methods: Eighty two patients with 122 hepatic focal lesions (31 metastases ,29 hemangiomas, 18 cysts ,16 hepatocellular carcinomas (HCC) , 5 abscesses, 5 focal nodular hyperplasias (FNH) , 5 adenomas,3 radiofrequency ablated lesions (RFA),2 regenerative nodules,2 lymphomas, 2 focal fatty lesions,2 undetermined benign lesions,1 cholangiocarcinoma and 1 confluent fibrosis) were included in our study. All patients were examined on 1.5 T MRI magnet and underwent standard liver MRI sequences in addition to respiratory triggered echo planner DWI sequence (b-values: 0, 100, 400,600 s/mm2). Each lesion was evaluated qualitatively for its appearance in the 4 different b values images, and quantitatively by measuring the ADC values on the ADC maps. Results were correlated with histopathologic data and follow-up imaging .Receiver operating characteristic curve (ROC) was used to determine the best ADC cutoff point to differentiate benign from malignant lesions.

Results: All malignant lesions and untreated abscesses showed restriction at high b value while cysts, necrotic tissue, RFA lesions and treated abscesses showed no restriction at high b value. Mean ADCs ($\times 10-3$ mm2/s) were 3.16, 1.93, 1.86, 1.4, 1.33 for cysts ,hemangiomas,RFA,FNH and adenomas respectively and 1.04, 1.1, 0.83, 0.56 for HCC, cholangiocarcinoma,metastasis and lymphoma respectively . ADC measurements were capable of differentiating benign from malignant liver lesions with a diagnostic accuracy of 94% using a cutoff ADC value of 1.29 x10-3 mm2/s.

Conclusion: DWI is a useful complementary tool that improves hepatic focal lesions characterization.

Role of Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy in Grading of Primary Brain Tumors in Pediatric

By

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Objective: To assess the usefulness of MR spectroscopic imaging (MRS) in grading of primary brain tumors in Pediatric.

Patients& Methods: MRS was performed in a 22 child with primary brain tumors. Metabolite ratios of Choline (Cho)/ N-acetyle –Laspartate (NAA), Cho/ Creatinine (Cr),Cho+Cr/NAA as well as lipids and lactate (LL)/Cr were calculated at short and intermediate echo time (TE). Additionally, myo-inositol(mI)/Cr was calculated at short TE. Receiver operating characteristic analysis of metabolite ratios was performed to find a cut off values between high and low grade tumors. The resulting sensitivity, specificity and accuracy were calculated.

Results: At intermediate TE, Cho/NAA, Cho+Cr/NAA and Cho/Cr were significantly higher in high grade tumors than in low grade tumor. At short TE, Cho/Cr and LL/Cr ratios were significantly higher in high grade tumors than in low grade tumor. The diagnostic accuracy of the intermediate TE was 68% whereas at short TE, the diagnostic accuracy was 75%. Combination of both TEs revealed a diagnostic accuracy of 88%.

Conclusion: Cho/NAA, Cho+Cr/NAA and Cho/Cr are reliable in determining the tumor grade in children. LL/Cr is highly related to high grade tumors. Combination of both short and intermediate TEs provides better accuracy, in grading of brain neoplasm, compared to that when using each TE separately.

Diffusion tensor imaging and MR tractography in subacute infarctions

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The DTI and the DT tractography provide feasible a non-invasive way to virtual reconstruction of the white matter tracts in a reasonable time of acquisition, offering the FA which is a trustful method for the evaluation of the white matter integrity, and of useful contribution in the evaluation of ischemic cerebral strokes patients. Moreover, they open new era for a better knowledge for the brain anatomy and in the future they may give answers to a lot of non-explained neurological and psychiatric diseases.

Focus on the role of chest ultrasonography in the diagnosis of pneumonia and its complications in children

By

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Background: The diagnosis of pneumonia in children is traditionally basedon physical examination, blood tests and chest X-rays. However, interpretation of chest X-ray is sometimes problematic, particularly in young infants in addition to the proved risk of repeated post-natal X-ray exposures especially acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

Objective: This study aimed to highlight the role of chest ultrasonography (U/S) in the diagnosis and follow up of pediatric pneumonia and its complications.

Patients & methods: Our study included 50 children with pneumonia, 28 males and 22 females, their ages ranged between 3 months and 13 years. All patients subjected to complete clinical examination, laboratory investigations, plain chest radiography and chest U/S. Doppler U/S examination was added in selected cases.

Results: The imaging findings on both chest X-ray and U/S were collected and analyzed guided by the clinical findings, laboratory results and response to treatment. The imaging findings were classified into parenchymal, pleural and pleuro-parenchymal. The chest U/S scored near equal result to chest radiography (98%) in diagnosing parenchymal lesions and was superior to it in pleural and pleuro-parenchymal lesions (100/78%).

Conclusion: Chest ultrasonography in children proved a valuable role for diagnosis and follow up of pneumonia and its complications. It is rapid and can be easily repeated at the patient's bedside with no risk of irradiation. Chest U/S can also be used to guide the thoracentesis in cases complicated with pleural fluid collections.

Imaging Approach of Pediatric Elbow

By: Prof. Dr. Ali Abd El-Karim Farahat Professor and head of the MSK Unit Alexandria University Egypt

The radiological assessment of pediatric elbow especially in traumatic lesions is one of the diagnostic challenges due to the complexity and variability of the developmental anatomy of the elbow in pediatric age group. The objectives of the presentation will cover the awareness of the developmental anatomy as an essential part in the imaging approach of pediatric elbow,proper imaging radiographs for identifications of pediatric elbow injuries and the important soft tissue signs as well as alignment considerations when dealing with traumatic elbow lesions in children.

IMAGING OF URINARY TRACT IN PEDIATRICS

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• Imaging of the genitourinary system in children represents a cornerstone in the diagnosis of several congenital and acquired diseases.

- The normal anatomy and many pathologies of the pediatric genitourinary system can be assessed with different imaging modalities.
- At present, this work-up is performed by US , IVU, VCUG, CT and scintigraphy
- These well-established methods still suffer from some restrictions.
- Most of them are based on the use of ionizing radiation and invasive techniques.
- The contribution of MR Imaging has opened new ways of approaching pathological conditions in this patient group.
- The potential advantages of MRI for evaluating renal tract abnormalities in children are lack of ionizing radiation, the multiplanar capabilities and the excellent anatomic resolution and soft tissue contrast.

• Our objective to review the imaging techniques used in imaging of the urinary tract in pediatrics including conventional techniques, Ultrasound, CT and scintigraphy with special focus on the MRI and expressing its role in reducing the use of other techniques using ionizing radiation and iodinated contrast and also how can MRI serves as a problem solving specially in complex anomalies







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