

X-Ray: Clinical Justification for Imaging

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Objectives: Provide an evidence based approach in determining who should be X-rayed before initiating care. Actual case presentations (including in-depth discussions of the radiographic findings) will be used to better understand the process.

Hour 1	Review the pros and cons of evidence based guidelines. Discuss the implementation of evidence based guidelines throughout the health care delivery system. Discuss guidelines to insure that the standard of care is met when determining which patients should be x-rayed.
Hour 2 and Hour 3	Review of evidence based approach in determining which patients presenting with cervical spine complaints should be X-rayed before initiating care. Case presentations will be used to provide a real life atmosphere. Discussion will include radiographic signs, associated conditions, clinical impact, need for additional studies if applicable, and impact on prognosis both short term and long term.
Hour 4	Review of evidence based approach in determining which patients presenting with thoracic or lumbopelvic spine complaints should be X-rayed before initiating care. Case presentations will be used to provide a real life atmosphere. Discussion will include radiographic signs, associated conditions, clinical impact, need for additional studies if applicable, and impact on prognosis both short term and long term.
Hour 5	Review of evidence based approach in determining which patients presenting with lower extremity complaints should be X-rayed before initiating care. Case presentations will be used to provide a real life atmosphere. Discussion will include radiographic signs, associated conditions, clinical impact, need for additional studies if applicable, and impact on prognosis both short term and long term.
Hour 6	Review of evidence based approach in determining which patients presenting with upper extremity complaints should be X-rayed before initiating care. Case presentations will be used to provide a real life atmosphere. Discussion will include radiographic signs, associated conditions, clinical impact, need for additional studies if applicable, and impact on prognosis both short term and long term.