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**Dr. Chamaree
Chuapetcharasopon, MD**

AOSR President

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the second issue of the AOSR Newsletter for 2026 as we prepare for one of the most anticipated events in our region, the Asian Oceanian Congress of Radiology (AOCR 2026). This issue reflects a central theme that is vital to the future of our profession: leadership, continuity, and the enduring strength of our radiology community.

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As radiology continues to evolve in an increasingly interconnected world, technical excellence alone is no longer sufficient. The challenges we face require leaders who can inspire collaboration, embrace innovation, and navigate change with vision and integrity. In this context, I am particularly pleased to highlight the Global Leadership Practicum at AOCR 2026, an initiative designed to cultivate leadership capabilities among radiologists across Asia and Oceania and to foster the next generation of regional and global leaders.

Leadership development has long been a priority for AOSR through the activities of the Asian Oceanian School of Radiology and the AOSOR Youth Club. In this issue, we revisit the recent AOSOR Youth Club in Astana and hear reflections from previous participants whose journeys demonstrate the lasting impact of mentorship, networking, and leadership training. Their achievements remind us that investing in young radiologists today is essential to ensuring a vibrant future for our profession tomorrow.



We also take time to honor our heritage through the Archives section, featuring two distinguished former Presidents of the Japan Radiological Society, Professor Katayama and Professor Sugimura. Their contributions to radiology, education, and professional leadership continue to inspire generations and serve as a reminder that progress is built upon the dedication of those who came before us.

As we look forward to AOCR 2026, I invite all members to actively engage, reconnect with colleagues, exchange ideas, and help shape the future direction of radiology in our region. Thank you for your continued commitment to AOSR and for being part of this dynamic and supportive community.

Together, we continue to learn, lead, and advance radiology across Asia and Oceania.

Editor's corner

*Dr. Kevin Fung, MBBS FRCR
Honorary Secretary
Hong Kong College of Radiologists*



It brings me great pleasure to share with you our second AOSR Newsletter in 2026.

With AOCR 2026 just around the corner, this issue offers a preview of what awaits us in Singapore. From diagnostic and interventional radiology to artificial intelligence, sustainability, cybersecurity and hands-on workshops, the programme promises something for almost everyone—and probably more sessions than any one person can realistically attend.

We also celebrate colleagues who have made important contributions to our profession. The AOSR Distinguished Contribution Awards recognise Samuel L. Brady for making medical physics practical and accessible, and the late Dr Hemant Patel for his dedicated service to radiology and the wider AOSR community. Their stories remind us that lasting contributions are often built through generosity, enthusiasm and a willingness to support others.

The AOSOR Youth Club takes us to Astana, where participants combined leadership learning with new friendships, lively discussions and memorable views of the city. We also catch up with members of the 2023 cohort, many of whom have since taken on new roles within their national societies, educational programmes and AOSR committees. It is always enjoyable to see where the Youth Club journey leads—and reassuring to know that the group photographs are followed by real work afterwards.

For those who enjoy looking back as much as looking ahead, the Archives column revisits the contributions of Prof Hitoshi Katayama and Prof Kazuro Sugimura, together with the longstanding support of the Japan Radiological Society. The educational corner, meanwhile, gives selected AOCR 2025 exhibits a second life by bringing their practical messages to readers across the region.

I hope you enjoy this issue, discover a few new ideas and perhaps recognise a familiar face or two along the way. For those travelling to Singapore, I look forward to seeing you at AOCR 2026—and to the conversations between sessions, which are often just as valuable as the sessions themselves.



Visiting the RadioGraphics Office at Phoenix, Arizona as part of my RSNA International Editorial Fellowship

2026 AOSR Honorees

In the April 2026 newsletter, we announced our AOSR Gold Medal and Honorary Member Awards as shown. In this issue, we are pleased to introduce and announce deserving individuals for the AOSR Distinguished Contribution Award



*Prof. Noriyuki Tomiyama
AOSR Gold Medalist*



*Emeritus Prof. Kwan Hoong Ng
AOSR Gold Medalist*



*Prof. Andrea Rockall
AOSR Honorary Member*

AOSR Distinguished Contribution Award 2026 – Samuel L. Brady



Samuel L. Brady, M.S., Ph.D, DABR, FAAPM is Chief Clinical Medical Physicist in the Department of Radiology, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and Professor, University of Cincinnati School of Medicine, USA. He is also a fellow of the American Association of Physicists in Medicine (FAAPM).

In particular for AsiaSafe, AOSR, he has been integral and the anchor for our DRL series in 2024 and then, enhancing optimization strategies in radiological practice series in 2025. That meant very early morning live online sessions where the clarity of his didactic series made DRL, and optimization strategies practical and “simple” to grasp for everyone. Please watch these if you have missed them, on our AOSR YouTube channel – youtube.com/@aosr

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Announcements and congratulations



He has also been on expert missions to Thailand in the recent past, consulting with the Thai government on the development of radiation dose optimization, monitoring and reduction. In the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), he is a member of TC62/SC62B to develop technical standards for the safe performance of CT medical equipment around the world.

Sam has a rare gift for making the “dark science” of medical physics clear, practical, and meaningful, transforming intimidating concepts into lessons that connect directly to clinical practice.

His generosity, enthusiasm, and unwavering commitment to education have inspired countless learners, making this recognition a fitting reflection of his impact as a teacher, mentor, and valued member of our community

AOSR Distinguished Contribution Award 2026 – Hemant Patel (Posthumous)



Dr Hemant Patel was a tireless champion for the advancement of Radiology, a passionate advocate of the AOSR and a highly respected colleague. He joined the AOSR council in 2021 and was appointed as Chair to the then AOSR Education Committee. From 2023–2025, he held the position of the Honorary Treasurer. He was also the Past President (2019) of the Indian Radiological and Imaging Association (IRIA) and subsequently the IRIA International Liaison Officer.

He believed in building strong connections amongst the radiology community, whether locally (India), within the AOSR or internationally. (Cont'd on next page...)

Sadly, he passed on in July 2025 while he was AOSR Honorary Secretary. Fondly remembered, very much missed, he was described by radiologists from India, as the “Shining Light of IRIA”, inspiration, guide, mentor, friend, colleague, pioneer in MRI and many more. He has definitely left an indelible mark in Asia-Oceania. To those of us outside of India, he was a well-respected and beloved member of our radiology community and we have been privileged to have worked alongside him in the AOSR.

The AOSR is therefore deeply honoured to present this posthumous award to the family of Dr Hemant Patel.

Read the Dr Patel memoriam at <https://www.theaosr.org/about-us/history/detail/76>



Dr Hemant Patel with AOSR colleagues in a light-hearted moment at the AOCR2025 Gala Night at the VGP Golden Beach Resort, Chennai, India. Despite his many responsibilities, Dr Hemant was fun-loving and ensured the delegates at the AOCR2025 had an unforgettable social event.

RADCON 2026 Makes History as the First BIMSTEC-Level Radiology Conference

*Dr Nawwaraj Ranabhat
Joint Secretary, Nepal Radiologists' Association*

Kathmandu marked an important milestone in regional radiology when the Nepal Radiologists' Association hosted RADCON 2026 from 9 to 11 April 2026. The eighth annual conference of the Association was also the first BIMSTEC-level radiology conference, making it the largest international scientific event organised by the Nepal Radiologists' Association to date.



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The conference theme, “The Radiologist as a Clinical Navigator: Breaking Cross-Border Barriers,” reflected both the evolving role of radiologists and the importance of regional cooperation. Scientific sessions highlighted how radiologists are increasingly involved not only in image interpretation, but also in clinical decision-making, treatment planning and the coordination of patient care

Within the diverse BIMSTEC region, breaking barriers also means addressing differences in access to technology, educational opportunities and training standards. RADCON 2026 provided a common platform for neighbouring countries to share experiences, learn from one another and explore practical opportunities for collaboration.

The scientific programme featured wide-ranging presentations and active discussions. Equally valuable were the informal conversations between sessions, during which delegates compared clinical practices, discussed common challenges and established relationships that may support future educational and professional initiatives.

The First Kathmandu Declaration

A defining moment of the inaugural ceremony was the announcement of the First Kathmandu Declaration. The declaration represents a shared commitment among radiologists from BIMSTEC nations to strengthen regional collaboration, work towards greater consistency in training and cooperate across borders to improve patient care.

The declaration was particularly meaningful for the Nepalese radiology community, with Kathmandu lending its name to an initiative intended to guide future regional cooperation. The inaugural ceremony was attended by the first President of Nepal, Dr Ram Baran Yadav, who had previously practised as a physician.

At the conclusion of the conference, the regional initiative was carried forward with the announcement that New Delhi, India, will host the next BIMSTEC-level radiology conference from 7 to 10 January 2027.

Kathmandu Declaration
1st BIMSTEC-Level Radiology Conference
Kathmandu, Nepal | 10th April 2026



We, the representatives of BIMSTEC member countries, convened at the BIMSTEC-Level Meeting on Radiological Collaboration and Regional Cooperation held during RADCON 2026 in Kathmandu, Nepal, on 9 April 2026, reaffirm our shared commitment to strengthening regional cooperation in the field of radiology.

Recognizing the critical role of medical imaging in modern healthcare systems, and acknowledging the need for collaborative efforts to address common challenges and harness emerging opportunities, we hereby adopt the following declaration:

- 1. Strengthening Regional Collaboration**
We agree to promote closer collaboration among BIMSTEC member states in radiology through knowledge sharing, joint initiatives, and institutional partnerships.
- 2. Academic and Professional Exchange**
We commit to enhancing academic exchange through joint conferences, Continuing Medical Education (CME) programs, faculty exchange, and collaborative training opportunities.
- 3. Research and Innovation**
We resolve to encourage multicentric and multinational research, joint publications, and innovation in imaging technologies, including the responsible integration of artificial intelligence and digital radiology. BIMSTEC level radiology journal can be planned in near future.
- 4. Capacity Building and Training**
We emphasize the importance of strengthening human resource capacity through structured training programs, skill development initiatives, and equitable access to radiological services across the region.
- 5. Digital Collaboration and Teleradiology**
We support the development of digital platforms and teleradiology networks to facilitate cross-border consultation, reporting, and knowledge exchange. We will have joint advocacy to discourage unethical and unauthorized practice.
- 6. Continuity and Sustainability**
We agree to establish mechanisms to ensure sustained collaboration, including regular virtual engagements and periodic in-person meetings.
- 7. Shared Vision**
We reaffirm our collective vision to advance radiology services, improve healthcare outcomes, and foster regional solidarity through sustained collaboration.

Adopted on this 10th day of April 2026, in Kathmandu, Nepal.

For and on behalf of BIMSTEC Member Countries

 Dr. Tejendra Karki NRA President (Nepal)	 Brig Gen Dr Sayed Aweal Ali BSRI President (Bangladesh)	 Dr. C. Amarnath IRIA Past President (India)	 Dr. Nayana Samal SLCR President (Sri Lanka)	 Dr. Anchalee Churujana RST Representative (Thailand)
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Drafted by:

Dr. Sanjay Raj KC
General Secretary
Nepal Radiologists' Association



Advancing Regional Education and Collaboration

RADCON 2026 supported the wider regional objectives of the Asian Oceanian radiology community in three principal areas.

First, it promoted regional synergy by bringing together radiologists from countries that face many similar clinical, educational and workforce challenges. Second, it reinforced the concept of the radiologist as a clinical navigator, highlighting the need to equip radiologists with the knowledge and skills required to contribute meaningfully throughout the patient-care pathway. Third, it helped democratise radiology education, creating opportunities for residents and medical students to learn from international faculty and engage with a broader professional community.

The successful organisation of the meeting reflected months of preparation by the Nepal Radiologists' Association. Scientific committees, organising subcommittees, volunteers and executive members worked closely to coordinate the programme and welcome international delegates. The leadership and guidance of the Association's President, Dr Tejendra Karki, were instrumental throughout the planning and delivery of the conference.



For the Nepal Radiologists' Association, RADCON 2026 was more than an annual scientific meeting. It demonstrated Nepal's ability to convene and lead an international radiology event while providing a platform for sustained collaboration across the BIMSTEC region.

Kathmandu 2026 will be remembered not only for its scientific programme, but also for the partnerships it created and the regional aspirations it set in motion. The radiology community now looks forward to continuing this momentum when it reconvenes in New Delhi in January 2027.

Join Us in Singapore for AOCR 2026: Imaging Beyond Borders, Shaping A Sustainable Future

Dr. Charles Goh
Organising Chairperson, AOCR 2026

In less than a month, we will welcome you back to the sunny shores of Singapore for the 24th Asian Oceanian Congress of Radiology (AOCR), taking place from 20 to 23 August at Singapore Expo! It has been 23 years since the AOCR was last held in Singapore in 2003, and both the AOCR and Singapore have developed so much since then. As the premier regional radiological conference, this year's AOCR is on track to be the largest ever radiology conference held in Singapore. With a diverse spread of content covering diagnostic and interventional radiology specialties, and hands on and didactic sessions relevant to both trainees and fully qualified specialists, there will be something for everyone.



This year, sustainable radiology is in the spotlight as we explore how to integrate environmental, social and economic sustainability into our subspecialty practices. We will also showcase cutting-edge developments in radiology AI and informatics through the Asian Imaging & AI summit track. Thought leaders from across the globe will share their insights and perspectives on these critical issues relevant to our specialty through lectures and dedicated panel discussions on innovation and AI, and practicing sustainable radiology in a resource constrained future.

A promotional banner for the AOCR 2026 conference. It features a central image of a globe showing Asia and Australia, surrounded by faint medical icons like a heart, lungs, and a stethoscope. The text on the left includes the AOCR and SGCR WIRES logos, the event title, dates, and a QR code.

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Here is a glimpse of what you can expect during the conference:

- **WIRES (Interventional Radiology):** Join a dynamic, fast-paced meeting with 2 concurrent tracks focused on vascular intervention, interventional oncology, and advanced embolotherapy. It will also feature the inaugural WIRES Best Save Case Competition.
- **Abdominal Imaging:** Explore evolving East and West approaches to hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) in a collaborative session with the RSNA, and attend multidisciplinary sessions on rectal and prostate cancer with regional and international experts.
- **Breast Imaging:** Discover strategies for sustainable breast screening, including One-Stop Breast Clinics, contrast-enhanced mammography and wire-free localization, with a joint session with the HKCR.
- **Cardiothoracic Imaging:** Advance your knowledge in complex chest diseases, interstitial lung disease, and lung malignancies, featuring a conjoint session with the AOSOR.
- **Neuroradiology:** Listen to key updates in neurodegenerative disease imaging and practical head and neck radiology.
- **Musculoskeletal Imaging:** Experience conjoint symposiums with IRIA, AMS and AMSIG, featuring topics including brachial plexus MRI, precision interventions and advanced diagnostics using MRI and shear wave elastography.
- **Paediatric Imaging:** Pick up tips from AOSPR experts about imaging the paediatric brain, body and vessels using US, MRI, CT and PET.
- **Emergency Radiology:** Learn about optimizing paediatric scanning protocols for trauma and the use of dual-energy CT in emergency settings.
- **RCR-CRS REAL Track:** A joint session between the Royal College of Radiologists and the College of Radiologists, Singapore will explore sustainable radiology through understanding human factors. Gain insights into error recognition and diagnostic pitfalls to foster safer practice.
- **The Asian Imaging & AI Summit:** Explore the latest developments in radiology AI, informatics, workflow integration, governance, and LLMs. Learn how radiologists across Asia and worldwide tackle shared AI challenges through collaborative sessions between the AOSR, SIIM and EUSOMII. Be equipped to tackle cybersecurity for your hospitals including the need to cyber-strengthen the imaging enterprise against long-term impacts following an incident.
- **Workshops:** Participate in hands on sessions exploring topics ranging from prostate MRI, hearing loss and dizziness, ultrasound guided midlines, to photon counting CT and breast imaging and intervention. Places are limited, so register to secure your place today!

AOSR Global Leadership Practicum in Radiology 2026–2028: Demystifying Leadership



The AOSR is delighted to conduct a leadership program targeted for mid-career including emerging radiologists for future leadership roles with their home societies, institutions and across the Asia-Oceania region. It begins with a full-day on-site program on 20th August 2026 at the AOCR2026 in Singapore.

Subsequently, every 2 to 3 months, there will be a 1.5 to 2 hour live interactive online sessions at a suitable time to accommodate the various time zones of our participants. This will culminate in another on-site session at the AOCR2028 (1-4 June 2028) in Hong Kong. Participants must attend the kick-off on-site “workshop” during AOCR2026, and endeavor to attend all online as well as the AOCR2028 on-site sessions to be presented with a Certificate of Completion at the AOCR2028.

This practicum is a formal AOSR capacity-building initiative, combining international faculty instruction, structured peer learning, mentorship, a capstone project and a 5-minute leadership-related video that delivers tangible strategic value back to each participant’s home society. The program emphasizes practical leadership skills, cultural context, and real-world application rather than theoretical instruction alone.

Nominations were invited from all our AOSR member societies, and there will about 20 participants which is the ideal number for this practicum. The plan is for each cohort to be supported by an experienced international faculty with global leadership experience, an AOSR/home society-appointed supervisor/mentor providing continuity and guidance as well as Asian-Oceanian regional co-facilitators to ensure contextual relevance and cultural alignment. Mentorship interactions may include group discussions, capstone guidance, and structured reflection throughout the program.

Key Program Highlights

- Getting started in leadership: Leading without title
- Leadership vs. management in radiology
- Difficult Conversations
- Managing up and down? Influencing Stakeholders
- Leading the way in advancing patient care and medical imaging research through collaboration: Vendor perspective

About Our International Faculty

Dr. Geraldine McGinty MD MBA FACR



Dr. McGinty serves as Chair of the Commission on Radiology Education of the International Society of Radiology. Since 2014 she has been on the faculty at Weill Cornell Medicine (WCM) in New York and was the founding Academic Director of the WCM and Cornell University SJ Johnson School of Business EMBA and Masters in Healthcare Leadership. In 2018 she was elected as the first female Chair of the American College of Radiology's Board. In 2015 she was voted Radiology's Most Effective Educator by the readers of Aunt Minnie.

Dr. Frank J. Lexa MD, MBA, FACR



Dr. Lexa is an academic neuroradiologist and a winner of the Dyke award of the American Society of Neuroradiology. During 17 years as a marketing professor at the Wharton School, he worked on five continents. He was the chief of the Radiology Leadership Institute of the American College of Radiology for 12 years and was the Vice President of the ACR. He has authored over 180 peer reviewed papers as well as the book "Leadership Lessons for Success in Health Care". At the top EU MBA program – the Instituto de Empresa in Madrid, he won the prestigious "Prize of Excellence" for outstanding teaching twice.

Reports of other AOSR Leadership Programs

- AOSOR Youth Club

(link to <https://www.theaosr.org/education/aosor/past-programs/youth-club>)

- Value-based Radiology Track and Workshop @AOCR@2024: How to lead the way in becoming a visible radiologist

(link to <https://www.theaosr.org/news/general/detail/65>)

Destination Astana, Kazakhstan for the 10th Asian Oceanian School of Radiology Youth Club (AOSOR YC) – June 22 to 25, 2026

*By Dr Evelyn Ho, AOSOR YC tutor 2023-2026;
AOSR Hon Advisor & Past President*

The AOSOR Youth Club (YC) to nurture the future leaders of Asia Oceania was conducted in the beautiful, futuristic city of Astana, Kazakhstan from 22 to 25 June 2026 in the Park Inn by Radisson Astana. The AOSOR/AOSR thanks our host – the energetic and very supportive Prof Tairkhan Dautov, President of the Radiological Society of Kazakhstan (RSK) and the RSK for a very memorable YC. Astana is located in the central Asian steppe, along the Ishim River, providing the backdrop for our intensive and immersive interactive learning sessions.



The 10th edition of the YC had participants from the RANZCR, CTSR, HKCR, IRIA, PDSRI, JRS, RSK, CoR, AMM, MSR, NRA, PCR, SLCR, RST, URS and VSRNM. The YC participants and AOSR tutors were welcomed to a wonderful dinner where the RSK Honorary President, Prof Raushan Rakhimzhanova also graced the occasion. This welcome reception provided the ice-breaker opportunity for the participants who were meeting each other for the first time.

The sessions kicked off with 'The Past, Present and Future of Radiological Society of Kazakhstan' by Prof Dautov, followed by 'Women's Leadership in Medicine: Challenges, Achievements, and Strategic Perspectives' by Prof Anar Turmukhambetova; 'From Solo Hero to Team Leader: Rethinking Leadership in Medicine' by Prof Talgat Nurgozhin, 'Radiology Training Leadership in Kazakhstan' by Dr Dinara Jumadilova and rounding up the first day of our host speakers was Mr Issa Zhantore, on 'Clinic Radiation Safety Strategy- the Role of the Clinical Qualified Medical Physicist'.



The next day, interactive sessions started off with 'Global Leadership' by Emeritus Prof Joseph Lee, 'Academic and Society Member Management & Intersociety Relationship' by Dr Evelyn Ho, 'Finance Management & Risk Management' by Dr Chamaree Chuapetcharasopon and 'Perspectives & Preparation in Radiology' by Prof Yi-Hong Chou, the AOSOR Director.

The wrap up included an open discussion related to topics selected by the participants and everyone had an opportunity to 'Meet the RSK Alumni' of the past AOSOR youth clubs. This was the first time, the YC had a session with past participants. These provided inspiring insights into the YC experience and impact of the YC on professional and personal development. The alumni were Azhar Musslymkanovna Zhampiisova (2018YC), Almas Bimakhan (2023YC), Alisher Dauytov (2024YC) and Bauryzhan Bakhytovich Kaliyev (online YC2022, on-site YC2025). All 2026 YC participants were presented with a certificate of attendance and of course more opportunities for photos.



The “Informal” YC Program – Networking, Bonding...

The program in this YC was designed for an introduction to leadership know-how as well as deepen the participants' understanding of radiological societies and their operations as they prepared to make significant contributions within their societies and in the future, perhaps to the AOSR. Meal times (breakfast, lunches and dinners) provided the informal networking and bonding time between participants.

The Co-director's dinner was held in the Beijing Palace Soluxe Hotel Astana revolving restaurant that provided a spectacular “aerial” view of Astana whilst the Director's Dinner was at the Lobby Bar Restaurant Radisson Hotel Astana. All breakfasts, lunches and the welcome dinner were in the RBG restaurant in the Hotel Park Inn by Radisson Astana.



At the YC dinner at the Lobby Bar Restaurant, the lobby live piano performance inspired the group to sing home folk songs and showcase their vocal talents. To top this off, our YC participant Masaki Matsuda, a radiation oncologist from the University of Yamanashi performed his own composition – a jazzy upbeat piece on the lobby piano. This was enabled by Aldiyar Marmukhamedov, a radiologist from University Medical Centre in Astana. He obtained the permission to play on the piano. The rest of the participants and tutors cheered him on. Talk about team work even in a social setting!



What did the participants think and feel about the YC?

Some thoughts that they shared in short were 'useful, inspiring, making friends, networking opportunities, finding colleagues with common interests, widened perspectives' and these were from participants who were as "young" as first year residents to those who had been working for many years and also holding council positions in their home societies.



Special Note of Appreciation to the YC Host, Radiological Society of Kazakhstan

Heartfelt thanks to our hosts who ensured the YC proceeded smoothly, and everyone was appreciative of their pivotal roles in the planning and coordination. It was a privilege to enjoy authentic Kazakhstan hospitality. Therefore, it was with a heavy heart for many as we parted and said "till we meet again", perhaps at an AOSOR YC alumni networking session at one of the Asian Oceanian Congresses of Radiology. қайта кездескенше (till we meet again in Kazakh).

2023 Alumni of the Asian Oceanian School Of Radiology (AOSOR) Youth Club Shares What's Up/What's New

*Collated by Dr Evelyn Ho, AOSOR YC tutor 2023-2026;
AOSR Hon Advisor & Past President*



The Youth Club is one of AOSOR's major projects and is designed to be an educational, social, and academic program to train the future leaders of AOSR. The program focuses on leadership education, academic and administrative education to provide the platform to exchange knowledge, discuss our allied fields future direction and solutions for current challenges. The YC fosters leadership skills and international collaboration. It also exposes them to radiological organizations, including the AOSR.

In September 2023, hosted by the Korean Society of Radiology, eighteen young leaders from across the Asia-Oceania region participated in the AOSOR Youth Club. Of the 18, we were able to successfully contact 13 of the 2023 batch to let us know in a sentence or two, where, what or how they are doing in 2026. Their responses are provided in random order.

Urooj Kanwal, MBBS, DMRD, FCPS; Radiological Society of Pakistan



Since the AOSOR YC2023, I have carried on the Youth Club's motivation and commitment to serve alongside radiology fraternity, am a proud member of Executive Council of the Radiological Society of Pakistan; served as Councilor and currently am in the Joint Secretary position and a lot more to come!

Almas Bimakhan, MD, Radiological Society of Kazakhstan.

Since the AOSOR YC2023, my life has gained a whole new meaning: I welcomed a beautiful baby boy into the world. Now, I am happily balancing my professional growth with the most rewarding role of my life.



Bo-Ching Lee, MD, PhD, Chinese Taipei Society of Radiology

Since the AOSOR YC 2023, I am very happy to have completed and graduated from a six-year journey for my PhD from the Graduate Institute of Clinical Medicine at National Taiwan University College of Medicine (NTUH) in 2026!

Elyor Akhmedov, MD, Uzbekistan Radiology Society

Since the AOSOR YC 2023, I have been actively involved in sports, am currently preparing for competitions and also studying oncologic radiology to expand my medical knowledge.



Sundar Suwal, MD, Nepal Radiologists' Association

Since AOSOR YC2023, I have built strong professional networks that led to leadership roles in national (RADCON) and collaboration at regional radiology conferences (with IRIA, BIMSTEC), including a section editor role in the Nepalese Journal of Radiology.

Nicole Kessa Wee, MBBS, MMed, FRCR Singapore Radiological Society

Since the AOSOR YC 2023, I've been keeping in contact with my counterparts – we hosted a webinar and published together! I have also been actively participating in the Singapore Radiological Society executive committee, and have recently assumed the role of Chair of the Abdominal Subsection.



Bunta Tokuda, MD, PhD, Japanese Radiological Society

Since the AOSOR YC2023, I have been learning AI-assisted coding and experimenting with building a personal note app for radiologists – usually under the supervision of my cat.

Mir Mahin Ashraf, MBBS, MD. Bangladesh Society of Radiology and Imaging.

Since AOSOR YC2023, I have been working to build our next generation of radiology leaders.



Bayarbaatar Bold, MD, MSc, Mongolian Society of Radiology

Since the AOSOR2023 YC, I have been creating community, working together to solve challenges, and celebrating results together is both fulfilling and a powerful way to grow.

Lakma Tarindi Subasinghe, MD, RANZCR, Sri Lanka College of Radiologists and since 2024, relocated to Perth, Australia.

Since the AOSOR YC2023, I have conducted a workshop in order to improve ultrasound skills in doctors in hospitals across the Eastern province of Sri Lanka.



**Mohammed Shakeebuddin Kashif, MBBS, MD
Indian Radiological and Imaging Association.**

Since the AOSOR YC2023, I have served on the Artificial Intelligence Committee and IRIA Youth Wing, as well as the AOSR Public Relations and Communications Committee. Through the Youth Club, leadership became more accessible, showing me that opportunities for change often arise when a few people are willing to step forward.



Tawika Kaewchur, MD, RCRT/RST

Since the AOSOR YC2023, I have been growing from AOSOR Youth Club connections to national radiology leadership roles, serving as the secretary general of the Royal College of Radiologists of Thailand (RCRT) and as a committee member of the Radiological Society of Thailand (RST).



**Farhana Fadzli, MBChB, MRad, MMed, FRCR,
College of Radiology, Academy of Medicine
of Malaysia.**

Since the AOSOR YC2023, I have been honoured to serve as President of the College of Radiology, Academy of Medicine of Malaysia, working together with a new council to strengthen collaboration, leadership, and the visibility of radiology in Malaysia.



The AOSR Archives Column

Dr. Evelyn Ho

Member of the AOSR Archives Committee

The AOSR Archives Committee was set up to develop the archive policies including what to archive for the purpose of documenting the development, achievements, and history of the AOSR; where possible to keep records which has evidential, historic, and emotional values for the purpose of inspiring our members, and where appropriate for promoting the AOSR regionally and globally.

The 7th and 13th AOSR Past Presidents from the Japanese Radiological Society: Hitoshi Katayama, MD, PhD and Kazuro Sugimura, MD, PhD

Collated by Dr Evelyn Ho, Archives Committee Member through an e-interview with Dr Sugimura; referencing History of the AOSR At A Glance 1969-2011 & AOSR History 1971-2021 [History on theaosr.org website] and RSNA newsletters 2006, 2010. Photos are from Dr Sugimura and Dr Evelyn.

This write up also attempts to highlight and appreciate the important roles the Japanese Radiological Society played in the AOSR.

Professor Dr Hitoshi Katayama: The 7th AOSR President 1998–2001

Professor Dr Hitoshi Katayama, MD, PhD, was born in 1932 and passed away on August 25, 2008. He served as Professor of Radiology at Juntendo University and later as President of Juntendo University from 1996 to 2000. He was the 7th AOSR president, and the first from the Japan Radiological Society (JRS). He presided over the 8th AOCR which was held in Kobe in 1998. Dr Katayama conducted pioneering research on contrast media at a global level and was awarded the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) Honorary Membership in 2006 and even earlier in 1999, he was awarded the ESR Honorary Member. For his many contributions he was also awarded the AOSR Gold Medal in 2004.





▲ JRS 1994.4 会長 閉会式にて



▲ 1985 忘年会にて
(井上先生兄弟、小高先生)



▲1998.7.12 オオムラサキ Golf Courseでの片山杯



▲ 1998. AOCRにて

Courtesy of the JRS secretariat: Scan of past brochure showing Prof Katayama in 'action'.

The JRS has been a stalwart support for the formation of the Asian Oceanian Society of Radiology (AOSR) and particularly throughout the early years until today. In October 1969, Hotel Otani in Tokyo, Japan was where the "first" meeting of the regional radiological societies took place, with a total of 30 delegates made up of radiologists, and radiotherapists. From inception and for many years until 2001, the AOSR did not have a permanent address and the AOSR executive meetings were held during the Asian Oceanian Congress of Radiology (AOCR) and through the support of the member societies. Whilst not the only AOSR society member to support executive committee meetings, the Japanese Federation of Medical Congress Promotion and JRS were then regularly inviting the AOSR Executive Committee (Council) members to their annual congress for such purposes.



In recognition of the contributions and support of the JRS, the AOSR presented a certificate of appreciation in April 2001 to the JRS. Dr Katayama is pictured holding one side of the certificate in this photo.

Hitoshi Katayama was both colleague and friend to you, Prof Kazuro Sugimura. How did that come about?

K Sugimura: I became Chair Professor of Radiology at Shimane Medical University in 1995. Dr Katayama, who was a board member of the Japan Radiological Society, had a close relationship with Professor Michio Kono of Kobe University, and I had frequent interactions with him.

Dr Katayama, then President of Juntendo University, co-hosted the 8th AOCC in 1998 in Kobe together with Professor Kono, in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Japan Radiological Society. I succeeded Professor Kono as Chair Professor at Kobe University in 1999, and my interactions with Dr Katayama continued thereafter. Most of the materials related to the AOCC 1998 were unfortunately discarded at the time of relocation of the JRS except for the physical copy of the 1998 AOCC programme.

My interactions with Dr Katayama continued after the 8th AOCC and I accompanied him to the RSNA in 2006 where he was awarded Honorary Membership.



A screen shot composite of the write up in the October 2006 RSNA Newsletter on Honorary Members, on this page, featuring Hitoshi Katayama

The photo shows Dr Michio Kono, flanked by Dr Lilian Leong left and Dr Evelyn Ho right. He was recognised for his contributions to the radiology profession, with a Lifetime Achievement Award presented to him at the AOCC 2014, where Kazuro Sugimura was congress president.

RSNA 2006 Honorary Members

Honorary Membership in RSNA is presented for significant achievements in the field of radiology. At RSNA 2006, Honorary Membership will be given to Andy Adam, M.B.B.S., of London, Hitoshi Katayama, M.D., of Tokyo and Kehemvika Okwaworin Seyeki, M.B.Ch.B., of Lagos, Nigeria.

Andy Adam, M.B.B.S., is a distinguished interventional radiologist known for his work in promoting the subspecialty worldwide. "Those of you who know Dr. Adam, know you cannot escape his charm, enthusiasm, depth of knowledge and character," said 2006 RSNA President Robert H. Hattery, M.D. "You will also marvel at his vision of the future."

Dr. Adam said receiving RSNA Honorary Membership is a huge honor and tremendous pleasure. "It really means more to me than words can express," he said.

Upon completing training at the University of London's Middlesex Hospital Medical School, Dr. Adam spent four years in internal medicine, cardiology and oncology. He then trained in radiology at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, obtaining the Fellowship of the Royal College of Radiologists. Dr. Adam is also a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and was awarded Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons for clinical and academic distinction, making him one of just a few physicians to hold the fellowship of three English Royal Colleges.

In 1992, he was appointed to the first professorial chair of interventional radiology in Europe, at Guy's and St. Thomas' Medical School at the University of London. He remains in that position today.

An RSNA member since 1993, Dr. Adam has been president of the Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiological Society of Europe, International Society for Minimally Invasive Therapy, the British Society of Interventional Radiology, International Society of Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Radiology and British Institute of Radiology. He has been awarded the grid medal of the British Society of Interventional Radiology and the accolade of the Russian Academy of Medical Sciences.

Currently board chair of the European Congress of Radiology (ECR), as 2006 president he helped merge ECR with the European Association of Radiology to create the European Society of Radiology (ESR).

Hitoshi Katayama, M.D., is an internationally recognized authority on the sub and superintensive use of high resolution contrast media.

Dr. Hattery said Dr. Katayama's research had a significant impact on his professional life. "Dr. Katayama has my personal congratulations and thanks from many patients who have benefited from his work," he said.

Receiving the RSNA honorary membership is a precious event, said Dr. Katayama, adding, "I promise you I will devote my remaining energy to present and future radiology."

New the director of the Tokyo College of Medical Technology in Tokyo, Dr. Katayama is perhaps best known to some as an author of what has come to be called the "Katayama Report." This ground-breaking study published in *Radiology* in 1990, concluded that non-ionic contrast media significantly reduced the frequency of severe and potentially life-threatening adverse drug reactions.

A graduate of the Kyushu University School of Medicine in Fukuoka, Japan, Dr. Katayama helped his family work in rice paddy fields during high school. "I believe this was a very good experience for me, to become a hard working fellow," he said.

After working as a research associate in the Department of Radiology at the Asahi Health-Care Foundation in Hiroshima, Japan, Dr. Katayama spent several years as a professor and lecturer at his alma mater. He eventually served as a professor chair of the Department of Radiology and president of Yamaguchi University for more than 25 years.

An RSNA member since 1984, Dr. Katayama has served as president of the Japanese Radiological Society and 6th Asian Oceanian Congress of Radiology and currently serves on the board of directors of the Japan-North America Medical Exchange Foundation. He has received gold medals from the Asian Oceanian Society of Radiology and honorary membership from ECR.

Excerpt of the 8th AOCR from the AOSR History 1971–2021

AOCR 1998 was held in Kobe city, which had been heavily damaged by the Great Hanshin earthquake, occurred on January 17, 1995. Thus, this congress symbolized the recovery of Kobe city from the earthquake that killed over 6,000 people only three years before.



[Figure 4] Opening Ceremony of AOCR '98



[Figure 5] Prof M. Kono,
President of JRS'98



[Figure 6] Prof. DK. Kulavee-
rasingam, president of
AOSR

The 8th AOCR 1998 was held under the presidency of Prof. Hitoshi Katayama, Juntendo University, in conjunction with Japan Federation of Medical Congress Promotion (JMCP) '98. JMCP, which is currently known as Japan Radiology Congress (JRC), was the aggregation of radiology related congresses; namely Japan Radiological Society (JRS), Japanese Society of Radiological Technology (JSRT) and Japan Medical Imaging and Radiological Systems Industries Association (JIRA).

JMCP '98 was held between April 9 (Thursday) and 11 (Saturday), 1998 in Kobe International Conference Center, Kobe International Exhibition Hall, and World Hall, located in Kobe Port Island, Kobe, Japan. In ahead of JMCP '98, AOCR '98 was held at Kobe International Conference Center from April 5 (Sunday) to 8 (Wednesday), as a part of "Radiology Week in Kobe". As International Technical Exhibition of Medical Imaging (ITEM) was held between April 7 to 10, both the participants of AOCR and JMCP could enjoyed the technical exhibitions of state-of-art medical imaging.

Additional reading:

Koichi Yamaguchi. In Memoriam – Prof Hitoshi Katayama – Radiology, Volume 249, Number 3
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Professor Dr Kazuro Sugimura: The 13th AOSR President 2012–2014 and the 2014 15th AOCR in Kobe City.

Kazuro Sugimura became involved in the AOSR circa 2008 under the encouragement of Dr Osama Matsui who was then in the AOSR executive committee.



Photo of RSNA Honorary Members at RSNA 2010
L to R: Kazuro Sugimura, Iain McCall, Hedvig Hricak (RSNA President), Claude Manelfe

The Successful AOCR2014 and About the JRS Major Congresses

Coincidentally, Kobe has been host not only to the 8th AOCR but the 15th AOCR as well where Dr Sugimura presided over this AOCR as Congress President. Both these AOCRs were the first and second time the AOCR was held in Japan. The 15th AOCR was held towards the end of Dr Sugimura's tenure as AOSR president. He shares his thoughts on the 15th AOCR which coincided with the JRS Autumn Meeting. He provides the background of the major congresses/meetings of the JRS and how Kobe City became host to the AOCR yet again in 2014.

The JRS holds two major meetings each year: the Annual Meeting in spring and the Autumn Meeting, which is more clinically focused.

The spring Annual Meeting attracts over 20,000 participants, including radiological technologists, and features a large-scale equipment exhibition—second only to that of the RSNA. For this reason, it has been held regularly in Yokohama.



In contrast, the Autumn Meeting is attended primarily by radiologists, and the scale of the equipment exhibition is more modest. This allows the meeting to be held in major cities across Japan (from Kyushu in the south to Hokkaido in the north), typically at the location of the congress president. Kobe University, where Dr Sugimura served as Professor then, is located in Kobe City. For 2014, he decided to jointly host the meeting in Kobe with Professor Shozo Hirota of Hyogo College of Medicine (as it was known then, later it was renamed to Hyogo Medical University) which is located in nearby Nishinomiya. Professor Hirota was then only junior to Dr Sugimura by one year and also an alumnus of Kobe University.



The organization of the AOCR2014 held jointly with the JRS Autumn Meeting proceeded very smoothly. This was due to several factors: a stable expected participation from Japanese members, strong demand for hosting meetings outside Yokohama where they are usually held, and the fact that the presidents of AOCR and the Autumn Meeting shared the same academic background, which facilitated consensus-building. From the AOSR side, the AOCR2014 was indeed a very memorable experience with the local Japanese culture incorporated into the various ceremonies held during the meeting in addition to the scientific and educational program



Prof Shozo Hirota speaks at the Welcome Reception AOCR2014



Geisha performance at Congress Banquet

AOSR Challenges

In addition to successes, Dr Sugimura shares some of the challenges faced by the AOSR as an organization. AOSR society member, the Indian Radiological and Imaging Association (IRIA) had raised issues related to governance, representation and communication within the AOCR and AOSR activities. These required attention and had been under consistent discussion for several years, prior to his time as AOSR president.

According to the minutes from that period, the possibility of IRIA distancing itself from the AOSR was formally discussed, indicating a situation that required careful and prudent handling.

During Dr Byung Ihn Choi's presidency (2010–2012), the approach was to acknowledge the situation calmly and to emphasize the continuation of dialogue. These issues carried over into the presidency of Dr Sugimura (2012–2014), where the matter was no longer merely institutional but also involved the need to reaffirm mutual trust. Specifically, IRIA expressed concerns regarding the process of selecting invited speakers for the AOCR program, as well as the mechanisms for information sharing among member societies.

Dr Sugimura recalls: "Against this background, the opportunity of the IRIA Annual Conference held in Agra in January 2014 was utilized to convene a direct leadership meeting between the AOSR and IRIA leadership. The face-to-face discussion provided an important opportunity to clarify differences in understanding that could not be fully resolved through written or indirect communication.

During the meeting, both sides openly shared their concerns and confirmed practical measures for future improvement, including enhancing transparency in program planning, strengthening communication among member societies, and promoting mutual exchange. The discussion was characterized less by confrontation than by a process of adjustment in the course of organizational maturation.

Subsequently, IRIA reconsidered its engagement with AOSR in a positive manner and expressed interest in hosting future AOCR meetings. As a result, the situation did not lead to organizational fragmentation but instead became an example of rebuilding trust through dialogue."

In summary, Dr Sugimura said, "The IRIA issue represented a challenging period for AOSR, it also served as an important opportunity to reaffirm the values of inclusiveness, transparency, and mutual respect within a regional organization." Since then, the continuity of leadership across successive presidencies played a crucial role in achieving eventual stabilization, built upon the roles played by Drs Choi and Sugimura. In fact, the IRIA hosted the 2018 (Mumbai, India) and 2025 AOCRs (Chennai, India). Reports of these are available on theaosr.org website. [<https://www.theaosr.org/aocr/past-aocr>]

Thoughts About A Fixed Location for the AOCRs and Why Dr Sugimura Supports the AOCRs Varying Venues

K. Sugimura: While there are many advantages to holding meetings at a fixed location, as seen with major radiological societies in Chicago (RSNA) and Vienna (ESR), I believe that for Asia, it is preferable to rotate the venue. Asia is characterized by significant cultural diversity and substantial differences in healthcare systems among countries. The opportunity to directly experience local conditions is highly valuable. Fortunately, the number of participants at AOCRs is relatively manageable, making it feasible to organize the meeting even when the location changes.

When considering whether to hold a congress at a fixed venue, it is necessary to look at the issue from three perspectives: that of the participants, that of the organizers, and that of the development of radiology in Asia.

For large congresses such as the RSNA, European Congress of Radiology (ECR), and the Japan Radiological Congress (JRC), there are clear advantages to holding the meeting at a fixed location. The number of cities that can provide suitable convention facilities, exhibition space, and sufficient hotel capacity is limited. In addition, repeated use of the same venue allows organizers to accumulate experience and operational know-how, which contributes to efficient and stable congress management.

On the other hand, from the participants' perspective, a fixed venue may increase the burden on members who live outside the host city or country, as they must bear higher travel and accommodation costs. In other words, part of the burden that would otherwise fall on the organizers may effectively be shifted to the participants.

In the case of the AOCR, where participants come from many countries with different cultures and healthcare systems, there is great value in actually visiting different countries and experiencing their medical environments and cultures firsthand. Holding the congress in different locations also provides strong encouragement and stimulation to radiologists in the host country, and may help raise the visibility and recognition of radiology across Asia.

“From these perspectives, I would support holding AOCR in many different countries rather than adopting a fixed venue.”

What is Dr Sugimura doing since retirement?

Kazuro Sugimura retired from the Chair position, Kobe University in 2021 but is not resting on his laurels. He is in fact, just as busy if not more so, as COO of 13 Prefectural Hyogo Hospitals. He shares several other nostalgic photos from his time in the AOSR.

AOCR 2010



Group photo after Opening Ceremony AOCR2010



With colleagues at AOCR2010



Executive Council at AOCR2014



AOSR General Assembly Group photo at AOCR2014

Acknowledgements from the AOSR

The AOSR Archives and AOSR Public Relations and Communications Committees thank Dr Sugimura for his time spent sharing and recalling his experience in the AOSR. Wisdom shared and the foundation that he laid for the future of AOSR have been invaluable to the growth of the AOSR. He was awarded the AOSR Gold Medal in 2018 for his contributions to radiology and the AOSR. He was also awarded Honorary Member of the RSNA in 2010, and European Society of Radiology in 2014.

Educational exhibits highlights from AOCR 2025

Compiled by Dr. Kashif Shakeebuddin

As we continue revisiting notable educational exhibits from AOCR 2025 on the road to AOCR 2026, the AOSR PR & Communications Committee proudly presents to you some of the curated educational exhibits from AOCR 2025. If you would like to learn more about these amazing exhibits, please click on the links below the exhibits.

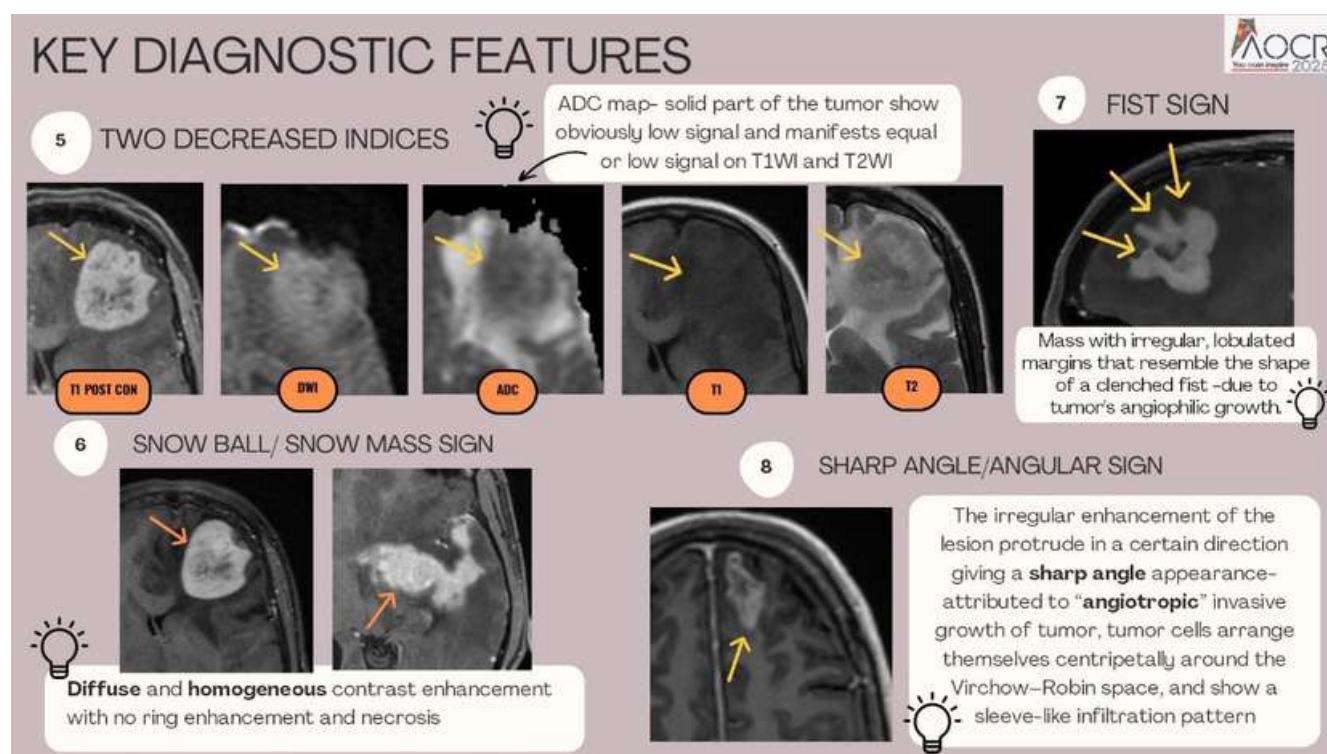
Key Imaging Pearls of CNS lymphoma for every Radiologist



Central nervous system lymphoma (CNSL) is a diagnostic challenge that frequently mimics other intracranial pathologies, making accurate interpretation of imaging findings essential. This award-winning educational exhibit explores the diverse imaging spectrum of CNS lymphoma, emphasizing how lesion appearance varies with immune status, location, and prior corticosteroid therapy. The exhibit highlights important diagnostic pearls, common pitfalls, and imaging patterns that help distinguish lymphoma from its mimics. It also underscores the impact of administering steroids before biopsy, which may lead to transient lesion regression, false-negative histopathology, and delays in definitive diagnosis.

Why it matters: Recognizing the imaging spectrum and diagnostic pitfalls of CNS lymphoma can prevent misdiagnosis, guide appropriate biopsy planning, and avoid delays in treatment.

Awarded first prize in Scientific poster category in diagnostic neuroimaging



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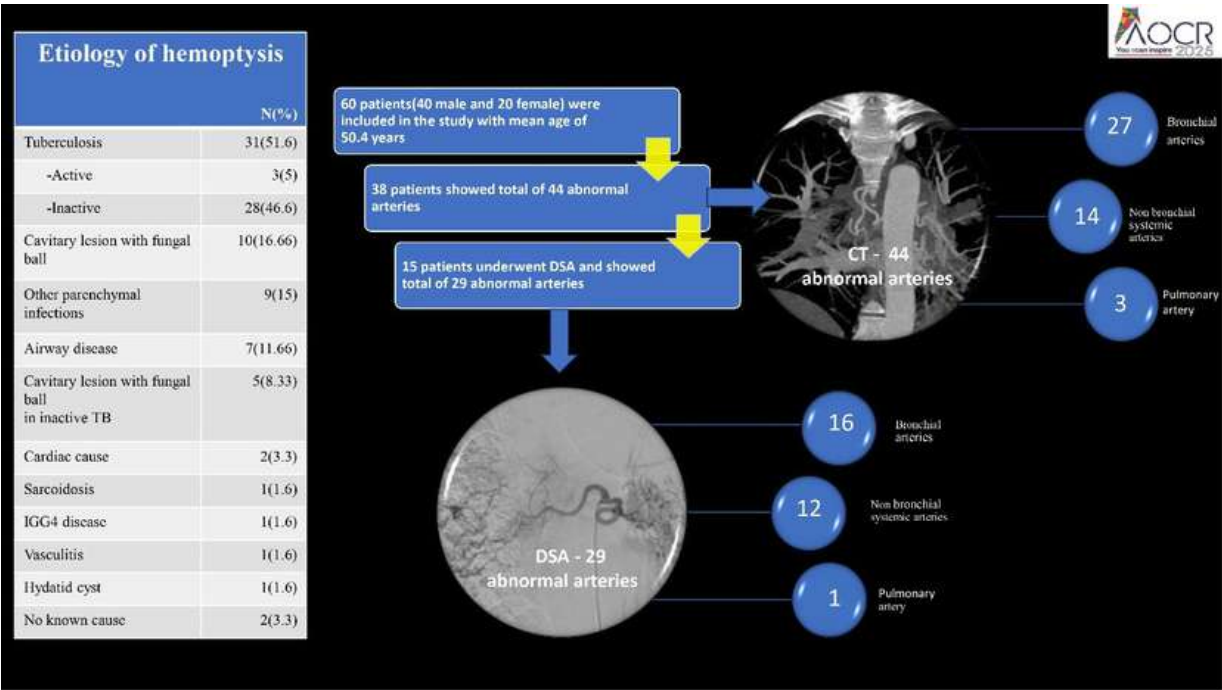
Could the lesion that seems to disappear after steroids actually be lymphoma? Discover the imaging clues every radiologist should recognize.

Credits:
 Dr. Meghana Kancharla, Dr. Clyde Richard Menezes
 – St. John's Medical College and Hospital, Bengaluru
 Abstract ID: ABS0899 | Diagnostic Neuroimaging Exhibit

Split Bolus Technique in CTPA for Hemoptysis

Hemoptysis is a potentially life-threatening emergency in which rapid identification of the bleeding source is critical for timely intervention. This award-winning scientific poster demonstrates the value of split bolus CT angiography in evaluating patients with hemoptysis by simultaneously opacifying the systemic and pulmonary arterial circulation in a single acquisition. The exhibit highlights how CT angiography accurately identifies hypertrophied bronchial and non-bronchial systemic arteries, providing a detailed vascular roadmap before intervention. It further illustrates the complementary role of digital subtraction angiography (DSA) in confirming vascular abnormalities and facilitating targeted bronchial artery embolization for effective minimally invasive treatment.

Why it matters: Integrating split bolus CT angiography with DSA improves diagnostic accuracy, procedural planning, and endovascular management of patients presenting with life-threatening hemoptysis.



Can a single CT acquisition provide the roadmap for life-saving embolization in hemoptysis? Explore how split bolus CT angiography makes it possible.

Credits:
 Dr. Prajwal K, Dr. Pawan Kumar Garg, Dr. Pushpinder Singh Khara, Dr. Taruna Yadav, Dr. Rengarajan Rajagopal – AIIMS Jodhpur
 Abstract ID: ABS1569 | First Prize – Chest Imaging | Scientific Poster



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