

Preface

One of the most difficult and stressful times in the career of any diagnostic radiologist is in the preparation for the oral board exam given by the American Board of Radiology. Oral boards often engender more angst than the written boards because the potential questioning could include any possible question or combination of questions and because the exam requires physical participation.

Radiology: The Oral Boards Primer is designed to provide information that is typical of that found on the oral board examination for diagnostic radiology. Cases are provided to illustrate typical pathology and to provide a visual source for the construction of a differential diagnosis. Once the differential is mentally rendered, the mnemonics may be used as a memory aid and to augment any missing components of the differential that would be considered important. The chapters are organized as close to the oral boards exam format as possible. The cases should be examined, interpreted, and completed in a very rapid fashion, allowing for many cases to be reviewed in a single sitting. The vast majority of the cases contain prototypical representations of pathology allowing this text to be used as a memory aid and as a case reference source for many years after one has taken and passed the oral board examination.

The book can be used both during residency and at the time of review for the oral board examination. *Radiology: The Oral Boards Primer* will assist greatly in the preparation for this examination and will contribute to the assuredness and confidence that comes from being adequately prepared. As always, a text can only improve through evaluation and evolution, and we welcome your comments.

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