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## Preface

*Case Studies in Chest Imaging* is a collection of 100 real cases, encompassing a broad range of conditions from the common but important to rare but interesting pathologies.

The cases demonstrate the use of modern imaging techniques and illustrate the appropriate use of imaging in investigation of pathology. With the advent of PACS images are more easily available for viewing by a wider range of clinicians on the wards, in clinic etc. The increasing number of multidisciplinary meetings allows more review and demonstration of imaging by Radiologists to a wider group of clinicians. It is more important than ever to be able to understand imaging as opposed to simply reading a report. In addition, the advent of advanced multislice CT allows newer techniques of examination and it is crucial to be able understand their role in investigation.

This book is aimed at a broad range of individuals including Respiratory and Acute physicians, and also Radiologists in training. We would also hope that those allied professionals whose work brings them into contact with imaging, e.g., cancer care specialist will find it useful.

The structure of the book is designed to allow the reader to study 100 cases. Each case commences with a brief history, accompanied by relevant imaging and questions. The answers are found on the following page, with annotated imaging to demonstrate the salient points. There then follows discussion of the condition with key teaching points and where appropriate references and suggestions for further reading.

We hope the cases will be interesting as well as educational, will inform requests for imaging and stimulate a desire for further knowledge.

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