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## Preface

The practice of emergency radiology has evolved rapidly over the last two decades, playing an important part in the triage of emergency room patients. Plain radiography and CT imaging are the most commonly used imaging modalities in managing emergency conditions in the more than 115,000 patients visiting the emergency room. Ultrasound, MR, and nuclear medicine imaging, although less often used, play crucial roles in managing specific conditions.

This textbook of emergency radiology represents the state-of-the-art radiology practice in the management of emergency room patients by leading experts in the field. The chapters are based on different organ systems, with few chapters being imaging modality based.

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