

RAD PRAC IV CASE STUDY FEEDBACK ON DRAFTS

Title Page – must have all necessary information – DUT Logo, Department, Qualification , Subject & code, Student name & number, Assessment no., due date, Topic

No need for dates and places – unless it has significance to the case.
In public sector, use district, regional, tertiary, instead of naming hospitals.

Generally, **writing style has to be more scientific** than layman – avoid terms like uncle, flu, bra.....

Avoid jargon, rather explain the principle in general, example: “carotids smartprep”

When presenting the case - **emphasis must be on technology, protocol, technique** – not so much on patient care, preparation, etc. These need to be stated but it is assumed learning in place.....so it is not the important part of the document. When a specific prep is relevant and pertinent to the case then it should be highlighted in more detail.

Some of you just described what you did – in far too much detail.....Eg. “By using the ‘previous’ and ‘next’ buttons on the keyboard you can scroll through the images”

Abstract – a summary of entire case. “An **abstract** is a brief summary of the most important points in a scientific paper”

Introduction – what will the reader find in this document and why.

Case Presentation – who, what , how, where? Very factual, almost like the results section of most research.

What does the patient present with? – what is it (briefly), signs and symptoms, any preliminary tests prior for main procedure (briefly), main procedure done – protocol,

technique (in detail), post processing, highlighting technology and it's role and finally what was found.

Discussion – literature validates the case and the WHY comes through in the discussion. Similar studies done and its value. Role of other imaging modalities and role of imaging used in case – impact on patient management.

Areas of concern – limitations...eg. Dose in MSCT versus image quality.

Evaluation of protocol & technique used – is it appropriate or can it be improved? ID gaps between standards based on literature versus what was actually done?

Everything MUST be relevant to present case.

Conclusion

Summary of findings for case and yourself, in terms of new knowledge gained. Way forward, if necessary.

References – use latest DUT reference guide, but for > 3 authors, you can use et al from 1st citation.

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Appendices – All images related to case – include in main document. all other “supporting’ evidence can be in the appendix. If removed from the main document does not subtract any value from the case.