

CRAG presents: Cardiac Imaging – The Basics

A second, very successful study day run by the **Cardiac Radiographers Advisory Group** took place at Glenfield hospital, Leicester, on March 2nd 2004.

CRAG Vice-Chairman Judy Gilmore introduced the day, summarizing the progress of CRAG from its inception in 2001.

An interesting and topical programme included Lea Slingsby presenting an overview of the Brighton cath lab experience. She aimed at expanding awareness of the role of radiographers within the lab and our contribution to the multi-disciplinary team. Donald Emerton from KCARE spoke of their expert work in technical and user evaluations, specifications, and comparative reports of x-ray equipment. There were also excellent presentations covering other modalities of cardiac imaging, including CT, MRI, echo and radioisotope imaging, thus demonstrating the wider picture of cardiac imaging and perhaps indicating where the future lies.

The afternoon was reserved for radiation legislation, prompting many questions from delegates. James Taylor, a Health and Safety Executive, held everybody's attention with 'An Inspectors View,' presenting what happens and what is looked for, during an inspection. RPA Jim Thurston covered the practical applications of IR(ME)R with regard to the lab. Jude Hardwick shared her invaluable experience of being on the receiving end of an IR(ME)R inspection at Great Ormond Street.

Judy closed an informative day with a short synopsis of future projects for CRAG, including the production of a website and an invitation for interested lead cardiac radiographers to apply to join CRAG.

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