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X ray meeting

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Like many departments, we hold a regular x ray teaching session where we review the x rays of children admitted during the week. Thankfully, by the time of the meeting, the children have usually recovered, and we discuss the possibility that there may have been some streaky changes in one part of the lung or another.

This week was particularly quiet, so the radiologist offered to summarise a lecture that he had given to the foundation trainees about interpreting chest x rays. The talk was illustrated with

several very abnormal films, and we almost delighted in seeing pathology that we had not seen since medical school finals.

To my shame, it was only towards the end of the lecture that I fully appreciated and articulated that each of those fascinating images represented a story of human misery and suffering.

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