EULAR Study Group on Anatomy for the Image

Imaging is an essential aspect of rheumatology practice. Rheumatologists are actively acquiring images using advanced imaging techniques such as musculoskeletal ultrasound on a daily basis for the purpose of diagnosis, monitoring disease progression and therapeutic response and intervention. Fundamental to the mastery of the acquisition and interpretation of these images is a detailed knowledge of the anatomy being visualized. We propose the formation of a new interdisciplinary and international study group in imaging anatomy to promote the continual enhancement of anatomic knowledge that the imaging rheumatologist will require in his/her quest to improve patient care with the following aims:

1. Provide an accurate anatomic basis through cadaver study for image based rheumatologic research which includes utilization of cadaver specimens as the gold standard in validation studies, the review of appropriate past and current literature, and developing new protocols in cadaveric research that are specific to imaging in rheumatology.

2. Utilize cadaver research as a tool to provide a basis for developing and testing new interventional techniques and in the instruction of practitioners in the safe and successful performance of these procedures.

3. Promote and enhance the level of anatomic knowledge among rheumatologists, especially those actively practicing imaging by means of conjoint anatomy imaging workshops.

4. To promote an interdisciplinary and international forum for the interaction between anatomic based specialities working with the musculoskeletal image.

5. To develop a common interdisciplinary anatomic nomenclature

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