EuroSafe Imaging Stars: University Hospital of Pisa

EuroSafe Imaging Stars is EuroSafe Imaging’s latest initiative to promote quality and safety in medical imaging. By recruiting a network of imaging departments committed to best practice in radiation protection, the Stars initiative will give radiation protection efforts greater visibility, have a direct impact on clinical practice and enable the European Society of Radiology to collect data for analysis and benchmarking.

ECRT: One important contribution EuroSafe Imaging Stars are expected to make is to participate in the data collection initiatives through the ‘Is your Imaging EuroSafe?’ surveys on CT dose. What is your opinion on these surveys and how useful do you think the EuroSafe Imaging survey findings will be for your daily clinical activity?

DC: Surveys are really useful and can be the starting point for planning focused initiatives that may help to change suboptimal practices. The ideal output of any survey would be a ‘best list’ that tumours and contrast-enhanced spectral mammography. The women’s information papers on ultrasound and another on breast interventions have been already published in the DoC book. They will be finalised soon in order to appear in scientific literature as well. All women’s information papers are planned to be translated into many languages by the national breast societies.

Breast radiologists continue to apply for the EUSOBI Diploma in Breast Imaging in great numbers. A large number of European and non-European colleagues have already succeeded in obtaining this high-level proof of excellence.

One of our main challenges is to increase the visibility of breast radiologists within the medical community. EUSOBI will soon host an imaging session at one of the main oncological congresses in order to further this goal. Breast radiologists will present on special issues in breast cancer screening, prospective MRI, neo-adjuvant treatment response evaluation and other cutting-edge issues.

We are looking forward to welcoming new active breast radiologists and students as members in order to broaden the coverage of countries and age ranges, and to have more and more professionals join EUSOBI – a kind and open group of breast imagers.

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