

important management decisions made by junior doctors based on these films in light of the clinical presentation should at least be confirmed with a registrar if not a consultant. However, if there is doubt, a radiologist should always be consulted.

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