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STATdx Discovery insights

Taranaki District Health, Pacific Radiology Group and Pure Source Radiology

Discovery insights from... Des Kidd

1. Please briefly describe who are you and your institution?

Des Kidd, M.D., SMO radiologist. I currently work for Taranaki District Health Board and Pacific Radiology Group, both of New Zealand. I also do work for my company, Pure Source Radiology and a few small private ultrasound companies.

2. What was life like before you had STATdx? OR What problems were you attempting to solve with STATdx?

Life was search engine centric, culling through various forms of info to find relevant parts. It was more time consuming and cumbersome, so over time radiologists just gradually migrate away from studying or refining DDX. Also, there was no consensus on HQ for such clinical queries. Other sites were helpful but less comprehensive and non-radiology based.

3. What are three benefits that you've experienced since using STATdx?

The positive changes in my work since adopting STATdx are:

- First, I use it for reassurance that my brain is working normally by confirming my DDX approach. I try not to even look at STATdx until the report is nearly complete. Occasionally, I poach some verbiage for the report so that my DX description is in line with mainstream.

- Having a single reputable resource that is comprehensive, user friendly, and easily referenced amongst radiologists. This creates a common platform on which to consult and discuss merits of various potential DX.

- Tracking my queries and compiling it into a cogent CME log is so smart. I haven't taken full advantage of this feature but plan to very soon.

4. How do you use STATdx in your day to day workflow?

The fact that it is browser based / agnostic is appreciated. Our hospital IT is not cutting edge and viewing in browser is much preferred over a thin client/ proprietary app on our congested servers, i.e. MS Office, et al.

5. What's the primary reason that you would recommend STATdx?

As complexity in everything about medical imaging grows, I need an assist in keeping it organized in a way that can deliver actionable info to the clinician. As a "generalist", I use STATdx as a tool to keep my reports detailed in the right way.

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