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Faculty Appointment

Assistant Professor of Radiology

Emergency and Teleradiology Division
Department of Radiology
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC)

January 2017 – present
Pittsburgh, PA

Associate Division Chief

Emergency and Teleradiology Division
Department of Radiology
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

September 2018 - present
Pittsburgh, PA

Education & Training

Emergency Radiology Fellowship

University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC)

January 2017 – June 2017
Pittsburgh, PA

Abdominal Imaging Fellowship

University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC)

July 2016 – December 2016
Pittsburgh, PA

Diagnostic Radiology Residency

University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC)

- Chief Radiology Resident, 2015-2016

July 2012 – June 2016
Pittsburgh, PA

Transitional Year Internship

The Reading Hospital and Medical Center

June 2011 – June 2012
West Reading, PA

Doctor of Medicine

Penn State College of Medicine

August 2007 – May 2011
Hershey, PA

Bachelor of Science, Biochemistry, Summa cum laude

Binghamton University, SUNY

August 2003 – May 2007
Binghamton, NY

Presentations & Publications

Smith C, Cabrera E, Miller A, **Freed RJ**. "Patterns of Injury in Firework-related Trauma". Oral presentation of original research, American Society of Emergency Radiology (ASER) National Meeting, Scottsdale, AZ, September 11-14, 2019.

Freed RJ, Hartman M. “Thyroid: Radiology/Pathology Correlate”. Education Exhibit, Alliance of Medical Student Educators in Radiology (AMSER). 2018 AMSER Medical Student Curriculum. [pending online publication]

Houshmand S, Yousef J, McCloskey J, Patrick JL, **Freed RJ**. “Closed-loop bowel obstruction: Simple four-point checklist to avoid misdiagnosis.” Education Exhibit, 104th annual Radiological Society of North America Meeting, Chicago, IL. Nov 25-30, 2018.

McCloskey J, Houshmand S, Yousef J, Thangasamy S, **Freed RJ**. “Epicardial fat necrosis: The often forgotten culprit on Chest CT and CTA scans ordered in the Emergency Department.” Education Exhibit, 104th annual Radiological Society of North America Meeting, Chicago, IL. Nov 25-30, 2018.

Dressen, M, Petrocelli R, Patrick JL, **Freed RJ**. “Peri-diverticular benign pneumoperitoneum in blunt abdominal trauma.” American Society of Emergency Radiology. 2018 Annual Meeting. McLean, VA. September 26-29, 2018.

Sompalli P, **Freed RJ**. “Intussuscepted Meckel’s Diverticulum”. American College of Radiology, Case-In-Point Series. [Accepted 3/21/2018, pending on-line publication]

Houshmand, S. **Freed RJ**. “Marginal ulcer following Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass Surgery”. American College of Radiology, Case-In-Point Series. [Accepted 3/1/2018, pending on-line publication]

Yousef, J, Nworgu, CJ, **Freed RJ**. “Polymethylmethacrylate Pulmonary Embolism Following Vertebroplasty”. American College of Radiology, Case-In-Point Series. [Accepted 2/5/2018, pending on-line publication]

Freed RJ, Smith K, Dasyam A, Tublin M, Sholosh, B. “Post-Thyroidectomy Surveillance Ultrasound of Thyroid Cancer: Review of Anatomy, Thyroidectomy, Tumor Recurrence and Pitfalls.” Education Exhibit, 103rd annual Radiological Society of North America meeting, Chicago, IL. Nov 26 – Dec 1, 2017.

Freed RJ. “The New R4 Conundrum: Keeping residents involved after the CORE”. Oral presentation, 100th annual Pennsylvania Radiological Society Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. Oct 2, 2015.

Rodriguez D, **Freed RJ**, Agarwal V. “Return of the Back Pain: Post-operative Complications of Lumbar Decompression Surgery”. Education Exhibit, 100th annual Radiological Society of North America meeting, Chicago, IL. Nov 30 – Dec 5, 2014.

Freed RJ, Rodriguez D, Fahkran S. “This Is Your Brain on Drugs: Neuroimaging Appearances of Common Substances of Abuse”. Education exhibit at the American Roentgen Ray Society National Meeting, San Diego, CA. Apr 14 – 19, 2014.

Freed RJ, Kaya D, Ocak I. “Bubbles in the Air: Differential Diagnosis of Cystic Lesions in the Lung”. Education exhibit at the American Roentgen Ray Society National Meeting, San Diego, CA. Apr 14 – 19, 2014.

Freed RJ, Rodriguez D, Benjamin J, Itri J. “Second Take: Must Patients Really Be Warned of Radiation Risk?” AuntMinnie.com Second Take Series, published online Dec 18, 2013.

Sinelnikov A, **Freed RJ**, Kale H. “Osteochondroma of the Spine, Incidental Finding – Maybe Not!” Poster presentation at the 98th annual Pennsylvania Radiological Society Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. Sept 28, 2013.

Freed RJ, Rodriguez D, Benjamin J, Itri J. “An Academic Debate: Pitt v. Penn, Informed consent for routine CT scans”. Oral presentation at the 98th annual Pennsylvania Radiological Society Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. Sept 28, 2013.

Gupta S, Jalota L, **Freed RJ**, Donato A. “Dementia with Lewy Bodies: A Commonly Missed Common Diagnosis”. Poster presentation at the Society of General Internal Medicine National Meeting, Denver, CO. Apr 27, 2013.

Gupta S, **Freed RJ**, Donato A. “Routine Dental Care? A Case of Pneumomediastinum During a Dental Cavity Repair”. Poster presentation at the Society of General Internal Medicine National Meeting, Denver, CO. Apr 27, 2013.

Freed RJ, Zarghouni M, Wagner B, Opatowski M. “Neuroimaging of Wilson’s Disease”. American College of Radiology, Case-In-Point Series. Available online Jan 11, 2013.

Freed RJ, Wagner B, Lloyd B. “Accuracy of Ureteral Stone Measurements by Radiologists at a Large Community Hospital”. Poster presentation at the 97th annual Pennsylvania Radiological Society Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. Sept 8, 2012.

Freed RJ, Lloyd B. “Don’t forget your Social History! Acute Respiratory Failure in a 20-year-old Female”. Medical Mystery series. Oral presentation at the Society of General Internal Medicine National Meeting, Orlando, FL. May 12, 2012.

Freed RJ, Jalota L, Jain S. “Isolated Abducens Nerve Palsy: An uncommon Presentation of Lyme Disease”. Poster presentation at the Society of General Internal Medicine National Meeting, Orlando, FL. May 12, 2012.

Gupta S, **Freed RJ**, Pradhan DS, Ballantine D. “Headaches and Diplopia: More Than What Meets the Eye”. Poster presentation at the annual Berks County Medical Society meeting, Wyomissing, PA. Apr 13, 2012.

Gul M, **Freed RJ**, Rizvi N, Wojnar M. “Idiopathic Acute Eosinophilic Pneumonia in a Young Smoker Requiring Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation”. Oral presentation at the Chest 2011 National Meeting, Honolulu, HI. Oct 23, 2011.

Roopnariane A, **Freed RJ**, Price S, Fox EJ, Ritty TM. “Osteosarcoma in a Marfan patient with a novel premature termination codon in the FBN1 gene”. Connective Tissue Research. Apr 2011; 52(2):157-165. PubMed ID: 20672986.

Lectures

“Financial Literacy for the Physician- Part 2”. Course series taught to UPMC Diagnostic-Radiology Residency. Pittsburgh, PA. March 29, 2019.

“Radiology for the Non-Radiologist”. Advanced Radiology Medical Student course (RAD 5422) within the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Pittsburgh, PA. Sept 4, 2018.

“Imaging of the Acute Abdomen: What the Emergency Medicine physician needs to know”. Emergency Medicine Education Conference, Pittsburgh, PA. July 26, 2018.

“Financial Literacy for the Physician- Part 1”. Course series taught to UPMC Diagnostic-Radiology Residency. Pittsburgh, PA. May 24, 2018.

“Radiology for the Non-Radiologist”. Advanced Radiology Medical Student course (RAD 5422) within the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Pittsburgh, PA. Jan 31, 2018.

“Diagnostic Radiology in the United States”. University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. ‘Clinical medicine within the United States’ course to visiting medical students from Xiangya University, China. Pittsburgh, PA. Jan 22, 2016.

“Introduction to Nuclear Medicine”. UPMC Department of Radiology, First-year resident Orientation. Pittsburgh, PA. Jul 24, 2015.

“Introduction to Body Imaging: What the Physician’s Assistant Needs to Know”. University of Pittsburgh School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, Physician’s Assistant Graduate Course. PAS 2203, Diagnostic and Therapeutic Procedures in Medicine I. Pittsburgh, PA. Jul 20, 2015.

“Introduction to Body Imaging: What the Physician’s Assistant Needs to Know”. University of Pittsburgh School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, Physician’s Assistant Graduate Course. PAS 2203, Diagnostic and Therapeutic Procedures in Medicine I. Pittsburgh, PA. Jul 23, 2014.

“Introduction to Nuclear Medicine”. UPMC Department of Radiology, First-year resident Orientation. Pittsburgh, PA. Jul 21, 2014.

“Introduction to Neuroimaging: What the Physician’s Assistant Needs to Know”. University of Pittsburgh School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, Physician’s Assistant Graduate Course. PAS 2203, Diagnostic and Therapeutic Procedures in Medicine I. Pittsburgh, PA. Jul 23, 2013.

“Introduction to Nuclear Medicine”. UPMC Department of Radiology, First-year resident Orientation. Pittsburgh, PA. Jul 8, 2013.

“Complications of Radiologic Contrast Media: Nephropathy, Allergy and NSF”.

The Reading Hospital and Medical Center, West Reading, PA. Hospital Grand Rounds. Mar 22, 2012.

Honors & Awards

- UPMC Department of Radiology Excellence in Teaching Award, Emergency Radiology, 2018-2019
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- Radiological Society of North America, 2017 Annual Meeting, Cum laude award, Educational Exhibit
- Pennsylvania Radiology Society, Pitt vs. Penn Resident Debate, 1st Place, September 2013
- Society of General Internal Medicine, Top 1% Clinical Vignette presentation, May 2012
- American Medical Association Foundation, Scholars Fund Award recipient, October 2010
- G. Ruppel Memorial University Scholarship, Penn State College of Medicine, July 2010
- Academic Excellence in Biochemistry, Binghamton University, May 2007
- Summa Cum Laude, Binghamton University, B.S. Biochemistry, May 2007
- Arnold G. and Lenora Meyer Scholarship, Binghamton University, August 2006
- Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, Binghamton University, Psi chapter, April 2006
- Golden Key International Honour Society, Binghamton University chapter, December 2005
- Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, Binghamton University Freshman Honor Society, October 2004

Professional Experience

UPMC Radiology Residency Faculty Advisor, faculty mentor to three R1 residents, 2017 - current

ACGME Leadership Development Program, UPMC Department of Radiology

July 2013 to June 2014, Mentor: Philip Orons, DO

Participated in the ACGME sponsored leadership skills training program where I worked closely with my attending mentor. Through small group sessions and practical settings, over the 12 months of the course, we reviewed tools and skills to enhance interpersonal communication and group dynamics.

Pulse, Treasurer and Founding Member

Penn State College of Medicine, Hershey, PA, November 2007 – May 2009

- Along with several of my colleagues, we started this collaboration between medical students and local high school students. Pulse is a semester-long, weekly academic course taught at the medical center with the aim of cultivating interest in medicine and healthcare professions. Medical students volunteer to teach basic medical diseases and concepts to the 50-60 local high school students.
- As founding Treasurer, I secured initial funding with a \$10,000 educational grant and received course accreditation with Penn State-University Park for college credit for our high school students.
- As of 2019, Pulse remains a major student-run organization at Penn State College of Medicine.

Professional Committees

Program Evaluation Committee, UPMC Diagnostic-Radiology Residency	2017- current
National Kidney Foundation, Young Professional Committee (YPC)	2015-16
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Founding member of the YPC within the Pittsburgh chapter of the NKF• Co-chair of the Social Media sub-committee	
Clinical Learning Environment Review (CLER) committee	2015
UPMC Graduate Medical Education review of Diagnostic Radiology residency	
Graduated Medical Education Committee, UPMC system-wide	2013-14
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Member of Recruitment, Orientation, Activities and Retention sub-committee• Member of the Patient Safety and Quality Improvement sub-committee	
UPMC Graduate Medical Education, preliminary ACGME Internal Review Panel	2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Integrated Thoracic Surgery Residency	
UPMC Department of Radiology, Radiology Education Committee	2012-13
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Junior Radiology Resident Representative	
The Reading Hospital and Medical Center, Graduate Medical Education	2011-12
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transitional Year representative	

Examinations

American Board of Radiology, Certifying Examination, October 2017: Pass

American Board of Radiology, CORE Examination, June 2015: Pass

USMLE Step 3, June 2012: Pass

USMLE Step 2 CS, August 2010: Pass

USMLE Step 2 CK, October 2010: Pass

USMLE Step 1, June 2009: Pass

Licenses/Certifications

- National Provider Index (NPI): 1891086476
- Pennsylvania Medical License, Active, MD457576
- DEA, Active, license number omitted, available upon request
- American Board of Radiology, Active, Cert. No. 69485
- Full record of continuing medical education (CME) credits upon request

Memberships

- Radiological Society of North America
- Pennsylvania Medical Society