

THE IMPORTANCE OF MEDICAL IMAGERY IN THE FORENSIC MEDICAL PRACTICE

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Introduction: In the last 100 years, radiology obtained an increasing field in forensic medicine. Thanks to this, the time-point of fractures became easier to diagnose; traditional dissections are helped by virtual dissections. These instruments are of high importance before court (violence, indemnity, etc.).

Method: I used 14287 expert's opinions issued by the Institute of Forensic Medicine of Szeged between 2008-2012. I focused on radiological constats.

Results: Out of 387 cases, I chose those ones in which a specialty consultant was involved. Out of the remaining 66 cases, I chose those ones in which the diagnosis was changed after reconstat: 13 cases occurred.

Discussion: The radiological imagery conveys objective data on the clinical state, which are univoque for everyone. A certain difference between clinical diagnosis and forensic medical diagnosis is demonstrated by the fact that reconstat was ordered in 17,1 % of the cases.