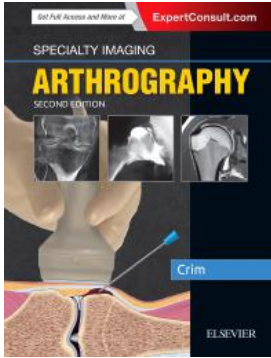


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Dr Julia Crim and co-radiologists from the University of Missouri at Columbia have produced an excellent second edition in hardback with e-book, after the much-needed first edition originally published in 2009.

Bursting with over 80 additional pages, this edition includes new information on choice of guidance by fluoroscopy or ultrasound; avoiding pitfalls and recognising artefacts, and identifying extravasated injections. Topical subjects such as femoro-acetabular impingement and post-operative complications of arthroscopy are covered.

Pundits of publications online may question why produce a hardcopy second edition 10 years after the first? Apart from the obvious value of a benchbook at the pitface, this second edition has included more ultrasound tips for imaging guidance with expansion of sections reflecting the increasing need of orthopaedic surgeons for precise pre-operative information facilitating minimally invasive surgery. Furthermore the inclusion of common or suspected pathology precludes the need to open internet.

The layout is in nine sections with an introduction giving general principles on technique and safety. Eight further sections dealing with common anatomical locations follow a familiar format of procedures, anatomy and common pathology. These sections address the commonly requested sites of arthrography in the shoulder, hip and wrist, with additional sections on the elbow, sacro-iliac joint and symphysis pubis, knee, ankle and foot. Layout is refreshingly clear and logical with excellent images and illustrations in full colour. Although somewhat staccato with subheadings and bullet points, this brief brutalism appeals to the time-challenged radiologist wishing to extract the bare necessities and glean pearls within the shrinking aliquot of time allocated to procedures.

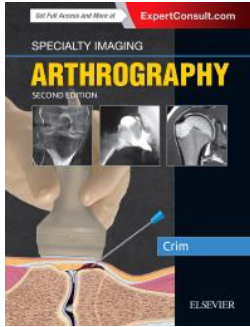
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Undoubtedly the highlights are the high quality illustrations and images and also the practical points for procedures including patient positioning – the whole patient rather than just the joint. If there is a downside, it is that the text is geared towards MRI and CT arthrography with little mention of conventional arthrography, no mention of double contrast procedures and no mention of hydrodilatation even in the section on adhesive capsulitis.

This work will be essential in all departments of radiology as a benchbook and will be of use to both specialist and trainee musculoskeletal radiologists. Orthopaedic surgeons will also find the content and tips invaluable. We have come a long way from the late Dennis Stoker's landmark Knee Arthrography but in the 38 years since that publication, the need and wish for high quality arthrography lives on.

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