



Imaging Informatics for Healthcare, Research, and Applications (MI107)

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Imaging informatics is a multidisciplinary field, and research in the field emphasizes the development and evaluation of new and efficient means of extracting and transforming ever-increasing volumes of data to improve patient outcomes. In the era of advanced imaging modalities and data complexity, there is a need for more efficient workflow, accurate analytics, and sophisticated 3D visualizations. Also, the growing demand for personalized, precision medicine requires the integration of clinical information, molecular and genomic data, imaging results, and pathology. Imaging informatics supports new technical solutions that can accommodate the needs of all imaging-rich clinical specialties, not just radiology, while keeping patient data both accessible to health professionals and safe from malicious agents. This track focuses on new methods for obtaining, transferring, managing, analyzing, and visualizing data for healthcare, biomedical, and educational applications. The conference will include but is not limited to the following themes.

TOPIC AREAS: FOR THIS CONFERENCE ONLY

During the submission process, you will be asked to choose three different topics to assist in the review process.

1. PACS-based multimedia data
2. data security and blockchains
3. data management for precision medicine
4. big data management
5. artificial intelligence
6. advanced visualization and 3D printing
7. digital operation theatres
8. innovation, regulations, and economics
9. images for education

THEME 1: PACS-BASED MULTIMEDIA DATA

Data generated in cardiology, endoscopy, ophthalmology, dermatology, and surgery has been widely used in screening, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation, and it often becomes part of the electronic medical record. Compared to radiology-centric imaging practices, the data acquisition methods, workflow operations and management of these non-radiological images are quite different.

- data standardization and workflow management
- data management and PACS integration
- multimedia data in clinical practices
- social media for medical imaging
- translational informatics of non-radiology imaging

THEME 2: DATA SECURITY AND BLOCKCHAINS

With ever-increasing volume, interconnectedness, and interoperability of imaging data, medical imaging systems are increasingly subject to cybersecurity risks. Maleficent attackers may steal or hold ransom millions of patient records with a single breach. Furthermore, the tempering of imaging systems during diagnostic or therapeutic procedures can physically harm patients. Security research in medical imaging hardware and software, as well as emerging technology such as blockchain and other distributed ledgers that promise to improve data security and access, are welcome.

- cybersecurity threats to medical imaging
- imaging data protection and encryption
- imaging data recovery
- application of blockchain technology
- other distributed ledger technology

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THEME 3: DATA MANAGEMENT FOR PRECISION MEDICINE

Precision medicine involves using detailed, patient-specific molecular, genetic and imaging information to diagnose and categorize disease, then guide treatment to improve clinical outcome. The combination of medical imaging, genomics, and molecular markers presents a new opportunity to link observations made at the cellular or molecular levels to macroscopic phenotypes but requires novel strategies for data management, too. Research enhancing precision medicine is welcome.

- imaging informatics for translational research
- correlative analytics of genomics, imaging, and clinical phenotypes
- molecular diagnostic and biomarkers
- combined quantitative and functional imaging
- application of translational research

THEME 4: BIG DATA

Modern medicine increasingly depends on efficient collaboration between radiologists, physicians, and patients. Collaboration is commonplace in the consumer market, where numerous social media platforms exist and are universally accessible. Additionally, the cloud and “big data” technologies have made data management, modeling, sharing, and collaboration possible at scale.

- FAIR data management
- cloud-based and collaborative image use
- crowdsourced image analysis and modeling
- content-based image retrieval and indexing
- image-based, patient-specific data modeling

THEME 5: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Advances in artificial intelligence (AI), especially deep learning and reinforcement learning are poised to change health care profoundly. However, integrating AI into the clinical environment requires active communications with traditional PACS and the wider electronic health records (EHR) of the health system. Furthermore, integrating AI with clinical medical imaging requires interfacing with the clinical providers’ existing workflow.

- data analytics
- machine learning / deep learning
- natural language processing
- heuristic search and fuzzy logic
- integration of AI with PACS and EHR

THEME 6: ADVANCED VISUALIZATION AND 3D PRINTING

Three-dimensional (3D) image data can be visualized and handled in actual 3D space. Technology in augmented reality (AR) juxtaposes medical imaging data with the real world, while virtual reality (VR) can create simulated, immersive environments. 3D printing provides new ways to prototype personalized medical devices. New technical milestones or clinical applications involving the use of 3D objects, both physically printed or virtually visualized, are welcome.

- 3D model generation and printing
- virtual reality for simulation and training
- augmented reality visualization
- device assessment
- integration of advanced visualization technologies

THEME 7: DIGITAL OPERATING THEATRES

The DICOM standard has broadened its scope of interoperability to include use cases within radiation oncology, optical imaging, and digital pathology. Furthermore, imaging has made the digital operating room possible via surgical PACS. Research topics that bridge the gaps between research, diagnosis, and treatment are encouraged.

- intelligent surgical instruments and robotics
- situation-aware robotic devices for therapeutics
- surgical cockpit systems
- therapeutic navigated control
- intelligent infrastructure and processes

THEME 8: INNOVATION, REGULATIONS, AND ECONOMICS

In the new regulatory environment, providers are rewarded by outperforming their peers in quality metrics. Today’s radiology practices also face a mounting pressure to create and measure value - right imaging choice to the right patient at the right time, all the while managing ever-increasing imaging volumes. This theme welcomes submissions on research and innovations tackling practical problems in the practice of clinical radiology.

- business intelligence
- patient safety
- quality improvement and productivity enhancement
- work environment monitoring
- ergonomics

THEME 9: IMAGES FOR EDUCATION

The new generation of learning professional work through interconnected, immersive, and self-directed environments, have been made possible through technology. Additionally, modern patients reviewing their own medical imaging and diagnostic reports can take a more active role in their medical decisions with proper technology providing timely and clear explanations. This theme welcomes research and technical breakthroughs about the education of students, patients, and other healthcare professionals.

- context-sensitive reference tool
- massive-online classroom
- simulations and immersive learning environment
- educational multimedia database and repository
- reference tools

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