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Agenda:

12:00 – 12:05  Introduction: Dr. Lawrence White, Musculoskeletal Imaging Division Lead, Department of Medical Imaging, University of Toronto

12:05 – 1:00  LECTURE 1: Imaging of Patellar Instability

1:00 – 2:00  BREAK

2:00 – 4:00  Case Review with Radiology Residents

4:00 – 5:00  BREAK

5:00 – 6:00  LECTURE 2: MRI of Musculoskeletal Infection
Learning Objectives:

LECTURE 1: Imaging of Patellar Instability
1. To appreciate normal and abnormal radiographic anatomy of the patellofemoral joint compartment.
2. To understand normal biomechanics of the patellofemoral compartment, and important static and dynamic stabilizers.
3. To recognize major patellar instability factors and how to evaluate with imaging.
4. To review common MRI findings in acute patellar dislocation.
5. To understand the role for operative management and recognize common surgical interventions.

LECTURE 2: MRI of Musculoskeletal Infection
1. To review the imaging findings and standard nomenclature used for soft tissue, articular space, and osseous infections on MRI.
2. To discuss important diagnostic pearls and clinical considerations for Musculoskeletal Infection on MRI.
3. To recognize common pitfalls in image interpretation for Musculoskeletal Infection on MRI.

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