Five years of ThePreparedMinds.com

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The last decade has seen an explosion of published information in our field. A significant amount of new journals have surfaced over the past few years which, in addition to the established journals, are giving way to a new age of cardiovascular imaging information overload. It has become incredibly difficult to stay up to date with the state of research and, with the constant advances in technology and the different available modalities, this task has become nearly impossible.

The North American Society of Cardiovascular Imaging (NASCI) is celebrating the 5th anniversary of its online journal club. It was Louis Pasteur who in an 1854 dissertation at the University of Lille said: “Dans les champs de l’observation le hasard ne favorise que les esprits préparés” (In the fields of observation chance favors only the prepared mind), a favorite quote among radiologists and the inspiration for the title of our website, ThePreparedMinds.com. Our goal was to bring together a team of imagers, both radiologists and cardiologists, who review and curate the vast amount of published material to bring you a few reading suggestions. Readers are invited to engage in conversation and to discuss how the research would affect their practice. Many times, the authors of the papers decide to join in as well, making this an even more beneficial site.

During 2013, we had a total of 165 posts, which is a 7 % decrease in the number of posts when compared with 2012 (178 posts). By modality, publications on computed tomography (CT) represented 35 % of posts, magnetic resonance 29 %, and echocardiography 14 %. ThePreparedMinds.

com has over 1,100 unique tag identifiers which correspond to the keywords assigned by the authors to their manuscripts for publication. It is not surprising that the two most prevalent keywords are “coronary artery disease” 23 % and “risk stratification” 18 %. To see a graphic representation of the most common keywords during 2013, visit the website and click on the ‘word cloud’ icon located on the right-sided column.

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