

How to Submit to AIRP:

Submission recommendations for people who need clear directions

YOU need an AIRP case!

But can't I just pay a \$500 waiver?

Dear residents, Since this has come up in increasing frequency, I wanted to send out this email to clarify our policy. With regard to AIRP, our policy is that residents submit a case in preparation for the rad-path course. Our department generously pays for your registration, and we would like your full participation. Submitting a waiver fee in lieu of a case is strongly discouraged and would require our approval, considered on a case-by-case basis. Should we grant a waiver, the fee will not be reimbursed by our program. Extension of the deadline for case submission is usually allowed, and we can facilitate that on your behalf if needed. Best, Andrew

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When?

• By 1 month before you attend the AIRP conference in your R3 year (likely in the spring, but this can vary)

What?

- Pick a case (any case) with good radiologic findings + GOOD PATHOLOGIC findings
- In fact, you might ask a pathologist for a case (will need both gross and histologic images): this is the Rate Limiting Step

How much time?

- Getting the materials together for the case: emails, follow up emails, going to the Pathology Department... this can take A WHILE
- Actually putting together the submission: 4-6 hours

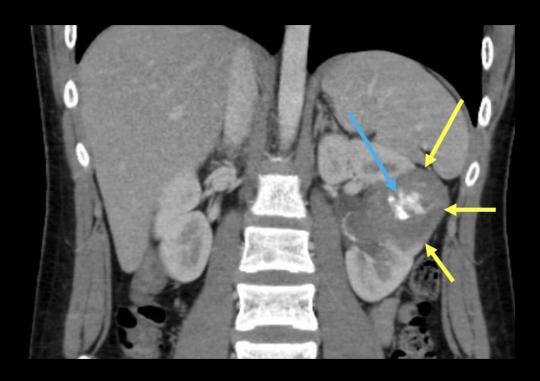
And?

You will need ...

Things you need for your AIRP case

Radiology Studies:

- De-identified DICOM images of the any relevant imaging studies
- Representative images to highlight the important points
 - JPEGs with the arrow sign, (see right)
- Radiology report (as a PDF)



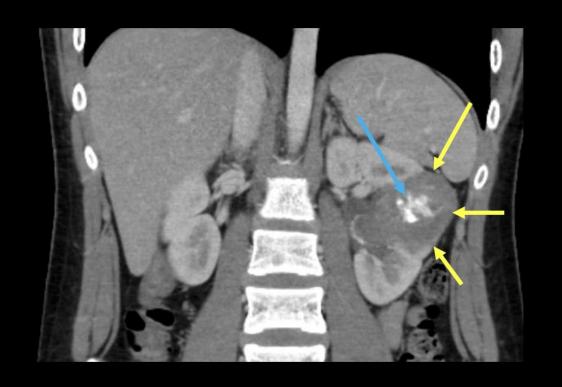
Lovely arrows for people who don't want to scroll through the image stack

A brief sidenote on Representative Images...

You will need 2 of each:



A "clean" copy

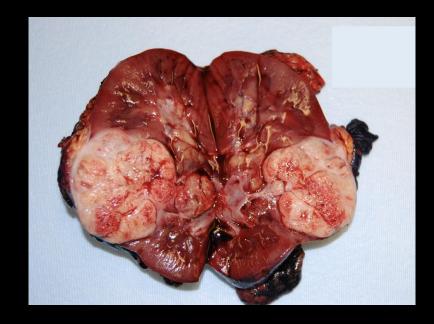


A copy with annotations

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Pathology Studies:

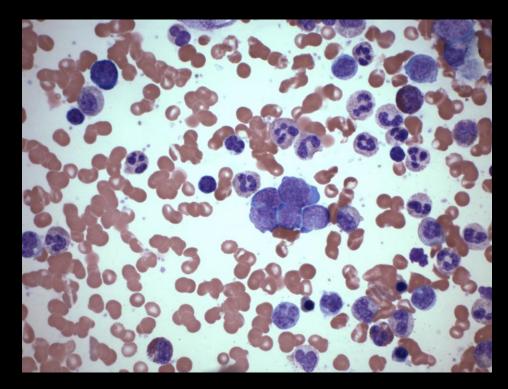
- De-identified gross pathology images (as JPEG)
- De-identified slides
 - Can physically send glass slides,
 - Or virtual slides (.svs, .ndpi, .mrxs, .bif or .vsi format)
- Representative images to highlight the important points
 - JPEGs with the arrows
 - Know stain and magnification
- Pathology report (as a PDF)
- Signed verification form from pathologist



Gross image!
Pathology doesn't always save gross
images – check to make sure they have
this for your case (otherwise you need
a special waiver from AIRP for a case
with no gross)

Things you need for your AIRP case

- HPI: as a report in PDF format
- Operative and/or Procedural report: as a report in PDF format
- A brief report on disease entity (see "Case Features" on submission portal slides
- Literature references (3+)
- Other things you can have, but don't need:
 - Discharge summary
 - Illustrations
 - Videos
- Remove all dates, physician names, and order numbers from reports



Cells: lots and lots of cells

Maybe have a path friend (or the actual pathologist) briefly walk you through the cell types before you caption it

These AIRP websites can tell you more

• https://www.acr.org/Lifelong-Learning-and-CME/AIRP/Four-Week-Course/Case-Submission

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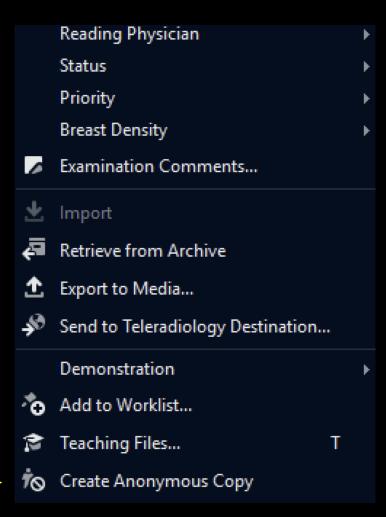
***But how do I de-identify DICOM images?

- Images submitted cannot have any identifying information
- Use Sectra (see guide below for steps) to de-identify images
- Use free DICOM viewer program (multiple good options online, e.g. Osirix) to review your de-identified images

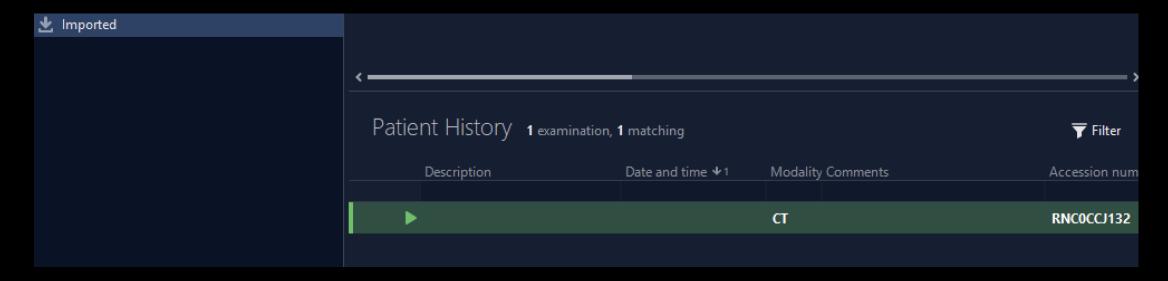


DICOM images with no identifiable data allowed

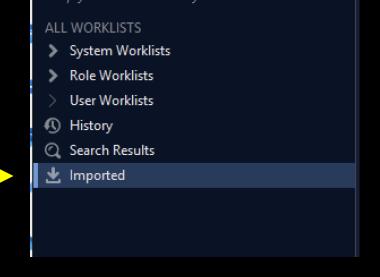
- In Sectra:
- Right click and click on "Create Anonymous Copy"
- Click second option under Clinical Trial...
 "Default Anonymization Profile"





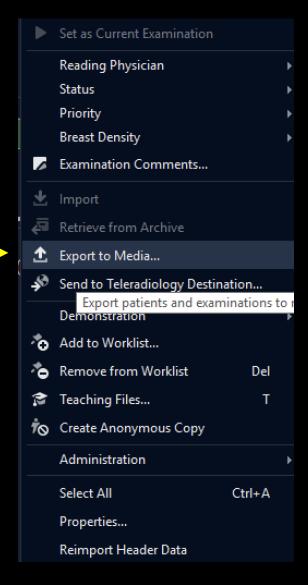


- Files will now be under "Imported"
- Note that some imported files are NOT completely anonymous (e.g. contain contrast dose, radiation dose, patient identifiers -- even whole VRAD reports with patient information!)

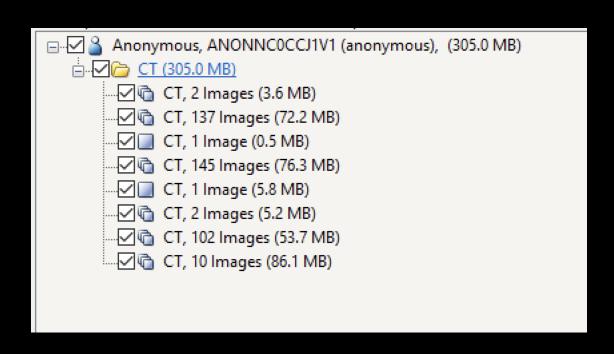


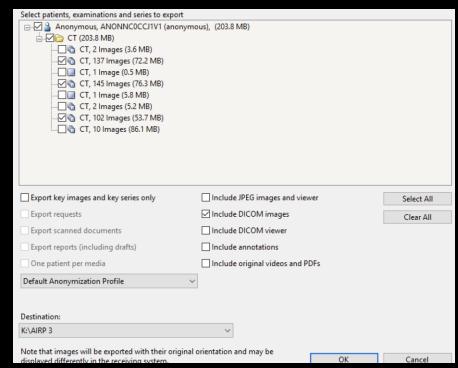
- Scroll through each image under the series to see that it is clear of any PHI.
- Also, click on each series (axial, coronal and sagittal) and press "SHIFT D" on the key board. Go through each information to check there are no identifiers (i.e., ordering provider, accession #, workstation, etc). Review to make sure all identifiers are changed.

- Note which series you want to export by the
 # of images in the series
 - For example, a CT scan with 137 axial images, 145 sagittal images and 102 coronal images.
 - Notice that screen shots, VRAD report, patient radiation dose and contrast dose page have <10 images (and these series all contain identifiers!).
- Click "Export to Media..."

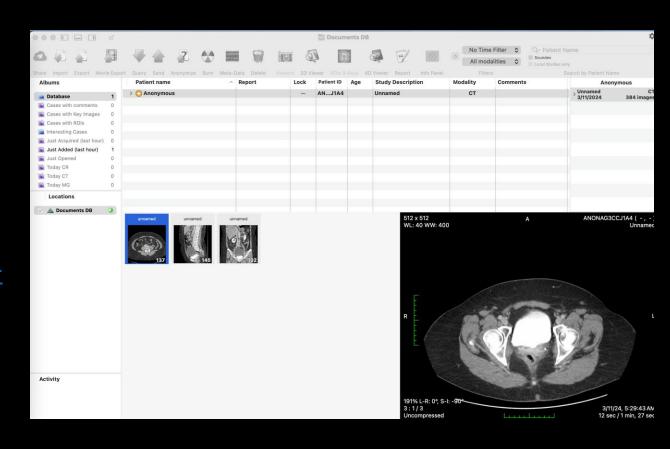


- Click drop down menu and unclick everything except for CT axial, sagittal and coronal images (i.e. the series with 100+ images)
- Unclick everything but "Include DICOM images"
 - If you don't have a program to view DICOM images, can click "Include DICOM viewer"

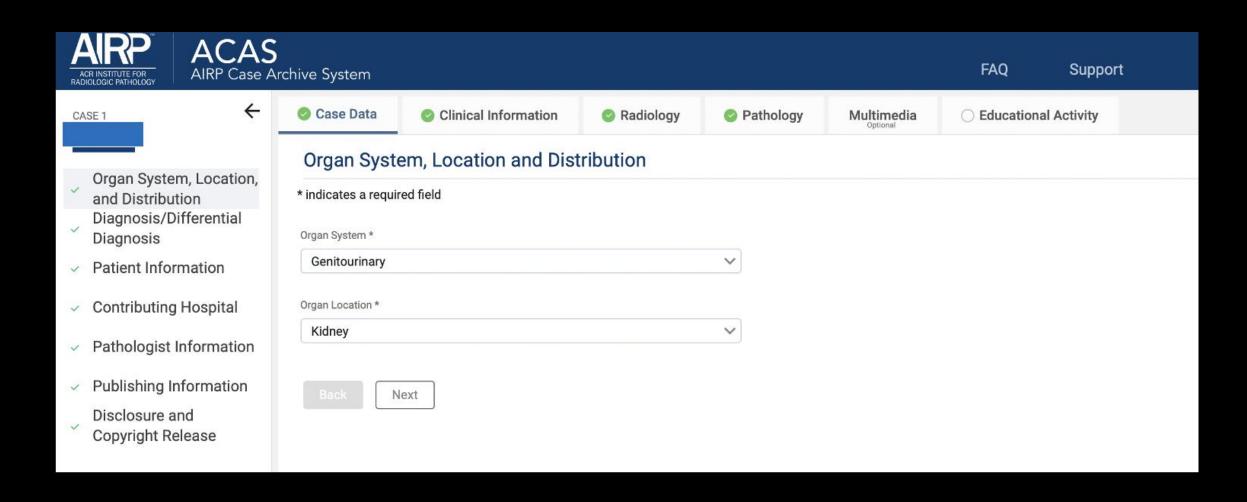




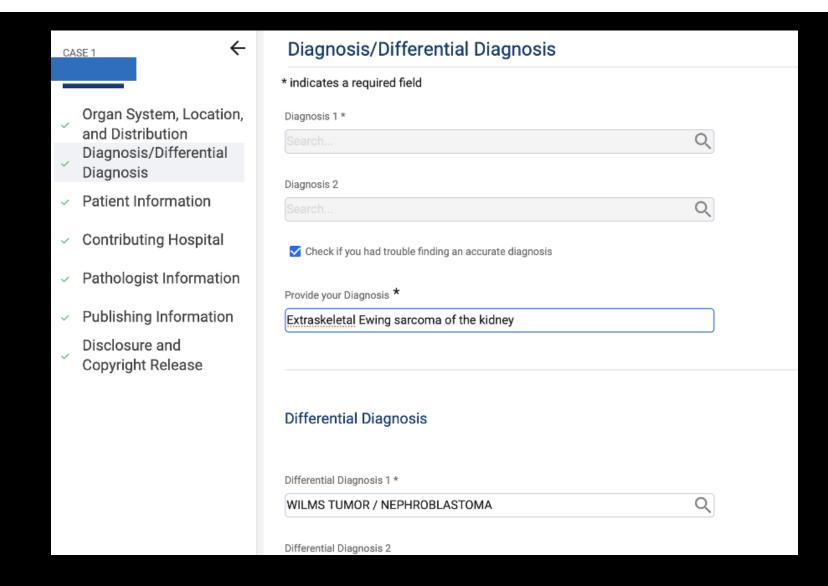
- Check again!: Open your saved/exported file to make sure no identifying information is included
- There are lots of good free trial DICOM viewer programs (e.g. Osirix):
 - https://www.osirixviewer.com/osirix/osirix-md/downloadosirix-lite/
- Upload the DICOM image file into Osirix and confirm the correct series was exported with no identifying information

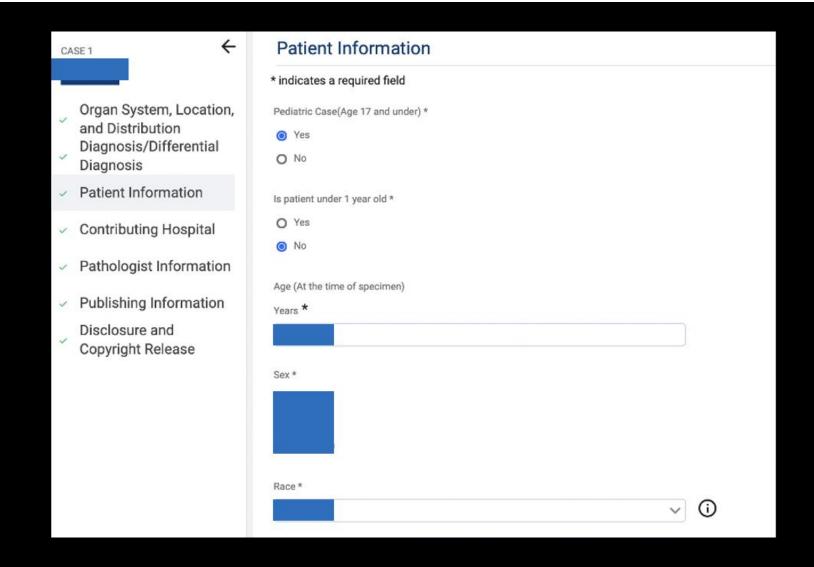


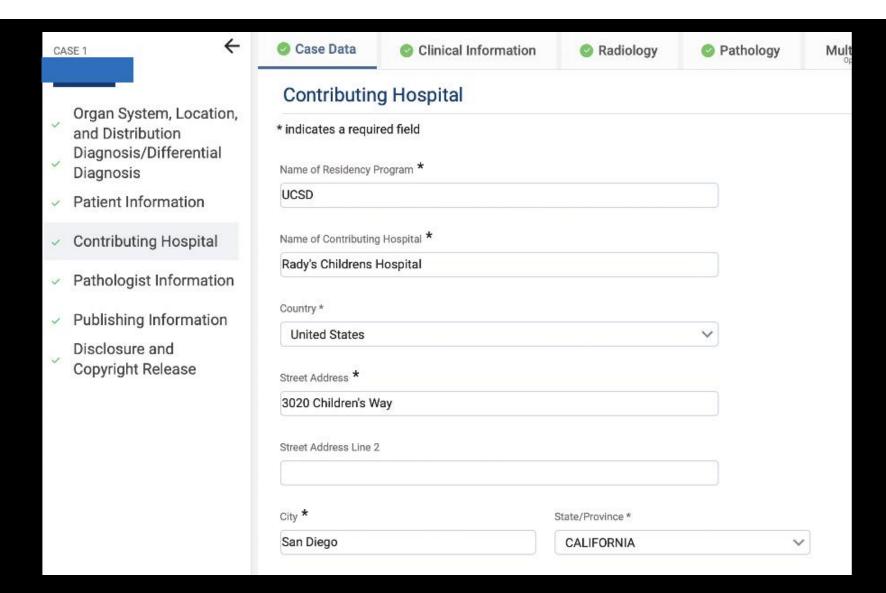
Osirix interface



Case submission portal portal

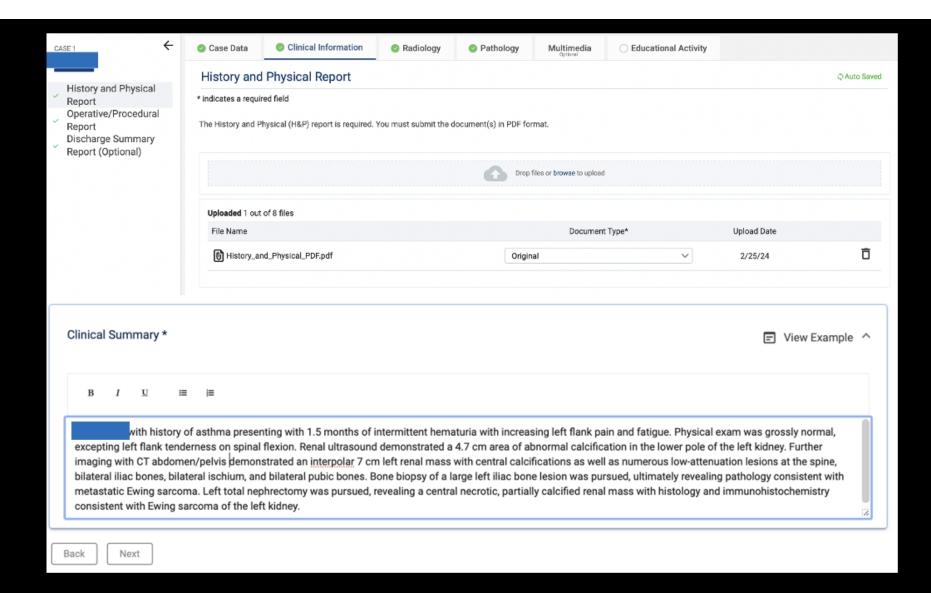


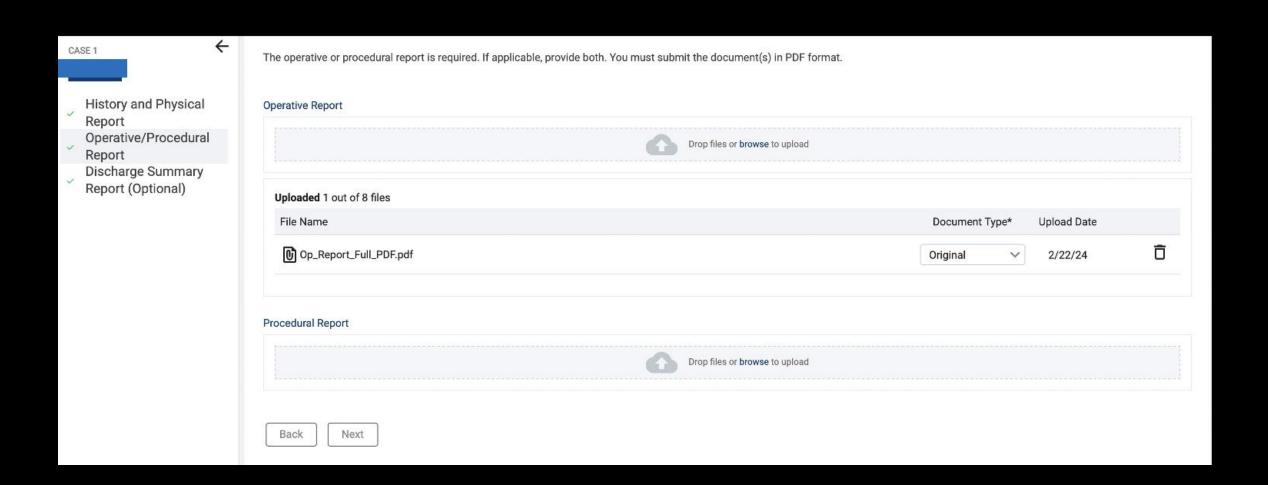


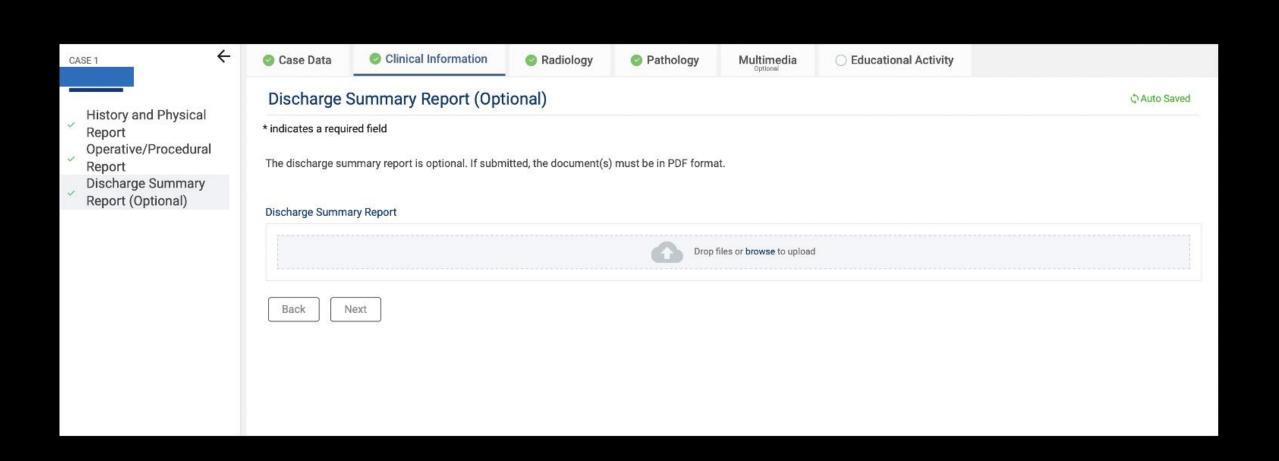


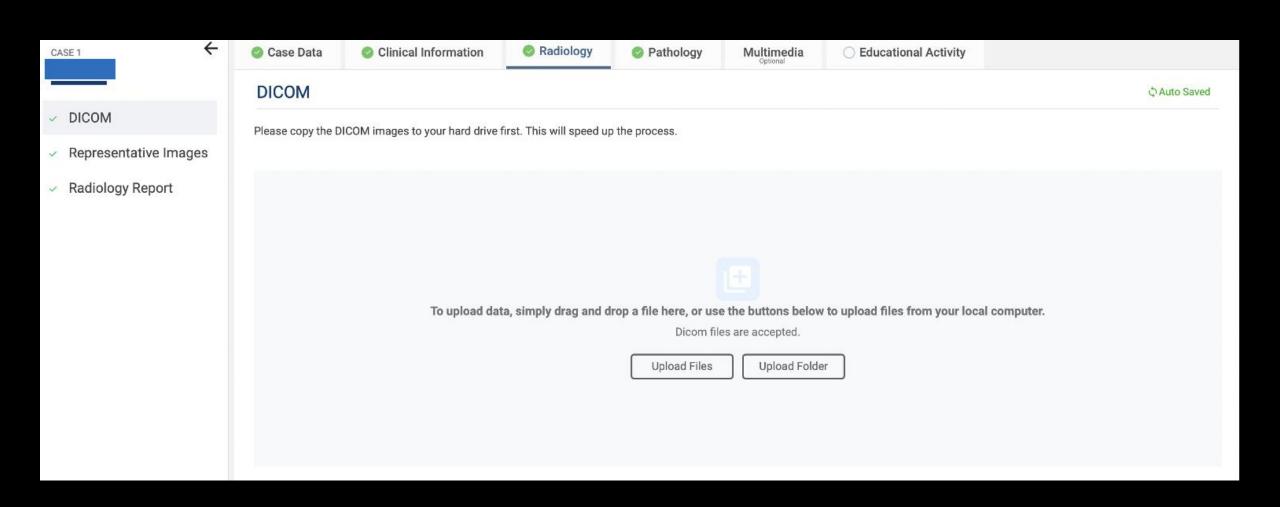
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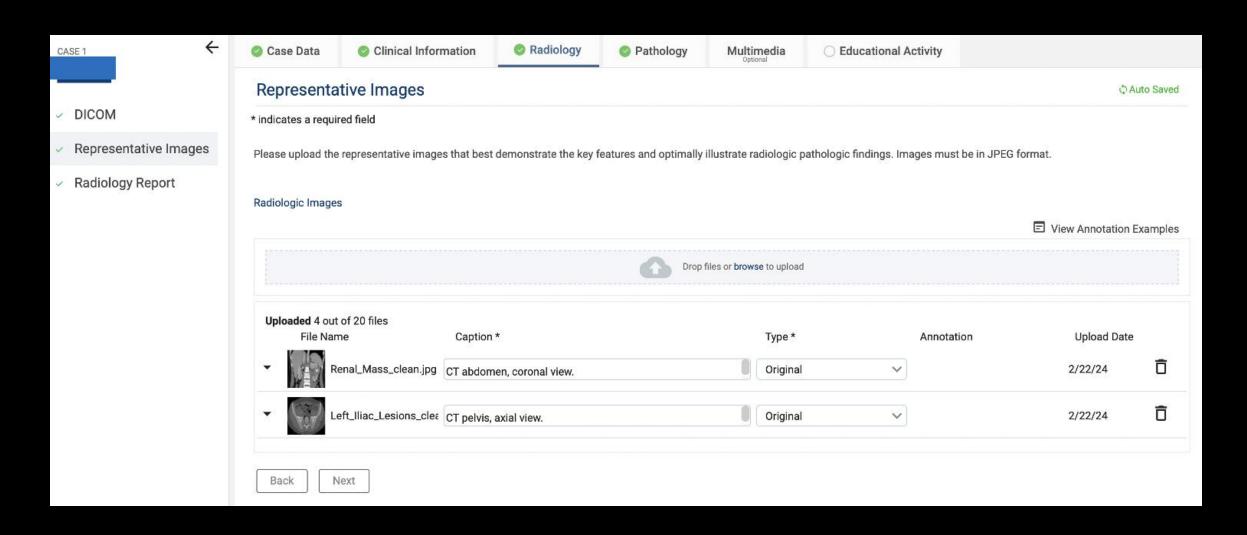
Note: The verification form comes as both a link and a .pdf file --- a pathologist signs it attesting that the slides belong to the case that you're submitting.

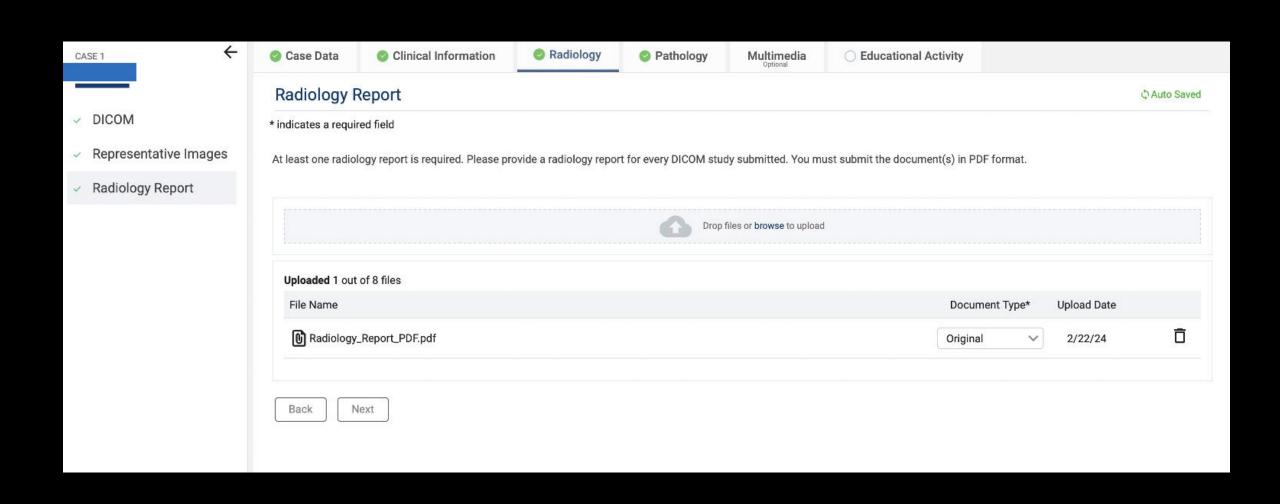


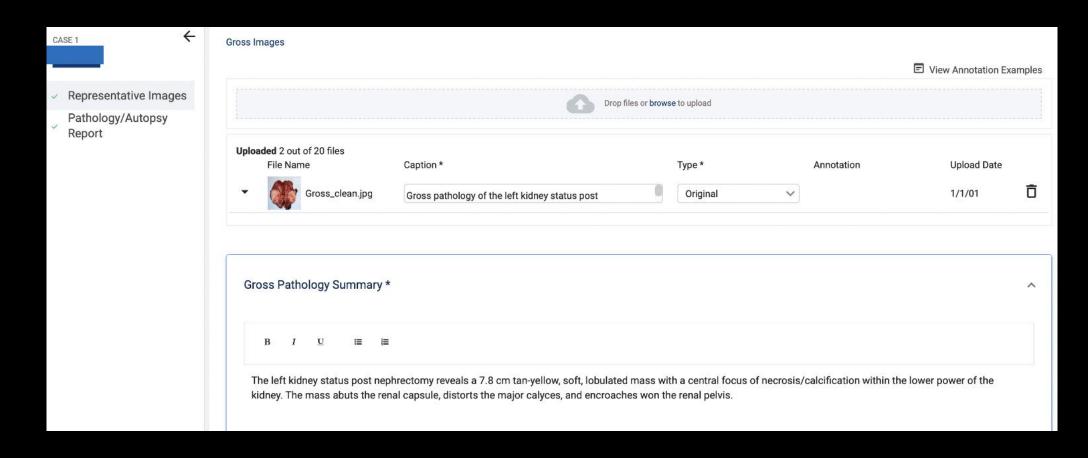




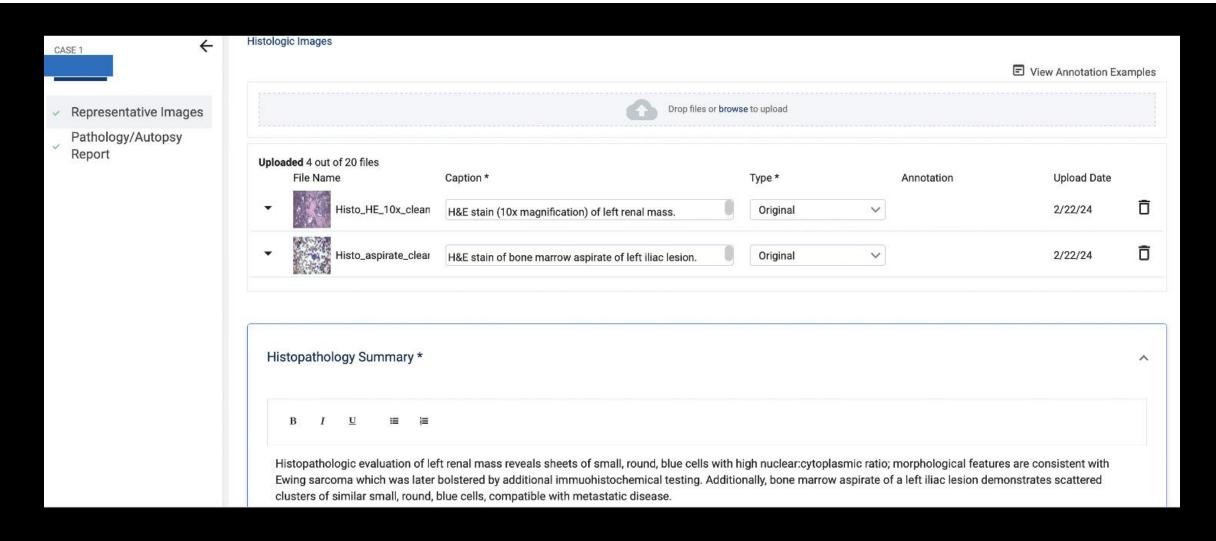


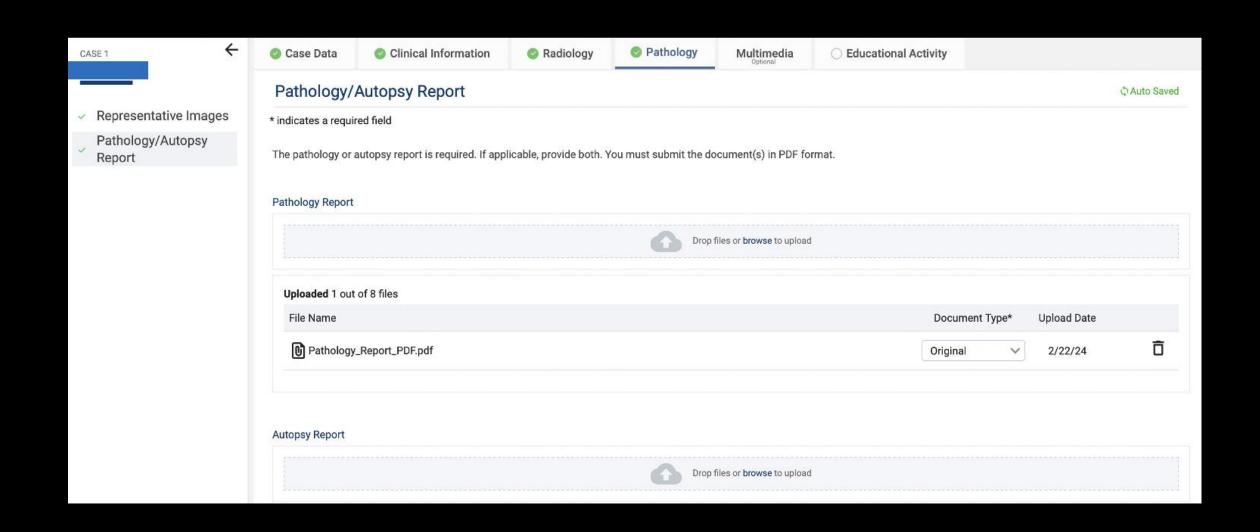


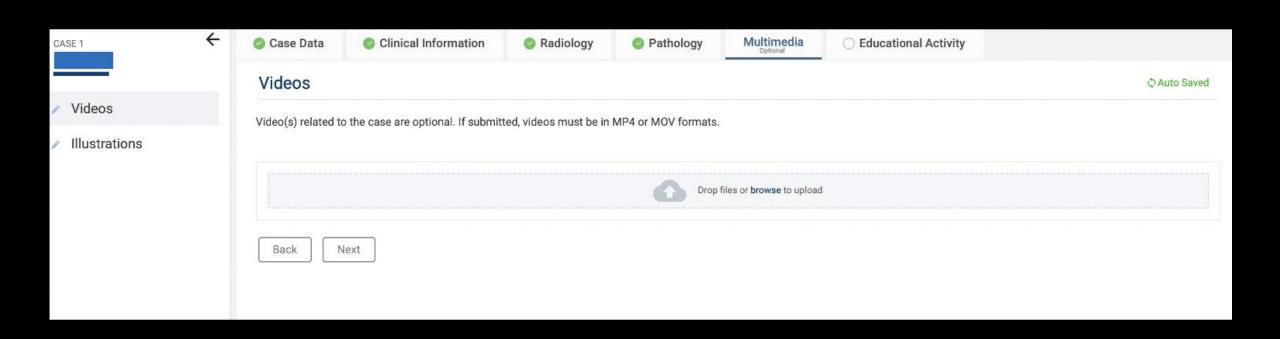


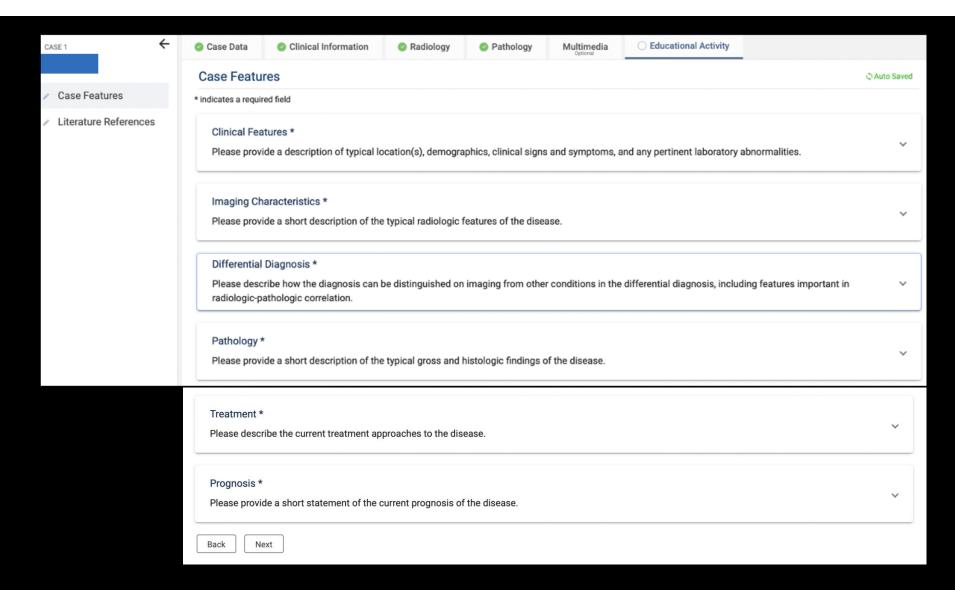


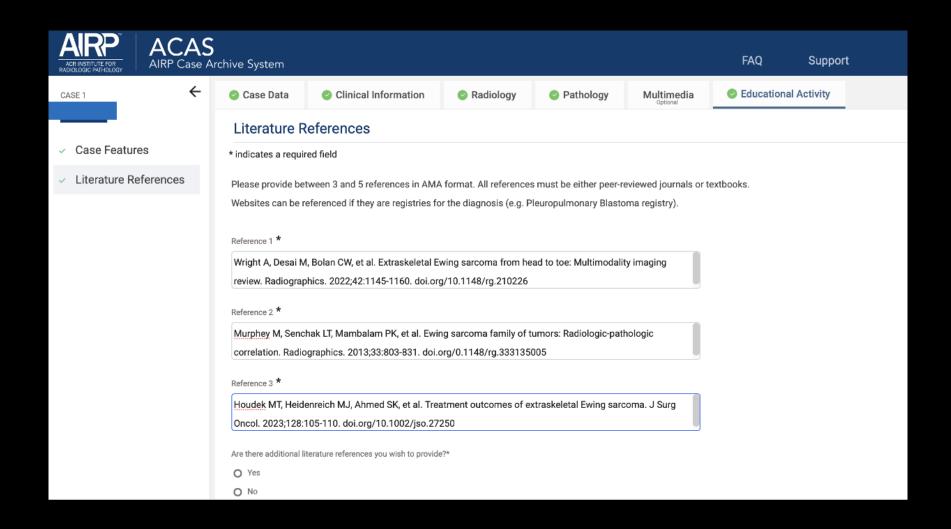
Note: For uploading virtual slides, you will contact AIRP via email and they will send you a link to a folder that can handle large (1+ GB) files

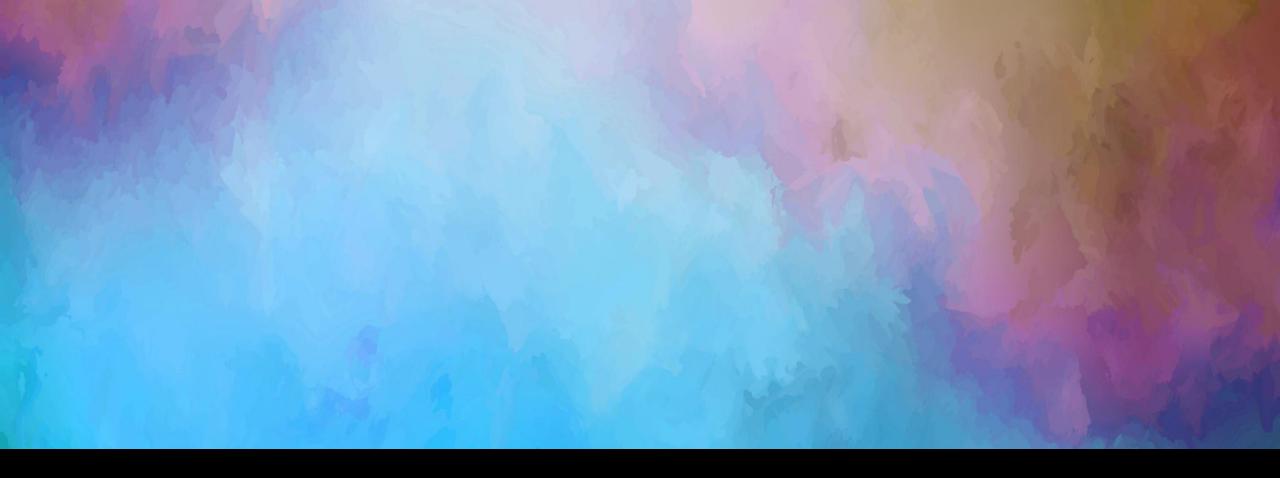












Good luck!

Reach out to any seniors with questions or concerns! Feel free to pick up a case in R1 or R2 years!