



Ten Questions for...

Dr. Suresh Mukherji,
author of *Atlas of Head and Neck Imaging*

Did you always want to become a doctor?

No, I initially wanted to become an economist but then changed my mind.

Have you ever seriously considered changing your profession?

No, never.

What fascinates you about the medical area you are in?

The rapidly evolving technologies, seeing inside the human body, and making diagnoses.

Who are your role models?

My parents.

What does it take to be a good physician?

Dedication, hard work, commitment, but also wanting to have fun in life.

How will the radiologist's job change in the future?

Radiologists will be more and more responsible for the initial diagnosis. Before, a physician started with the physical exam of the patient. Today, he or she will not see the patient before having looked at an MRI or an image of the lumbar spine before starting the examination. Right now, radiology is at the forefront of technology. This initial diagnosis and evaluation will lead to the direct treatment.

What advice can you give students or young doctors who are just starting out?

In radiology? To stay in academic medicine, we need you!

The main advise I can give students and doctors just starting out is not to forget the real reasons they went into medicine for. Work hard, stay dedicated to the patients but don't forget to smell the roses. Cultivate and keep up relationships with friends and family.

What was the toughest challenge you faced in your career?

Trying to balance my professional and personal life, my family obligations.

Do you have a hobby you enjoy?

I love sports, I play tennis and basketball.

What is your favorite book?

I'm a Harry Potter fan. I think it's a book for adults. The series is terrific!

Dr. Mukherji, thank you very much for this interview.