



EDiMSK Diploma Holder Spotlight

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Why I Took the EDiMSK

I am 36 years old, a radiologist based in Singapore, and about three and a half years out of residency. My primary clinical interest is musculoskeletal imaging, and I also have a strong interest in clinical innovation, particularly in building solutions that are sustainable, appropriate, and grounded in value-based care.

I trained through the NHG residency programme and cleared the combined FRCR/MMed exam in 2020. Shortly after, I made a deliberate decision to join Woodlands Hospital, a newly established hospital. The appeal was the opportunity: to start new projects, build protocols from scratch, and shape things from the ground up in an environment where there was genuine room to make a difference.

Working in a newly established hospital comes with unique considerations, as it is still expanding its clinical and academic footprint. With a research base that is still in its early stages, I have been encouraged to explore different avenues to develop professionally.

That was part of what drew me to sit the EDIR in 2024 — to see where I stood against an international benchmark, and to revisit the breadth of general radiology after finishing residency. Around the same time, I undertook an ESOR MSK fellowship in Rostock under Prof Weber, from October to December 2024. That experience turned out to be the real turning point.

It was during the fellowship that I first came across the EDiMSK. I had been quietly looking for some form of further examination in MSK radiology and stumbled upon it by chance. Prof Weber, who is deeply involved in ESSR education, was very supportive, offering practical advice and encouraging me to give it a try.

What ultimately drove me was the desire to challenge myself and see where I stood internationally. In many countries, including Singapore, there is no dedicated subspecialty examination in MSK radiology. For me, the EDiMSK represented a personal benchmark worth pursuing.



How I Prepared

The first thing I would say is: understand the format. The ESSR has published helpful articles on both the written and oral components, with worked examples. Read these early, as they set the right expectations from the start.

From there, I kept up with current MSK literature. Webinars are available (with ESSR membership) and are a useful resource, though I must admit I did not manage to watch many.

The most important preparation, above everything else, is daily clinical immersion. Nothing can replace seeing real MSK cases and working through real problems. It is also important to be honest with yourself about potential gaps in exposure. For me, that meant recognising I had seen relatively few paediatric MSK cases, and I made a deliberate effort to focus my reading on this specific area.

Identifying what you do not see regularly in practice, and actively filling those gaps, is one of the most practical things you can do when preparing for the examination.

Why It Matters for My Career

The EDiMSK is a rigorous test of MSK radiology knowledge that sits above national qualifications. What it offers is personal proof of knowledge validated against an international standard, and I believe it strengthens the credibility of my MSK imaging service, both with my referrers and with my patients.

I am genuinely grateful to Prof Weber and the ESSR for the encouragement and the opportunity. I would wholeheartedly recommend the EDiMSK to any MSK radiologist, wherever in the world you may be — the value of testing yourself against a rigorous international standard is universal.

