Looking at Trauma X-rays

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Presenting an x-ray

- “This is an AP pelvic radiograph of Miss K, taken on 02.04.08”, this shows you’ve done it before and gives you thinking time.
- Have a system i.e bones, joints, soft tissues.
- Say what you see, never say ‘seems to be’.
- If you don’t know what it is just describe it.
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- “The most obvious abnormality is…” (use all those describing words Andy taught you).
- “There are features consistent with…” then list the features.
- “I would like to see another view”.
- “Ideally I would like to see the joints above and below”.
- Sometimes it’s appropriate to see the other side.
Summary

- Say the simple things first
- Have a system
- Say what you see using medical words
- Gain browny points by making a plan