

I know this patient’s background, history and presentation

I have some prior MSK/ortho knowledge and have heard of Modic changes before

I may have heard of Modic changes before, but I really have no idea what their diagnostic relevance is, or what their value is on informing management. I have always relied on orthopaedic opinion and interpretation for this in the past

I could take educated guesses as to the clinical relevance of Modic changes found on her MRI

I have some context in which to frame new information when learning about Modic changes, so can better understand their clinical relevance and how they relate to other pathologies

Not understanding the clinical relevance of the results of tests you have ordered is not only embarrassing, but it presents issues with patient safety, and commencing appropriate management strategies. This is a simple gap in knowledge to bridge, but neglecting to do so would be negligent, and would likely present further problems in future.