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Hector Lopez MD is Assistant Professor in the Department of Pathology, Anatomy and Cell Biology at Jefferson Medical College. He teaches mainly anatomy, histology and radiology to medical students, residents and postgraduates and also lectures in the school of health professions.

Hector has been using Primal Pictures for the past year to enhance his anatomy teaching and particularly enjoys being able to compare 3D images from Primal with diagnostic images such as MRI, CTA and X-rays to make his lectures more interesting:

“I use Primal in a variety of ways in my teaching. I often copy and paste pictures into my presentations so that I can introduce Primal to my students and I use the images extensively as tools for discussion, particularly alongside diagnostic images.

“I use all the Primal products that are available – depending on which topic I am teaching – but the new Head and Neck DVD is my favourite. The ability to manipulate images, rotate the structure or add different layers is a great feature of Primal and I always encourage my students to use these features of the software as a reference to help them to understand the relationships within the human body.

“Alongside Primal Pictures, I use a bank of images from x-rays to CTAs and MRIs for my cross-sectional anatomy courses. There are often concepts that students find difficult to grasp and this is when Primal proves to be particularly useful.

“I have no doubt that the learning experience has improved for both students and teachers and I believe that the students at Jefferson like to use the visuals to aid their studies and would possibly use them more if their time was not so limited.”