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BIO

Dr. Xianjin Dai is an Assistant Professor and the American Board of Radiology certified Medical Physicist in the Department of Radiation Oncology at Stanford University. Dr. Dai completed the CAMPEP-credited Therapeutic Medical Physics residency at Emory University and earned his PhD in Biomedical Engineering at the University of Florida. His research focuses on developing and translating novel biomedical imaging techniques to enhance the diagnosis, management, and treatment of cancer diseases. Dr. Dai's research interests encompass artificial intelligence in medicine, therapeutic physics, medical image analysis, multimodal imaging, biomedical optics, photoacoustic imaging, ultrasound imaging, and optical coherence tomography. He is a recipient of the American Cancer Society Research Scholar Grant, DOD Prostate Cancer Research Program (PCRP) Early Investigator Research Award, and the American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM) Research Seed Funding Grant.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Assistant Professor - University Medical Line, Radiation Oncology - Radiation Physics
- Member, Stanford Cancer Institute

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Editor, Medical Physics Journal, (2023- present)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Imaging Informatics Best Paper 1st Place Award, SPIE Medical Imaging (2026)
- Best-in-Physics, AAPM (2025)
- Best-in-Physics (multi-disciplinary), AAPM (2024)
- Cum Laude Award, SPIE Medical Imaging (2021)
- Research Travel Award, The University of Florida (2017)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Committee member, Working Group on ASTRO-AAPM Seed Grant Funding (WGAASGF) (2025 - present)
- Committee member, Imaging for Treatment Planning (WGIPM), AAPM (2025 - present)
- Committee member, Research Committee (RSRCH), AAPM (2024 - present)
- Committee member, Joint Working Group for Research Seed Funding Initiative (JWGRSF), AAPM (2024 - present)
- Member, AAPM (The American Association of Physicists in Medicine) (2018 - present)
- Member, SPIE (the international society for optics and photonics) (2017 - present)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- DABR, The American Board of Radiology , Therapeutic Medical Physics
- Residency, Emory University
- Certificate, University of California, Los Angeles
- PhD, University of Florida
- MS, BS, University of Electronic Science and Technology of China

LINKS

- google scholar: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=gyrHTzgAAAAJ&hl=en>

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

Intelligent Image-guided intervention

AI in Medicine

Medical Image Analysis

Biomedical Physics

Multimodal Imaging

Ultrasound Imaging

Medical Device

Biomedical Optics (Optical, Photoacoustic, OCT)

1. Artificial intelligence (AI) holds significant promise for improving the efficiency, precision, accuracy, and overall quality of radiation therapy for cancer patients. However, despite rapid technical advances, AI platforms have not yet been widely adopted in clinical practice due to persistent challenges in the development, validation, and implementation of AI-based tools in radiation oncology. The goal of this work is to address these barriers through innovative methodological concepts and strategic translational developments.

2. Image-guided intervention leverages real-time imaging to support precise targeting, navigation, and decision-making during diagnostic and therapeutic procedures. While conventional image guidance often relies on preoperative images or single-modality intraoperative imaging, these approaches are limited by anatomical deformation, temporal delays, and incomplete visualization of critical structures. Our goal is to address these limitations through advanced image-guided intervention strategies that integrate real-time imaging, intelligent modeling, and adaptive guidance to improve procedural accuracy, safety, and clinical outcomes.

3. Integrative multimodal imaging platforms leverage the complementary strengths of multiple imaging modalities to achieve comprehensive biological tissue characterization, enabling improved disease diagnosis, management, and treatment. Sequential acquisition of individual modalities is inefficient, vulnerable to registration error, and fundamentally limited in its ability to capture dynamic biological processes. Our goal is to address these constraints through advanced methodological innovations and targeted translational development.

PROJECTS

- Foundation Model-Augmented Medical Image Analysis (7/1/2022 - present)
- Intelligent Image-guided intervention (4/1/2026 - present)

Teaching

COURSES

2025-26

- Physics of Radiation Therapy: BMP 252, RADO 252 (Win)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Postdoctoral Faculty Sponsor

Kai Zhang

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Foundation model-enhanced unsupervised 3D deformable medical image registration.** *Physics in medicine and biology*
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