

Photo Rounds

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How to submit your medical images for publication:

Do you have images (slides, photos, etc.) of compelling visual cases in clinical medicine? If family physicians would find them interesting we would like to publish them along with a brief description of the clinical presentation and a question for the readers. The answer should provide an explanation of the clinical case along with information on differential diagnosis and treatment. The treatment section should suggest an evidence-based approach and be supported by current references. Multiple images may be submitted and interesting connections between these images may be highlighted. High resolution jpeg images sent to me by email are preferred. High quality slides, illustrations, and photographic prints may also be mailed to me after emailing me your suggested topic.

All materials should be submitted to:
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Suggested Template:

Presentation and History
Physical Exam

1- 2 photographs with legends

Ask questions to the reader, such as:
What is the diagnosis?
Are any diagnostic tests necessary?

Answers follow:
Diagnosis and Differential
Epidemiology and pathophysiology (optional)
Laboratory tests (optional)
Management
The Patient's Treatment and Outcome
References

Use the following evidence levels:

Level of Evidence characterizes the validity of a study while making no specific practice recommendation

1a Systematic review of randomized controlled trials

1b Individual randomized controlled trial with narrow confidence interval

1c All or none—all patients died before therapy was available, but now some survive; or, some patients died before therapy was available, but now all survive

2a Systematic review of cohort studies

2b Individual cohort study, or low-quality randomized controlled trial

2c “Outcomes” research

3a Systematic review of case-control studies

3b Individual case-control study

4 Case series, or poor quality cohort or case-control studies

5 Expert opinion

Strength of Recommendation translates a given level of evidence into a practice recommendation

A Includes 1a–c levels of evidence

B Includes levels 2a–c and 3a, b

C Includes levels 4 and 5

Strength-of-recommendation ratings do not always reflect a direct one-to-one correspondence with levels of evidence, as depicted above, but may take into account such variables as intervention cost, ease of use, and impact of the disease in the population.