

Case in Point Template

Case in Point submissions are long-form, peer-reviewed case reports that do not have a clinical image. Unlike shorter Photoclinic submissions, authors are asked to provide a robust analysis of the case and form a narrative around the episode of care.

We ask that Case in Point articles not exceed 2000 words (excluding title page, abstract, and references).

Required headings for Case in Point submissions

Introduction. Describe the patient (age, gender), the presentation, and where the patient presented. Include a detailed analysis/overview of the case being presented. End the Introduction with a sentence that explains why the case is being reported and how it contributes to medical knowledge.

Questions to consider that may be included when writing the Introduction:

- Is this case commonly seen in medical practice?
- What is the incidence of these types of cases?
- What is unique about this case?
- How does the case relate to other conditions that most physicians would normally see and treat?
- What does this unique case add to the scientific literature?

Case Description. The Case Description section should tell a story in chronological order, as it will be easier for the reader to follow the narrative. Although each case will present a unique set of details, submissions in general should include most of the below in the Case Description section:

- Presenting signs, symptoms, and complaints from the patient.
- Relevant patient medical history, relevant family medical history, and/or personal history relevant to the case (for example, tobacco use in a patient with lung cancer).
- Medication use and listing of relevant medications.
- Results from physical examination, lab testing, or radiographic imaging. If any of the results were unusual, please include normal range or appearance.
- Differential diagnoses. What was your preliminary diagnosis and did any of the test results listed earlier prompt that diagnosis?
- Final diagnosis. How was it determined?
- Treatments. Describe treatment and management protocols.
- Outcomes. Review treatment results and patient outcomes.
- Follow-up. Describe follow up and associated time periods.

Discussion. The discussion section is where you provide the evidence that supports your diagnosis. Was there any evidence that contradicts your diagnosis? Please note any associated differential

diagnoses and describe why each one was rejected and why your diagnosis was correct. Finally, what is the take home message of this case? How should the reader interpret your case? Is there anything the reader should consider doing differently because of your case?

All Case in Point articles should be submitted with completed permission and patient consent forms. If we do not receive all necessary forms at the time of the submission, your submission will be returned without review.

Additional Author Guidelines

GENERAL

Authors are encouraged to review “Preparing a Manuscript for Submission to a Medical Journal” published by the [**International Committee of Medical Journal Editors**](#) (ICMJE) prior to submitting an manuscript. **Failure to comply with these instructions may result in a delayed review process.**

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Patient or parent/guardian consent form (if applicable)

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