

What's Your Diagnosis? Template

A What's Your Diagnosis? manuscript is a peer-reviewed case report that provides broad context around a patient's presentation before posing a question specifically focused on how the reader would diagnose the patient. A What's Your Diagnosis? manuscript is limited to one case and should be no more than 1000-1200 words. Images are NOT a requirement for this article type.

Required Headings for What's Your Diagnosis?

Introductory sentence. In one sentence, describe patient (age, gender) and the presentation. Where did the patient present? ER? Clinic?

EXAMPLE: "An athletic 16-year-old boy presented to primary care with worsening bilateral neck pain for approximately 1 year."

History. Clearly describe the patient's current medical condition and medical history in chronological order.

IMPORTANT: Please include critical physical examination findings at the end of the patient history section.

Diagnostic testing. Describe the diagnostic testing results.

IMPORTANT: A table may be warranted so the reader can get a complete picture of the patient's diagnostic testing results.

Question: Pose a question about the diagnosis or diagnostic challenge in this case, and add potential answers here.

Correct Answer. Add the correct answer here and brief explanation for correct answer.

TIP: You can also add Differential Diagnoses here. What other diagnoses were considered and why ultimately were they not the right diagnoses?

Treatment and management. Describe the type of intervention(s) administered (pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, lifestyle) and how the intervention(s) were administered (dosage, strength, duration, and frequency).

TIP: Tables or figures may be useful here. See below for instructions for submitting figures and tables.

Outcome and follow-up. Describe the episode of care including (1) intervention modification, interruption, or discontinuation; (2) intervention adherence and how this was assessed; and (3) adverse effects or unanticipated events.

IMPORTANT: Was there follow-up? If so, describe the follow-up care using the same formula as above.

Discussion. Summarize the essential features, compare the case report with the literature, and explain the rationale for reporting the case. Describe the lessons/experiences readers can take away from this case report.

IMPORTANT: If you want to include a conclusion, add it to the end of this section. Your brief concluding paragraph should describe the most important findings from the case.

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