



EM CASE OF THE WEEK

Instructions & Formatting Criteria

“EM Case of the Week” is a peer-reviewed academic publication of the Broward Health Emergency Medicine Residency Program that provides rotating trainees with the opportunity to publish an article based upon an interesting case they encountered during their emergency medicine rotation.

Contrary to years past, submitting your case for formal publication is now optional. You do not need to send me your case if you are not interested in having it published.

Once the editing process is complete, your article will be published on our website (BrowardER.com), posted to our social media account (@browardEM), and will be displayed at various locations throughout our hospital system for all to see. We are holding this publication to the same exacting standard you would expect to find in any major medical journal - please take note of the formatting requirements listed below.

Getting Started

1. Take note of the interesting cases you see throughout your rotation and try to come up with a few cases/diagnoses
2. As you are nearing a decision on a case/diagnosis, **please shoot me a quick email with the topic (jmoore@browardhealth.org)** so I can approve it before you start (this is to prevent too many people from publishing on the same topic)
3. Download the PowerPoint template that was sent out as an attachment in your welcome email from Dr. Harrison (or go to browardhealth.com under “Case of the Week”). If you are unable to download this template, contact me directly at jmoore@browardhealth.org and I will make sure you receive it
4. Please submit your completed case to me **7 days** prior to your end-of-rotation presentation date to allow our team of editors to review it. We will return it to you with recommendations on any necessary changes before you present.

Feel free to download a previous issue to get an idea of what a completed case should look like.

Formatting Requirements

- A. Clinical Vignette/Board-Style MCQ
 - This should read exactly like a UWorld question
 - No abbreviations
 - Use complete sentences
- B. Citations:
 - must be in APA format

- numerical citations must be in-paragraph (“.....” (1) or ...¹)

YOU CANNOT cite clinical reference websites like UpToDate, DynaMed, AMBOSS, etc. These resources are an excellent place for you to *begin* exploring the literature on your topic but ultimately you need to be taking it a step further by reading/citing primary literature for your cases. If you decide to utilize a clinical reference tool, you need to access the articles they reference so you can read the literature for yourself and cite accordingly

C. Text:

- Please use Helvetica/Helvetica Neue for font
- Make sure all text is uniform in its appearance and sized appropriately to fit within the section
- Check grammar (and spelling), sentences should

D. Figures

- All figures should have a caption citing the source of the image in addition to a brief title/explanation
- Do not use copyrighted images (eg, AMBOSS, UWorld) unless you have permission, COTW is distributed online and copyright laws apply

E. About the Author

- Copy/paste your headshot into the assigned space above “About the Author”
- Fill in a brief blurb about yourself (name, hometown, med school, desired specialty)

****Your presentation must be submitted as a PowerPoint document (.pptx) NOT a PDF****

Once complete, email the PowerPoint document to Dr. January Moore (jmoore@browardhealth.org).

Please keep an eye out for follow up emails from our team of editors regarding any changes that may be required. If we are unable to contact you we may not be able to publish your case.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me.

Thank you!

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