

Interesting Case

Why: To present unusual or uncommon cases in order to fortify clinical knowledge for these rare cases.

Format: The allotted time for the interesting case conference is 1 hour. The case should be presented in its entirety with mention of the inpatient course. There should be a focus on the differential and also the diagnostic and therapeutic approach taken in the case. After the case presentation and discussion, a review of the literature and teaching points should be presented.

How to find a case: These cases are collected by the residency site directors (Dr. Beattie and Dr. Okuda) and the academic chief resident; ask any of them for a case. If you have an interesting case that you would like to present, speak with the academic chief resident about whether it is suitable for conference. If you encounter a case that you believe is suitable for an interesting case presentation in the future, please tell the academic chief residents so that it can be put on the list of potential cases.

When to start: At least **1 month** prior to your scheduled presentation date

What to include: Include the history, vital signs, physical exam, labs, x-rays, CT scans, EKGs, and consultant opinions as they were obtained during in the patient's course. You should obtain the relevant images for x-rays, EKGs, and CTs for display in your presentation. Remember that to construct the case for the audience, it is crucial to chart a time course so that the case can be followed as it evolves over minutes to hours.

When to finish: At least **1 week** prior to your scheduled presentation date

Tips:

- Start early. Be prepared. Be on time
- Know the case well, especially the timeline
- Speak with the involved residents and attendings so that you know their thought process
- Ask for help early if you need guidance
- Email your presentation to the academic chief resident at least **1 week** prior to your talk
- Practice your presentation
- Focus on the differential and the diagnostic and therapeutic modalities undertaken
- Prepare a clinical talk discussing the disease entity in question and possible differentials. It should be evidence-based and from the literature

Final request: Get your entire presentation (slides, images, videos, etc...) to the academic chief resident 1 week prior to your talk so that he can be familiar with the case and your discussion and also to ensure that there are no computer mishaps.

PLEASE REFER TO THE SUGGESTED CHECKLIST / TIMELINE FOR GUIDANCE

Suggested Checklist / Timeline for Case-Based Conferences (M&M, Interesting Case, Trauma, and Joint Conferences)

- Start Early. Be proactive in finding a case.**
- 1 month before:** Contact the academic chief resident with help in obtaining a case
- 1 month before:** After obtaining the case, start to research via IBEX / EDR or A4 / Mysis
- 1 month before:** Speak with the residents & attendings involved to supplement chart history
- 3 weeks before:** Start to think about how to structure presentation. Contact any co-presenters
- 3 weeks before:** Begin working on presentation (this gives you two full weeks to work on it!)
- 3 weeks before:** Consult with your faculty mentor or academic chief if you need guidance
- 1 week before:** Finalize presentation
- 1 week before:** Email completed presentation to academic chief resident
- 1 week before:** Practice your presentation. Practice it again. And again...
- 1 week before:** Be sure to personally invite the involved clinicians to your presentation
- 1 day before:** Rest / Relax / Sleep
- Day of:** Be on time! Stay calm. You'll do fine.