



ASSA Winter Surgical Case Competition 2022

Case Report Submission Guidelines

You are invited to submit a Case Report under the following themes:

- A classic case with educational value for medical students.
- A novel or unique case, phenomenon, association or adverse reaction.
- An interesting case with a diagnostic, ethical or management challenge.

Guidelines and formatting requirements

- Case reports may be fictional or real.
 - Fictional case reports may draw from topics you have come across in your textbooks, grand rounds, teaching, television shows/ documentaries etc.
 - Real case reports which contain personal medical information must be completely de-identified (further information below) and written informed patient consent must also be obtained.
- No clinical figures are permitted (including patient photographs, pathology specimens, imaging results or similar). Hand-drawn, digitally constructed or other referenced figures may be used.
- Reports should be submitted as a word document, with Arial size 12 font and double spacing. Appropriate citation and referencing in the style of your choosing.
- Reports may be freely structured (for instance: introduction, case, discussion, conclusion). No abstract is required.
- Word limit of 500 to 1500 words (please note, participants will not be assessed based on word count and concise case reports will not be disadvantaged).
- Limit of one submission per student.
- For further information about case report writing and structure, we suggest reading the BMJ Case Report guidelines and examples of case reports they have published. Please see <https://casereports.bmj.com/pages/authors/>

IMPORTANT: Patient Confidentiality Requirements

- Fictional reports should be based on a fictional patient. At a minimum, all names and locations of people, places of residence, medical care and employment should be fictional.
- Real case reports should be de-identified to point where the description could not directly or indirectly identify the patient. BMJ's patient consent and confidentiality guidelines provide information about anonymisation and informed consent. Please see <https://authors.bmj.com/policies/patient-consent-and-confidentiality/>
- Sample patient informed consent form attached on next page.

ACCESS THE SUBMISSION PORTAL HERE: <https://forms.gle/Bvbbjt6xUWebzfJ2A>