

Information for Authors of Case Reports

All case reports should be written in accordance with the *Journal of Pediatric Health Care* author guidelines (e.g. APA format with cited references listed). Instructions for authors can be found at <http://www.jpedhc.org/authorinfo>. All reports should be written in the past tense. The suggested word count for case reports is 3000 words. All case reports should be submitted using the EVISE electronic editorial system

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Patient anonymity should be maintained. In accordance with current editorial guidelines (International Committee of Medical Journal Editors recommendations <http://www.icjme.org>), patients presented in case reports should be de-identified (no patient names, initials, or hospital numbers). Authors are encouraged to state female infant, 10-year-old African American female etc. Although author affiliations may reflect where the patient was cared for, specific institutions should not be identified in the text.

Written consent from the patient or, if a minor, the patient's parent/legal guardian is required if patient anonymity can't be maintained. Some organizations require institutional review board (IRB) approval prior to case reports being published. It is the corresponding author's responsibility to obtain IRB approval and/or needed consent. These will be acknowledged in any accepted manuscripts if it is needed.

Authors are encouraged to include evidence-based findings related to the case in their paper. References should be no older than 5 years old unless classic papers. Case reports should be written using the suggested template with an introduction, case presentation, and case discussion referenced appropriately. For an example of appropriate writing style see Peck, J. L., Larson, K. E., & Silvers, S. K. (2018). One child's food fight: A case study of oral immunotherapy Treatment for food allergies. *Journal of Pediatric Health Care*, 32(4), 416-421.

CASE REPORT TEMPLATE

Brief introduction including a summary of the patient(s) that will be presented which may include the chief complaint and history of the present illness. An introduction to the diagnosis should be described.

Case Presentation including any of the following that are pertinent to the case:
Chief Complaint

History of Present Illness (includes status of immunizations, travel, exposure)
Past Medical History (includes hospitalizations, surgeries, trauma)
Medications
Family History
Personal/Social/Developmental History
Review of Systems
Pertinent Physical Exam Findings
Diagnostic Studies (include any laboratory or radiologic evaluation, which are of importance for diagnosis)

Discussion should include pertinent diagnostic testing, differential diagnoses, pathophysiology, scientific based management, and follow-up for the patient presented. The patient outcome should be described.

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