



## How To Present a Case at a Conference

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### 1. Objective

- Deliver a succinct 5-minute presentation on a medical case to facilitate discussion.
- Focus on pertinent clinical findings, laboratory results, imaging studies, treatment plans, and follow-up care.

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### 2. Presentation Structure

- 1) Present patient age sex and chief complaint
- 2) **IMPORTANT**: never mention patient's name or initials. Make sure you hide such information on lab photos or imaging photos or videos.
- 3) Clinical presentation and physical exam
  - a. Describe key clinical symptoms and findings on physical exam in a concise manner
  - b. Describe **ONLY** past medical history that is relevant to the case
- 4) Use bullet points for clarity and brevity
- 5) Highlight abnormal laboratory results
  - a. Use graphs to show serial changes in laboratory data if relevant
- 6) Highlight pertinent imaging results (x-ray, ultrasound, MR/CT, cath.)
  - a. Describe findings relevant to the diagnosis
  - b. Include images for enhanced clarity
- 7) Describe acute management
- 8) Describes outcomes and follow up plans
- 9) You may include two discussion questions relevant to the case to the panelists

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### 3. Things to avoid

- A review of the literature on the disease process and institutional or national management experience is not required at this stage, as these aspects will be addressed in the discussion.
  - If the conference is on Kawasaki disease, you do not need to go over the history of the disease or explain what the disease is.
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