

A variety of conditions



This month's CME is comprised of a series of case reports, covering a variety of conditions, including entities such as the little-known Kounis syndrome.

The wonderful thing about case reports is that they can be about just about anything. While they are seldom peer reviewed and are certainly not regarded as research, they are very useful. Simple reporting is one of their functions – alerting clinicians to potential problems of well-known diseases that may not have surfaced in someone else's experience. They can also be used to alert people to unexpected drug side-effects, such as ataxia in children taking efavirenz. There is even a *Journal of Medical Case Reports*, which I find fascinating reading. If you have a broad interest in all things medical, this is for you.

Case reports should highlight clinical concerns, such as the importance of taking a good history, the pitfalls of assumptions, and descriptions of rare or even novel clinical entities.

The current edition of CME brings you a case of bacillary angiomatosis in an HIV-positive man;^[1] a case of paraplegia that was not what it seemed to be;^[2] an unusual presentation of cryptococcal laryngitis;^[3] a report of ataxia as a side-effect of efavirenz use in children;^[4] the value of endobronchial ultrasound;^[5] the problem with a false-negative polymerase chain reaction

test for HIV;^[6] a case of metastatic hepatocellular carcinoma in a pregnant woman;^[7] and Kounis syndrome.^[8]

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