



European School of Internal Medicine: Guidelines for Clinical Case Presentations

Each country will have the opportunity to present one clinical case to the ESIM Group. Make sure that you have identified who will be presenting the case from your country before you arrive, and allow enough time for preparation and liaison with your fellow nationals. Bring your case presentation with you to ESIM on a USB stick.

As there are likely to be 20+ countries presenting during the week, time management is important. We kindly request that you follow these rules:-

Preferentially, we would like the cases be focused on methodological aspects, namely based on a common presentation for a rare disease or an uncommon presentation of frequent disease.

Moreover, as the main theme of this school will be “Errors”, any of them are welcome!

Specific information:

1. Duration: **10 minutes maximum!!** Plus 5 minutes for questions and discussion.
2. Slides: not important the number but **must stay within 10 min** to show them!.
3. Start with a **SHORT** introduction (1-2 slides) about how the case presented initially.
Identify the key points and develop the overall strategy for the case work-up together with the audience.
4. Identify the main hypotheses for the diagnosis, asking for suggestions from the audience
5. Describe the further development of the case and the diagnostic work-up.
6. List the key elements regarding the natural cause and principles for treatment for the case in question. There will not be time for a broad discussion of the disease as a whole.
7. Summarize the main learning points and what you learnt from this case.
8. **Drug names: please use generic names, avoid trade names.**
Eponymous (named) syndromes: In addition please provide alternative accepted names, for example: “Hughes Syndrome (anti-phospholipid syndrome)”.
If you quote results: give the reference range for your institution, for example:
TSH 1.83 (0.35-6.00)
9. **Exclude any patient identification** from scans, ECGs etc (as presentations will subsequently be posted on the ESIM website).
10. Identify the diagnosis at the end of your presentation.