**Case Report Format**

**Title:**

* A concise and informative title that includes key elements of the case (e.g., disease/condition, age, gender).

**Abstract:**

* A brief summary (150–250 words) of the case, including the patient's primary complaint, clinical findings, diagnosis, treatment, and outcome. It should be clear and easy to understand.

**Introduction:**

* Provide background information on the medical or obstetric condition being presented.
* Mention the rarity or significance of the case (e.g., rare condition, novel treatment).
* State the purpose of the case report.

**Case Presentation:**

**Patient Information:**

* **Age:**
* **Gender:**
* **Occupation:** (optional)
* **Relevant medical or obstetric history:** (e.g., previous pregnancies, comorbidities, family history)

**Presenting Complaint:**

* Briefly describe the main reason the patient sought medical attention (e.g., symptoms, duration, severity).

**Clinical Findings:**

* **General appearance:** (e.g., well, ill-appearing)
* **Vital signs:** (e.g., temperature, blood pressure, pulse, respiratory rate)
* **Physical examination findings:** (e.g., abdominal exam, pelvic exam, signs of labor if obstetric, etc.)

**Investigations:**

* Laboratory results (e.g., blood tests, urinalysis, cultures, etc.).
* Imaging (e.g., X-rays, ultrasound, CT/MRI scans, etc.).
* Special tests (e.g., biopsy, genetic testing).

**Diagnosis:**

* Based on clinical findings and investigations, provide the final diagnosis.
* Include a differential diagnosis if relevant, explaining how you arrived at the final diagnosis.

**Management and Treatment:**

* **Initial management:** (e.g., medical or surgical interventions, pain control, etc.)
* **Specific treatments:** (e.g., medications, obstetric interventions like induction or cesarean section, etc.)
* **Follow-up care:** (e.g., monitoring, additional tests, patient education).

**Outcome and Discussion:**

* Describe the patient's clinical course and outcome (e.g., recovery, complications, ongoing management).
* Discuss any challenges or complications encountered during treatment.
* Relate the case to the medical literature, comparing it with similar cases or highlighting its uniqueness.
* Discuss the broader implications of the case in terms of diagnosis, management, or clinical practice.

**Conclusion:**

* Summarize the key learning points from the case.
* Highlight any important aspects that could influence future clinical practice or research.

**References:**

* List all the academic and clinical sources that were cited in the report (e.g., journal articles, textbooks, clinical guidelines).
* Ensure correct citation format (e.g., APA, AMA, Vancouver).

**Acknowledgements:**

* Acknowledge any individuals who contributed to the case (e.g., other medical professionals, institutions, support staff).

**Patient Consent:**

* Mention whether patient consent for publication was obtained (if required).

**Notes for Medical Students:**

1. Ensure patient confidentiality is maintained.
2. Be objective and focus on the facts and clinical evidence.
3. Avoid excessive personal opinions; base conclusions on scientific literature and established guidelines.

This structure allows the medical case report to be clear, concise, and clinically useful for both teaching and research purposes. (source: chat gpt)

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