

TEXT:

The text of your Photo Quiz should include the following elements: 1) title, 2) introduction paragraph presenting the clinical scenario, 3) a question with one correct and three or four incorrect answers, 4) discussion of correct answer, 5) brief explanation of incorrect answers, and 6) a differential diagnosis table. The following are specific instructions for each element ([View manuscript template](#) [1-page Word file; [About Downloading](#)]):

- The Photo Quiz department intends to help our readers improve their clinical skills through learning about common clinical conditions with visual components. The primary avenues for this are images (e.g., a skin rash), radiographs, sonograms, and ECGs.
- Photo Quiz is not a case report. It uses case-based teaching to illustrate and educate on a common clinical topic. Two primary criteria for publishing a Photo Quiz are 1) the problem is commonly seen by practicing family physicians and 2) the image shows a typical example. Thus, we prefer images that show typical pathology or common variants rather than “once-in-a-lifetime” cases.
- *The title* should hint at the diagnosis without giving it away.
- *The introduction paragraph* presents the scenario that goes with the image. Include clinical information that would logically be included for the presenting complaint.
- *The question* should be one to four sentences in length and contain the appropriate information needed to answer the question using the image. The question can be arranged in any of the following formats:
 - Reader chooses the correct diagnosis: “Based on the patient’s history and physical examination, which one of the following is the most likely diagnosis?”
 - Your answer choices can include other physical findings, laboratory values, typical pathology, appropriate treatment, typical clinical course, appropriate treatment setting, etc: “Based on the patient’s history and physical examination, which one of the following (physical finding, laboratory value, etc.) is most likely?”
 - Reader chooses the appropriate treatment for the condition: “Based on the patient’s history and physical examination, which one of the following treatment options is most appropriate?”
- Please provide *one correct and three or four incorrect answer choices*. Answers should come from an appropriate differential diagnosis for the condition you present.
- The *discussion of the correct diagnosis* should cover important key features of the diagnosis, including defining features, epidemiology, and clinical findings. Begin with a short explanation of why the photo makes the diagnosis correct. Please limit your discussion to 300–500 words.
- Follow your discussion with *brief (one to two sentences) explanations* of each incorrect answer, describing why they are incorrect or not typical of the photo.
- Create a “*Selected Differential Diagnosis*” table listing your answer choices and key characteristics of each ([View table template](#) [1-page Word file; [About Downloading](#)]). Because some clinical presentations may have more than four or five possible diagnoses, you may include other key diagnoses in your differential table. However, please limit this to the most common diagnoses because we do not need to list every possible differential.
- Please avoid discussing how you treated your particular patient or managed his or her disease course.