



2021 Thieves Market Submission Guidelines

Submit a truly unique case with an extremely high educational value. This should be your top case within the last decade. Although the emphasis will be on pictorial displays of interesting physical findings or imaging studies, each case should have a brief introduction, a summary at the end of the presentation, and an audience response question.

- **You may submit up to three (3) cases.**
- **Presentations must be in PowerPoint® format (.ppt, .pptx).**
- **DO NOT include your name or institution/affiliation name or logo in your case slides.** The judging process is blinded to eliminate any potential bias.
- **DO NOT include disclosure, acknowledgement and/or reference slides.** These will be added only if your case is accepted.
- Lab result values should be standardized with normal ranges in parentheses.
- **Cases can consist of no more than ten (10) slides and must be formatted as follows:**
 - **Slide #1 (Title Slide):** should only contain the title of your presentation/case. Your title should not mention the case topic or give away the diagnosis. The title should be vague yet also captivating enough to draw someone's attention. **DO NOT** include your full name or institution name.
 - **Slides #2-10 (Presentation Slides):** these slides should include the body of your case presentation and one audience response (ARS) question slide.

Additional Formatting Guidelines

- Presentations should be set to Widescreen (16:9).
- **Keep your words to a minimum.** If your case is selected for presentation, you will be allotted exactly 10 minutes to present (including the ARS question and audience response time).
- **Text fonts should not be less than 18 pts.** A well-sized font is between 22-24 pts.
- **DO NOT identify the case topic/diagnosis in the title.** The title should be vague yet also captivating enough to draw someone's attention. **DO NOT** include your full name or institution name.
- **Present your case as an unknown** with the final diagnosis being identified near the end of your presentation.
- **Highlight a few educational points at the end of your presentation** as summary of your findings which lead to the diagnosis.

How should I set up my audience response (ARS) slide?

Prepare one multiple choice question for your case, limited to 3-5 answer choices. This question will be posed to the audience for live voting. Do not put any extra information on this slide. Example questions:

- *What would you do next?*
- *What is the diagnosis?*
- *Which of the following features helps distinguish the most likely cause of this patient's symptoms?*

Case Setup Example

[Click here to view an example of how a case submission should be formatted.](#)

Submission Deadline

Submissions must be received by noon Eastern Time on Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

Judging

Cases will be judged on the following criteria:

- **Organization/Completeness:** Cases should tell a story about the image.
- **Uniqueness:** Cases/images should be uncommon or expand the understanding of a common disease or unusual condition.
- **Educational Value:** Cases should clearly outline the path to diagnosis and the image should add to the value of the case.
- **Quality of Pictures/Images:** Images should be clear and sharp.
- **Quality of Writing:** Cases will be judged on the quality of the writing on each slide not just the quality of the picture/images.

Note: Equal value is placed on each criterion.

Submitters will be notified of decisions regarding their case in late August.

Prizes

Submitters of cases will be eligible to win complimentary registration to ACR Convergence 2022.

For questions regarding case submissions, contact ACR staff at education@rheumatology.org.