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.


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