

The return of The Clinical Picture

After a long hiatus, The Clinical Picture makes a comeback, on page 814 in this issue. Medical images are a staple of many journals, but in our journal, the picture series reflects our raison d'etre: clinical education. Rather than featuring images that are of academic interest only, are rare, or just weird, our series aims to instruct.

There will be no glitzy images showing off a new research device for its own sake, nor will there be any MRIs resembling jack-o'-

lanterns in the October issue, nor candy cane CT scans in December. Rather, we will do our best to make each Clinical Picture both interesting and relevant to your daily practice.

Under the direction of Cleveland Clinic Journal of Medicine associate editor Dr. Marc Williams, a family physician with the Cleveland Clinic, the series features a clinical image keyed to a diagnostic question and answer.

I want to thank Dr. Williams for his work in reviving the series, and I also want to take note of the efforts of Dr. Gary Hoffman, chairman of the Clinic's department of rheumatic and immunologic disease, whose energy and

commitment were the genesis of this series in the CCJM.

If you would like to submit an image, we have these few guidelines:

- The image must be of publishable quality, with a signed release from the person pictured, where applicable
- The topic must be relevant to the daily practice of general internists and/or cardiologists
- The question and answer text accompanying the article must teach a clinical lesson, not just describe the image.

As always, we look forward to hearing from you about this series and other regular features of the CCJM.

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