



Quote of the Month

“Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power.”

Abraham Lincoln

Trivia Question

What is Kussmaul's sign?

Medical History Quote

“For four-fifths of our history, our planet was populated by pond scum.”

*J. W. Schopf
(paleobiologist)*

CASE OF THE MONTH

A 60 year old woman with rheumatoid arthritis has been relatively stable on DMARDs for several years. During a routine follow-up visit, she has no new complaints and is able to continue with her normal activities in spite of some discomfort in hands, wrists, and feet. On examination you note splenomegaly and laboratory tests reveal a WBC of 1.8. Peripheral smear has no abnormalities aside from granulocytopenia. Bone marrow biopsy shows myeloid hyperplasia with multiple immature forms. What syndrome might you diagnose in this patient?

WHOSE “SIGNED OFF”?

If you're ever wondering how to find a senior resident “signed off” to supervise you for a procedure, the answer is no further than the RMS database! Go to the procedure logger and look for a report titled “credentials by procedure”. Select the desired procedure from the drop-down list. (List includes ALL department's procedures, so you'll have to scroll through some surgical and others – be sure to select the precise name as we have it listed in our procedure log). The search will show everyone credentialed for a given procedure!

NEW DEPARTMENT CHAIR

Dean Howard Part has announced the selection of the next Chair for the Wright State University Department of Internal Medicine. Dr. Glen Solomon will join us June 1, 2008. From Dr. Part's announcement,

“Dr. Solomon received his undergraduate education at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL. He earned his medical degree at Rush Medical College in Chicago, where he was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. Dr. Solomon completed his residency in Internal Medicine at the US Air Force Medical Center, Wright-Patterson, Ohio. In 1995, he completed the Executive Program in Practice Management at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and Weatherhead School of Management, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.

Prior to accepting the position as Chair, Dr. Solomon was Chairman of the Department of Medicine and Internal Medicine Residency Program Director at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, Illinois. He is also Professor and Vice-Chairman of Medicine at the Chicago Medical School of Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science in North Chicago, Illinois.”

We look forward to Dr. Solomon's arrival and thank Dr. John Czachor for his outstanding leadership as Interim Chair.

DID YOU KNOW?

March 30th is “Doctors' Day”! It was started in 1933 by Eudora Brown Almond of Winder, Ga. The day marks the anniversary of the first use of general anesthesia in surgery. The first National Doctor's Day was celebrated in 1991.

The United States House of Representatives adopted a resolution commemorating Doctors' Day in 1958, but it wasn't until 1990 that both congressional bodies approved legislation establishing National Doctors Day. President George H. W. Bush signed the resolution making it official.

Answer to Trivia
Question:

Kussmaul's sign is the observation that jugular venous pressure either increases or fails to decrease during inspiration. This can be due to one of several conditions that might interfere with right atrial filling – constrictive pericarditis, massive pulmonary embolism, right ventricular infarct, restrictive cardiomyopathy, and tricuspid stenosis.

SIGNING ORDERS AT GOOD SAMARITAN

Residents now have the ability to sign off on another resident's orders instead of having the attending physician or senior resident sign off.

ACCREDITATION GOOD NEWS

Just in case you haven't heard, the RRC-IM met in January and affirmed continued accreditation for the Wright State University internal medicine program and all fellowships. Internal medicine and gastroenterology were given a three year accreditation; hematology/oncology and infectious diseases the maximum possible five year accreditation. Thank you to everyone for your hard work and congratulations on such a wonderful accomplishment!

ANSWER TO CASE

Felty's syndrome. The presence of splenomegaly and neutropenia in a patient with rheumatoid arthritis (usually of ten years duration or more at the time this syndrome develops) defines the triad for the clinical diagnosis of Felty's syndrome. Unless the patient is having recurrent infections due to the low WBC, no change in management is indicated.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations Dr. Omar Mufti (R2) and Zara Mufti on your recent wedding on 12/31/2007.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

	Joseph Baber	R3	3/12
	Jon Dylan Girard	R3	3/20
	Talieh Hendi	R3	3/19
	Stella Ibezue	R2	3/31
	Tokunbo Matthews	R2	3/27
	Ripudeep Rai	R4 (Chief)	3/17
	Benjamin Stermole	R2	3/16

Almost Annual Dinner and Talent Show

If you missed the dinner February 9th, you missed out on a real treat! The food was delicious and the entertainment outstanding. Performing residents included Dylan Girard (R3) (with his son for musical performance and solo for juggling!), Eunice Pyun (R1), and Muddassir Mehmood (R1). Great job, everyone!

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–old weather saying

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