

COMMENTS ON: EFFECTIVE MEDICAL WRITING – WRITING A CASE REPORT

Dear Sir,

I read with great interest the recent Effective Medical Writing article by Peh and Ng on “Writing a case report”.⁽¹⁾ The article is very well written and provides useful information on how to write a case report. I applaud the authors for presenting information that will be very useful for beginners in the field of medical writing. They have made an effort to present the classification, structure and common problems in boxes, highlighting the important facts involved in writing a case report.

The authors also provided details regarding keeping the patient’s identity confidential and obtaining the patient’s written informed consent. However, some journals require ethical committee clearance, even for publishing a case report (e.g. World Medical Association Declaration of Helsinki). I feel that this point should be included in the article.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the authors once again for the excellent work.

Yours sincerely,

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