

## ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE: PART I

## Clinical Vignettes 2012: More Than 400 Fascinating Cases, Medical Mysteries...and a New Award

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- Babesiosis in a New England hiker
- Sarcoid presenting as syncope in a 34-year-old man
- Septic pulmonary emboli causing hemoptysis in a multiple sclerosis patient

Intrigued? If you are like most academic internists, you won't be able to resist getting to know a patient's history, clinical right/wrong turns, and discussing your clinical approach. These cases are just a few examples of the clinical vignettes that will be presented by students, residents, and fellows at the 2012 SGIM Annual Meeting.

Our two clinical vignette poster sessions will be held on Thursday at 11:30 am and (yes, early) Saturday morning at 7:30 am. While the Saturday start is earlier than previous years, these fascinating cases will hook you from the start (just add hot coffee and a bagel).

In addition, we have six oral clinical vignette sessions throughout the meeting, presented in a dynamic new format. Each oral vignette session will feature four oral presentations of an intriguing clinical case,

followed by one longer unknown "medical mystery" that will be discussed by a Master Educator. Watch (and participate) as our Master Educators Bill Branch, Bob Centor, Dennis Cope, Goop Dhaliwal, Eric Holmboe, and Dan Hunter (alphabetically, gentlemen) pit their wits against these challenging cases, highlight critical clinical pearls, and attempt to "solve" the case before the diagnosis is revealed. During the short-format 10-minute oral presentations, audiences will have the opportunity to vote on key next steps, and our Master Educators will comment on important clinical/teaching points that will influence your practice.

A few programmatic notes.

First, we had 567 clinical vignette submissions this year—significantly increased from previous years! Thank you to all submitters. As you can imagine, choosing among these

wonderful cases was difficult indeed. Second, we wanted to offer a special thanks to the almost 150 SGIM members who volunteered their time and insights to review these clinical vignettes. We could not have done this without you! We had 20 reviewer groups rating large numbers of vignettes to improve final rating reliability. Third, we chose among the top-rated clinical vignettes to be presented as oral presentations. So, for those of you who have received your "oral presentation" acceptance, a special congratulations! Finally, we are pleased to announce that the 24 10-minute oral presentations will be eligible for the first annual **SGIM Oral Clinical Vignette Award!**

Please come join us for our clinical vignette oral and poster sessions in Orlando, Florida! We look forward to your matching wits with these fabulous cases.

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