

PHM27 Clinical Conundrum Submission Guidelines

New Orleans • July 29–August 1, 2027

Submission Deadline: Wednesday, February 10, 2027 at 11:59 PM ET

Use these instructions to prepare and submit a Clinical Conundrum for the Pediatric Hospital Medicine 2027 Conference. PHM27 will be held live and in person in New Orleans from July 29–August 1, 2027. Clinical Conundrums will be reviewed through a standardized, blinded review process. High-scoring submissions may be selected for oral/platform presentation or poster presentation.

Key Dates

Activity	Date
Abstract and Clinical Conundrum submissions open	September 2026
Submission deadline	February 10, 2027
Acceptance notifications sent	By March 12, 2027
PHM27 Conference	July 29–August 1, 2027

Submission Requirements

- Clinical Conundrum submissions are limited to 2,600 characters, including spaces. The title is not included in this character count.
- The title field has a 75-word or 200-character limit.
- Submissions must include the following sections: Title, Initial History/Presentation, Physical Exam, Diagnostic Evaluation, Diagnosis, and Discussion/Conclusion.
- Works in progress, submissions without a final diagnosis, or topics without relevance to Pediatric Hospital Medicine will not be accepted.
- Clinical Conundrums may have been presented at other meetings but must not be accepted for publication at the time of submission.
- Submissions may be edited until final submission. No edits can be made after final submission.
- No deadline extensions will be granted.

Lead Author and Presenter Information

- The person who creates the submission account and enters the Clinical Conundrum will be listed as the lead author and sole presenter for PHM27.
- Only one person may present a Clinical Conundrum, although co-authors may be listed.
- Lead authors should submit only if they can attend the live, in-person PHM27 Conference from July 29–August 1, 2027.
- PHM27 staff will communicate only with the lead author/presenter. The lead author is responsible for sharing submission updates with co-authors.
- Lead authors must provide accurate contact information and financial relationship disclosures.
- Lead authors may enter contact and disclosure information for co-authors or invite co-authors to

complete their own information in the submission system.

- All required author, disclosure, and submission information must be completed before final submission.
- At least one accepted lead author/presenter must register for PHM27 to present the work.
- Once the submission is complete, the lead author will receive a confirmation email.

Clinical Conundrum Body Sections

- **Title:** Provide a compelling title. Do not include the final diagnosis or a significant clue in the title.
- **Initial History/Presentation:** Describe the patient's initial history or presentation when first seen.
- **Physical Exam:** Include relevant physical exam findings.
- **Diagnostic Evaluation:** Include relevant test, procedure, or imaging results.
- **Diagnosis:** Describe the diagnosis made based on the exam and evaluation.
- **Discussion/Conclusion:** Provide a brief summary of your interpretation and conclusions.

Important: Do not identify yourself, your co-authors, or your institution anywhere in the body of the Clinical Conundrum. Submissions are blinded for review and should not include identifying information.

Review and Notification Process

- Review and selection will take place after the February 10, 2027 submission deadline.
- Acceptance notifications will be sent to lead authors by March 12, 2027.
- The PHM27 Planning Committee will determine the presentation format for accepted submissions.
- Accepted presentations may be scheduled at any point during the conference, July 29–August 1, 2027.

Submission Categories

Select the category that best fits your Clinical Conundrum: Autoimmune, Cardiology, Dermatology, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, Genetics, Hematology/Oncology, Infectious Disease, Neonatology, Neurology, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics, Pulmonology, Renal, Rheumatology, Toxicology, or Urology.

File Upload Guidelines

- You may upload one PDF file with your submission.
- The PDF may include images, tables, or graphs that are directly relevant to the Clinical Conundrum.
- The file should include no more than three images, tables, or graphs.
- Captions must be included as part of each image, table, or graph.
- Images, tables, and graphs should be readable when printed or viewed on screen.
- Complex images are discouraged because they may be difficult to read.
- Eliminate unnecessary white space around images.
- The file name should contain only standard alphanumeric characters and should not include spaces or special characters.