EDITORIAL: A NON – MEDICAL CAE AS A MEDICAL CASE STUDY

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ABSTRACT

Medical case study is a useful medical article that can be the resource and lesson learnt for the readers. A good case study is usually valuable and useful for clinical practitioner. The clinical case study is usually derived from good clinical case scenario. Nevertheless, the clinical case study is sometimes based on the non - medical case scenario. In this editorial, a non – medical case as a medical case study is specifically discussed. The clinical practitioners should not forget the important of non – medical case scenario seen in their daily practice. If a clinical practitioner get an interesting experience on non – medical case scenario, the practitioner should report and share experience on that case in the case study and case report journal.

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INTRODUCTION

Case is specific scenario that might exist at any time and place. In medicine, the case scenario is seen worldwide. Some case scenarios might be rare or have important implications in the clinical practice society. For medical academic society, sharing the experience on an important and interesting case scenario is proven for its usefulness. In standard international journal, an important kind of academic article is the case report or case study. A good case report article is based on the good clinical details and data1 - 3. Medical case study is a useful medical article that can be the resource and lesson learnt for the readers. A good case study is usually valuable and useful for clinical practitioner. The clinical case study is usually derived from good clinical case scenario (rare, important, new, etc. cases)1 - 2. Nevertheless, the clinical case study is sometimes based on the non - medical case scenario. In this editorial, a non – medical case as a medical case study is specifically discussed.
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In general clinical practice in any clinical center, there are usually both pure medical and non – medical components. The clinical practitioners usually focus their interest on the medical aspect and might sometimes forget the non-medical issues. According to the holistic approach 4 - 5, the clinical practitioner has to holistic approach and this means a clinical practitioner has to concern multi-dimensionally. There are several non-medical issue that involve in daily clinical practice and there might be the case scenario according to that aspect. The practitioner might sometimes get the interesting data on the interesting non-medical case scenario seen in daily clinical practice. The data might be very important and easily under recognized and under reported.

The good examples of the non – medical case scenario that might be a useful medical case study are the cases in the physical science, social science and humanities aspects. The good example is the case of antibiotic treatment failure due to the corruption of the medical personnel in pharmacy unit of the hospital 4. The other possible interesting case scenarios are crime in the medical center, terrorism in medical center, financial problem of the medical center, poetry, drama and art in the medical center 5, etc. Those areas of non-medical scenarios are usually forgotten and not receive the attention by the practitioner. It is no doubt that we might loss many important lessons if we overlook the importance of the non-medical case.

CONCLUSION

There are many case scenario in general clinical practice. Some case scenarios are non - medical scenario but those scenarios might be valuable in clinical practice. The reporting of such case scenarios is useful. The clinical practitioners should not forget the important of non – medical case scenario seen in their daily practice. If a clinical practitioner get an interesting experience on non – medical case scenario, the practitioner should report and share experience on that case in the case study and case report journal.

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