



Case of the Year Abstract

Use this checklist while writing the abstract to ensure all required content is included.

Parental Consent form

- Download the NANN Parental Consent form from the Abstract Portal
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Case Background & Patient Information

- All patient details are de-identified
- Gestational age
- Chronological age at presentation
- Birthweight
- Relevant neonatal background/history
- Pertinent maternal history (only information that informs the case)

Clinical Presentation

- Initial signs, symptoms, and reason for concern
- Key physical exam findings
- Pertinent laboratory findings (interpreted, not raw data)
- Relevant imaging or diagnostic studies (interpreted)

- Narrative description (clear clinical story)

Timeline of Events

- Clear sequence from presentation → evaluation → intervention → outcome
- Time-sensitive decision points highlighted

Differential Diagnosis & Diagnostic Reasoning

- List of reasonable differential diagnoses considered
- Explanation of why each was considered
- Key findings that supported or excluded diagnoses

Final Diagnosis

- Method used to confirm the final diagnosis clearly stated
- Explanation of the diagnosis in a clinical setting



Treatment & Clinical Course

- Interventions provided (medical, procedural, supportive)
- Complications or unexpected events described
- Clinical response to treatment summarized

Outcomes & Follow-Up

- Post-discharge outcomes when available
- Developmental assessments (e.g., Bayley scores)
- Family integration/functional outcomes

Unique Features of the Case

- What makes this case unusual, challenging, or educational
- Why this case stands out from typical presentations

Implications for Practice

- How this case may change recognition, assessment, or management
- Practical lessons clinicians can apply in real settings

Key Take-Away Lessons

- Clear educational “pearls”
- Lessons tied to early recognition, clinical reasoning, or outcomes

Equity & Context (When Applicable)

- Cultural, social, or systemic factors affecting care acknowledged
- Equity or access considerations integrated into the narrative when relevant

Literature Support

- 3–5 primary, evidence-based references from the last 5 years
- References support diagnostic reasoning and management

Final Abstract Check

- Written as a cohesive narrative, not a checklist
- Within word limit
- Clear and concise
- Free of grammar, spelling, and formatting errors