



ACVIM Forum AIMVT Technician Case Report **Synopsis Outline**

Please submit a 1-2 page synopsis of the case double-spaced, in Times New Roman font size 12, with a margin of 1.0" on 8 1/2" x 11" paper. In the header, please right-justify the following information:

- Your name and credentials
- The area of specialty covered by your case report (Small Animal, Large Animal, Cardiology, Neurology, Oncology, Nutrition, Transfusion medicine)
- The date the patient was admitted
- Patient name and/or ID number

This outline is meant to provide you with the information that should be included in your synopsis:

1. Patient Signalment
 - a. Species
 - b. Breed
 - c. Age
 - d. Sex
2. Patient History
 - a. Chief Complaint
 - b. Relevant Previous and Current History
 - c. Current Medications (including dosages if known)
3. Patient's Status upon presentation
 - a. Physical Examination
 - i. Weight in kg
 - ii. Temperature
 - iii. Pulse rate +/- or heart rate
 - iv. Respiratory rate + character
 - v. Level of Consciousness
 - b. Body Systems Review of Abnormal Findings
 - c. Problem List
4. Veterinarian's Differential Diagnosis and Initial Prognosis

5. Initial Diagnostics & Results - Discussion of Test Selection, Alternatives or Suggested Procedures, Goals of Therapy
 - a. Laboratory Tests
 - b. Diagnostic Imaging
 - c. Procedures
6. Discussion of Case Management, presented in the order of a SOAP record:
 - a. Subjective (for example: depressed, responsive, etc.)
 - b. Objective
 - c. Medications (including dosage and reason for use)
 - d. Treatments (including therapeutic value expected) and any Advanced Skills performed or assisted with
 - e. Assessment
 - f. Plan
7. Final Outcome
 - a. Discharged
 - i. Dispensed Medications (including dosages)
 - ii. Dispensed Diets
 - iii. Home Nursing Instructions
 - b. Euthanized or Expired
 - i. Necropsy Results if applicable and available
8. Discussion of Case
 - a. Pathophysiology
 - b. Disease Process
 - c. Etiology
 - d. How Advanced Nursing affected the Outcome
 - e. New or interesting information or techniques one can take away from this case