Clinical features

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Clinical features should be an aid to improving clinical practice. As opinion pieces they should not be heavily referenced, but may include up to 10 references or further recommended reading, such as a position paper, clinical guideline, advice sheet or systematic review.

Submission format should be aligned with *Journal* style (see requirements for submissions).

The text must be a minimum of 10pt size and double spaced.
Each page must be numbered in consecutive order from the title page, through the text, references, tables and photographs in that order.
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Tables, figures and images

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