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AccessMedicine®: The Right Answer, Right Away, During Clerkship!

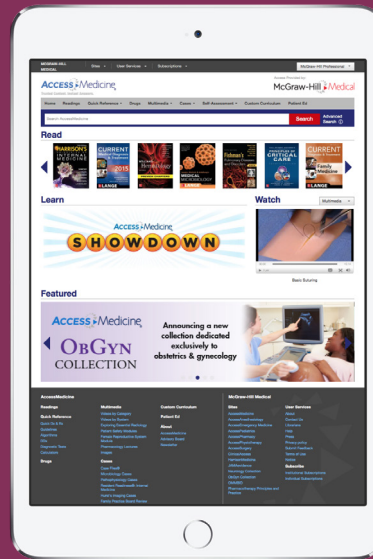
Situation

A clerkship can be a daunting experience even for the most knowledgeable medical students. Patients often don't follow the textbook in their presentations. Take, for example, a complex illness with many presentations: Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE). In these situations, where there are so many potential factors to consider, being able to call up the right information on Lupus at any given time is crucial, especially when working with a team that has varying levels of experience and different levels of knowledge.

Solution

Ultimately, having instant access to vetted information can be a major factor in patient outcomes. The resources available on **AccessMedicine** are invaluable to a medical clerkship student in diagnosing and managing SLE and other complex disease processes. Within 5 seconds, a search on **AccessMedicine** for SLE returns the following: 1,430 Textbook results, 83 Diagnosaurus results, 66 Quick Dx and Rx results, 22 Diagnostic Tests, 66 Images, 13 cases, and 10 items for patient education.

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The Diagnosaurus reveals a quick list of differential diagnoses that may be of use. However, it does not include any facts on the various presentations of SLE. So when there isn't enough time to consult in-depth texts, look no further than Quick Dx and Rx, which offers a brief list of important information regarding Lupus.

After consulting with the patient, there's more time to explore the in-depth resources in **AccessMedicine** and learn more about the possible diagnoses. The Diagnostic Tests tab is vital in these moments, as it lists almost every available diagnostic test for Lupus and its various manifestations — as well as other diseases and conditions. **AccessMedicine** helps medical students gather and share relevant information with the medical team involved in the care of a patient as well. In addition to the quick resources and detailed texts, it's easy to view the entire collection of images associated with Lupus from the textbook resources **AccessMedicine** provides.

When a diagnosis is confirmed, you can also turn to **AccessMedicine**

to help educate patients about their diagnosis, the disease process, and other information they need to keep in mind moving forward. The Patient Education section provides excellent summary material for patients to review before discharge.

Benefit

AccessMedicine offers a superior resource in terms of being able to tap into medical information essential to patients in clinic. In a situation where speed is critical, the various tabs make it easy to find the type of information you need at that moment, whether it's quick bulleted facts, differential diagnostics, or in-depth textbook descriptions. **AccessMedicine** also offers a huge advantage in the sheer volume of information available, as it is directly linked to primary resources and pulls data from them. Having that knowledge at your fingertips can make adapting to a clerkship and working with a medical team much easier, and ultimately improve the quality of care a patient receives.