Clinical Reasoning

Block, Case:

Summary paragraph

(Prior to the group discussion, jot down some answers so you can compare your answers to the group’s. These will not be collected.)

How sick is this person? Give the time frame (acute, chronic, acute on chronic, subacute) and severity (mild, moderate, severe).

What is the patient’s main problem?

What body systems or disease categories might be the cause of this complaint or problem? Consider an organ/system framework (similar to the Review of Systems).

Give diagnoses for each system or category that you think could be the cause of the patient’s problem.

Which ones are important to consider because they are life-threatening, easily treated, or likely, and why?

What else do you want to know in order to differentiate among the possibilities in your differential diagnosis?

Risk factors:

History:

Physical Exam:

Diagnostic exam:

Later in the case:

Return to your differential diagnoses. Consider the two to three most likely diagnoses and explain how likely each is and why. Compare and contrast them.

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Video and Podcast

Introduction to Clinical Reasoning Video
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Podcast
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