

Content (30 pts total)

6-point scale used to evaluate each content category.

- 2 pts = cursory treatment of the topic, missing numerous pieces of key information, or numerous, significant errors present
- 4 pts = Topic is addressed in moderate detail but missing 1-2 pieces of key information, or several errors are present
- 6 pts = Topic is well developed, covering key information, no significant errors present

Characteristics of the Disease

What are the hallmark characteristics?

Describe various types as appropriate

Incidence/Prevalence (include age/gender/race/ethnicity variants as appropriate)

Symptoms

Hearing loss (onset, laterality, situations of particular difficulty)

Tinnitus? Anything characteristic about the tinnitus

Vertigo?

Other symptoms, including non-auditory

Audiologic characteristics

Hearing loss type, severity, configuration, progression

Characteristic speech audiometry, immittance results

Any special tests used? Expect results.

Which of the diagnostic results are most predictive of this disorder?

Otologic findings

What are the medical characteristics?

What is the ENT or other physician looking for in making a diagnosis?

Other diseases/disorders with which it might be confused?

Any medical tests/procedures that are particularly sensitive to this disorder?

Treatment

Medication?

Surgery? Include a *brief* summary of what the surgery is.

Prevention?

Communication/Audiology?

Form (18 pts total)

Variable-point scale for each category

Organization

- 2 pts: The paper is disorganized. Topics do not follow logically. The reader is often confused regarding the flow of information
- 4 pts: The paper is generally organized with a mostly logical flow. However, the topic flow is sometimes awkward or confusing.
- 6 pts: The paper is well organized, with a logical, clear, and easily understood presentation of information.

Writing

- 2 pts: The paper is hard to read/understand. Sentence structure is difficult to understand. The reader is often confused about the writer's intention
- 4 pts: The paper is relatively easy to read/understand. However, poor sentence structure or awkward word choices may limit the ease of reading in several sections
- 6 pts: The paper is easy to read and is easy to understand. Sentence structure and word choice are appropriate.

Referencing Style

- 1 pt: Numerous (>5) errors in use of APA style for references and within-text citations
- 2 pts: Several (2-4) errors in use of APA style for references and within-text citations
- 3 pts: Few (1-1) errors in use of APA style for references and within-text citations

Mechanics

- 1 pt: Numerous (> 15) spelling, punctuation, or grammatical errors
- 2 pts: Frequent (5-15) spelling, punctuation, or grammatical errors
- 3 pts: Few (< 5) spelling, punctuation, or grammatical errors