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Every Patient Tells A Story – Medical Mysteries and the Art of Diagnosis– Lisa Sanders

Chapter 2: The Stories They Tell Pages 29-32 – Tamara Reardon

Demographic: Female, 44yrs, America North, General speciality

Clinical features extracted from the case and entered into the query

box:

sore throat
fever
myalgia
chills
rigors
jaw pain
swollen neck
fatigue
clot in jugular vein

Synonyms used by Isabel PRO for the above query:

sore throat
jaw pain
fever
fatigue
myalgia
chills
rigors
swollen

STOP !

Before you read further you might want to construct your own:

- Differential diagnosis
- Final diagnosis

In the following section you will find:

- The differential diagnosis considered by medical personnel involved in the patient's care
- The final diagnosis of the case
- Whether Isabel PRO suggested the final diagnosis

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Differential diagnoses considered by medical personnel:

Tonsillitis
Abscess

Final diagnosis of the case:

Lemierre's Disease

Was the final diagnosis given by Isabel PRO:

Yes, Lemierre's Syndrome – under Infectious diseases

Isabel PRO Final Diagnosis:

The screenshot shows the Isabel PRO interface with the following elements:

- ENTER CLINICAL FEATURES** (left sidebar):
 - age: adult (40 - 50 years)
 - gender: female
 - pregnancy: (- not specified -)
 - region: America North
 - speciality: General
 - ENTER QUERY TERMS ON SEPARATE LINES: sore throat, fever, myalgia, chills, rigors, jaw pain, swollen neck, fatigue, clot in jugular vein
 - + Add a Clinical Feature
 - Get Checklist >
 - Help | Search Again
 - Isabel PRO is not meant to replace your clinical judgment.
- Synonyms** (tab)
- DEGREE OF MATCH** (tab):
 - 28 INFECTIOUS DISEASES**
 - Influenza Viruses (? RD)
 - Lyme Disease (? RD)
 - Gonococcal Infection (? RD)
 - Lemierre's Syndrome (RD)
 - Why did this diagnosis come up ? (highlighted box): We matched the terms: sore throat | fever | fevers | lethargy | muscle pain | muscle pains | rigor | rigors | swollen | swelling | neck
 - Degree of match between query entered and Isabel database (Not clinical probability): 63%
 - Bacterial Meningitis (? RD)
 - 9 Body Systems**
 - INFECTIOUS DISEASES
 - CARDIAC DISORDERS
 - RHEUMATIC DISEASES
 - RESPIRATORY DISORDERS
 - GASTROINTESTINAL DISORDERS
 - VASCULAR DISORDERS
 - NERVOUS SYSTEM DISORDERS
 - NEOPLASTIC DISEASES
 - ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS
 - SHOW ALL DIAGNOSES
- Your Customized View** (tab)