Thieves' Market | Call for Cases

2027 VSR Annual Meeting | September 17–19, 2027
Delta Hotels by Marriott Virginia Beach Waterfront Suites

Submission deadline: Monday, August 23, 2027 | 11:59 p.m. ET

Thieves' Market is a longstanding rheumatology tradition featuring intriguing clinical cases that challenge the audience to work through complex diagnostic or management decisions. We invite trainees to share real cases with meaningful teaching points, including rare diseases, unusual presentations or complications of common conditions, and other cases with practical educational value.

Eligibility and submission

- Medical students, residents and fellows are eligible; a faculty mentor is required. Multiple authors are permitted and collaboration across training levels is encouraged.
- Each academic institution in Virginia or a surrounding state may submit one case.
- Submit your case using the Thieves' Market form at vsronline.org by the deadline above.

Presentation requirements

- Prepare a polished PowerPoint presentation: 10 minutes for the case and 5 minutes for audience questions and discussion.
- Include a title slide with the case title and authors, approximately 10 teaching slides, and a final reference slide. Institutional names and logos are permitted.
- Present a concise history, relevant findings and data, and key learning points. Use images, tables or figures where helpful, and reveal information progressively to encourage audience participation. De-identify patient information.

Review, judging and awards

Cases will undergo review before acceptance. Presentations will be judged on uniqueness, clinical findings or images, educational value and delivery.

Prizes: First place $500; second place $300; third place $200; fourth place $100. The winning presentation will be featured on the VSR website. Presented cases will be archived in the Fellows Corner.