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**Topics for the Call for Papers—January 2024**

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1. Acute Low Back Pain
2. Cognitive Behavior Therapy—consider video demonstration
3. Colorectal Cancer, screening and prevention
4. Difficult-To-Control or Resistant Hypertension in Adults
5. Disorders of Puberty *[Q&A type article]*
6. Endometrial Cancer *[Rapid Evidence Review]*
7. Fingertip Injuries—original photos requested
8. Health Maintenance in Postmenopausal Women
9. Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction, diagnosis and treatment
10. Heart Failure with Reduced Ejection Fraction, medical management
11. Heel Pain—original photos requested and consider video of aspect of examination/treatment
12. Intimate Partner Violence
13. Nail Abnormalities, evaluation—original photos requested
14. Nausea and Vomiting of Pregnancy
15. Late Pregnancy Bleeding (2nd & 3rd trimester)
16. Meningitis
17. Occupational Illness and Injuries
18. Pretravel Consultation
19. Seborrheic Dermatitis—original photos/images requested including diverse skin tones
20. Slipped Capital Femoral Epiphysis—original images and consider video of exam *[Rapid Evidence Review]*

**VIDEOS** (videos can be created by authors of an article or other authors just interested in creating videos; residents and students can be included in the process)

* **Acute Low Back Pain** —Video demonstrating checking strength/sensation/reflexes for L4/L5/S1 and Straight Leg Raise test. (Checking high-yield disc herniation areas).
* **Cognitive Behavior Therapy**—Video briefly demonstrating use of the tools
* **Difficult-To-Control or Resistant Hypertension in** Adults—Video demonstrating how a patient should use an automatic upper arm cuff with proper positioning
* **Heel Pain**—Video showing an aspect of examination/treatment
* **Meningitis** - Video of physical examination for nuchal rigidity, jolt accentuation, Kernig's and Brudzinski's signs (sensitivity and specificity vary and should be included)
* **Slipped Capital Femoral Epiphysis**—Video of exam

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Regards and Happy New Year,

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