

Clinical presentation

Both “clinical presentation” and “clinical features” are widely used in medical literature, but they have slightly different connotations:

□ “Clinical presentation” – Most appropriate when describing how the disease appears initially in a patient Emphasizes the way the patient presents to the clinician (i.e., signs, symptoms, onset).

Used in sections like: “The clinical presentation of meningioma is often insidious...”

Example use:

“The clinical presentation of subarachnoid hemorrhage includes sudden-onset severe headache and neck stiffness.”

□ “Clinical features” – More general, refers to all observed manifestations of the disease Includes signs, symptoms, and possibly findings on physical examination or investigations.

Appropriate in textbooks or summaries describing what characterizes the condition broadly.

Example use:

“The clinical features of Parkinson's disease include bradykinesia, resting tremor, and rigidity.”

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