

Definition of **plagiarism**

An act or instance of using or closely imitating the language and thoughts of another author without authorization and the representation of that author's work as one's own, as by not crediting the original author.

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Teaching Cases File Submission

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Teaching cases don't necessarily have to be bizarre or unusual. Good examples of normal findings or common pathologies are also helpful. Sound discussions based on your review of the literature, quality texts, or online resources are desired. These need to be your own summation of the important facts or discussion.

Teaching cases should:

- **Be written in your own words**
- **Use quotation marks for all verbatim text from anyone other than yourself**
- **Contain proper references to all resources referenced**
- **Contain images obtained from your various clinical rotations**
- **NOT contain images obtained from online sources, published works, etc.**
- **NOT contain Protected Health Information (PHI) in text or on images**

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