

CONTEST RULES

VII Edition of the Clinical Cases Contest on non-surgical clinical management of Kidney Stones

The submission of a clinical case to the contest necessarily implies full and unconditional acceptance of these rules by the participant.

1. INTRODUCTION

This project consists in a clinical case contest related to the **non-surgical clinical management of Kidney Stones**, whose main objective is to allow urologists to communicate their experiences in daily clinical practice and to reinforce Devicare's commitment to Urology through the support and promotion of activities that may be of interest to professional activity.

The clinical cases presented, **written in English**, must be adequate to the topic and contents of the competition. The scientific committee reserves the right to accept the Works, depending on whether or not they fit in with the topic of the competition.

2. PARTICIPATION

Participation is open to all urological professionals.

The contestants who do not correctly communicate their professional or contact details, the clinical cases that are not completely filled in, those that contain manifestly incorrect data, those that contain inaccurate data, those that are sent by means other than those indicated in these rules and/or after the deadline required by the organisation, or outside the duration of the competition, or those that do not fulfil the stipulations of these rules, will not be considered valid, and will therefore be ineligible for the prize.

Devicare employees and their first-degree relatives are expressly excluded from this competition. First-time participants must register on the website <https://professional.devicare.com/concurso-casos/en>, enter *Participate* and complete the registration form with the following sections:

- Name of professional
- Last name of the professional
- Email address
- Telephone number
- Hospital centre
- Address of the centre
- City
- Postal code

The contestant who submits a clinical case to the competition may withdraw the consent given and, consequently, withdraw his/her application at any time by writing to the following e-mail address: medicalaffairs@devicare.com. Withdrawal of the clinical case in the competition does not entail any penalty of any kind, whether financial or otherwise, for the contestant.

3. CLINICAL CASE METHODOLOGY

There is no limit to the number of cases per author. The cases will be registered through the website <https://professional.devicare.com/concurso-casos/en> by entering the "Participate" section. On the same page you can download the rules and the Word template for writing the case.

Each clinical case must be structured with the following parts:

- Title
- Name of author/s:
- Affiliation 1st author:
- Key words (3 to 6)
- Abstract (no longer than 150 words)
- Introduction
- Clinical case description:
 - Patient information / Medical records
 - Diagnostic support studies
 - Diagnostic
 - Treatment
 - Evolution and progress
 - Clinical results
- Discussion
- Conclusions and recommendations
- Bibliographical references (* of special interest, ** of extraordinary interest)

The clinical case **should be written in English and should be no longer than 6 pages**. (Calibri font, size 11), with a maximum of 4 or 5 figures and 10 references. The abstract will not exceed 150 words and will include the following sections: Objective, Method, Results and Conclusions. Keywords between 3 and 6. In the bibliography, citations of special interest should be marked with one asterisk and those of exceptional interest with two; it is not necessary to mark all citations.

The case can be written according to the recommendations of *Guidelines To Writing A Clinical Case Report. (2017). Heart views: the official journal of the Gulf Heart Association, 18(3), 104–105.* <https://doi.org/10.4103/1995-705X.217857>

You can check the cases presented in previous years in the "Library" of the website. <https://professional.devicare.com/concurso-casos/en>. Also, on this website you can find thematic proposals on which you can develop your clinical case.

In addition to submitting the written clinical case, **the first author of the case must send us a video-case**. This video-case is the adaptation of the clinical case into **Power Point presentation** format, using the template downloadable from the competition website. The first author must record him/herself and explain the clinical case. The video must be in English or in Spanish (only for Spanish urologists) and no longer than 10 minutes. We recommend that you use the built-in presentation tool in PowerPoint, which allows you to record while projecting the slides. The first author must send us the video-case by email to medicalaffairs@devicare.com in **MP4 format**. The deadline for submitting the video-case is **30 November 2026**.

In order to make the video, it is essential to have a computer with a camera with the best possible resolution (minimum recommended 720 pixels) or HD option. It is advisable to place the computer in a stable location, with the camera at eye level and positioned in the centre of the plane. It is also advisable to record in a quiet place with as little noise as possible. It is also important to take care of

the background of the image, preferably a plain and/or neutral background, and to pay attention to the light, which should be natural, soft and directly on the face.

Finally, the necessary measures must be taken to ensure that the recording of the video is not affected by battery or internet connection problems. The submission of the video will not be taken into account in the evaluation of the cases, as the competition is blind and the identity of the author must be protected, although it is part of the requirements for participation. If the video is not submitted by the competition deadline, the clinical case will not be considered for evaluation.

4. DEADLINE

The period of validity of this contest is from **23 February 2026 to 30 October 2026** (both inclusive).

5. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The jury, which will not know in advance the identity of the authors of each clinical case, will examine and evaluate the cases presented according to the criteria listed below.

These criteria will be scored from 1 to 10 and the final score will be calculated as follows:

Evaluation criteria and importance:

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| ○ Contribution to urological practice (NA, 1 to 10) | = 20% |
| ○ Scientific quality (NC, 1 to 10) | = 20% |
| ○ Innovation (NI, 1 to 10) | = 40% |
| ○ Writing (NR, 1 to 10) | = 10% |
| ○ Bibliography (NB, 1 to 10) | = 10% |

Calculation of the initial grade:

- **Initial note** (1 to 10) = $NA \times 20\% + NC \times 20\% + NI \times 40\% + NR \times 10\% + NB \times 10\%$

Calculation of the final grade:

- **Bonus:** The use of Devicare products in the clinical cases will be favourably evaluated with a bonus that counts towards the final grade as follows:
 - If any Devicare product is used → Bonus = 10 points
 - If no Devicare products are used → Bonus = 0 points
- **Final grade** (1 to 10) = $((\text{Initial grade}) + (\text{Bonus})) / 2$

In order to be considered for the bonus, the use of Devicare products must be justified, and the dosage and duration of treatment must be specified. Also, the clinical cases presented must be original (they must not have been previously published or have been presented in other competitions or congresses).

6. AWARD

The first author of the **Best Clinical Case Worldwide** will receive a grant (travel, accommodation and registration) to attend the **European Association of Urology 2027 Congress**, sponsored by Devicare.

In addition, the first author of the **Best Clinical Case in each country** will receive a second prize sponsored by the local Devicare distributor consisting of a grant (travel, accommodation and registration) to attend the Urology Congress in their country. In countries where Devicare does not have a local distributor or the local distributor does not adhere to the contest, the prize will not be awarded.

The award for **Best Clinical Case from Spain** will receive a grant (registration) to the National Meeting of the Lithiasis and Endourology, Laparoscopy and Robotics Groups (LELR) 2027 or the 8th International Course on Endourology, to be chosen by the winner between the two congresses.

All cases will be published in a Clinical Case Compendium, which Devicare may distribute through various media.

Devicare will contact by e-mail to the winners who must reply to the e-mail to confirm acceptance of the prizes. The first author of the Best Clinical Case from Spain must collect the prize in person during the award ceremony at the National Meeting of the Lithiasis and Endourology, Laparoscopy and Robotics (LELR) Groups. Winners who do not respond within fifteen days of receiving the notification will forfeit their right to the prize.

The same clinical case is not eligible for both awards. Therefore, the best overall clinical case is excluded from winning the best national clinical case award if there is at least one other candidate. In the event that no clinical case is submitted that meets the characteristics described in these rules, the prize will be forfeited.

By accepting the prize, the entrant authorises Devicare to publish the entrant's name and photograph on the <https://professional.devicare.com/concurso-casos/en>, as well as in any advertising, promotional or publicity material for commercial or informational purposes, always in connection with this competition, transferring the relevant rights to Devicare for this purpose, without compensation of any kind.

7. PROPERTY RIGHTS TO EXPLOIT CLINICAL CASES

Participants are responsible to Devicare for the originality and authorship of all parts of the clinical case presented in this competition and for full ownership of the copyrights they assign in accordance with these terms and conditions. It also declares that it has not entered into and will not enter into any commitments or encumbrances of any kind that would infringe the rights being transferred in respect of these rights, which it transfers peacefully. Likewise, with respect to any third party material (photographs, illustrations, fragments, etc.) that may have been incorporated into the Clinical Case, the author declares that he/she has acquired or holds all necessary rights for their use in the Clinical Case and accepts liability for any claims that may arise from any infringement of third party rights. In this respect, the author of the clinical case is liable to Devicare for all financial burdens that Devicare may incur in favour of third parties as a result of actions, claims or disputes arising from the author's failure to comply with these obligations. The participant, who will be considered the author within the meaning of Royal Legislative Decree 1/1996, of 12 April, approving the revised text of the Intellectual Property Act, guarantees that he is the holder of the intellectual property rights deriving from the entirety of the contents of the clinical cases, or guarantees that he has the authorisation to transfer them, guarantees that the contents have been obtained with the proper consent and/or authorisation for their transfer, and must assume all claims that may be made against Devicare for the transfer made,

without prejudice to the compensation that must be paid to Devicare as a result of these acts, which will include the return of the prize. In accordance with the Intellectual Property Code, and without prejudice to the moral rights corresponding to him/her, the author transfers to Devicare, on an exclusive basis, the property rights for the exploitation of the clinical cases of this competition, including all related rights, at national and international level.

8. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

For the knowledge of any dispute that may arise regarding the interpretation or application of these rules, Devicare, as well as the participants in this competition, expressly submit to the jurisdiction and competence of the courts and tribunals of Barcelona, expressly waiving any other rights that may correspond to them or be their own if they have them.

Devicare excludes any liability for damages of any kind that may be due to the temporary lack of availability or continuity of the operation of telecommunications networks, as well as network failures, electrical failures, force majeure, etc. Furthermore, Devicare shall in no case be liable for any damage that may result from unauthorised access and/or use of said data by third parties as a result of computer attacks or illegal access. Modifications and/or annexes: Devicare reserves the right to make modifications or add successive annexes to its mechanics and prizes, as long as these are justified or do not harm the participants and are duly communicated to them. Devicare assumes no responsibility for incidents, such as but not limited to, delays, losses, deterioration, theft, etc. or any other circumstance attributable to third parties that may affect the development of this promotion and the consequent awarding of prizes, which may occur during transfers, travel or attendance at any type of event or provision of service in which the prize consists. In the event that the competition cannot take place, either due to fraud detected in the competition, technical errors or any other reason beyond the control of Devicare that affects the normal development of the promotion, Devicare reserves the right to cancel, modify or suspend the same, as well as the power to interpret these rules and the right to take legal action against those persons who may carry out any type of act that could be considered as manipulation or fraudulent participation in the competition.