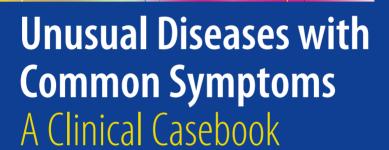
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Preface: Unusual Diseases with Common Symptoms

By way of introduction and description of what the reader will find in this book, *Unusual Diseases with Common Symptoms* illustrates actual patient cases of unusual diseases, beginning with a clinical vignette, followed by sections on diagnosis and treatment, key bullet points, and multiple-choice questions with references. Included are photos, diagrams, and tables, as well as illustrations to emphasize take-home messages. While the level of detail is that which I teach medical students in the therapeutics course at Stony Brook University School of Medicine, the text is written so that a layperson can be introduced to the subject in an easy-to-read, illustrative manner.

These are my patients with diagnoses such as: geriatric-onset hereditary angioedema, triple diagnoses of stiff person syndrome with hypogammaglobulinemia and orbital myositis, anaphylactic shock to ribeye steak initiated by a lone star tick bite, Iraq-Afghanistan War Lung Injury characterized with titanium in the lung, dyspareunia and Stevens-Johnson syndrome from black hair dye, and shock from implantable contraception.

Volume two of this series will follow with even more cases and others submitted by clinicians from around the world. Our team may be reached at threevillageallergyandasthma@gmail.com. and Sincerely,

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Chapter 1 The Many Janus Faces of Angie O'Deemer

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Vignette

Mrs. Banner woke up one morning with lopsided facial swelling that made it look like a water balloon was stuck in her cheek (Figs. 1.1 and 1.2). She freaked out and her husband called 911.

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FIGURE 1.1 Front view of Mrs. Banner suffering from severe angioedema of the right cheek and lip



Figure 1.2 Mrs. Banner's angioedema was largely confined to the right side of the face, revealing a left side that was only mildly affected