**ACPAC Program: Week 2: Vignette1**

**Take-up/discuss with Dr. Amanda Steiman**

**Case:** Mrs L. R. is a pleasant 73 y.o. female who presents with a 2 day history of a swollen L wrist. She denies any history of trauma other than carrying several library books to and from the library each Saturday.

She awoke early in the morning yesterday ago with a moderate amount of pain in her left wrist but by noon it was throbbing and she rates the pain at a level of 9/10 for the past 24 hours with no sign of abating. It in fact kept her up all last night.

She has stayed home for the past day (unusual for her) and Tylenol #3 every 4 hours and Advil 400 mg tablets, four times daily, have not helped.

She comes to you for pain relief and hopefully a diagnosis.

**Question 1:**

What additional history would you ask this patient to clarify her diagnosis?

**Question 2:**

List 5 aspects of past medical history/social history that might be relevant.

**Question 3:**

What features of the physical exam would help clarify the diagnosis?

**Question 4:**

What is your differential diagnosis? List them in order of priority.

**Question 5:**

What laboratory tests would you order and which of these are specific re diagnosis?

**Question 6:**

What further investigations would you request? How would these assist you in your diagnosis?

**Question 7:**

Given your top 3 diagnoses, how would you manage this case?

**Question 8:**

How would your differential diagnosis change if this were a

1. 18 year old male with a swollen R knee
2. 25 year old female, 6 weeks postpartum
3. 4 year old female with a swollen R knee