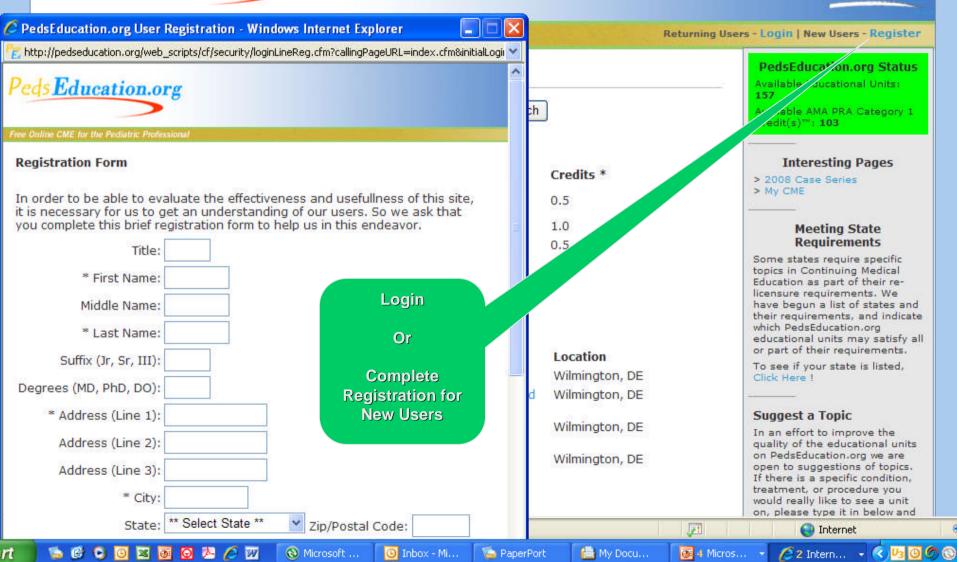
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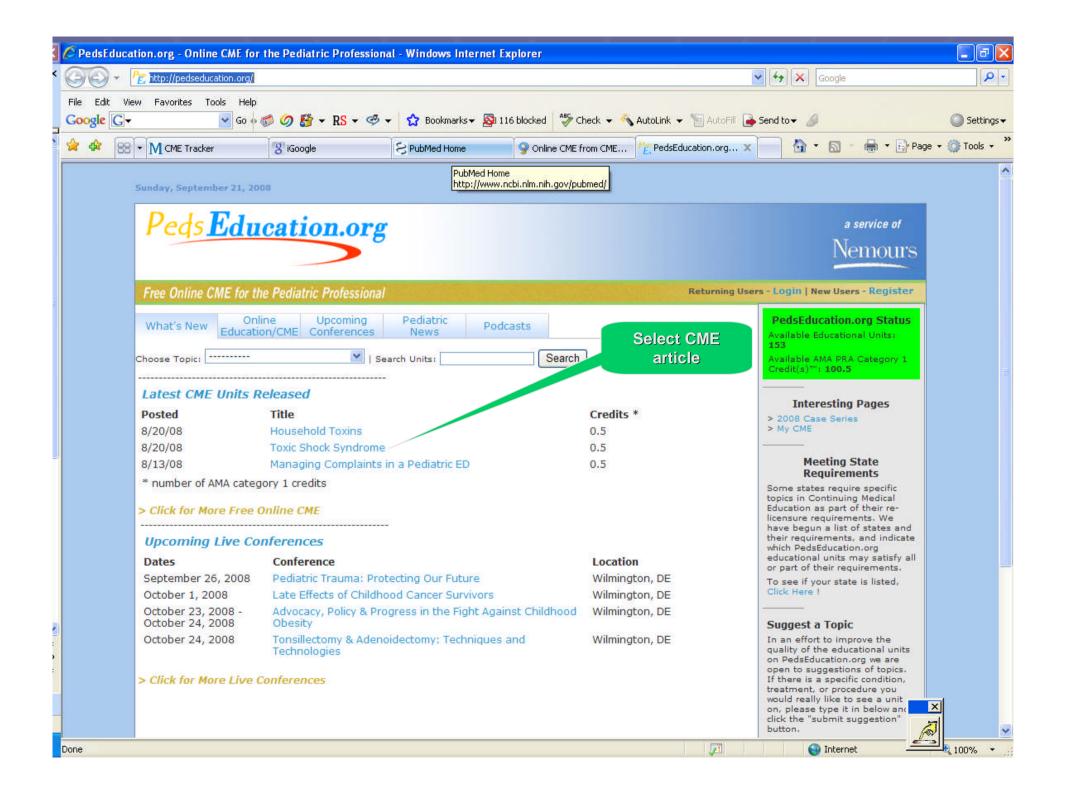
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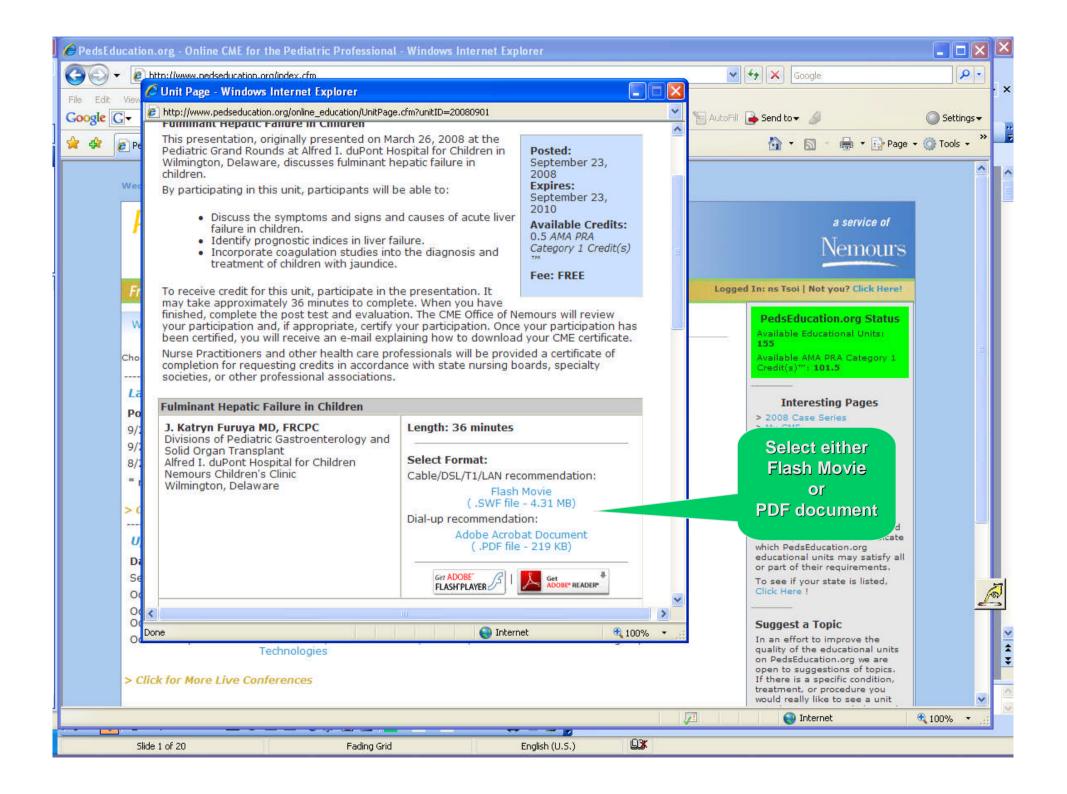


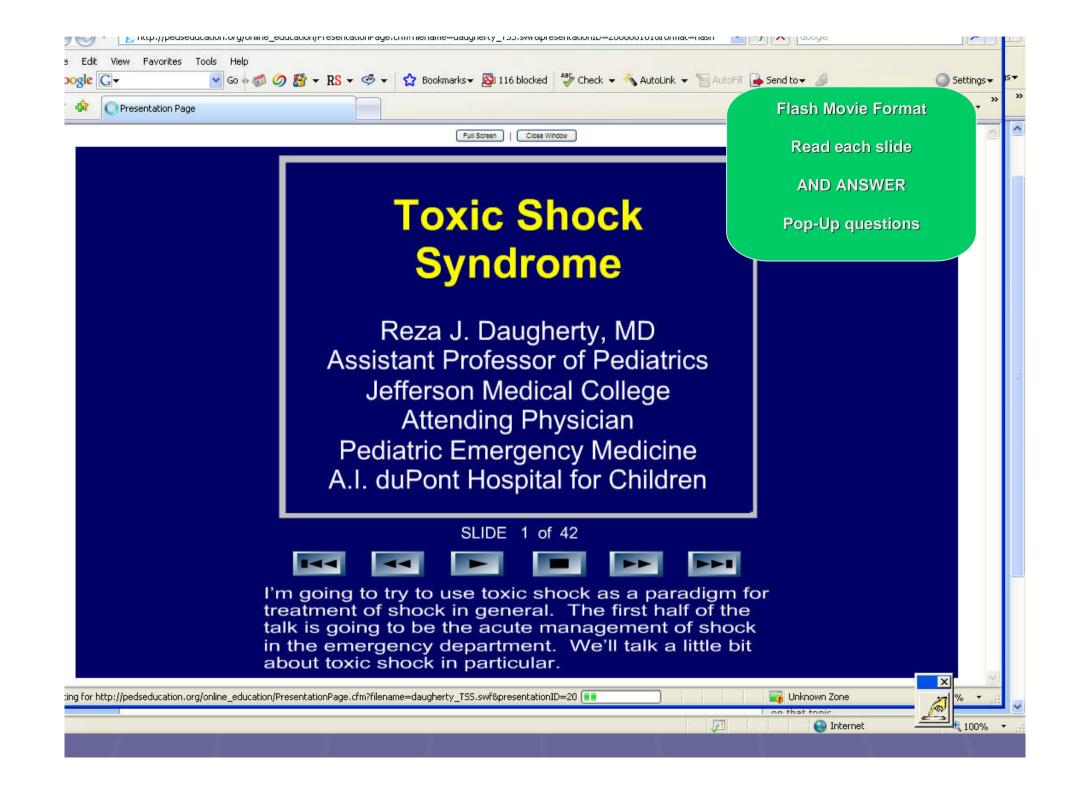
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Finally, most systolic murmurs in children are innocent. I know that you guys see this day in, day out. The characteristics of an innocent murmur - vibratory sound (or musical, sometimes we'll call it), a grade 2 or less, it doesn't radiate to the back, and the physical examand history are otherwise reassuring. That patient doesn't need to be referred. This is just a little plug that, in general, we prefer that patients come for an office visit for a murmur rather than just an echocardiogram, because we don't always do echos, so you may be ordering a very expensive test that isn't really necessary. Also, if it does turn out to be abnormal and they're coming just for an echo test, they're not scheduled to meet with the cardiologist, so there's nobody to sit down and explain to them those findings. It's better to have them come through for an office visit, but we're willing to do it the other way as well.

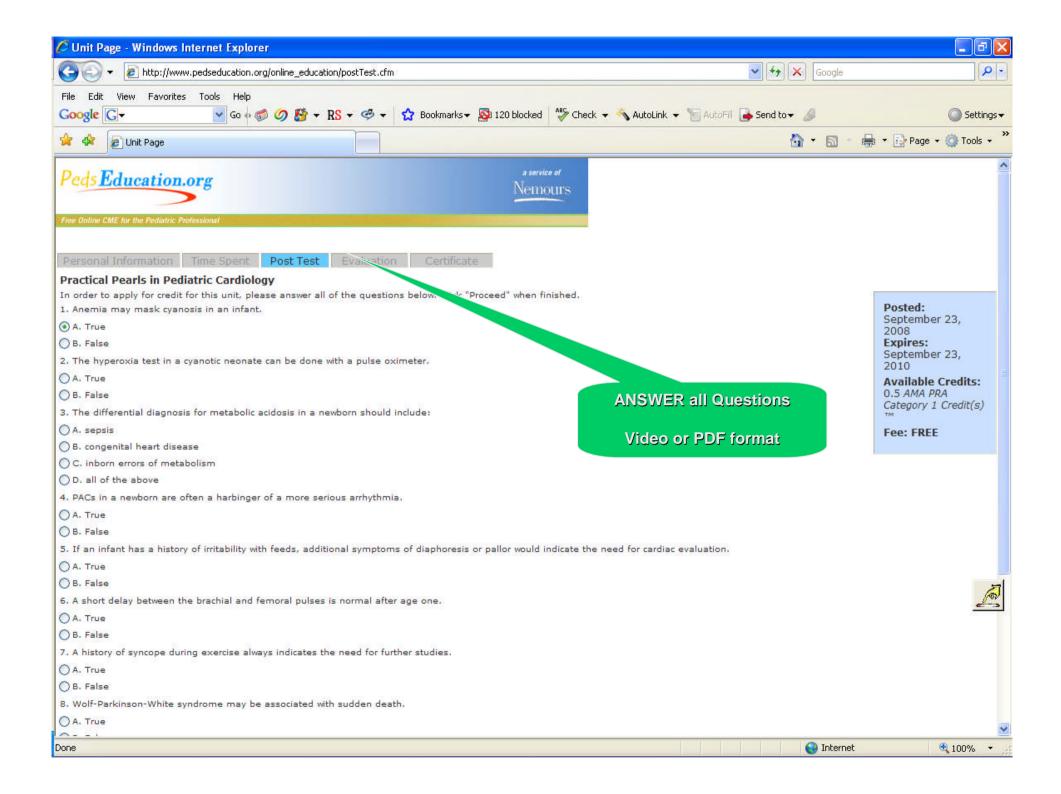
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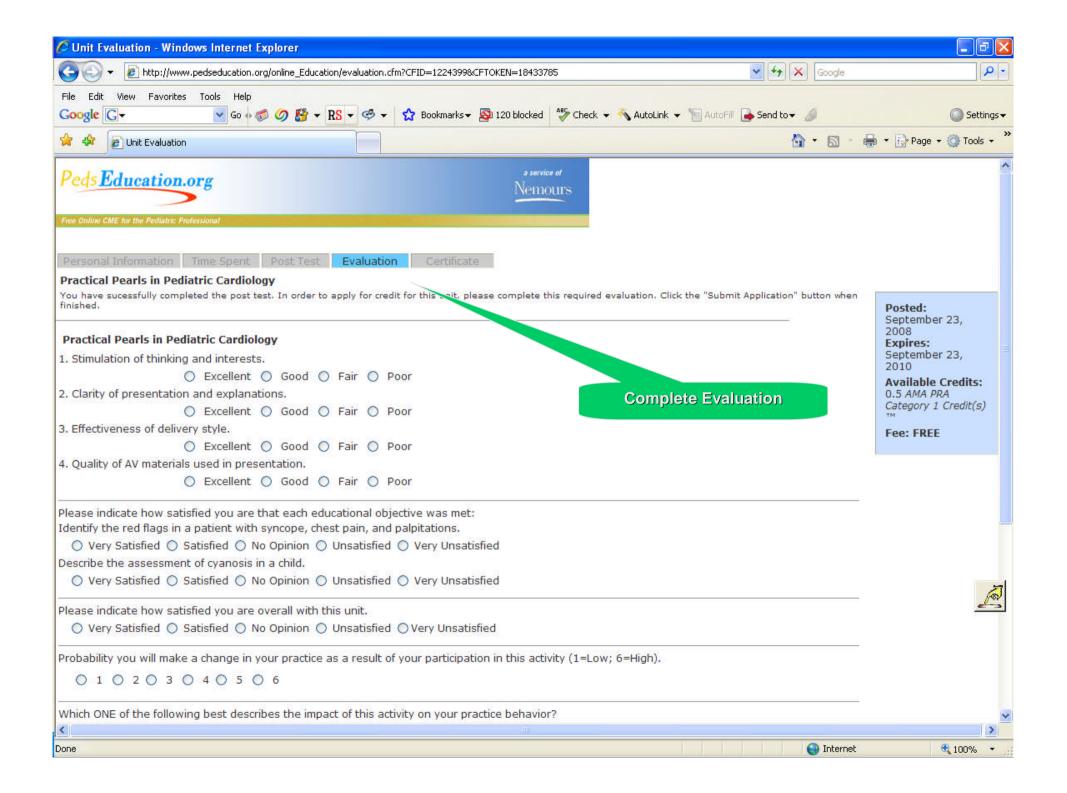
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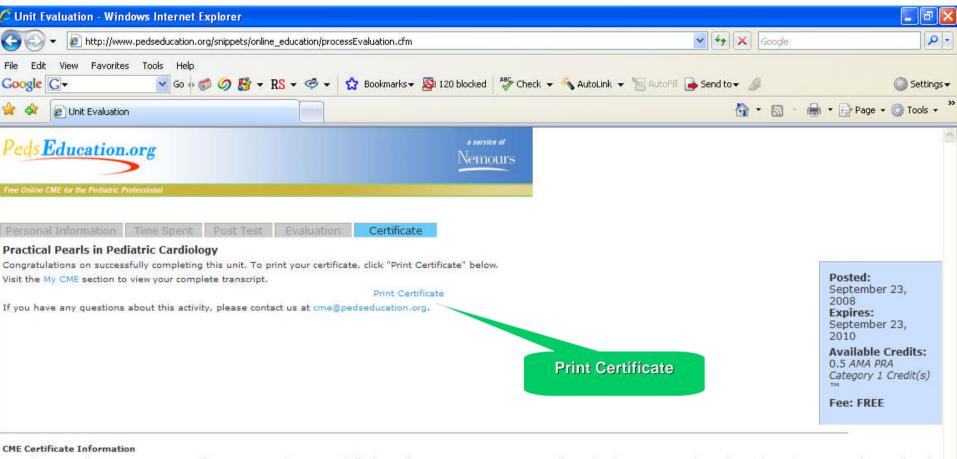
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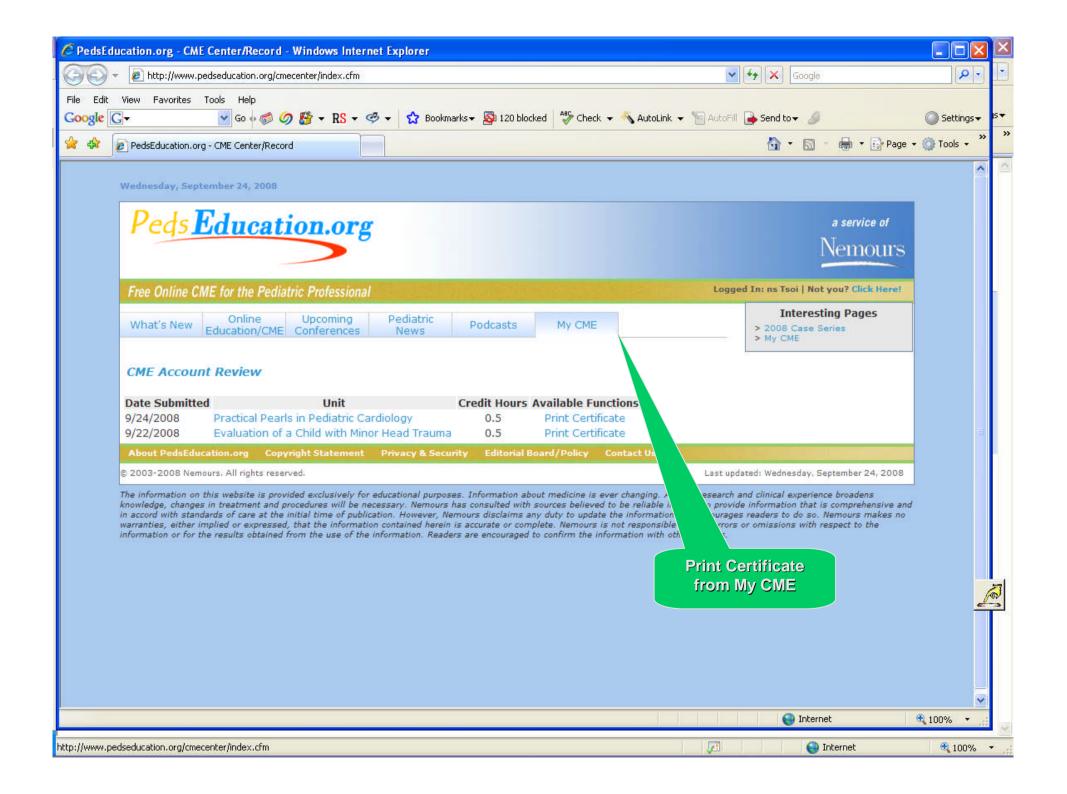
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