



CARE Checklist (2013) of information to include when writing a case report



Topic	Item	Checklist item description	Reported on Page Number
Title Key Words Abstract	1	The words "case report" should be in the title along with the area of	1
	2	2 to 5 key words that identify areas covered in this case	3
	3a	Introduction—What is unique about this case? What does it add to the medical literature?	3-4
	3b	The main symptoms of the patient and the important clinical findings	4-6
Introduction	3c	The main diagnoses, therapeutics interventions, and outcomes	4-6, 10, 11
	3d	Conclusion—What are the main "take-away" lessons from this case?	9-10
	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique with references	9 9-10
	5a	De-identified demographic information and other patient specific information	4-6
Patient Information	5b	Main concerns and symptoms of the patient	4-6
	5c	Medical, family, and psychosocial history including relevant genetic information (also see timeline)	4-6
	5d	Relevant past interventions and their outcomes	4-6
	6	Describe the relevant physical examination (PE) and other significant clinical findings	4-6, 10
Clinical Findings Timeline	7	Important information from the patient's history organized as a timeline	4-6, 10
	8a	Diagnostic methods (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys)	9-10, 18-20
	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access, financial, or cultural)	11
	8c	Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered	10
Therapeutic Intervention	8d	Prognostic characteristics (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	N/A
	9a	Types of intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	4-6
	9b	Administration of intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	4-6
	9c	Changes in intervention (with rationale)	11
Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (when appropriate)	N/A
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	4-6, 18-20
	10c	Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)	4-6
	10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	N/A
Discussion	11a	Discussion of the strengths and limitations in your approach to this case	7-10
	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature	7-10
	11c	The rationale for conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	10
	11d	The primary "take-away" lessons of this case report	10
Patient Perspective Informed Consent	12	When appropriate the patient should share their perspective on the treatments they received	N/A
	13	Did the patient give informed consent? Please provide if requested	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>