



CARE Checklist – 2016: Information for writing a case report

Topic	Item	Checklist item description	Line/Page
Title	1	The words “case report” should be in the title along with the area of focus	<u>3/1</u> _____
	Key Words	2	Four to seven key words—include “case report” as one of the key words
Abstract	3a	Background: What does this case report add to the medical literature?	<u>8-14/2</u> _____
	3b	Case summary: chief complaint, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes	<u>15-25/2</u> _____
	3c	Conclusion: What is the main “take-away” lesson from this case?	<u>4-12/3</u> _____
Introduction	4	The current standard of care and contributions of this case—with references (1-2 paragraphs)	<u>2-22/4</u> _____
Timeline	5	Information from this case report organized into a timeline (table or figure)	<u>Page:5-7</u> _____
Patient Information	6a	De-identified demographic and other patient or client specific information	<u>29/4</u> _____
	6b	Chief complaint—what prompted this visit?	<u>1-2/5</u> _____
	6c	Relevant history including past interventions and outcomes	<u>3-12/5</u> _____
Physical Exam	7	Relevant physical examination findings	<u>13-15/4</u> _____
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Evaluations such as surveys, laboratory testing, imaging, etc.	<u>16-25/5</u> _____
	8b	Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered and challenges	<u>26-30/5;1-2/6</u> _____
	8c	Consider tables or figures linking assessment, diagnoses and interventions	<u>1-6/12</u> _____
	8d	Prognostic characteristics where applicable	<u>1-6/12</u> _____
Interventions	9a	Types such as life-style recommendations, treatments, medications, surgery	<u>3-30/6;1-11/7</u> _____
	9b	Intervention administration such as dosage, frequency and duration	<u>3-30/6;1-11/7</u> _____
	9c	Note changes in intervention with explanation	<u>14-16/6</u> _____
	9d	Other concurrent interventions	<u>7-11/7</u> _____
Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician assessment (and patient or client assessed outcomes when appropriate)	<u>12-25/7</u> _____
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic evaluations	<u>26-28/7</u> _____
	10c	Assessment of intervention adherence and tolerability, including adverse events	<u>13-20/7</u> _____
Discussion	11a	Strengths and limitations in your approach to this case	<u>1-6/8</u> _____
	11b	Specify how this case report informs practice or Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG)	<u>7-29/8; 1-12/9</u> _____
	11c	How does this case report suggest a testable hypothesis?	<u>6-24/9</u> _____
	11d	Conclusions and rationale	<u>26-29/9; 1-5/10</u> _____
Patient Perspective	12	When appropriate include the assessment of the patient or client on this episode of care	<u>23/9</u> _____
Informed Consent	13	Informed consent from the person who is the subject of this case report is required by most journals	<u>16-17/1</u> _____
Additional Information	14	Acknowledgement section; Competing Interests; IRB approval when required	<u>19-24/1</u> _____