



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	Line 5, Page 1
Key Words	2	Four to seven key words—include “case report” as one of the key words	Line 72, Page 2
Abstract	3a	Background: What does this case report add to the medical literature?	Line 116, Page 7
	3b	Case summary: chief complaint, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes	Line 120, Page 7
	3c	Conclusion: What is the main “take-away” lesson from this case?	Line 214, Page 10
Introduction	4	The current standard of care and contributions of this case—with references (1-2 paragraphs)	Line 95, Page 5
Timeline	5	Information from this case report organized into a timeline (table or figure)	N/A
Patient Information	6a	De-identified demographic and other patient or client specific information	Line 121, Page 6
	6b	Chief complaint—what prompted this visit?	Line 121, Page 6
	6c	Relevant history including past interventions and outcomes	Line 125, Page 6
Physical Exam	7	Relevant physical examination findings	Line 134, Page 6
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Evaluations such as surveys, laboratory testing, imaging, etc.	Line 138, Page 7
	8b	Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered and challenges	Line 156, Page 7
	8c	Consider tables or figures linking assessment, diagnoses and interventions	Line 150, Page 7
	8d	Prognostic characteristics where applicable	Line 175, Page 8
Interventions	9a	Types such as life-style recommendations, treatments, medications, surgery	Line 156, Page 7
	9b	Intervention administration such as dosage, frequency and duration	N/A
	9c	Note changes in intervention with explanation	N/A
	9d	Other concurrent interventions	N/A
Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician assessment (and patient or client assessed outcomes when appropriate)	Line 175, Page 8
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic evaluations	Line 176, Page 8
	10c	Assessment of intervention adherence and tolerability, including adverse events	Line 175, Page 8
Discussion	11a	Strengths and limitations in your approach to this case	Line 214, Page 10
	11b	Specify how this case report informs practice or Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG)	Line 216, Page 10
	11c	How does this case report suggest a testable hypothesis?	Line 217, Page 10
	11d	Conclusions and rationale	Line 214 Page 10
Patient Perspective	12	When appropriate include the assessment of the patient or client on this episode of care	N/A
Informed Consent	13	Informed consent from the person who is the subject of this case report is required by most journals	Line 33, Page 2
Additional Information	14	Acknowledgement section; Competing Interests; IRB approval when required	Line 36, Page 2