



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	4/1
Key Words	2	Four to seven key words—include "case report" as one of the key words	28/3
Abstract	3a	Background: What does this case report add to the medical literature?	8-10/3
	3b	Case summary: chief complaint, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes	12-20/3
	3c	Conclusion: What is the main "take-away" lesson from this case?	23-26/3
Introduction	4	The current standard of care and contributions of this case—with references (1-2 paragraphs)	2-18/5
Timeline	5	Information from this case report organized into a timeline (table or figure)	4/15 ~ 13/16
Patient Information	6a	De-identified demographic and other patient or client specific information	21-23/5
	6b	Chief complaint—what prompted this visit?	21-23/5
	6c	Relevant history including past interventions and outcomes	25-28/5 ~ 12/6
Physical Exam	7	Relevant physical examination findings	6-8/6
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Evaluations such as surveys, laboratory testing, imaging, etc.	21-28/5 ~ 5-24/6
	8b	Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered and challenges	20-24/6
	8c	Consider tables or figures linking assessment, diagnoses and interventions	4/5 ~ 13/16
	8d	Prognostic characteristics where applicable	25-26/7 ~ 23/8
Interventions	9a	Types such as life-style recommendations, treatments, medications, surgery	25-26/7 ~ 12/8, 26-28/9 ~ 15/10
	9b	Intervention administration such as dosage, frequency and duration	4-5/8
	9c	Note changes in intervention with explanation	4-5/8
	9d	Other concurrent interventions	5-7/8
Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician assessment (and patient or client assessed outcomes when appropriate)	10/8
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic evaluations	10-12/8
	10c	Assessment of intervention adherence and tolerability, including adverse events	10-12/8
Discussion	11a	Strengths and limitations in your approach to this case	5-11/10
	11b	Specify how this case report informs practice or Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG)	21-28/8 ~ 18/9
	11c	How does this case report suggest a testable hypothesis?	19-25/9
	11d	Conclusions and rationale	14-19/10
Patient Perspective	12	When appropriate include the assessment of the patient or client on this episode of care	10-12/8
Informed Consent	13	Informed consent from the person who is the subject of this case report is required by most journals	2-3/13
Additional Information	14	Acknowledgement section; Competing Interests; IRB approval when required	4-5/13