

CARE Checklist of information to include when writing a case report



Topic	Item	Checklist item description	Reported on Line
Key Words Abstract (no references)	1	The diagnosis or intervention of primary focus followed by the words "case report"	title, line 1
	2	2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report"	Abstract, paragraph 4
	3a	Introduction: What is unique about this case and what does it add to the scientific literature?	Abstract, paragraph 1
Introduction	3b	Main symptoms and/or important clinical findings	Abstract, paragraph 2
	3c	The main diagnoses, therapeutic interventions, and outcomes	Abstract, paragraph 2
	3d	Conclusion—What is the main "take-away" lesson(s) from this case?	Abstract, paragraph 3
Patient Information	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique (may include references)	Background
	5a	De-identified patient specific information	Case presentation, paragraph 1
	5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient	Case presentation, paragraph 1
Clinical Findings	5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information	Case presentation, paragraph 1
	5d	Relevant past interventions with outcomes	Case presentation, paragraph 1
	6	Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings	Case presentation, paragraph 1
Timeline	7	Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline	Case presentation, paragraph 1
	8a	Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys)	Case presentation, paragraph 1
	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)	Case presentation, paragraph 2
Diagnostic Assessment	8c	Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)	Case presentation, paragraph 2
	8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	Case presentation, paragraph 2
	9a	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	Case presentation, paragraph 2
Therapeutic Intervention	9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	Case presentation, paragraph 2
	9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)	Case presentation, paragraph 2
	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)	N/A
Follow-up and Outcomes	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	Case presentation, paragraph 2
	10c	Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)	Case presentation, paragraph 2
	10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	N/A
Discussion	11a	A scientific discussion of the strengths AND limitations associated with this case report	discussion, paragraph 5
	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature with references	discussion, paragraph 1-3
	11c	The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	discussion, paragraph 2
Patient Perspective	11d	The primary "take-away" lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion	discussion, paragraph 4
	12	The patient should share their perspective in one to two paragraphs on the treatment(s) they received	Case presentation, paragraph 2
	13	Did the patient give informed consent? Please provide if relevant	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>