



## 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	L1-2/P1
	2	Four to seven key words—include “case report” as one of the key words	L2/P2
Abstract	3a	Background: What does this case report add to the medical literature?	L17-18, 21/P2
	3b	Case summary: chief complaint, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes	L24-23/P2
	3c	Conclusion: What is the main “take-away” lesson from this case?	L24-27/P2
Introduction	4	The current standard of care and contributions of this case—with references (1-2 paragraphs)	L43-61/P2-3
Timeline	5	Information from this case report organized into a timeline (table or figure)	Fig L-3
Patient Information	6a	De-identified demographic and other patient or client-specific information	L65/P3
	6b	Chief complaint—what prompted this visit?	L65-67/P3
	6c	Relevant history including past interventions and outcomes	L87-88/P4
Physical Exam	7	Relevant physical examination findings	L72-76/P3-4
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Evaluations such as surveys, laboratory testing, imaging, etc.	L78-85/P4
	8b	Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered and challenges	L83, 88-89, 91-94/P4
	8c	Consider tables or figures linking assessment, diagnoses and interventions	Fig L-3
	8d	Prognostic characteristics where applicable	L99/P4
Interventions	9a	Types such as life-style recommendations, treatments, medications, surgery	L114-118/P5
	9b	Intervention administration such as dosage, frequency and duration	L114-118/P5
	9c	Note changes in intervention with explanation	L114/P5
	9d	Other concurrent interventions	L115/P5
Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician assessment (and patient or client assessed outcomes when appropriate)	L120-128/P5
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic evaluations	L124-128/P5
	10c	Assessment of intervention adherence and tolerability, including adverse events	L127-128/P5
Discussion	11a	Strengths and limitations in your approach to this case	L177/P7
	11b	Specify how this case report informs practice or Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG)	L168-171, 90-240/P7-8
	11c	How does this case report suggest a testable hypothesis?	L159-166/P5-6
	11d	Conclusions and rationale	L220-228/P8-9
Patient Perspective	12	When appropriate include the assessment of the patient or client on this episode of care	L126/P6
Informed Consent	13	Informed consent from the person who is the subject of this case report is required by most journals	L240-241/P9
Additional Information	14	Acknowledgement section; Competing Interests; IRB approval when required	L240-243/P9