



CARE Checklist – 2016: Information to consider when writing a case report

Topic	Item	Checklist item description	
Title	1	The words “case report” should be in the title along with the area of focus	✓
Key Words	2	Four to seven key words—including “case report” as a key word	✓
Abstract	3a	Background: What does this case report add to the medical literature	✓
	3b	Case summary (1 paragraph): chief complaint, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes	✓
	3c	Conclusion: What are the main “take-away” lessons from this case?	✓
Introduction	4	How does this case informs healthcare delivery—with references (1-2 paragraphs)	✓
Timeline	5	Relevant information from this case report organized into a timeline (table or figure)	✓
Patient Information	6a	De-identified demographic and other patient specific information	✓
	6b	Chief complaint (what prompted this patient visit)	✓
	6c	Relevant medical and psychosocial history (including interventions and outcomes)	✓
Physical Exam	7	Relevant physical examination findings	✓
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Diagnostic evaluations (such as laboratory testing, imaging, surveys)	✓
	8b	Diagnoses (consider tables/figures linking assessment with diagnoses and interventions)	✓
	8c	Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered and diagnostic challenges	✓
	8d	Prognostic characteristics (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	✓
Interventions	9a	Types of intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	✓
	9b	Intervention administration (such as dosage, strength, duration)	✓
	9c	Changes in intervention (with rationale)	N/A
	9d	Other concurrent interventions	N/A
Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (when appropriate)	✓
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic evaluations	✓
	10c	Assessment of intervention adherence and tolerability	N/A
	10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	N/A
Discussion	11a	Strengths and limitations in your approach to this case—with references	✓
	11b	Conclusions and rationale (including possible causes for outcomes)	✓
Patient Perspective	12	When appropriate include the patient’s perspective on this episode of care	N/A
Informed Consent	13	Patient informed consent is likely to be required by a journal (or your institution) prior to publication	✓
Other	14	IRB approval as indicated or needed; Acknowledgement section; Competing Interests; Funding	✓