

CARE Checklist of information to include when writing a case report

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Topic	Item	Checklist item description	Reported on Line
Title	1	The diagnosis or intervention of primary focus followed by the words "case report"	4-5
Key Words	2	2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report" ...	88-90
Abstract	3a	Introduction: What is unique about this case and what does it add to the scientific literature?	64-69
(no references)	3b	Main symptoms and/or important clinical findings	71-79
	3c	The main diagnoses, therapeutic interventions, and outcomes	77-84
	3d	Conclusion—What is the main "take-away" lesson(s) from this case?	82-86
Introduction	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique (may include references)	125-132
Patient Information	5a	De-identified patient specific information	136-139
	5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient	136-139
	5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information	141-155
	5d	Relevant past interventions with outcomes	168-178
Clinical Findings	6	Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings	157-160
Timeline	7	Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline	180-207
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys)	157-178
	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)	189-199
	8c	Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)	231-234
	8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	236-239
Therapeutic Intervention	9a	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	201-207
	9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	201-207
	9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)	201-207
Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)	236-239
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	236-239
	10c	Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)	N/A
	10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	N/A
Discussion	11a	A scientific discussion of the strengths AND limitations associated with this case report	241-275
	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature with references	241-275
	11c	The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	241-275
	11d	The primary "take-away" lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion	277-284
Patient Perspective	12	The patient should share their perspective in one to two paragraphs on the treatment(s) they received	237-239
Informed Consent	13	Did the patient give informed consent? Please provide if requested	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>