**CARE Checklist – 2016: Information for writing a case report**

**Topic Item Checklist item description Line/Page**

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| **Title** | **1** | The words “case report” should be in the title along with the area of focus |  |  |  | P1, L3\_ |
| **Key Words** | **2** | Four to seven key words—include “case report” as one of the key words |  |  |  | P3, L53-54 |
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| **Abstract** | **3a**  **3b** | Background: What does this case report add to the medical literature? Case summary: chief complaint, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes |  |  |  | P3, L37-38  P3, L39-48  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | **3c** | Conclusion: What is the main “take-away” lesson from this case? |  |  |  | P3, L49-52 |
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| **Introduction** | **4** | The current standard of care and contributions of this case—with references (1-2 paragraphs) |  |  |  | P5-6, L67-92 |
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| **Timeline** | **5** | Information from this case report organized into a timeline (table or figure) |  |  |  | P6-7, L93-142 |
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| **Patient Information** | **6a**  **6b** | De-identified demographic and other patient or client specific information Chief complaint—what prompted this visit? |  |  |  | P6-7,L 109-115  P6-7, L122-126  \_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | **6c** | Relevant history including past interventions and outcomes |  |  |  | P6-9, L12-126  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| **Physical Exam** | **7** | Relevant physical examination findings |  |  |  | P7-8, L122-126  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| **Diagnostic Assessment** | **8a**  **8b**  **8c**  **8d** | Evaluations such as surveys, laboratory testing, imaging, etc.  Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered and challenges  Consider tables or figures linking assessment, diagnoses and interventions  Prognostic characteristics where applicable |  |  |  | P7-8,L22-142 |
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| **Interventions** | **9a** | Types such as life-style recommendations, treatments, medications, surgery |  |  |  | P8-9, L129-147 |
|  | **9b** | Intervention administration such as dosage, frequency and duration |  |  |  | P8-9, L143-163 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | **9c** | Note changes in intervention with explanation |  |  |  | P8-9, L143-163 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | **9d** | Other concurrent interventions |  |  |  | N/a |
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| **Follow-up and Outcomes** | **10a**  **10b**  **10c** | Clinician assessment (and patient or client assessed outcomes when appropriate)  Important follow-up diagnostic evaluations  Assessment of intervention adherence and tolerability, including adverse events |  |  |  | P9, L164-166 |
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| **Discussion** | **11a** | Strengths and limitations in your approach to this case |  |  |  | P10-17, L168-178 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | **11b** | Specify how this case report informs practice or Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) |  |  |  | P10-17, L179-201 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | **11c** | How does this case report suggest a testable hypothesis? |  |  |  | P10-17, 202-319 |
|  | **11d** | Conclusions and rationale |  |  |  | P17-18, L321-329-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| **Patient Perspective** | **12** | When appropriate include the assessment of the patient or client on this episode of care |  |  |  | N/a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| **Informed Consent** | **13** | Informed consent from the person who is the subject of this case report is required by most journals |  |  |  | P19, L319-321\_\_ |
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**Additional Information 14** Acknowledgement section; Competing Interests; IRB approval when required

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