



CARE Checklist – 2016: Information for writing a case report

Topic	Item	Checklist item description	Line/Page
Title Key Words	1	The words “case report” should be in the title along with the area of focus	Line 5 / Page 1
	2	Four to seven key words—include “case report” as one of the key words	Line 75 / Page 4
Abstract	3a	Background: What does this case report add to the medical literature?	Line 47 / Page 3
	3b	Case summary: chief complaint, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes	Line 57 / Page 3
	3c	Conclusion: What is the main “take-away” lesson from this case?	Line 71 / Page 3
Introduction	4	The current standard of care and contributions of this case—with references (1-2 paragraphs)	Line 86 / Page 5
Timeline	5	Information from this case report organized into a timeline (table or figure)	Line 440 / Page 22
Patient Information	6a	De-identified demographic and other patient or client specific information	Line 101 / Page 5
	6b	Chief complaint—what prompted this visit?	Line 100 / Page 5
	6c	Relevant history including past interventions and outcomes	Line 104 / Page 5
Physical Exam	7	Relevant physical examination findings	Line 124 / Page 6
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Evaluations such as surveys, laboratory testing, imaging, etc.	Line 133 / Page 6-7
	8b	Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered and challenges	Line 186 / Page 8
	8c	Consider tables or figures linking assessment, diagnoses and interventions	Line 413 / Page 17
	8d	Prognostic characteristics where applicable	Line 176 / Page 8
Interventions	9a	Types such as life-style recommendations, treatments, medications, surgery	Line 190 / Page 8
	9b	Intervention administration such as dosage, frequency and duration	Line 149 / Page 7
	9c	Note changes in intervention with explanation	Line 192 / Page 8
	9d	Other concurrent interventions	Line 207 / Page 9
Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician assessment (and patient or client assessed outcomes when appropriate)	Line 215 / Page 9
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic evaluations	Line 220 / Page 9
	10c	Assessment of intervention adherence and tolerability, including adverse events	Line 221 / Page 9
Discussion	11a	Strengths and limitations in your approach to this case	Line 226 / Page 10
	11b	Specify how this case report informs practice or Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG)	Line 227 / Page 10
	11c	How does this case report suggest a testable hypothesis?	Line 253 / Page 11
	11d	Conclusions and rationale	Line 268 / Page 11
Patient Perspective	12	When appropriate include the assessment of the patient or client on this episode of care	Line 221 / Page 9
Informed Consent	13	Informed consent from the person who is the subject of this case report is required by most journals	Line 33 / Page 2
Additional Information	14	Acknowledgement section; Competing Interests; IRB approval when required	Line 275 / Page 11