

CARE Checklist of information to include when writing a case report





Topic	Item	Checklist item description	Reported on Line
Title	1	The diagnosis or intervention of primary focus followed by the words "case report"	1-2
Key Words	2	2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report"	37
Abstract (no references)	3a	Introduction: What is unique about this case and what does it add to the scientific literature?	14-21
	3b	Main symptoms and/or important clinical findings	22-29
	3c	The main diagnoses, therapeutic interventions, and outcomes	29-32
	3d	Conclusion—What is the main "take-away" lesson(s) from this case?	32-36
Introduction	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique (may include references)	39-53
Patient Information	5a	De-identified patient specific information.	57-59
	5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient	59-62
	5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information	1
	5d	Relevant past interventions with outcomes	63-70
Clinical Findings	6	Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings	72-73
Timeline	7	Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline	104-105
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys)	74.70
	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)	
	8c	Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)	73-75
	8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	75
Therapeutic Intervention	9a	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	78-86
	9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	78-81
	9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)	87-96
Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)	96-100
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	100-101
	10c	Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)	101-102
	10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	102-104
Discussion	11a	A scientific discussion of the strengths AND limitations associated with this case report	145-177
	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature with references.	108-144
	11c	The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	176-177
	11d	The primary "take-away" lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion	178-181
Patient Perspective	12	The patient should share their perspective in one to two paragraphs on the treatment(s) they received	I
Informed Consent	13	Did the patient give informed consent? Please provide if requested	Yes ☑ No □