



CARE Checklist – 2016: Information for writing a case report

Topic	Item	Checklist item description	Line/Page
Title	1	The words “case report” should be in the title along with the area of focus	Page: 1; Line: 5-6
Key Words	2	Four to seven key words—include “case report” as one of the key words	Page: 2; Line: 63
Abstract	3a	Background: What does this case report add to the medical literature?	Page: 1-2; Line: 37-43
	3b	Case summary: chief complaint, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes	Page: 2; Line: 45-57
	3c	Conclusion: What is the main “take-away” lesson from this case?	Page: 2; Line: 59-61
Introduction	4	The current standard of care and contributions of this case—with references (1-2 paragraphs)	Page: 3; Line: 89-92 Page: 3; Line: 101-112
Timeline	5	Information from this case report organized into a timeline (table or figure)	Page: 3; Line: 119-122, 125-128 Page: 5; Line: 164-165 Page: 5; Line: 173-175, 178-181 Page: 6; Line: 201-205
Patient Information	6a	De-identified demographic and other patient or client specific information	Page: 4; Line: 116
	6b	Chief complaint—what prompted this visit?	Page: 4; Line: 116-117
	6c	Relevant history including past interventions and outcomes	Page: 5; Line: 162-165 Page: 4; Line: 130-134
Physical Exam	7	Relevant physical examination findings	Page: 4; Line: 140-146
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Evaluations such as surveys, laboratory testing, imaging, etc.	Page: 4; Line: 120-125, 144-146
	8b	Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered and challenges	Page: 5; Line: 155-157, 168-170, 174-177, 184-186
	8c	Consider tables or figures linking assessment, diagnoses and interventions	Page: 5; Line: 168-170, 178-181, 183-185 Page: 6; Line: 188-191
	8d	Prognostic characteristics where applicable	Page: 12; Line: 432-436 Page: 5; Line: 155-157
Interventions	9a	Types such as life-style recommendations, treatments, medications, surgery	Page: 4; Line: 120-122 Page: 5; Line: 159-61
	9b	Intervention administration such as dosage, frequency and duration	Page: 5; Line: 160-171
	9c	Note changes in intervention with explanation	Page: 6; Line: 193-199, 201-203
	9d	Other concurrent interventions	Page: 5; Line: 161-162, 170-171
Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician assessment (and patient or client assessed outcomes when appropriate)	Page: 6; Line: 201-207
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic evaluations	Page: 6; Line: 202–203
	10c	Assessment of intervention adherence and tolerability, including adverse events	Page: 5; Line: 168-170, 177-178, 184-186
Discussion	11a	Strengths and limitations in your approach to this case	Page: 6; Line: 210-211, Page: 7; Line: 227-228, 250-254
	11b	Specify how this case report informs practice or Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG)	Page: 6; Line: 215-222
	11c	How does this case report suggest a testable hypothesis?	Page: 7-8; Line: 262-268
	11d	Conclusions and rationale	Page: 7; Line: 257-259
Patient Perspective	12	When appropriate include the assessment of the patient or client on this episode of care	N/A
Informed Consent	13	Informed consent from the person who is the subject of this case report is required by most journals	In attachment
Additional Information	14	Acknowledgement section; Competing Interests; IRB approval when required	Page: 11; Line: 397-298