

CARE guidelines for case reports: 13-item checklist

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No.	Description	Section #
Title		
1	The area of focus and “case report” should appear in the title	
Keywords		
2	Two to five key words that identify topics covered in this case report	
Abstract		
3a	Introduction—What is unique about this case? What does it add to the medical literature?	
3b	The main symptoms of the patient and the important clinical findings	
3c	The main diagnoses, therapeutics interventions, and outcomes	
3d	Conclusion—What are the main ‘take-away’ lessons from this case?	
Introduction		
4	Briefly summarize why this case is unique with medical literature references	
Patient information		
5a	De-identified demographic information and other patient specific information	
5b	Main concerns and symptoms of the patient	
5c	Medical, family, and psychosocial history including relevant genetic information	
5d	Relevant past interventions and their outcomes	
Clinical findings		
6	Describe the relevant physical examination (PE) and other clinical findings	
Timeline		
7	A timeline of relevant information from the patient’s history and this episode of care	
Diagnostics assessment		
8a	Diagnostic methods (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys)	
8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access, financial, or cultural)	
8c	Diagnostic reasoning including a differential diagnosis	
8d	Prognostic characteristics (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	
Therapeutic intervention		
9a	Types of intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	
9b	Administration of intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	
9c	Changes in intervention with rationale	
Follow-up and outcomes		
10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes when appropriate	
10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	
10c	Intervention adherence and tolerability (how was this assessed?)	
10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	
Discussion		
11a	Discussion of the strengths and limitations in your approach to this case	
11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature	
11c	The rationale for conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	
11d	The primary “take-away” lessons of this case report	
Patient perspective		

12	When appropriate, the patient can share their perspective on their case	
Informed consent		
13	The patient should give informed consent	

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