



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	Lines 5-6/Page 1
Key Words	2	Four to seven key words—include “case report” as one of the key words	Lines 71-72/Page 3
Abstract	3a	Background: What does this case report add to the medical literature?	Lines 46-49/Page 3
	3b	Case summary: chief complaint, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes	Lines 52-65/ Pages 3
	3c	Conclusion: What is the main “take-away” lesson from this case?	Lines 68-69/Page 3
Introduction	4	The current standard of care and contributions of this case—with references (1-2 paragraphs)	Lines 89-120/Page 4-5
Timeline	5	Information from this case report organized into a timeline (table or figure)	Lines 122-314/Page 5-11
Patient Information	6a	De-identified demographic and other patient or client specific information	Lines 122-314/Pages 5-11
	6b	Chief complaint—what prompted this visit?	Lines 124-126 Page 5
	6c	Relevant history including past interventions and outcomes	Lines 130-173 Pages 5-7
Physical Exam	7	Relevant physical examination findings	Lines 176-189/Page 7
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Evaluations such as surveys, laboratory testing, imaging, etc.	Lines 191-251/Page 7-9
	8b	Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered and challenges	Lines 191-260 and 284-314/Page 7-11
	8c	Consider tables or figures linking assessment, diagnoses and interventions	Tables 1 and 2
	8d	Prognostic characteristics where applicable	Lines 254-260/Pages 9-10
Interventions	9a	Types such as life-style recommendations, treatments, medications, surgery	Lines 263-281/Page 10
	9b	Intervention administration such as dosage, frequency and duration	Lines 263-281/Page 10
	9c	Note changes in intervention with explanation	Lines 263-314/Page 10-11
	9d	Other concurrent interventions	Lines 263-314/Page 10-11
Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician assessment (and patient or client assessed outcomes when appropriate)	Lines 284-314/Page 11-12
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic evaluations	Lines 284-314/Page 11-12
	10c	Assessment of intervention adherence and tolerability, including adverse events	Lines 284-314/Page 11-12
Discussion	11a	Strengths and limitations in your approach to this case	Lines 317-339/Page 12
	11b	Specify how this case report informs practice or Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG)	Lines 340-364/Page 12-13
	11c	How does this case report suggest a testable hypothesis?	Lines 340-351/Page 12-13
	11d	Conclusions and rationale	Lines 354-364/Page 13
Patient Perspective	12	When appropriate include the assessment of the patient or client on this episode of care	NA
Informed Consent	13	Informed consent from the person who is the subject of this case report is required by most journals	Line 470 Page 18
Additional Information	14	Acknowledgement section; Competing Interests; IRB approval when required	Line 473 Page 18