

CARE Checklist (2013) of information to include when writing a case report



Topic	Item	Checklist item description	Reported on Page
Title	1	The words "case report" should be in the title along with the area of focus.	Page 1 Line 7, 8
	2	2 to 5 key words that identify areas covered in this case report.	Page 3 Line 100-101
Key Words	3a	Introduction—What is unique about this case? What does it add to the medical literature?	Page 3 Line 68-72
	3b	The main symptoms of the patient and the important clinical findings	Page 3 Line 76-81
	3c	The main diagnoses, therapeutic interventions, and outcomes.	Page 3 Line 83-90
	3d	Conclusion—What are the main "take-away" lessons from this case?	Page 3, 4 Line 94-98
Introduction	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique with references.	Page 5 Line 124-142
	5a	De-identified demographic information and other patient specific information	Page 5 Line 148-151
Patient Information	5b	Main concerns and symptoms of the patient	Page 5, 6 Line 149-160
	5c	Medical, family, and psychosocial history including relevant genetic information (also see timeline)	Page 6 Line 163-170
Clinical Findings	5d	Relevant past interventions and their outcomes	Page 6 Line 163-170
	6	Describe the relevant physical examination (PE) and other significant clinical findings.	Page 6 Line 172-174
Timeline	7	Important information from the patient's history organized as a timeline	Page 6, 7 Line 177-203
	8a	Diagnostic methods (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys).	Page 5, 6 Line 148-160
Diagnostic Assessment	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access, financial, or cultural)	Page 7, 8 Line 206-217
	8c	Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered	Page 7, 8 Line 206-217
Therapeutic Intervention	8d	Prognostic characteristics (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	Page 7, 8 Line 206-217
	9a	Types of intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	Page 7, 8 Line 206-217
Follow-up and Outcomes	9b	Administration of intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	Page 7, 8 Line 206-217
	9c	Changes in intervention (with rationale)	Page 7, 8 Line 206-217
Discussion	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (when appropriate)	Page 7, 8 Line 206-217
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	Page 8 Line 220-222
Patient Perspective	10c	Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)	Page 8 Line 226-230
	10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	Page 8 Line 233-235
Informed Consent	11a	Discussion of the strengths and limitations in your approach to this case	Page 8, 9 Line 240-261
	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature.	Page 9-11 Line 263-327
	11c	The rationale for conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	Page 11-12 Line 329-347
	11d	The primary "take-away" lessons of this case report	Page 4 Line 105-113
	12	When appropriate the patient should share their perspective on the treatments they received	Not applicable
	13	Did the patient give informed consent? Please provide if requested	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>