

## CARE Checklist – 2016

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### Phrenic Nerve Displacement by Intrapericardial Balloon Inflation during Epicardial Ablation of Ventricular Tachycardia: Case Series and Review of Literature

Topic	Item	Checklist item description	Line/Page
<b>Title</b>	<b>1</b>	The words “case report” should be in the title along with the area of focus	1
<b>Key Words</b>	<b>2</b>	Four to seven key words—include “case report” as one of the key words	8/4
<b>Abstract</b>	<b>3a</b>	Background: What does this case report add to the medical literature?	7-8/3
	<b>3b</b>	Case summary: chief complaint, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes	11-21/3
	<b>3c</b>	Conclusion: What is the main “take-away” lesson from this case?	3-6/4
<b>Introduction</b>	<b>4</b>	The current standard of care and contributions of this case—with references	2-9/5
<b>Timeline</b>	<b>5</b>	Information from this case report organized into a timeline (table or figure)	—
<b>Patient Information</b>			
	<b>6a</b>	De-identified demographic and other patient or client specific information	2-4/7, 22-23/7, 15-17/8, 6-9/9
	<b>6b</b>	Chief complaint—what prompted this visit?	—
	<b>6c</b>	Relevant history including past interventions and outcomes	2-4/7, 22-23/7, 15-17/8, 6-9/9
<b>Physical Exam</b>	<b>7</b>	Relevant physical examination findings	2-4/7, 22-23/7, 15-17/8, 6-9/9
<b>Diagnostic Assessment</b>			
	<b>8a</b>	Evaluations such as surveys, laboratory testing, imaging, etc.	4-8/7, 25/7 1-2/8, 17-21/8, 9-11/9
	<b>8b</b>	Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered and challenges	10-11/6
	<b>8c</b>	Consider tables or figures linking assessment, diagnoses and interventions	—
	<b>8d</b>	Prognostic characteristics where applicable	—
<b>Interventions</b>			
	<b>9a</b>	Types such as life-style recommendations, treatments, medications, surgery	21-24/5, 1-24/6
	<b>9b</b>	Intervention administration such as dosage, frequency and duration	—

**9c** Note changes in intervention with explanation \_\_\_\_\_

**9d** Other concurrent interventions \_\_\_\_\_

### **Follow-up and Outcomes**

**10a** Clinician assessment (and patient or client assessed outcomes when appropriate) \_\_\_\_\_

**10b** Important follow-up diagnostic evaluations 18-19/7, 11-12/8, 2-3/9

**10c** Assessment of intervention adherence and tolerability, including adverse events 23-24/6

### **Discussion**

**11a** Strengths and limitations in your approach to this case 6-9/10, 1-3/11

**11b** Specify how this case report informs practice or Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) \_\_\_\_\_

**11c** How does this case report suggest a testable hypothesis? \_\_\_\_\_

**11d** Conclusions and rationale 6-11/11

### **Patient Perspective**

**12** When appropriate include the assessment of the patient or client on this episode of care \_\_\_\_\_

### **Informed Consent**

**13** Informed consent from the person who is the subject of this case report is required by most journals

### **Additional Information**

**14** Acknowledgement section; Competing Interests; IRB approval when required \_\_\_\_\_

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