



## CARE Checklist – 2016: Information for writing a case report

Topic	Item	Checklist item description	Line/Page
<b>Title</b>	1	The words “case report” should be in the title along with the area of focus	<u>1/1</u>
<b>Key Words</b>	2	Four to seven key words—include “case report” as one of the key words	<u>23/2</u>
<b>Abstract</b>	3a	Background: What does this case report add to the medical literature?	<u>9/2</u>
	3b	Case summary: chief complaint, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes	<u>11-20/2</u>
	3c	Conclusion: What is the main “take-away” lesson from this case?	<u>23-25/2</u>
<b>Introduction</b>	4	The current standard of care and contributions of this case—with references (1-2 paragraphs)	<u>11-14/4</u>
<b>Timeline</b>	5	Information from this case report organized into a timeline (table or figure)	<u>23/4</u>
<b>Patient Information</b>	6a	De-identified demographic and other patient or client specific information	<u>30/4, 4/5</u>
	6b	Chief complaint—what prompted this visit?	<u>1-3/4, 4-6/5</u>
	6c	Relevant history including past interventions and outcomes	<u>9-20/5</u>
<b>Physical Exam</b>	7	Relevant physical examination findings	<u>1-3/6</u>
<b>Diagnostic Assessment</b>	8a	Evaluations such as surveys, laboratory testing, imaging, etc.	<u>6-7, 10-16/6</u>
	8b	Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered and challenges	<u>19-20/6</u>
	8c	Consider tables or figures linking assessment, diagnoses and interventions	<u>7, 12, 14, 16/6</u>
	8d	Prognostic characteristics where applicable	<u>12-16/6</u>
<b>Interventions</b>	9a	Types such as life-style recommendations, treatments, medications, surgery	<u>26-28/6</u>
	9b	Intervention administration such as dosage, frequency and duration	<u>11-16/7</u>
	9c	Note changes in intervention with explanation	<u>19-21/7</u>
	9d	Other concurrent interventions	<u>23-25/6</u>
<b>Follow-up and Outcomes</b>	10a	Clinician assessment (and patient or client assessed outcomes when appropriate)	<u>26-29/7</u>
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic evaluations	<u>26-29/7</u>
	10c	Assessment of intervention adherence and tolerability, including adverse events	<u>26-29/7</u>
<b>Discussion</b>	11a	Strengths and limitations in your approach to this case	<u>5, 11/10</u>
	11b	Specify how this case report informs practice or Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG)	<u>1-16/9, 1-4/10</u>
	11c	How does this case report suggest a testable hypothesis?	<u>21-23/9</u>
	11d	Conclusions and rationale	<u>13-19/10</u>
<b>Patient Perspective</b>	12	When appropriate include the assessment of the patient or client on this episode of care	<u>28-29/7</u>
<b>Informed Consent</b>	13	Informed consent from the person who is the subject of this case report is required by most journals	<u>25-27/4</u>
<b>Additional Information</b>	14	Acknowledgement section; Competing Interests; IRB approval when required	<u>/</u>