



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

Topic	Item	Checklist item description	Line/Page
Title Key Words	1	The words "case report" should be in the title along with the area of focus	3
	2	Four to seven key words—include "case report" as one of the key words	40
Abstract	3a	Background: What does this case report add to the medical literature?	62
	3b	Case summary: chief complaint, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes	64-67, 106-109, 103, 104
	3c	Conclusion: What is the main "take-away" lesson from this case?	176-178, 115-117
Introduction	4	The current standard of care and contributions of this case—with references (1-2 paragraphs)	98-105, 110-117
Timeline	5	Information from this case report organized into a timeline (table or figure)	not available
Patient Information	6a	De-identified demographic and other patient or client specific information	64
	6b	Chief complaint—what prompted this visit?	65-67
	6c	Relevant history including past interventions and outcomes	67-68
Physical Exam	7	Relevant physical examination findings	75-76
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Evaluations such as surveys, laboratory testing, imaging, etc.	70-74, 75-76
	8b	Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered and challenges	81-93
	8c	Consider tables or figures linking assessment, diagnoses and interventions	Fig. 1-3
	8d	Prognostic characteristics where applicable	115-117
Interventions	9a	Types such as life-style recommendations, treatments, medications, surgery	79-81, 103-106
	9b	Intervention administration such as dosage, frequency and duration	79-81, 103-105
	9c	Note changes in intervention with explanation	81-82, 110-113
	9d	Other concurrent interventions	113-115
Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician assessment (and patient or client assessed outcomes when appropriate)	115-120
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic evaluations	121-126
	10c	Assessment of intervention adherence and tolerability, including adverse events	115-117
Discussion	11a	Strengths and limitations in your approach to this case	158-161
	11b	Specify how this case report informs practice or Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG)	176-178
	11c	How does this case report suggest a testable hypothesis?	not available
	11d	Conclusions and rationale	176-178
Patient Perspective	12	When appropriate include the assessment of the patient or client on this episode of care	126-127
Informed Consent	13	Informed consent from the person who is the subject of this case report is required by most journals	In the Files uploaded
Additional Information	14	Acknowledgement section; Competing Interests; IRB approval when required	205-206, 218-219