

CARE Checklist of information to include when writing a case report



Topic	Item	Checklist item description	Reported on Line
Title Key Words Abstract no references)	1	The diagnosis or intervention of primary focus followed by the words "case report"	page 1 / line 1
	2	2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report" ...	2 / 22
	3a	Introduction: What is unique about this case and what does it add to the scientific literature?	1 / 25
	3b	Main symptoms and/or important clinical findings	2 / 2
Introduction	3c	The main diagnoses, therapeutic interventions, and outcomes	2 / 2
	3d	Conclusion—What is the main "take-away" lesson(s) from this case?	2 / 13
	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique (may include references)	3 / 9
	5a	De-identified patient specific information	4 / 12
Patient Information	5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient	4 / 17
	5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information	4 / 12
	5d	Relevant past interventions with outcomes	5 / 11
	6	Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings	5 / 15
Clinical Findings	7	Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline	4 / 17
	8a	Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys)	5 / 15
	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)	6 / 5
	8c	Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)	6 / 5
Timeline Diagnostic assessment	8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	6 / 8
	9a	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	6 / 8
	9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	6 / 8
	9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)	6 / 8
Therapeutic intervention	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)	7 / 10
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	6 / 8
	10c	Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)	6 / 8
	10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	6 / 8
Follow-up and outcomes	11a	A scientific discussion of the strengths AND limitations associated with this case report	7 / 16
	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature with references	7 / 16
	11c	The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	7 / 16
	11d	The primary "take-away" lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion	7 / 16
Discussion	12	The patient should share their perspective in one to two paragraphs on the treatment(s) they received	7 / 10
	13	Did the patient give informed consent? Please provide if requested	7 / 10
Patient Perspective			
Informed Consent			