



# 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	line 1
	2	Four to seven key words—include "case report" as one of the key words	line 23
			line 4
Abstract	3a	Background: What does this case report add to the medical literature?	line 9
	3b	Case summary: chief complaint, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes	line 19
	3c	Conclusion: What is the main "take-away" lesson from this case?	line 36
Introduction	4	The current standard of care and contributions of this case—with references (1-2 paragraphs)	
Timeline	5	Information from this case report organized into a timeline (table or figure)	
Patient Information	6a	De-identified demographic and other patient or client specific information	lines 50-51
	6b	Chief complaint—what prompted this visit?	line 44
	6c	Relevant history including past interventions and outcomes	line 51
Physical Exam	7	Relevant physical examination findings	line 56
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Evaluations such as surveys, laboratory testing, imaging, etc.	line 59
	8b	Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered and challenges	line 66
	8c	Consider tables or figures linking assessment, diagnoses and interventions	line 69
	8d	Prognostic characteristics where applicable	line 76
Interventions	9a	Types such as life-style recommendations, treatments, medications, surgery	line 89
	9b	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)	line 69
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic evaluations	line 78
	10c	Assessment of intervention adherence and tolerability, including adverse events	line 85
Discussion	11a	Strengths and limitations in your approach to this case	line 105
	11b	Specify how this case report informs practice or Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG)	line 140
	11c	How does this case report suggest a testable hypothesis?	line 141
	11d	Conclusions and rationale	line 147
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	see informed consent statement line 150