



CARE Checklist – 2016: Information for writing a case report

Topic	Item	Checklist item description	Line/Page
Title	1	The words “case report” should be in the title along with the area of focus	line 5-6/page 1
Key Words	2	Four to seven key words—include “case report” as one of the key words	line 21-22/page 3
Abstract	3a	Background: What does this case report add to the medical literature?	line 3-6/page 3
	3b	Case summary: chief complaint, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes	line 9-13/page 3
	3c	Conclusion: What is the main “take-away” lesson from this case?	line 16-19/page 3
Introduction	4	The current standard of care and contributions of this case—with references (1-2 paragraphs)	line 10-14/page 4; line 4-6/page 5
Timeline	5	Information from this case report organized into a timeline (table or figure)	line 2/page 16; line 4/page 17
Patient Information	6a	De-identified demographic and other patient or client specific information	line 12-13/page 5
	6b	Chief complaint—what prompted this visit?	line 12-13/page 5
	6c	Relevant history including past interventions and outcomes	line 16-20/page 5
Physical Exam	7	Relevant physical examination findings	line 23-24/page 5
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Evaluations such as surveys, laboratory testing, imaging, etc.	line 27/page 5-line 2/page 6
	8b	Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered and challenges	line 5-9/page 6
	8c	Consider tables or figures linking assessment, diagnoses and interventions	line 2/page 16
	8d	Prognostic characteristics where applicable	line 27/page 5-line 2/page 6
Interventions	9a	Types such as life-style recommendations, treatments, medications, surgery	line 12/page 6-line 14/page 7
	9b	Intervention administration such as dosage, frequency and duration	line 12-24/page 6
	9c	Note changes in intervention with explanation	line 12/page 6-line 14/page 7
	9d	Other concurrent interventions	line 10-15/page 7
Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician assessment (and patient or client assessed outcomes when appropriate)	line 26/page 7-line 5/page 8
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic evaluations	line 6-14/page 8
	10c	Assessment of intervention adherence and tolerability, including adverse events	line 26/page 7
Discussion	11a	Strengths and limitations in your approach to this case	line 7-12/page 10
	11b	Specify how this case report informs practice or Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG)	line 2-7/page 9
	11c	How does this case report suggest a testable hypothesis?	line 2-16/page 9
	11d	Conclusions and rationale	line 7-12/page 10
Patient Perspective	12	When appropriate include the assessment of the patient or client on this episode of care	line 4-5/page 8
Informed Consent	13	Informed consent from the person who is the subject of this case report is required by most journals	line 2-3/page 14
Additional Information	14	Acknowledgement section; Competing Interests; IRB approval when required	line 7-8/page 13