



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 4
Key Words	2	Four to seven key words—include “case report” as one of the key words	line 65
Abstract	3a	Background: What does this case report add to the medical literature?	line 44
	3b	Case summary: chief complaint, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes	line 50
	3c	Conclusion: What is the main “take-away” lesson from this case?	line 62
Introduction	4	The current standard of care and contributions of this case—with references (1-2 paragraphs)	line 81
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	line 113/162/192
	6b	Chief complaint—what prompted this visit?	line 141/163/193
	6c	Relevant history including past interventions and outcomes	line 118-134/164/192
Physical Exam	7	Relevant physical examination findings	line 122/168/196
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Evaluations such as surveys, laboratory testing, imaging, etc.	line 126/171/199
	8b	Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered and challenges	line 166
	8c	Consider tables or figures linking assessment, diagnoses and interventions	--
	8d	Prognostic characteristics where applicable	--
Interventions	9a	Types such as life-style recommendations, treatments, medications, surgery	line 134/183/210
	9b	Intervention administration such as dosage, frequency and duration	line 34/183/210
	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)	--
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic evaluations	line 152/186/210
	10c	Assessment of intervention adherence and tolerability, including adverse events	--
Discussion	11a	Strengths and limitations in your approach to this case	--
	11b	Specify how this case report informs practice or Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG)	--
	11c	How does this case report suggest a testable hypothesis?	--
	11d	Conclusions and rationale	line 315
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	line 430
Additional Information	14	Acknowledgement section; Competing Interests; IRB approval when required	line 322