



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	line5-6/page 1
Key Words	2	Four to seven key words—include “case report” as one of the key words	line31/page3
Abstract	3a	Background: What does this case report add to the medical literature?	line3-9/page3
	3b	Case summary: chief complaint, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes	line12-25/page3
	3c	Conclusion: What is the main “take-away” lesson from this case?	line28-29/page3
Introduction	4	The current standard of care and contributions of this case—with references (1-2 paragraphs)	line3-25/page5
Timeline	5	Information from this case report organized into a timeline (table or figure)	line1-11/page24
Patient Information	6a	De-identified demographic and other patient or client specific information	NA
	6b	Chief complaint—what prompted this visit?	line18-19/page6
	6c	Relevant history including past interventions and outcomes	NA
Physical Exam	7	Relevant physical examination findings	NA
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Evaluations such as surveys, laboratory testing, imaging, etc.	line21-30/page6
	8b	Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered and challenges	NA
	8c	Consider tables or figures linking assessment, diagnoses and interventions	line1-9/page26
	8d	Prognostic characteristics where applicable	NA
Interventions	9a	Types such as life-style recommendations, treatments, medications, surgery	line15-31/page7; line1-29/page8
	9b	Intervention administration such as dosage, frequency and duration	line15-31/page7; line1-29/page8
	9c	Note changes in intervention with explanation	line15-31/page7; line1-29/page8
	9d	Other concurrent interventions	NA
Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician assessment (and patient or client assessed outcomes when appropriate)	line27-30/page9
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic evaluations	line1-26/page9
	10c	Assessment of intervention adherence and tolerability, including adverse events	line21-22/page7
Discussion	11a	Strengths and limitations in your approach to this case	line27-31/page10-line1-16/page12 ; line17-31/page12-line1-31/page13
	11b	Specify how this case report informs practice or Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG)	line1-2/page9
	11c	How does this case report suggest a testable hypothesis?	line22-31/page13
	11d	Conclusions and rationale	line22-31/page13; line1-3/page14
Patient Perspective	12	When appropriate include the assessment of the patient or client on this episode of care	NA
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	