



## CARE Checklist – 2016: Information to consider when writing a case report

Topic	Item	Checklist item description	
<b>Title</b>	<b>1</b>	The words “case report” should be in the title along with the area of focus	P2
<b>Key Words</b>	<b>2</b>	Four to seven key words—including “case report” as a key word	P2
<b>Abstract</b>	<b>3a</b>	Background: What does this case report add to the medical literature	P2
	<b>3b</b>	Case summary (1 paragraph): chief complaint, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes	P2
	<b>3c</b>	Conclusion: What are the main “take-away” lessons from this case?	P2
<b>Introduction</b>	<b>4</b>	How does this case informs healthcare delivery—with references (1-2 paragraphs)	P2-3
<b>Timeline</b>	<b>5</b>	Relevant information from this case report organized into a timeline (table or figure)	P11
<b>Patient Information</b>	<b>6a</b>	De-identified demographic and other patient specific information	P2-3
	<b>6b</b>	Chief complaint (what prompted this patient visit)	P3
	<b>6c</b>	Relevant medical and psychosocial history (including interventions and outcomes)	P3-4
<b>Physical Exam</b>	<b>7</b>	Relevant physical examination findings	P3-4
<b>Diagnostic Assessment</b>	<b>8a</b>	Diagnostic evaluations (such as laboratory testing, imaging, surveys)	P3-4
	<b>8b</b>	Diagnoses (consider tables/figures linking assessment with diagnoses and interventions)	P8-10
	<b>8c</b>	Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered and diagnostic challenges	P3-4
	<b>8d</b>	Prognostic characteristics (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	P3
<b>Interventions</b>	<b>9a</b>	Types of intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	P3
	<b>9b</b>	Intervention administration (such as dosage, strength, duration)	P3-4
	<b>9c</b>	Changes in intervention (with rationale)	P3-4
	<b>9d</b>	Other concurrent interventions	P3-4
<b>Follow-up and Outcomes</b>	<b>10a</b>	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (when appropriate)	P4
	<b>10b</b>	Important follow-up diagnostic evaluations	P4
	<b>10c</b>	Assessment of intervention adherence and tolerability	P4
	<b>10d</b>	Adverse and unanticipated events	P4
<b>Discussion</b>	<b>11a</b>	Strengths and limitations in your approach to this case—with references	P5
	<b>11b</b>	Conclusions and rationale (including possible causes for outcomes)	P5
<b>Patient Perspective</b>	<b>12</b>	When appropriate include the patient’s perspective on this episode of care	P2-4
<b>Informed Consent</b>	<b>13</b>	Patient informed consent is likely to be required by a journal (or your institution) prior to publication	P2
<b>Other</b>	<b>14</b>	IRB approval as indicated or needed; Acknowledgement section; Competing Interests; Funding	P1