



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	5
Key Words	2	Four to seven key words—include “case report” as one of the key words	64-65
Abstract	3a	Background: What does this case report add to the medical literature?	40-46
	3b	Casesummary: chief complaint, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes	48-57
	3c	Conclusion: What is the main “take-away” lesson from this case?	59-61
Introduction	4	The current standard of care and contributions of this case—with references (1-2 paragraphs)	60-61
Timeline	5	Information from this case report organized into a timeline (table or figure)	531-532
Patient Information	6a	De-identified demographic and other patient or client specific information	84-87
	6b	Chief complaint—what prompted this visit?	92-93
	6c	Relevant history including past interventions and outcomes	96-125
Physical Exam	7	Relevant physical examination findings	136-147
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Evaluations such as surveys, laboratory testing, imaging, etc.	149-187
	8b	Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered and challenges	102-104
	8c	Consider tables or figures linking assessment, diagnoses and interventions	531-532
	8d	Prognostic characteristics where applicable	193-201
Interventions	9a	Types such as life-style recommendations, treatments, medications, surgery	130-134
	9b	Intervention administration such as dosage, frequency and duration	193-201
	9c	Note changes in intervention with explanation	201-207
	9d	Other concurrent interventions	201-208
Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician assessment (and patient or client assessed outcomes when appropriate)	204-209
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic evaluations	208-209
	10c	Assessment of intervention adherence and tolerability, including adverse events	207-209
Discussion	11a	Strengths and limitations in your approach to this case	386-390
	11b	Specify how this case report informs practice or Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG)	384-386
	11c	How does this case report suggest a testable hypothesis?	387-380
	11d	Conclusions and rationale	367-390
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	495-496
Additional Information	14	Acknowledgement section; Competing Interests; IRB approval when required	498-499