



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	1-2 / 1
	2	Four to seven key words—include "case report" as one of the key words	4-5 / 2
Abstract	3a	Background: What does this case report add to the medical literature?	21-33 / 2
	3b	Case summary: chief complaint, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes	79-91 / 4
	3c	Conclusion: What is the main "take-away" lesson from this case?	47-49 / 2
Introduction	4	The current standard of care and contributions of this case—with references (1-2 paragraphs)	64-76 / 3
Timeline	5	Information from this case report organized into a timeline (table or figure)	80 / 3
Patient Information	6a	De-identified demographic and other patient or client specific information	84-91 / 4
	6b	Chief complaint—what prompted this visit?	80-81 / 3
	6c	Relevant history including past interventions and outcomes	84-91 / 4
Physical Exam	7	Relevant physical examination findings	101-106 / 4
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Evaluations such as surveys, laboratory testing, imaging, etc.	109-112 / 4
	8b	Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered and challenges	123-126 / 5
	8c	Consider tables or figures linking assessment, diagnoses and interventions	132-135 / 6
	8d	Prognostic characteristics where applicable	161-162 / 6
Interventions	9a	Types such as life-style recommendations, treatments, medications, surgery	165-169 / 6
	9b	Intervention administration such as dosage, frequency and duration	165-170 / 6-7
	9c	Note changes in intervention with explanation	165-169 / 6
	9d	Other concurrent interventions	170-171 / 7
Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician assessment (and patient or client assessed outcomes when appropriate)	180-184 / 7
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic evaluations	182-183 / 7
	10c	Assessment of intervention adherence and tolerability, including adverse events	186-188 / 7
Discussion	11a	Strengths and limitations in your approach to this case	196-197 / 7
	11b	Specify how this case report informs practice or Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG)	220-224 / 8
	11c	How does this case report suggest a testable hypothesis?	242-244 / 9
	11d	Conclusions and rationale	260-265 / 10
Patient Perspective	12	When appropriate include the assessment of the patient or client on this episode of care	277-278 / 10
Informed Consent	13	Informed consent from the person who is the subject of this case report is required by most journals	277-378 / 15
Additional Information	14	Acknowledgement section; Competing Interests; IRB approval when required	268-270 / 10