



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/Page1
Key Words	2	Four to seven key words—include “case report” as one of the key words	Line48-49/Page2
Abstract	3a	Background: What does this case report add to the medical literature?	Line28-33/Page2
	3b	Case summary: chief complaint, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes	Line36-43/Page2
	3c	Conclusion: What is the main “take-away” lesson from this case?	Line46-47/Page2
Introduction	4	The current standard of care and contributions of this case—with references (1-2 paragraphs)	Line63-75/Page4
Timeline	5	Information from this case report organized into a timeline (table or figure) <small>Line/Page</small>	Line432-441/Page18
Patient Information	6a	De-identified demographic and other patient or client specific information	Line84-85/Page4
	6b	Chief complaint—what prompted this visit?	Line84-85/Page4
	6c	Relevant history including past interventions and outcomes	Line88-105/Page4-5
Physical Exam	7	Relevant physical examination findings	Line112-113/Page5
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Evaluations such as surveys, laboratory testing, imaging, etc.	Line116-117/Page5
	8b	Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered and challenges	Line120-124/Page6
	8c	Consider tables or figures linking assessment, diagnoses and interventions	Line412-430/Page16-17
	8d	Prognostic characteristics where applicable	Line166-175/Page7
Interventions	9a	Types such as life-style recommendations, treatments, medications, surgery	Line131/Page6
	9b	Intervention administration such as dosage, frequency and duration	Line131-134/Page6
	9c	Note changes in intervention with explanation	Line132/Page6
	9d	Other concurrent interventions	Line132-134/Page6
Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician assessment (and patient or client assessed outcomes when appropriate)	Line143-145/Page6
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic evaluations	Line143-145/Page6
	10c	Assessment of intervention adherence and tolerability, including adverse events	Line143-145/Page6
Discussion	11a	Strengths and limitations in your approach to this case	Line148-165/Page6-7
	11b	Specify how this case report informs practice or Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG)	Line176-246/Page7-10
	11c	How does this case report suggest a testable hypothesis?	Line174-175/Page7
	11d	Conclusions and rationale	Line249-254/Page10
Patient Perspective	12	When appropriate include the assessment of the patient or client on this episode of care	Line230-231/Page9
Informed Consent	13	Informed consent from the person who is the subject of this case report is required by most journals	Line382-383/Page15
Additional Information	14	Acknowledgement section; Competing Interests; IRB approval when required	Line385-386/Page15