



CARE Checklist – 2016: Information for writing a case report

| Topic | Item | Checklist item description | Line/Page |
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| Title | 1 | The words “case report” should be in the title along with the area of focus | __ 1 __ |
| Key Words | 2 | Four to seven key words—include “case report” as one of the key words | __ 4 __ |
| Abstract | 3a | Background: What does this case report add to the medical literature? | __ 3 __ |
| | 3b | Case summary: chief complaint, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes | __ 3 __ |
| | 3c | Conclusion: What is the main “take-away” lesson from this case? | __ 3 __ |
| Introduction | 4 | The current standard of care and contributions of this case—with references (1-2 paragraphs) | __ 4 __ |
| Timeline | 5 | Information from this case report organized into a timeline (table or figure) | __ 4 __ |
| Patient Information | 6a | De-identified demographic and other patient or client specific information | __ 4 __ |
| | 6b | Chief complaint—what prompted this visit? | __ 5 __ |
| | 6c | Relevant history including past interventions and outcomes | __ 5 __ |
| Physical Exam | 7 | Relevant physical examination findings | __ 5 __ |
| Diagnostic Assessment | 8a | Evaluations such as surveys, laboratory testing, imaging, etc. | __ 6 __ |
| | 8b | Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered and challenges | __ 6 __ |
| | 8c | Consider tables or figures linking assessment, diagnoses and interventions | __ 6 __ |
| | 8d | Prognostic characteristics where applicable | __ 6 __ |
| Interventions | 9a | Types such as life-style recommendations, treatments, medications, surgery | __ 7 __ |
| | 9b | Intervention administration such as dosage, frequency and duration | __ 7 __ |
| | 9c | Note changes in intervention with explanation | __ 7 __ |
| | 9d | Other concurrent interventions | __ 7 __ |
| Follow-up and Outcomes | 10a | Clinician assessment (and patient or client assessed outcomes when appropriate) | __ 7 __ |
| | 10b | Important follow-up diagnostic evaluations | __ 8 __ |
| | 10c | Assessment of intervention adherence and tolerability, including adverse events | __ 8 __ |
| Discussion | 11a | Strengths and limitations in your approach to this case | __ 9 __ |
| | 11b | Specify how this case report informs practice or Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) | __ 11 __ |
| | 11c | How does this case report suggest a testable hypothesis? | __ 12 __ |
| | 11d | Conclusions and rationale | __ 13 __ |
| Patient Perspective | 12 | When appropriate include the assessment of the patient or client on this episode of care | __ 18 __ |
| Informed Consent | 13 | Informed consent from the person who is the subject of this case report is required by most journals | __ 18 __ |
| Additional Information | 14 | Acknowledgement section; Competing Interests; IRB approval when required | __ 18 __ |