



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	4/1
	2	Four to seven key words—include "case report" as one of the key words	45-46/2
Abstract	3a	Background: What does this case report add to the medical literature?	28-29/1-2
	3b	Case summary: chief complaint, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes	32-40/2
	3c	Conclusion: What is the main "take-away" lesson from this case?	42-44/2
Introduction	4	The current standard of care and contributions of this case—with references (1-2 paragraphs)	56-71/2-3
Timeline	5	Information from this case report organized into a timeline (table or figure)	76-84/3
Patient Information	6a	De-identified demographic and other patient or client specific information	76-88/3-4
	6b	Chief complaint—what prompted this visit?	78-79/3
	6c	Relevant history including past interventions and outcomes	80-82/3-4
Physical Exam	7	Relevant physical examination findings	92-97/4
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Evaluations such as surveys, laboratory testing, imaging, etc.	99-110/4
	8b	Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered and challenges	79-112/4
	8c	Consider tables or figures linking assessment, diagnoses and interventions	88-89/3-4
	8d	Prognostic characteristics where applicable	90-93/4-5
Interventions	9a	Types such as life-style recommendations, treatments, medications, surgery	114-175/4-5
	9b	Intervention administration such as dosage, frequency and duration	126-128/5
	9c	Note changes in intervention with explanation	114-125/4-5
	9d	Other concurrent interventions	114-128/4-5
Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician assessment (and patient or client assessed outcomes when appropriate)	130-134/5
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic evaluations	130-134/5
	10c	Assessment of intervention adherence and tolerability, including adverse events	130-134/5
Discussion	11a	Strengths and limitations in your approach to this case	224-255/8-9
	11b	Specify how this case report informs practice or Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG)	193-207/7-8
	11c	How does this case report suggest a testable hypothesis?	208-225/8
	11d	Conclusions and rationale	256-264/9-10
Patient Perspective	12	When appropriate include the assessment of the patient or client on this episode of care	245-255/9
Informed Consent	13	Informed consent from the person who is the subject of this case report is required by most journals	277-307/12
Additional Information	14	Acknowledgement section; Competing Interests; IRB approval when required	266/10, 379-380/12