**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 \_L29, P2\_\_\_\_

**Key Words**

**2** Four to seven key words—include “case report” as one of the key words \_L44, P2\_\_\_

**Abstract**

**3a** Background: What does this case report add to the medical literature? \_\_L130, P6\_\_

**3b** Case summary: chief complaint, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes \_\_L47, P2\_\_

**3c** Conclusion: What is the main “take-away” lesson from this case? \_\_L177, P7\_\_

**Introduction**

**4** The current standard of care and contributions of this case—with references (1-2 paragraphs) \_\_L160, P6\_\_\_

**Timeline**

**5** Information from this case report organized into a timeline (table or figure) \_L92,114, P4,5\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Patient Information**

**6a** De-identified demographic and other patient or client specific information \_L47, P2\_\_\_

**6b** Chief complaint—what prompted this visit? L50, P2\_\_

**6c** Relevant history including past interventions and outcomes \_L48, P2\_\_

**Physical Exam**

**7** Relevant physical examination findings \_L116, P5\_\_\_

**Diagnostic 8a** Evaluations such as surveys, laboratory testing, imaging, etc. \_\_L108, P4\_\_\_\_\_

**Assessment 8b** Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered and challenges \_\_L124, L5\_\_\_

**8c** Consider tables or figures linking assessment, diagnoses and interventions \_\_N/A\_\_\_

**8d** Prognostic characteristics where applicable \_\_L140, P6\_\_\_

**Interventions**

**9a** Types such as life-style recommendations, treatments, medications, surgery \_L118, P5\_\_

**9b** Intervention administration such as dosage, frequency and duration \_L119, P5\_\_\_

**9c** Note changes in intervention with explanation \_\_L127, P6\_\_\_

**9d** Other concurrent interventions \_N/A\_\_

**Follow-up and Outcomes**

**10a** Clinician assessment (and patient or client assessed outcomes when appropriate) \_\_L127, P6\_

**10b** Important follow-up diagnostic evaluations L127, P9\_\_\_\_\_

**10c** Assessment of intervention adherence and tolerability, including adverse events L126, P6\_\_\_

**Discussion**

**11a** Strengths and limitations in your approach to this case \_\_L151, P6\_\_\_

**11b** Specify how this case report informs practice or Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**11c** How does this case report suggest a testable hypothesis? \_\_L172, P7\_\_

**11d** Conclusions and rationale \_L177, P7\_\_

**Patient Perspective**

**12** When appropriate include the assessment of the patient or client on this episode of care \_\_L118, P5\_\_\_

**Informed Consent**

**13** Informed consent from the person who is the subject of this case report is required by most journals \_\_Sent in separate form\_\_

**Additional Information**

**14** Acknowledgement section; Competing Interests; IRBapproval when required \_L185, P7\_\_

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