



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	line1 page1
Key Words	2	Four to seven key words—include “case report” as one of the key words	line43 page3
Abstract	3a	Background: What does this case report add to the medical literature?	line9 page2
	3b	Case summary: chief complaint, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes	line18 page2
	3c	Conclusion: What is the main “take-away” lesson from this case?	page3 line37
Introduction	4	The current standard of care and contributions of this case—with references (1-2 paragraphs)	line56 page4
Timeline	5	Information from this case report organized into a timeline (table or figure)	line87 page5
Patient Information	6a	De-identified demographic and other patient or client specific information	line92 page5
	6b	Chief complaint—what prompted this visit?	line88 page5
	6c	Relevant history including past interventions and outcomes	line110 page6
Physical Exam	7	Relevant physical examination findings	line122 page7
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Evaluations such as surveys, laboratory testing, imaging, etc.	line132, 136 page7
	8b	Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered and challenges	line18, 37 page3
	8c	Consider tables or figures linking assessment, diagnoses and interventions	page22
	8d	Prognostic characteristics where applicable	No applicable
Interventions	9a	Types such as life-style recommendations, treatments, medications, surgery	line164 page9
	9b	Intervention administration such as dosage, frequency and duration	line164 page9
	9c	Note changes in intervention with explanation	line164 page9
	9d	Other concurrent interventions	line164 page9
Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician assessment (and patient or client assessed outcomes when appropriate)	line172 page9
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic evaluations	line172 page9
	10c	Assessment of intervention adherence and tolerability, including adverse events	line172 page9
Discussion	11a	Strengths and limitations in your approach to this case	line178 page9-15
	11b	Specify how this case report informs practice or Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG)	line178 page9-15
	11c	How does this case report suggest a testable hypothesis?	line178 page9-15
	11d	Conclusions and rationale	line37 page3
Patient Perspective	12	When appropriate include the assessment of the patient or client on this episode of care	line164 page9
Informed Consent	13	Informed consent from the person who is the subject of this case report is required by most journals	line326 page16
Additional Information	14	Acknowledgement section; Competing Interests; IRB approval when required	line311 page16