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**CARE Checklist – 2016: Information for writing a case report**

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**Title 1** The words “case report” should be in the title along with the area of focus2/1

**Key Words 2** Four to seven key words—include “case report” as one of the key words 62/2

**Abstract 3a** Background: What does this case report add to the medical literature? 40-44/2

**3b** Case summary: chief complaint, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes 46-53/2

**3c** Conclusion: What is the main “take-away” lesson from this case? 55-59/2

**Introduction 4** The current standard of care and contributions of this case—with references (1-2 paragraphs) 70-78/3

**Timeline 5** Information from this case report organized into a timeline (table or figure) n/a

**Patient Information 6a** De-identified demographic and other patient or client specific information 82-83/3

**6b** Chief complaint—what prompted this visit? 82-83/3

**6c** Relevant history including past interventions and outcomes 86-88/3,

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**Physical Exam 7** Relevant physical examination findings 97-100/4

**Diagnostic 8a** Evaluations such as surveys, laboratory testing, imaging, etc. 102-112/4

**Assessment 8b** Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered and challenges 117-141/5,

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**8c** Consider tables or figures linking assessment, diagnoses and interventions 372-373/15,

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**8d** Prognostic characteristics where applicable 237-238/14

**Interventions 9a** Types such as life-style recommendations, treatments, medications, surgery 117-141/5,

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**9b** Intervention administration such as dosage, frequency and duration 117-141/5,

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**9c** Note changes in intervention with explanation 117-141/5,

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**Follow-up and 10a** Clinician assessment (and patient or client assessed outcomes when appropriate) 164-166/6

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**10c** Assessment of intervention adherence and tolerability, including adverse events 164-166/6

**Discussion 11a** Strengths and limitations in your approach to this case 178-181/8

**11b** Specify how this case report informs practice or Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) 178-185/8

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**11d** Conclusions and rationale 236-247/9

**Patient Perspective 12** When appropriate include the assessment of the patient or client on this episode of care n/a

**Informed Consent 13** Informed consent from the person who is the subject of this case report is required by most journals 259-262/10

**Additional Information 14** Acknowledgement section; Competing Interests; IRB approval when required 254-264/10