



CARE Checklist 2016: Information for writing a case report

Topic	Item	Checklist item description	LinePage
Title	1	The words “case report” should be in the title along with the area of focus	Line 1 / Page 1
Key Words	2	Four to seven key words—include “case report” as one of the key words	Lines 21-22 / Page 3
Abstract	3a	Background: What does this case report add to the medical literature?	Lines 2-6 / Page 3
	3b	Case summary: chief complaint, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes	Lines 7 -16 / Page 3
	3c	Conclusion: What is the main “take-away” lesson from this case?	Lines 17-19 / Page 3
Introduction	4	The current standard of care and contributions of this case—with references (1-2 paragraphs)	Lines 1-30 / Page 4
Timeline	5	Information from this case report organized into a timeline (table or figure)	
Patient Information	6a	De-identified demographic and other patient or client specific information	Lines 5 -12 / Page 5
	6b	Chief complaint—what prompted this visit?	Lines 5 -12 / Page 5
	6c	Relevant history including past interventions and outcomes	Lines 5 -12 / Page 5
Physical Exam	7	Relevant physical examination findings	Lines 14-18/ Page 5
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Evaluations such as surveys, laboratory testing, imaging, etc.	Lines 20-28/ Page 5
	8b	Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered and challenges	Lines 1 - 6 / Page 6
	8c	Consider tables or figures linking assessment, diagnoses and interventions	Page 13 / Fig. 1, 2
	8d	Prognostic characteristics where applicable	Not Applicable
Intervention	9a	Types such as life-style recommendations, treatments, medications, surgery	Lines 2 -6 / Page 6
	9b	Intervention administration such as dosage, frequency and duration	Not Applicable
	9c	Note changes in intervention with explanation	Not Applicable
	9d	Other concurrent interventions	Not Applicable
Followup and Outcomes	10a	Clinician assessment (and patient or client assessed outcomes when appropriate)	Lines 5- 6 / Page 6
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic evaluations	Lines 5-6/ Page 6
	10c	Assessment of intervention adherence and tolerability, including adverse events	Not Applicable
Discussion	11a	Strengths and limitations in your approach to this case	Discussion / Page 7,8,9
	11b	Specify how this case report informs practice or Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG)	Discussion/ Page 7,8,9
	11c	How does this case report suggest a testable hypothesis?	Discussion/ Page 7,8,9
	11d	Conclusions and rationale	Conclusion/ Page 9
Patient Perspective	12	When appropriate include the assessment of the patient or client on this episode of care	Not Applicable
Informed Consent	13	Informed consent from the person who is the subject of this case report is required by most journals	The ethics committee approved an exemption from informed consent
Additional Information	14	Acknowledgement section; Competing Interests; IRB approval when required	Line 6/ Page 10