



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	___1/1___
Key Words	2	Four to seven key words—include “case report” as one of the key words	___20/2___
Abstract	3a	Background: What does this case report add to the medical literature?	___ 2/2___
	3b	Case summary: chief complaint, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes	___ 6/2___
	3c	Conclusion: What is the main “take-away” lesson from this case?	___15/2___
Introduction	4	The current standard of care and contributions of this case—with references (1-2 paragraphs)	___1/3___
Timeline	5	Information from this case report organized into a timeline (table or figure)	___1/3___
Patient Information	6a	De-identified demographic and other patient or client specific information	___NA___
	6b	Chief complaint—what prompted this visit?	___13/3___
	6c	Relevant history including past interventions and outcomes	___18/3___
Physical Exam	7	Relevant physical examination findings	___4/4___
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Evaluations such as surveys, laboratory testing, imaging, etc.	___18/4___
	8b	Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered and challenges	___19/4___
	8c	Consider tables or figures linking assessment, diagnoses and interventions	___15/4___
	8d	Prognostic characteristics where applicable	___NA___
Interventions	9a	Types such as life-style recommendations, treatments, medications, surgery	___4/5___
	9b	Intervention administration such as dosage, frequency and duration	___4/5___
	9c	Note changes in intervention with explanation	___2/5___
	9d	Other concurrent interventions	___NA___
Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician assessment (and patient or client assessed outcomes when appropriate)	___5/5___
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic evaluations	___9/5___
	10c	Assessment of intervention adherence and tolerability, including adverse events	___10/5___
Discussion	11a	Strengths and limitations in your approach to this case	3-8/7___
	11b	Specify how this case report informs practice or Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG)	4-7/6___
	11c	How does this case report suggest a testable hypothesis?	27/6___
	11d	Conclusions and rationale	___10/7___
Patient Perspective	12	When appropriate include the assessment of the patient or client on this episode of care	___NA___
Informed Consent	13	Informed consent from the person who is the subject of this case report is required by most journals	11/8___
Additional Information	14	Acknowledgement section; Competing Interests; IRB approval when required	19/7
			14/8___