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 **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 3-4/1

**Key Words 2** Four to seven key words—include “case report” as one of the key words 11/2

**Abstract 3a** Background: What does this case report add to the medical literature? 20-24/1

 **3b** Case summary: chief complaint, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes 3-5/2

 **3c** Conclusion: What is the main “take-away” lesson from this case? 6-9/2

**Introduction 4** The current standard of care and contributions of this case—with references (1-2 paragraphs) 20/2–6/3

**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 9-11/3

 **6b** Chief complaint—what prompted this visit? 9-11/3

 **6c** Relevant history including past interventions and outcomes 12-15/3

**Physical Exam 7** Relevant physical examination findings 16-20/3

**Diagnostic 8a** Evaluations such as surveys, laboratory testing, imaging, etc. 21/3-9/4

**Assessment 8b** Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered and challenges 10-14/4

 **8c** Consider tables or figures linking assessment, diagnoses and interventions 5-17/4

 **8d** Prognostic characteristics where applicable N/A

**Interventions 9a** Types such as life-style recommendations, treatments, medications, surgery 18/4-1/5

 **9b** Intervention administration such as dosage, frequency and duration N/A

 **9c** Note changes in intervention with explanation N/A

 **9d** Other concurrent interventions N/A

**Follow-up and 10a** Clinician assessment (and patient or client assessed outcomes when appropriate) 2-5/5

**Outcomes 10b** Important follow-up diagnostic evaluations 2-5/5

 **10c** Assessment of intervention adherence and tolerability, including adverse events N/A

**Discussion 11a** Strengths and limitations in your approach to this case 7/5-14/7

 **11b** Specify how this case report informs practice or Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) 7/5-14/7

 **11c** How does this case report suggest a testable hypothesis? 7/5-14/7

 **11d** Conclusions and rationale 15-17/7

**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 N/A

**Additional Information 14** Acknowledgement section; Competing Interests; IRB approval when required N/A