



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	<u>Page1/Line6</u>
Key Words	2	Four to seven key words—include “case report” as one of the key words	<u>Page4/Line82-83</u>
Abstract	3a	Background: What does this case report add to the medical literature?	<u>Page3/Line52-59</u>
	3b	Case summary: chief complaint, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes	<u>Page3/Line61-76</u>
	3c	Conclusion: What is the main “take-away” lesson from this case?	<u>Page3-4/Line79-80</u>
Introduction	4	The current standard of care and contributions of this case—with references (1-2 paragraphs)	<u>Page4-5/Line95-115</u>
Timeline	5	Information from this case report organized into a timeline (table or figure)	<u>NA</u>
Patient Information	6a	De-identified demographic and other patient or client specific information	<u>Page5/Line119,121</u>
	6b	Chief complaint—what prompted this visit?	<u>Page5/Line119-122</u>
	6c	Relevant history including past interventions and outcomes	<u>Page5-6/Line124-139</u>
Physical Exam	7	Relevant physical examination findings	<u>Page6/Line151-154</u>
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Evaluations such as surveys, laboratory testing, imaging, etc.	<u>Page6-7/Line156-178</u>
	8b	Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered and challenges	<u>Page7/Line180-183</u>
	8c	Consider tables or figures linking assessment,Page1/Line6	<u>NA</u>
	8d	diagnoses and interventions Prognostic characteristics where applicable	<u>Page8/Line212-220</u>
Interventions	9a		<u>Page7-8/Line186-211</u>
	9b	Types such as life-style recommendations, treatments, medications, surgery	<u>Page7/Line187-189</u>
	9c	Intervention administration such as dosage, frequency and duration	<u>NA</u>
	9d	Note changes in intervention with explanation Other concurrent interventions	<u>NA</u>
Follow-up and Outcomes	10a		<u>Page8/Line213-221</u>
	10b	Clinician assessment (and patient or client assessed outcomes when appropriate)	<u>Page8/Line217,221</u>
	10c	Important follow-up diagnostic evaluations Assessment of intervention adherence and tolerability, including adverse events	<u>NA</u>
Discussion	11a		<u>Page10/Line286-287</u>
	11b	Strengths and limitations in your approach to this case	<u>Page13/Line361-363</u>
	11c	Specify how this case report informs practice or Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG)	<u>Page9/Line243-250</u>
	11d	How does this case report suggest a testable hypothesis? Conclusions and rationale	<u>Page13/Line361-363</u>
Patient Perspective	12		<u>NA</u>
Informed Consent	13	When appropriate include the assessment of the patient or client on this episode of care	<u>Page22/Line525-527</u>
Additional Information	14	Informed consent from the person who is the subject of this case report is required by most journals	<u>Page22/Line529-530</u>
		Acknowledgement section; Competing Interests; IRB approval when required	