



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> 3/1 </u>
Key Words	2	Four to seven keywords—include “case report” as one of the keywords	<u> 13/2 </u>
Abstract	3a	Background:What does this case report add to the medical literature?	<u> 21/1 </u>
	3b	Case summary: chief complaint, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes	<u> 21/3 </u>
	3c	Conclusion:What is the main “take-away” lesson from this case?	<u> 19/7 </u>
Introduction	4	The current standard of care and contributions of this case—with references(1-2paragraphs)	<u> 29/2 </u>
Timeline	5	Information from this case report organized into a timeline (table or figure)	<u> 1/11 </u>
Patient Information	6a	De-identified demographic and other patient or client specific information	<u> 25/1 </u>
	6b	Chief complaint—what prompted this visit?	<u> 24/3 </u>
	6c	Relevant history including past interventions and outcomes	<u> 20/4 </u>
Physical Exam	7	Relevant physical examination findings	<u> 27/4 </u>
Diagnostic	8a	Evaluations such as surveys, laboratory testing, imaging, etc.	<u> 11/5 </u>
Assessment	8b	Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered and challenges	<u> 9/4 </u>
	8c	Consider tables or figures linking assessment, diagnoses and interventions	<u> 1/13 </u>
	8d	Prognostic characteristics where applicable	<u> 18/7 </u>
Interventions	9a	Types such as life-style recommendations, treatments, medications, surgery	<u> 23/5 </u>
	9b	Intervention administration such as dosage, frequency and duration	<u> 23/5 </u>
	9c	Note changes in intervention with explanation	<u> 25/5 </u>
	9d	Other concurrent interventions	<u> 5/6 </u>
Follow-up and	10a	Clinician assessment(and patient or client assessed outcomes when appropriate)	<u> 25/5 </u>
Outcomes	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic evaluations	<u> 9/6 </u>
	10c	Assessment of intervention adherence and tolerability, including adverse events	<u> 6/6 </u>
Discussion	11a	Strengths and limitations in your approach to this case	<u> 23/7 </u>
	11b	Specify how this case report informs practice or Clinical Practice Guide lines(CPG)	<u> 22/7 </u>
	11c	How does this case report suggest a testable hypothesis?	<u> 21/7 </u>
	11d	Conclusions and rationale	<u> 21/7 </u>
Patient Perspective	12	When appropriate include the assessment of the patient or client on this episode of care	<u> none </u>
Informed Consent	13	Informed consent from the person who is the subject of this case report is required by most journals	<u> 25/9 </u>
Additional Information	14	Acknowledgement section; Competing Interests; IRB approval when required	<u> 28/9 </u>