



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	line6/page1
Key Words	2	Four to seven key words—include “case report” as one of the key words	line27,28/page4
Abstract	3a	Background: What does this case report add to the medical literature?	line2-9/page3
	3b	Case summary: chief complaint, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes	line10-22/page3
	3c	Conclusion: What is the main “take-away” lesson from this case?	line23-25/page4
Introduction	4	The current standard of care and contributions of this case—with references (1-2 paragraphs)	line36-53/page4,5
Timeline	5	Information from this case report organized into a timeline (table or figure)	page15,16
Patient Information	6a	De-identified demographic and other patient or client specific information	line59/page5 & line105/page7
	6b	Chief complaint—what prompted this visit?	line59-61/page5 &
	6c	Relevant history including past interventions and outcomes	line105,106/page7
Physical Exam	7	Relevant physical examination findings	line64-74/page6 & line115-126/page8
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Evaluations such as surveys, laboratory testing, imaging, etc.	line64-74/page6 &
	8b	Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered and challenges	line115-126/page8
	8c	Consider tables or figures linking assessment, diagnoses and interventions	_____
	8d	Prognostic characteristics where applicable	_____
Interventions	9a	Types such as life-style recommendations, treatments, medications, surgery	_____
	9b	Intervention administration such as dosage, frequency and duration	line76-96/page6,7 &
	9c	Note changes in intervention with explanation	line128-145/page9
	9d	Other concurrent interventions	_____
Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician assessment (and patient or client assessed outcomes when appropriate)	_____
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic evaluations	line98-101/page7 &
	10c	Assessment of intervention adherence and tolerability, including adverse events	line147-149/page9
Discussion	11a	Strengths and limitations in your approach to this case	_____
	11b	Specify how this case report informs practice or Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG)	line157-199/page11,12
	11c	How does this case report suggest a testable hypothesis?	_____
	11d	Conclusions and rationale	line201-204/page12,13
Patient Perspective	12	When appropriate include the assessment of the patient or client on this episode of care	_____
Informed Consent	13	Informed consent from the person who is the subject of this case report is required by most journals	line23/page1
Additional Information	14	Acknowledgement section; Competing Interests; IRB approval when required	line206-208/page13