



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	Line2 Page1
KeyWords	2	Four to seven key words—include “case report” as one of the key words	Line21 Page2
Abstract	3a	Background: What does this case report add to the medical literature?	Line3 Page2
	3b	Case summary: chief complaint, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes	Line10 Page2
	3c	Conclusion: What is the main “take-away” lesson from this case?	Line19 Page2
Introduction	4	The current standard of care and contributions of this case—with references(1-2paragraphs)	Line7 Page3
Timeline	5	Information from this case report or ganized in to a time line(table or figure)	
PatientInformation	6a	De-identified demographic and other patient or client specific information	Line5 Page4
	6b	Chief complaint—what prompted this visit?	Line8 Page4
	6c	Relevant history including past interventions and outcomes	
Physical Exam	7	Relevant physical examination findings	Line2 Page5
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Evaluations such as surveys, laboratory testing, imaging, etc.	Line5 Page5
	8b	Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered and challenges	
	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	Line22 Page16
	9b	Intervention administration such as dosage, frequency and duration	
	9c	Note changes in intervention with explanation	
	9d	Other concurrent interventions	
Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician assessment (and patient or client assessed outcomes when appropriate)	Line3 Page7
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic evaluations	
	10c	Assessment of intervention adherence and tolerability, including adverse events	
Discussion	11a	Strengths and limitations in your approach to this case	Line7 Page7
	11b	Specify how this case report inform spracticeor Clinical Practice Guidelines(CPG)	
	11c	How does this case report suggest at estable hypothesis?	
	11d	Conclusions and rationale	
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	
Additional Information	14	Acknowledgement section; Competing Interests; IRB approval when required	