



CARE Checklist – 2016: Information for writing a case report

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Topic	Item	Checklist item description	Line/Page
Title Key Words	1	The words "case report" should be in the title along with the area of focus	6/1
	2	Four to seven key words—include "case report" as one of the key words	29/80/4
			20/21/4
Abstract	3a	Background: What does this case report add to the medical literature?	8/3/4
	3b	Case summary: chief complaint, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes	8/4/1
	3c	Conclusion: What is the main "take-away" lesson from this case?	9/243/110.1/269/3/4
Introduction	4	The current standard of care and contributions of this case—with references (1-2 paragraphs)	3 figures
Timeline	5	Information from this case report organized into a timeline (table or figure)	P. 6
Patient Information	6a	De-identified demographic and other patient or client specific information	8/24/29/P. 6
	6b	Chief complaint—what prompted this visit?	14/1-103/P. 6/3
	6c	Relevant history including past interventions and outcomes	123-139/P. 6
Physical Exam	7	Relevant physical examination findings	145-181/P. 28
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Evaluations such as surveys, laboratory testing, imaging, etc.	187-202
	8b	Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered and challenges	187-202
	8c	Consider tables or figures linking assessment, diagnoses and interventions	187-202
	8d	Prognostic characteristics where applicable	187-202
Interventions	9a	Types such as life-style recommendations, treatments, medications, surgery	1.153/P. 10
	9b	Intervention administration such as dosage, frequency and duration	1.245-223/P. 9
	9c	Note changes in intervention with explanation	187-202
	9d	Other concurrent interventions	187-202
Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician assessment (and patient or client assessed outcomes when appropriate)	1.153/P. 10
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic evaluations	1.245-223/P. 9
	10c	Assessment of intervention adherence and tolerability, including adverse events	187-202
Discussion	11a	Strengths and limitations in your approach to this case	1.153/P. 10
	11b	Specify how this case report informs practice or Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG)	1.245-223/P. 9
	11c	How does this case report suggest a testable hypothesis?	187-202
	11d	Conclusions and rationale	187-202
Patient Perspective	12	When appropriate include the assessment of the patient or client on this episode of care	1.153/P. 10
Informed Consent	13	Informed consent from the person who is the subject of this case report is required by most journals	1.245-223/P. 9
Additional Information	14	Acknowledgement section; Competing Interests; IRB approval when required	187-202