

CARE Checklist of information to include when writing a case report





Topic	Item	Checklist item description	Reported on Line
Title	1	The diagnosis or intervention of primary focus followed by the words "case report"	Line 1-2
Key Words	2	2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report"	Line 26-27
Abstract	3a	Introduction: What is unique about this case and what does it add to the scientific literature?	Line 18-19
(no references)	3b	Main symptoms and/or important clinical findings	Line 19-23
	3c	The main diagnoses, therapeutic interventions, and outcomes	Line 19-23
	3d	Conclusion—What is the main "take-away" lesson(s) from this case?	Line 24-25
Introduction	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique (may include references)	Line 29-37
Patient Information	5a	De-identified patient specific information	Line 39-44
	5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient	Line 39-44
	5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information	Line 39-83
	5d	Relevant past interventions with outcomes	Line 39-83
Clinical Findings	6	Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings	Line 45-51
Timeline	7	Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline	Figure 5
Diagnostic	8a	Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys).	Line 45-77
Assessment	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)	
	8c	Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)	Line 39-83
	8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	Line 78-83
Therapeutic	9a	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	Line 78-83
Intervention	9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	Line 78-83
	9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)	Line 78-83
Follow-up and	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)	
Outcomes	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	Line 78-83
	10c	Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)	Line 78-83
	10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	Line 78-83
Discussion	11a	A scientific discussion of the strengths AND limitations associated with this case report	Line 85-140
	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature with references.	Line 85-140
	11c	The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	Line 85-140
	11d	The primary "take-away" lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion	Line 135-140
Patient Perspective	12	The patient should share their perspective in one to two paragraphs on the treatment(s) they received	Line 78-83
Informed Consent	13	Did the patient give informed consent? Please provide if requested	Yes 🔽 No 🗌

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