

CARE Checklist of information to include when writing a case report



Topic	Item No	Checklist item description	Reported on Page Number/Line Number	Reported on Section/Paragraph
Title	1	The diagnosis or intervention of primary focus followed by the words "case report"	2-3, 16-17	Title
Key Words	2	2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report"	14	Title
Abstract (no references)	3a	Introduction: What is unique about this case and what does it add to the scientific literature?	37-39	Abstract/paragraph 2
	3b	Main symptoms and/or important clinical findings	30-33	Abstract/ paragraph 1
	3c	The main diagnoses, therapeutic interventions, and outcomes	33-35	Abstract/ paragraph 1
Introduction	3d	Conclusion — What is the main "take-away" lesson(s) from this case?	39-43	Abstract/ paragraph 2
	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique (may include references)	68-73	Introduction/ Paragraph 3
Patient Information	5a	De-identified patient specific information	75-76	Case Presentation/ Paragraph 1
	5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient	75-80	Case Presentation/ Paragraph 1
	5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information	76-77, 80-81	Case Presentation/ Paragraph 1
	5d	Relevant past interventions with outcomes	76-77	Case Presentation/ Paragraph 1
Clinical Findings	6	Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings	81-82	Case Presentation/ Paragraph 1
Timeline	7	Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline	234	Figure 3
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys).	84-89	Case Presentation/ Paragraph 1
	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)	N/A	N/A
	8c	Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)	90	Case Presentation/ Paragraph 1
	8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	93-94	Case Presentation/ Paragraph 2
Therapeutic Intervention	9a	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	91-92	Case Presentation/ Paragraph 2
	9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	99-106	Case Presentation/ Paragraph 2
	9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)	N/A	N/A

Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)	114-116	Case Presentation/ Paragraph 3
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	115-118	Case Presentation/ Paragraph 3
	10c	Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)	119-121	Case Presentation/ Paragraph 3
	10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	120-121	Case Presentation/ Paragraph 3
Discussion	11a	A scientific discussion of the strengths AND limitations associated with this case report	165-179	Discussion/ Paragraph 4
	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature with references	124-139	Discussion/ Paragraphs 1-2
	11c	The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	155-162	Discussion/ Paragraph 2
	11d	The primary “take-away” lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion	181-189	Conclusion/ Paragraph 1
Patient Perspective	12	The patient should share their perspective in one to two paragraphs on the treatment(s) they received	N/A	N/A
Informed Consent	13	Did the patient give informed consent? Please provide if requested	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

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 *As the checklist was provided upon initial submission, the page number/line number reported may be changed due to copyediting and may not be referable in the published version. In this case, the section/paragraph may be used as an alternative reference.