CARE case report guidelines

CARE Checklist of information to include when writing a case report

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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”	Page1/line1-3	Title/Para1
Key Words	2	2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report"	Page1/line18	Key Words/Para1
Abstract (no references)	3a	Introduction: What is unique about this case and what does it add to the scientific literature?	Page2/line40-43	Abstract/Para1
	3b	Main symptoms and/or important clinical findings	Page2/line25-26	Abstract/Para1
	3c	The main diagnoses, therapeutic interventions, and outcomes	Page2/line30-40	Abstract/Para1
	3d	Conclusion—What is the main “take-away” lesson(s) from this case?	Page2/line40-43	Abstract/Para1
Introduction	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique **(may include references)**	Page3/line56-74	Introduction/Para1,2
Patient Information	5a	De-identified patient specific information	Page3/line78	Case presentation/Para1
	5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient	Page4/line79-80	Case presentation/Para1
	5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information	Page4/line80-82	Case presentation/Para1
	5d	Relevant past interventions with outcomes	Page4/line81-82	Case presentation/Para1
Clinical Findings	6	Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings	Page4/line83-90	Case presentation/Para2
Timeline	7	Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline	Page5/line129-130	Case presentation/Para5
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys).	Page4/line93-100	Case presentation/Para3
	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)	Page4/line97	Case presentation/Para3
	8c	Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)	Page4-5/line91-92,113	Case presentation/Para3-4
	8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	Page5/line125-127	Case presentation/Para5
Therapeutic Intervention	9a	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	Page5/line115-124	Case presentation/Para5
	9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	Page5/line116	Case presentation/Para5
	9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)	Page5/line122-123	Case presentation/Para5

Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)	Page5/line125-127	Case presentation/Para5
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	Page5/line124	Case presentation/Para5
	10c	Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)	Page5/line125	Case presentation/Para5
	10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	Page5/line127	Case presentation/Para 5
Discussion	11a	A scientific discussion of the strengths AND limitations associated with this case report	Page8/line219-222	Discussion/Para8
	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature **with references**	Page5-8/line137-218	Discussion/Para1-7
	11c	The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	Page7-8/line179-218	Discussion/Para5-7
	11d	The primary "take-away" lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion	Page8-9/line223-230	Discussion/Para9
Patient Perspective	12	The patient should share their perspective in one to two paragraphs on the treatment(s) they received	Page5/Page127-129	Case presentation/Para5
Informed Consent	13	Did the patient give informed consent? Please provide if requested	**Yes** ☑	**No** ☐

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