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”	1/2-3	Title
Key Words	2	2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report"	3/59	Keywords
Abstract (no references)	3a	Introduction: What is unique about this case and what does it add to the scientific literature?	3/54-57	abstract
	3b	Main symptoms and/or important clinical findings	3/51-53	abstract
	3c	The main diagnoses, therapeutic interventions, and outcomes	3/54-55	abstract
	3d	Conclusion—What is the main “take-away” lesson(s) from this case?	3/56-57	abstract
Introduction	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique **(may include references)**	4/69-71	introduction/1
Patient Information	5a	De-identified patient specific information	4/74-81	case description/1
	5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient	4/74-76	case description/1
	5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information	4/76-79	case description/1
	5d	Relevant past interventions with outcomes	4/76-79	case description/1
Clinical Findings	6	Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings	4/74-76	case description/1
Timeline	7	Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline	Figure 1	Figure 1
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys).	4-5/88-98	Pathologic Findings/2
	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)	4-5/88-98	Pathologic Findings/2
	8c	Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)	5/97-102	Pathologic Findings/2
	8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	5/112-115	Adjuvant Tx/3
Therapeutic Intervention	9a	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	5/106-111	Adjuvant Tx/3
	9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	5/106-111	Adjuvant Tx/3
	9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)	n/a	n/a

Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)	5/111-112	Follow up/3
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	5-6/112-117	Follow up/3
	10c	Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)	5/111-112	Follow up/3
	10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	n/a	n/a
Discussion	11a	A scientific discussion of the strengths AND limitations associated with this case report	7/140-157	Discussion/3
	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature **with references**	6/119-125, 7/144-148	Discussion/1,3
	11c	The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	6-7/131-139	Discussion/2
	11d	The primary “take-away” lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion	8/160-164	Conclusion/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** ✔	**No**

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