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/line1-2	Title
Key Words	2	2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report"	Page2/line41-42	Key Words
Abstract (no references)	3a	Introduction: What is unique about this case and what does it add to the scientific literature?	Page2/line21-26	Abstract
	3b	Main symptoms and/or important clinical findings	Page2/line26-27	Abstract
	3c	The main diagnoses, therapeutic interventions, and outcomes	Page2/line27-33	Abstract
	3d	Conclusion—What is the main “take-away” lesson(s) from this case?	Page2/line38-39	Abstract
Introduction	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique **(may include references)**	Page3/line45-55	Introduction/Para1
Patient Information	5a	De-identified patient specific information	Page5/line91	Presentation/Para1
	5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient	Page5/line110-111	Presentation/Para2
	5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information	Page4/line92-95	Presentation/Para1
	5d	Relevant past interventions with outcomes	Page4-5/line96-100	Presentation/Para1
Clinical Findings	6	Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings	Page5/line111-112	Presentation/Para2
Timeline	7	Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline	Page4/line94-95	Presentation/Para1
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys).	Page5/line111-118	Presentation/Para2
	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)	N/A	
	8c	Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)	N/A	
	8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	Page5/line105-107	Presentation/Para1
Therapeutic Intervention	9a	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	Page5-6/line124-125	Presentation/Para2
	9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	Page5-6/line124-125	Presentation/Para2
	9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)	N/A	Presentation/Para2

Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)	Page6-7/line124-131	Presentation/Para2
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	Page6-7/line124-131	Presentation/Para2-3
	10c	Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)	Page7/line126-127	Presentation/Para2
	10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	Page7/line130	Presentation/Para2
Discussion	11a	A scientific discussion of the strengths AND limitations associated with this case report	Page6-7/line151-152,	Disscussion/Para1
	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature **with references**	Page7/line153-156	Disscussion/Para2
	11c	The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	Page7-8/line170-179	Disscussion/Para3
	11d	The primary "take-away" lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion	Page8/line184-187	Disscussion/Para4
Patient Perspective	12	The patient should share their perspective in one to two paragraphs on the treatment(s) they received	Page6/line130-131	Presentation/Para2
Informed Consent	13	Did the patient give informed consent? Please provide if requested	**Yes** ☑	**No** ☐

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