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/line 1-2	Title
Key Words	2	2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report"	Page2/line 9-10	Key words
Abstract (no references)	3a	Introduction: What is unique about this case and what does it add to the scientific literature?	Page1/line 20-22	Abstract/Para1
	3b	Main symptoms and/or important clinical findings	Page2/line 1-4	Abstract/Para1
	3c	The main diagnoses, therapeutic interventions, and outcomes	Page2/line 4-6	Abstract/Para1
	3d	Conclusion—What is the main “take-away” lesson(s) from this case?	Page2/line 6-9	Abstract/Para1
Introduction	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique **(may include references)**	Page4/line 8-10	Introduction/Para2
Patient Information	5a	De-identified patient specific information	Page4/line 18 and	Case presentation/Para1,2
	5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient	Page4/line 21-22 and page	Case presentation/Para1
	5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information	Page4/line 18-22	Case presentation/Para1
	5d	Relevant past interventions with outcomes	Page4/line 18 and page	Case presentation/Para1
Clinical Findings	6	Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings	Page4/line 1-8	Case presentation/Para1
Timeline	7	Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline	Page4/line 18-22 and	Case presentation/Para1
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys).	Page4/line 3-8	Case presentation/Para1
	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)	Page5/line 11 and	Case presentation/Para1,2
	8c	Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)	Page4/line 20 and Page	Case presentation/Para1,2
	8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	Page 5/line 11	Case presentation/Para1
Therapeutic Intervention	9a	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	Page6/line 7	Case presentation/Para3
	9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	Page6/line 9-22 and	Case presentation/Para3
	9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)	Page 7/line8-13	Case presentation/Para4

Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)	Page7/line 17-18	Case presentation/Para4
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	Page 7/line 7-17	Case presentation/Para4
	10c	Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)	Page7/line 17-18	Case presentation/Para4
	10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	Page7/line 14-15	Case presentation/Para4
Discussion	11a	A scientific discussion of the strengths AND limitations associated with this case report	Page9/line16-18 and page	Discussion/Para3
	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature **with references**	Page7/line 21-22,	Discussion/Para1,2
	11c	The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	Page10/line 18-22 and	Discussion/Para4
	11d	The primary "take-away" lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion	Page11/line 3-5	Discussion/Para5
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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