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”	1/2	Title/Para1
Key Words	2	2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report"	2/40	Keywords/Para2
Abstract (no references)	3a	Introduction: What is unique about this case and what does it add to the scientific literature?	2/24,25	Abstract/Para1
	3b	Main symptoms and/or important clinical findings	2/20,21,22	Abstract/Para1
	3c	The main diagnoses, therapeutic interventions, and outcomes	2/21,22,23	Abstract/Para1
	3d	Conclusion—What is the main “take-away” lesson(s) from this case?	2/34,35,36,37	Abstract/Para1
Introduction	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique **(may include references)**	3/42-51	Introduction/Para1
Patient Information	5a	De-identified patient specific information	3/59,60	Case presentation/Para1
	5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient	3,4/ 60-67	Case presentation/Para1,2
	5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information	N/A	N/A
	5d	Relevant past interventions with outcomes	3/61,62	Case presentation/Para1
Clinical Findings	6	Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings	3/59,60,61	Case presentation/Para1
Timeline	7	Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline	N/A	N/A
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys).	4/64-76	Case presentation/Para2,3
	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)	N/A	N/A
	8c	Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)	4/64-66, 68-76	Case presentation/Para2,3
	8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	N/A	N/A
Therapeutic Intervention	9a	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	4/77-85	Case presentation/Para4
	9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	5/86	Case presentation/Para5
	9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)	N/A	N/A

Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)	N/A	N/A
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	N/A	N/A
	10c	Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)	N/A	N/A
	10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	5/92,93	Case presentation/Para5
Discussion	11a	A scientific discussion of the strengths AND limitations associated with this case report	6/118,119,120	Discussion /Para3
	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature **with references**	5,6/98-130	Discussion /Para1,2,3,4
	11c	The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	7/139-144	Discussion /Para7
	11d	The primary "take-away" lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion	7/139-144	Discussion /Para7
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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