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, 2-3	Title
Key Words	2	2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report"	2, 43-44	Key Words
Abstract (Structured summary)	3a	Background: state what is known and unknown; why the case report is unique and what it adds to existing literature.	1, 20-25	Abstract
	3b	Case Description: describe the patient’s demographic details, main symptoms, history, important clinical findings, the main diagnosis, interventions, outcomes and follow-ups.	1, 26-2, 38	Abstract
	3c	Conclusions: summarize the main take-away lesson, clinical impact and potential implications.	2, 39-42	Abstract
Introduction	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique **(may include references)**	2, 47-3, 71	Introduction, 1-2
Patient Information	5a	De-identified patient specific information	3, 74-75	Case presentation, 1
	5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient	3, 76-78	Case presentation, 1
	5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information	n/a	n/a
	5d	Relevant past interventions with outcomes	3, 78-82	Case presentation, 1
Clinical Findings	6	Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings	3, 83-91	Case presentation, 2
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).	3, 83-91	Case presentation, 2
	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)	n/a	n/a
	8c	Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)	3, 83-91	Case presentation, 2
	8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	3, 83-91	Case presentation, 2
Therapeutic Intervention	9a	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	3, 92-4, 122	Case presentation, 3-5
	9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	3, 92-4, 122	Case presentation, 3-5
	9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)	3, 92-4, 122	Case presentation, 3-5

Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)	4, 123-5, 138	Case presentation, 6
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	4, 123-5, 138	Case presentation, 6
	10c	Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)	4, 123-5, 138	Case presentation, 6
	10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	n/a	n/a
Discussion	11a	A scientific discussion of the strengths AND limitations associated with this case report	141-149	Discussion, 1
	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature **with references**	5.150-165	Discussion, 2
	11c	The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	5, 168-6, 192	Discussion, 3
	11d	The primary "take-away" lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion	6, 195-201	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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