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	Title
Key Words	2	2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report"	Page1/Line37-38	Key words
Abstract (no references)	3a	Introduction: What is unique about this case and what does it add to the scientific literature?	Page1/Line18-22	Abstract/Paragraph1
	3b	Main symptoms and/or important clinical findings	Page1/Line22-25	Abstract/Paragraph1
	3c	The main diagnoses, therapeutic interventions, and outcomes	Page1/Line25-Page2/Line	Abstract/Paragraph1
	3d	Conclusion—What is the main “take-away” lesson(s) from this case?	Page2/Line30-35	Abstract/Paragraph1
Introduction	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique **(may include references)**	Page2/Line42-57	IntroductionParagraph1-2
Patient Information	5a	De-identified patient specific information	Page3/Line 63	Case
	5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient	Page3/Line 64-67	Case
	5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information	Page3/Line 67-68	Case
	5d	Relevant past interventions with outcomes	Page3/Line 69-76	Case
Clinical Findings	6	Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings	Page3/Line 77-81	Case
Timeline	7	Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline	Page13/Line400,Page14/L	Timeline
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys).	Page3/Line 81-84	Case
	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)	Page3/Line 84-85	Case
	8c	Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)	Page3/Line 86-89	Case
	8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	Not applicable	There is no conclusive
Therapeutic Intervention	9a	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	Page3/Line	Presentation/Paragraph4
	9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	Page4/Line 97-101	Presentation/Paragraph4
	9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)	Page4/Line 96-97	Presentation/Paragraph4

Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)	Page4/Line 102	Presentation/Paragraph5
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	Page4/Line 102-103	Presentation/Paragraph5
	10c	Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)	Page4/Line 104	Presentation/Paragraph5
	10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	Page4/Line 104-108	Presentation/Paragraph5
Discussion	11a	A scientific discussion of the strengths AND limitations associated with this case report	Page4Line121-Page5/Line	Discussion/Paragraph1
	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature **with references**	Page5/Line131-Page7/Lin	Discussion/Paragraph2-8
	11c	The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	Page7/Line215-Page8/Lin	Discussion/Paragraph 9
	11d	The primary “take-away” lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion	Page8/Line 229-237	Discussion/Paragraph 9
Patient Perspective	12	The patient should share their perspective in one to two paragraphs on the treatment(s) they received	Page9/Line 241-242	Patient
Informed Consent	13	Did the patient give informed consent? Please provide if requested	**Yes** ☐	**No** ☐

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