

CARE Checklist of information to include when writing a case report



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"	Line 1	
Key Words	2	2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report"	Line 18	
Abstract (no references)	3a	Introduction: What is unique about this case and what does it add to the scientific literature?	Page 1 / Line 1-11	Abstract / Parag. 1
	3b	Main symptoms and/or important clinical findings	Page 1 / Line 9-14	Abstract / Parag. 1
	3c	The main diagnoses, therapeutic interventions, and outcomes	Page 1 / Line 9-15	Abstract / Parag. 1
	3d	Conclusion—What is the main "take-away" lesson(s) from this case?	Page 1 / Line 14-18	Abstract / Parag. 1
Introduction	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique (may include references)	Page 2 / Line 2-16	Introduction / Parag. 1-2
Patient Information	5a	De-identified patient specific information	Page 2-3 / Line 19-10	Case Presentation / Par. 1
	5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient	Page 3 / Line 17-20	Case Presentation / Par. 1
	5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information	Page 3 / Line 19-23	Case Presentation / Par. 1
	5d	Relevant past interventions with outcomes	Page 3 / Line 15-22	Case Presentation / Par. 1
Clinical Findings	6	Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings	Page 3 / Line 11-22	Case Presentation / Par. 1
Timeline	7	Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline	Page 9/ Figure 1	Figures
	8a	Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys).	Page 3 / Line 28-31	Case Presentation / Par. 2
	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)	Page 3 / Line 30-2	Case Presentation / Par. 2
	8c	Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)	Page 3 / Line 18-22	Case Presentation / Par. 1
Therapeutic Intervention	8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	Page 3/ Line 18-19	Case Presentation / Par. 1
	9a	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	Page 4 / Line 1-23	Case Presentation / Par. 3
	9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	Page 4 / Line 1-23	Case Presentation / Par. 3
	9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)	Page 4 / Line 1-23	Case Presentation / Par. 3

Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)	Page 4-5 / Line 14-2	Case Presentation / Par. 4
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	Page 4-5 / Line 14-2	Case Presentation / Par. 4
	10c	Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)	Page 4-5 / Line 14-2	Case Presentation / Par. 5
	10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	Page 5 / Line 3-6	Case Presentation / Par. 5
Discussion	11a	A scientific discussion of the strengths AND limitations associated with this case report	Page 6 / Line 7-19	Discussion / Par. 1
	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature with references	Page 5-6 / Line 12-6	Discussion / Par. 2
	11c	The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	Page 5-6 / Line 26-8	Discussion / Par. 3
	11d	The primary “take-away” lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion	Page 7 / Line 13-23	Conclusion / Par. 1
Patient Perspective	12	The patient should share their perspective in one to two paragraphs on the treatment(s) they received	Page 4 / Line 20-23	Case Presentation / Par. 5
Informed Consent	13	Did the patient give informed consent? Please provide if requested	Yes <input type="radio"/>	No <input checked="" type="radio"/>

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