

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"	1/2	Title/1
Key Words	2	2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report"	1/12	Keywords/1
Abstract (Structured summary)	3a	Background: state what is known and unknown; why the case report is unique and what it adds to existing literature.	1/17	Abstract/1
	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	Abstract/2
	3c	Conclusions: summarize the main take-away lesson, clinical impact and potential implications.	1/34	Abstract/3
Introduction	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique (may include references)	2/63	Intro/1
Patient Information	5a	De-identified patient specific information	3/115	Case Description/1
	5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient	3/120	Case Description/1
	5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information	3/117	Case Description/1
	5d	Relevant past interventions with outcomes	3/118	Case Description/1
Clinical Findings	6	Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings	3/120	Case Description/1
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).	3/126	Case Description/2
	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)	3/140	Case Description/2
	8c	Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)	3/127	Case Description/2
	8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	4/136	Case Description/2
Therapeutic Intervention	9a	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	4/137	Case Description/3
	9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	4/151	Case Description/5
	9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)	4/153	Case Description/5

Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)	4/143	Case Description/4
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	4/144	Case Description/4
	10c	Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)	4/161	Case Description/5
	10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	4/144	Case Description/4
Discussion	11a	A scientific discussion of the strengths AND limitations associated with this case report	4/164	Discussion/1
	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature with references	4/173	Discussion/2
	11c	The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	5/187	Discussion/2
	11d	The primary "take-away" lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion	5/210	Conclusion/1
Patient Perspective	12	The patient should share their perspective in one to two paragraphs on the treatment(s) they received	N/A	(patient unavialble)
Informed Consent	13	Did the patient give informed consent? Please provide if requested	Yes	No X

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