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 |
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| Title | 1 | The diagnosis or intervention of primary focus followed by the words “case report” | P1L1-3 | Title |
| Key Words | 2 | 2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report" | P2L40-41 | Keywords |
| Abstract (Structured summary) | 3a | Background: state what is known and unknown; why the case report is unique and what it adds to existing literature. | P1L18-20 | Abstract |
| | 3b | Case Description: describe the patient’s demographic details, main symptoms, history, important clinical findings, the main diagnosis, interventions, outcomes and follow-ups. | P1L21-P2L32 | Abstract |
| | 3c | Conclusions: summarize the main take-away lesson, clinical impact and potential implications. | P2L33-39 | Abstract |
| Introduction | 4 | One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique **(may include references)** | P3L45-57 | Introduction |
| Patient Information | 5a | De-identified patient specific information | P3L60 | Case presentation |
| | 5b | Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient | P3L62-P4L65 | Case presentation |
| | 5c | Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information | P3L61 | Case presentation |
| | 5d | Relevant past interventions with outcomes | P3L61 | Case presentation |
| Clinical Findings | 6 | Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings | P3L62-P4L65 | Case presentation |
| Timeline | 7 | Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline | P3L61 | Case presentation |
| Diagnostic Assessment | 8a | Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys). | P3L62-P4L81 | Case presentation |
| | 8b | Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural) | P4L66-81 | Case presentation |
| | 8c | Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered) | P4L73-81 | Case presentation |
| | 8d | Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable | P5L98-100 | Case presentation |
| Therapeutic Intervention | 9a | Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care) | P5L88-91 | Case presentation |
| | 9b | Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration) | P5L88-91 | Case presentation |
| | 9c | Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale) | P5L91-95 | Case presentation |

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| Follow-up and Outcomes | 10a | Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available) | P5L101-103 | Case presentation |
| | 10b | Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results | P5L101-103 | Case presentation |
| | 10c | Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?) | P5L88-103 | Case presentation |
| | 10d | Adverse and unanticipated events | P5L97 | Case presentation |
| Discussion | 11a | A scientific discussion of the strengths AND limitations associated with this case report | P6L112-P10L191 | Discussion |
| | 11b | Discussion of the relevant medical literature **with references** | P8L151-P10L191 | Discussion |
| | 11c | The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes) | P10L193-196 | Discussion |
| | 11d | The primary "take-away" lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion | P10L193-196 | Discussion |
| 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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