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”	Pg 1 / Ln 3-4	Title Page
Key Words	2	2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report"	Pg 1 / Ln 27-31	Abstract and 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.	Pg 2 / Ln 2-6	Abstract/ Paragraph 1
	3b	Case Description: describe the patient’s demographic details, main symptoms, history, important clinical findings, the main diagnosis, interventions, outcomes and follow-ups.	Pg 2 / Ln 7-16	Abstract/ Paragraph 2
	3c	Conclusions: summarize the main take-away lesson, clinical impact and potential implications.	Pg 2 / 17-19	Abstract/ Paragraph 3
Introduction	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique **(may include references)**	Pg 2 / Ln 21 - Pg 3 / Ln 14	Introduction/ Paragraph
Patient Information	5a	De-identified patient specific information	Pg 3 / Ln 18-21	Case Description /
	5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient	Pg 3 / Ln 21 - Pg 4 / Ln 2	Case Description /
	5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information	Pg 4 / Ln 2-5	Case Description /
	5d	Relevant past interventions with outcomes	N/A	N/A
Clinical Findings	6	Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings	Pg 4 / Ln 20 - Pg 5 / Ln 4	Case Description /
Timeline	7	Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline	Pg 5 / Ln 10 - 21	Case Description /
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys).	Pg 5 / Ln 5-9	Case Description /
	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)	N/A	N/A
	8c	Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)	Pg 4 / Ln 9-19	Case Description /
	8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	Pg 5 / Ln 17-21	Case Description /
Therapeutic Intervention	9a	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	Pg 5 / Ln 10 - 21	Case Description /
	9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	Pg 5 / Ln 10 - 18	Case Description /
	9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)	Pg 5 / Ln 14 - 17	Case Description /

Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)	Pg 5 / Ln 10-14	Case Description /
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	Pg 5 / Ln 14-18	Case Description /
	10c	Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)	Pg 5 / Ln 14-18	Case Description /
	10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	Pg 5 / Ln 18-21	Case Description /
Discussion	11a	A scientific discussion of the strengths AND limitations associated with this case report	Pg 6 / Ln 10 - Pg 9 / Ln 6	Discussion/ Paragraph 1
	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature **with references**	Pg 6 / Ln 10 - Pg 9 / Ln 6	Discussion/ Paragraph 1
	11c	The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	Pg 6 / Ln 11 - Pg 7 / Ln 6	Discussion/ Paragraph 2
	11d	The primary “take-away” lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion	Pg 10 / Ln 4 - 20	Discussion/ Paragraph 8
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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