

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"	3-4	Front page
Key Words	2	2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report"	25-26	Front page
Abstract (no references)	3a	Introduction: What is unique about this case and what does it add to the scientific literature?	37-39	Abstract
	3b	Main symptoms and/or important clinical findings	39-44	Abstract
	3c	The main diagnoses, therapeutic interventions, and outcomes	44-53	Abstract
	3d	Conclusion—What is the main "take-away" lesson(s) from this case?	53-55	Abstract
Introduction	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique (may include references)	58-64	Introduction
Patient Information	5a	De-identified patient specific information	70-85	Case presentation first +
	5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient	70-85	Case presentation first +
	5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information	70-85	Case presentation first +
	5d	Relevant past interventions with outcomes	70-85	Case presentation first +
Clinical Findings	6	Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings	70-85	Case presentation first +
Timeline	7	Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline	70-85	Case presentation first +
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys).	70-85	Case presentation first
	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)	70-85	Case presentation first +
	8c	Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)	70-85	Case presentation first +
	8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	70-85	Case presentation first +
Therapeutic Intervention	9a	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	85-100	Case presentation second +
	9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	85-100	Case presentation second +
	9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)	85-100	Case presentation second

Follow-up and	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)	85-100	Case presentation second
Outcomes	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	101-103	Case presentation third
	10c	Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)	101-103	Case presentation third +
	10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	101-103	Case presentation third
Discussion	11a	A scientific discussion of the strengths AND limitations associated with this case report	110-118	Discussion first para
	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature with references	120-145	Discussion first, second,
	11c	The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	120-145	Discussion first, second,
	11d	The primary "take-away" lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion	143-145	Discussion fourth para
Patient Perspective	12	The patient should share their perspective in one to two paragraphs on the treatment(s) they received		
Informed Consent	13	Did the patient give informed consent? Please provide if requested	Yes 🗸	No _

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