

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"	1/1	1
Key Words	2	2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report"	3/1	5
Abstract (Structured summary)	3a	Background: state what is known and unknown; why the case report is unique and what it adds to existing literature.	2/13	2
	3b	Case Description: describe the patient's demographic details, main symptoms, history, important clinical findings, the main diagnosis, interventions, outcomes and follow-ups.	2/18	3
	3c	Conclusions: summarize the main take-away lesson, clinical impact and potential implications.	2/32	4
Introduction	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique (may include references)	4/29	6
Patient Information	5a	De-identified patient specific information	5/12	9
	5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient	5/14	7
	5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information	5/12	7
	5d	Relevant past interventions with outcomes	N/A	N/A
Clinical Findings	6	Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings	5/16	7
Timeline	7	Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline	5/30	8
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys).	5/18	7
	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)	N/A	N/A
	8c	Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)	6/14	9
	8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	N/A	N/A
Therapeutic Intervention	9a	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	6/19	10
	9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	6/21	10
	9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)	6/25	10

Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)	N/A	N/A
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	6/13	10
	10c	Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)	N/A	N/A
	10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	N/A	N/A
Discussion	11a	A scientific discussion of the strengths AND limitations associated with this case report	7/32	13
	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature with references	7/14	11
	11c	The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	7/10	11
	11d	The primary "take-away" lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion	8/1	14
Patient Perspective	12	The patient should share their perspective in one to two paragraphs on the treatment(s) they received	6/27	10
Informed Consent	13	Did the patient give informed consent? Please provide if requested	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No

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