



CARE Checklist – 2016: Information for writing a case report

Topic	Item	Checklist item description	Line/ Page
Title	1	The words “case report” should be in the title along with the area of focus	page 1, line 2
Key Words	2	Four to seven key words — include “case report” as one of the key words	page 2, line 38-39
Abstract	3a	Background: What does this case report add to the medical literature?	page 1, line 27-29
	3b	Case summary: chief complaint, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes	page 1, line 29-35
	3c	Conclusion: What is the main “take-away” lesson from this case?	page 1-2, line 35-37, line29-35
Introduction	4	The current standard of care and contributions of this case—with references (1-2 paragraphs)	page 2, line 42-55
Timeline	5	Information from this case report organized into a timeline (table or figure)	Not applicable
Patient Information	6a	De-identified demographic and other patient or client-specific information	page 2-5, line 57-125
	6b	Chief complaint — what prompted this visit?	page 2-5, line 57-125
	6c	Relevant history including past interventions and outcomes	page 2-5, line 57-125
Physical Exam	7	Relevant physical examination findings	line 66-69, 91-93
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Evaluations such as surveys, laboratory testing, imaging, etc.	line 68-69, 85-86, 96-101,
	8b	Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered and challenges	page 2-5, line 57-125
	8c	Consider tables or figures linking assessment, diagnoses and interventions	Not applicable
	8d	Prognostic characteristics where applicable	page 2-5, line 57-125
Interventions	9a	Types such as life-style recommendations, treatments, medications, surgery	page 2-5, line 57-125
	9b	Intervention administration such as dosage, frequency and duration	page 2-5, line 57-125
	9c	Note changes in intervention with explanation	page 2-5, line 57-125
	9d	Other concurrent interventions	page 2-5, line 57-125
Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician assessment (and patient or client assessed outcomes when appropriate)	page 5, line 120-125
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic evaluations	page 5, line 120-125
	10c	Assessment of intervention adherence and tolerability, including adverse events	page 5, line 127-222

Discussion	11a	Strengths and limitations in your approach to this case	page 5, line 127-222
	11b	Specify how this case report informs practice or Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG)	page 5, line 127-222
	11c	How does this case report suggest a testable hypothesis?	page 5, line 127-222
	11d	Conclusions and rationale	page 5, line 127-222
Patient Perspective	12	When appropriate include the assessment of the patient or client on this episode of care	page 5, line 127-222
Informed Consent	13	Infomed consent from the person who is the subject to this case report is required by most journals	Attachment
Additional Information	14	Acknowledgement section; Competing Interests; IRB approval when required	Not applicable