

CARE Checklist of information to include when writing a case report



Topic	Item	Checklist item description	Reported on Line				
Title	1	The diagnosis or intervention of primary focus followed by the words "case report"	2-3				
	Key Words	2	2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report" ...	25-26			
		Abstract (no references)	3a	Introduction: What is unique about this case and what does it add to the scientific literature?	52-54		
			3b	Main symptoms and/or important clinical findings	33-36		
			3c	The main diagnoses, therapeutic interventions, and outcomes	41-46 103-106		
			3d	Conclusion—What is the main "take-away" lesson(s) from this case?	52-54		
			Introduction	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique (may include references)	57-58 76-79	
				Patient Information	5a	De-identified patient specific information	84-87
					5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient	88-102
					5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information	99-102
5d					Relevant past interventions with outcomes	84-86	
Clinical Findings	6				Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings	88-98	
	7	Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline			84-87 143-153		
	Diagnostic Assessment	8a			Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys)	107-138	
		8b			Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)	76-78	
		8c			Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)	103-106 143-144	
		8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable		144-149 275-284		
		Therapeutic Intervention	9a	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	144-149		
			9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	145-149		
			9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)	144-149		
			Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)	116-119	
10b				Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	150-155		
10c				Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)	150-155		
10d	Adverse and unanticipated events			144-149 275-280			
Discussion	11a			A scientific discussion of the strengths AND limitations associated with this case report	47-54 78-79 150-155 263-274		
	11b			Discussion of the relevant medical literature with references	157-274		
	11c			The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	285-289 291-296		
	11d	The primary "take-away" lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion		287-289			
	Patient Perspective	12		The patient should share their perspective in one to two paragraphs on the treatment(s) they received	143-149		
		13		Did the patient give informed consent? Please provide if requested	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		