

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"	1-4
Key Words	2	2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report"	26
Abstract (no references)	3a	Introduction: What is unique about this case and what does it add to the scientific literature?	33-35
	3b	Main symptoms and/or important clinical findings	36-38
	3c	The main diagnoses, therapeutic interventions, and outcomes	38-41
	3d	Conclusion—What is the main "take-away" lesson(s) from this case?	42-45
Introduction	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique (may include references)	56-63
Patient Information	5a	De-identified patient specific information	66
	5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient	71-74
	5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information	66-67
	5d	Relevant past interventions with outcomes	67-70
Clinical Findings	6	Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings	75-82
Timeline	7	Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline	Figure 1
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys)	75-94
	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)	84-94, 99-102
	8c	Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)	98-99, 103-106
	8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	107
Therapeutic Intervention	9a	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	109-110
	9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	
	9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)	108-109, 114-115
Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)	113
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	113-114
	10c	Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)	110-112
	10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	110-114
Discussion	11a	A scientific discussion of the strengths AND limitations associated with this case report	122-129, 145-159
	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature with references.	124-129
	11c	The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	130-144
	11d	The primary "take-away" lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion	162-166
Patient Perspective	12	The patient should share their perspective in one to two paragraphs on the treatment(s) they received	116-119
Informed Consent	13	Did the patient give informed consent? Please provide if requested	Yes ▼ No □