

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"	P1 L1
Key Words	2	2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report"	P2 L19
Abstract (no references)	3a	Introduction: What is unique about this case and what does it add to the scientific literature?	P2 L2-4
	3b	Main symptoms and/or important clinical findings	P2 L5-12
	3c	The main diagnoses, therapeutic interventions, and outcomes	P2 L5-12
	3d	Conclusion—What is the main "take-away" lesson(s) from this case?	P2 L13-16
Introduction	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique (may include references)	P3 L12 - P4 L3
Patient Information	5a	De-identified patient specific information	P4 L6
	5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient	P4 L6-7
	5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information	P4 L10-12
	5d	Relevant past interventions with outcomes	P4 L10-11
Clinical Findings	6	Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings	P4 L13-18
Timeline	7	Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline	P7 L3-5
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys).	DE L4 40 DO L4 40
	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)	DE L4 40 DO L4 40
	8c	Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)	P6 L13-18
	8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	P7 L3-5
Therapeutic Intervention	9a	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	P4 L7, P5 L10, P6 L11-1
	9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	
	9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)	D417 D5140 D01444
Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)	P7 L3-5
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	P7 L3-5
	10c	Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)	Not applicable
	10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	Not applicable
Discussion	11a	A scientific discussion of the strengths AND limitations associated with this case report	P7 L8 - P11 L12
	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature with references.	5510 544140
	11c	The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	P8 L2 - P11 L12
	11d	The primary "take-away" lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion	D44 L40 47
Patient Perspective	12	The patient should share their perspective in one to two paragraphs on the treatment(s) they received	Not applicable
Informed Consent	13	Did the patient give informed consent? Please provide if requested	Yes ■ No □