

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"	line 5
Key Words	2	2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report"	line 55, 56
Abstract (no references)	3a	Introduction: What is unique about this case and what does it add to the scientific literature?	line 38-49
	3b	Main symptoms and/or important clinical findings	line 33, 34
	3c	The main diagnoses, therapeutic interventions, and outcomes	line 35-37
	3d	Conclusion—What is the main "take-away" lesson(s) from this case?	line 50-52
ntroduction	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique (may include references)	line 84-97
Patient Information	5a	De-identified patient specific information	line 100-102
	5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient	line 100-102
	5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information	line 100-102
	5d	Relevant past interventions with outcomes	line 100-102
Clinical Findings	6	Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings	line 103, 104
Timeline	7	Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline	line 100-147
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys)	
	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)	line 104-112
	8c	Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)	line 110-112
	8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	line 110-112
Therapeutic Intervention	9a	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	line 119-138
	9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	line 119-138
	9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)	line 112-114
Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)	line 139-149
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	line 144, 145
	10c	Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)	line 139-140, 146-149
	10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	line 139-140
Discussion	11a	A scientific discussion of the strengths AND limitations associated with this case report	line 215-219
	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature with references.	line 187-198
	11c	The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	line 187-198
	11d	The primary "take-away" lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion	line 215-219
Patient Perspective	12	The patient should share their perspective in one to two paragraphs on the treatment(s) they received	line 148, 149
Informed Consent	13	Did the patient give informed consent? Please provide if requested	Yes ፟ No □