

CARE Checklist of information to include when writing a case report



Topic	Item	Checklist item description	Reported on Line
Key Words Abstract (no references)	1	The diagnosis or intervention of primary focus followed by the words "case report"	30
	2	2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report"	16, 20-2
	3a	Introduction: What is unique about this case and what does it add to the scientific literature?	18-24
Introduction	3b	Main symptoms and/or important clinical findings	12, 20-1, 23-4
	3c	The main diagnoses, therapeutic interventions, and outcomes	25-28
	3d	Conclusion—What is the main "take-away" lesson(s) from this case?	85-87
Patient Information	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique (may include references)	102-48, 167-213, 229-302
	5a	De-identified patient specific information	102-04, 167-8, 229-32
	5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient	103-8, 169-72, 238-41
Clinical Findings	5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information	127-130, 232-3
	5d	Relevant past interventions with outcomes	113-4, 181, 247-51, table 2
	6	Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings	table 5, line 425
Timeline	7	Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline	116, 181, 833
	8a	Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys)	n.a.
	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)	103, 118, 247
Therapeutic Intervention	8c	Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)	n.a.
	8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	96, table 3
	9a	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	129-131, 191, 254-5
Follow-up and Outcomes	9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	208
	9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)	line 99, table 4
	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)	n.a.
Discussion	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	266-98
	10c	Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)	204
	10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	433-442
Patient Perspective	11a	A scientific discussion of the strengths AND limitations associated with this case report	319-423, 462-514
	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature with references	319-423
	11c	The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	444-9
Informed Consent	11d	The primary "take-away" lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion	150-164, 215-27, 303-14
	12	The patient should share their perspective in one to two paragraphs on the treatment(s) they received	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	13	Did the patient give informed consent? Please provide if requested	