

CARE Checklist of information to include when writing a case report



Topic	Item	Checklist item description	Reported on page
Title	1	The diagnosis or intervention of primary focus followed by the words "case report"	✓ 1
	2	2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report"	✓ 1
	3a	Abstract (no references)	✓ 1
	3b	Main symptoms and/or important clinical findings	✓ 1
Introduction	3c	The main diagnoses, therapeutic interventions, and outcomes	✓ 1
	3d	Conclusion—What is the main "take-away" lesson(s) from this case?	✓ 1
	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique (may include references)	✓ 1
	5a	De-identified patient specific information	✓ 1
Patient Information	5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient	✓ 1
	5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information	✓ 1
	5d	Relevant past interventions with outcomes	✓ 1
	6	Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings	✓ 1
Clinical Findings	7	Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline	✓ 1, 2
	8a	Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys)	✓ 2
	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)	✓ 1, 2
	8c	Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)	✓ 1, 2
Therapeutic Intervention	8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	✓ 1, 2
	9a	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	✓ 1, 2
	9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	✓ 1, 2
	9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)	✓ 1, 2
Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)	✓ 1, 2
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	✓ 2
	10c	Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)	✓ 2
	10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	✓ 2
Discussion	11a	A scientific discussion of the strengths AND limitations associated with this case report	✓ 2, 3
	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature with references	✓ 2, 3
	11c	The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	✓ 3
	11d	The primary "take-away" lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion	✓ 3
Patient Perspective Informed Consent	12	The patient should share their perspective in one to two paragraphs on the treatment(s) they received	✓ 3
	13	Did the patient give informed consent? Please provide if requested	Yes ☒ No ☐