CARE case report guidelines

CARE Checklist of information to include when writing a case report

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Topic	Item	Checklist item description	Reported on Line
Title	**1**	The diagnosis or intervention of primary focus followed by the words "case report"	1, 2
Key Words	**2**	2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report"	29
Abstract (no references)	**3a**	Introduction: What is unique about this case and what does it add to the scientific literature?	14 - 18
	3b	Main symptoms and/or important clinical findings	19 - 21
	3c	The main diagnoses, therapeutic interventions, and outcomes	21 - 24
	3d	Conclusion—What is the main "take-away" lesson(s) from this case?	25 - 28
Introduction	**4**	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique (**may include references**)	33 - 48
Patient Information	**5a**	De-identified patient specific information.	72 - 74
	5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient.	74 - 79
	5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information	79 - 81
	5d	Relevant past interventions with outcomes	75
Clinical Findings	**6**	Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings.	83 - 88
Timeline	**7**	Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline	74 - 78
Diagnostic Assessment	**8a**	Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys).	90 - 93
	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)	94 - 95
	8c	Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)	94 - 96
	8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	N/A
Therapeutic Intervention	**9a**	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	97 - 98
	9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	124 - 125
	9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)	N/A
Follow-up and Outcomes	**10a**	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)	123
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	123 - 124
	10c	Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)	N/A
	10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	N/A
Discussion	**11a**	A scientific discussion of the strengths AND limitations associated with this case report	174 - 197
	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature **with references**.	156 - 173
	11c	The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	198 - 201
	11d	The primary "take-away" lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion	198 - 201
Patient Perspective	**12**	The patient should share their perspective in one to two paragraphs on the treatment(s) they received	N/A
Informed Consent	**13**	Did the patient give informed consent? Please provide if requested	**Yes** ☑ **No** ☐