

CARE Checklist of information to include when writing a case report



Topic	Item	Checklist item description	Reported on Line
Title Key Words Abstract (no references)	1	The diagnosis or intervention of primary focus followed by the words "case report"	PAGE 1 LINE 1
	2	2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report" ...	PAGE 2 LINE 1
	3a	Introduction: What is unique about this case and what does it add to the scientific literature?	PAGE 2 LINE 6
	3b	Main symptoms and/or important clinical findings	PAGE 2 LINE 11
	3c	The main diagnoses, therapeutic interventions, and outcomes	PAGE 2 LINE 18
	3d	Conclusion—What is the main "take-away" lesson(s) from this case?	PAGE 2 LINE 23
Introduction	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique (may include references)	PAGE 2 LINE 31
Patient Information	5a	De-identified patient specific information.	PAGE 2 LINE 38
	5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient.	PAGE 2 LINE 43
	5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information	PAGE 2 LINE 46
	5d	Relevant past interventions with outcomes	PAGE 2 LINE 48
Clinical Findings	6	Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings.	PAGE 2 LINE 48
Timeline	7	Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline	PAGE 2 LINE 52 M4
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys)	PAGE 2 LINE 52
	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)	PAGE 3 LINE 5
	8c	Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)	PAGE 3 LINE 39
	8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	PAGE 3 LINE 43 M4
Therapeutic Intervention	9a	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	PAGE 3 LINE 43
	9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	PAGE 3 LINE 49
	9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)	PAGE 3 LINE 52
	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)	PAGE 4 LINE 37
Follow-up and Outcomes	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	PAGE 3 LINE 58
	10c	Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)	PAGE 4 LINE 61 M4
	10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	PAGE 4 LINE 61 M4
	11a	A scientific discussion of the strengths AND limitations associated with this case report	PAGE 4 LINE 48
Discussion	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature with references	PAGE 7 LINE 49 M4
	11c	The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	PAGE 7 LINE 49
	11d	The primary "take-away" lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion	PAGE 7 LINE 49 M4
Patient Perspective	12	The patient should share their perspective in one to two paragraphs on the treatment(s) they received	PAGE 7 LINE 49 M4
Informed Consent	13	Did the patient give informed consent? Please provide if requested	Yes ☒ No ☐