

# 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"	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	2	2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report"	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	3a	Introduction: What is unique about this case and what does it add to the scientific literature?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	3b	Main symptoms and/or important clinical findings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Introduction	3c	The main diagnoses, therapeutic interventions, and outcomes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	3d	Conclusion—What is the main "take-away" lesson(s) from this case?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique (may include references)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	5a	De-identified patient specific information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Patient Information	5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	5d	Relevant past interventions with outcomes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Clinical Findings	6	Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	7	Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	8c	Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Therapeutic Intervention	9a	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	10c	Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Discussion	11a	A scientific discussion of the strengths AND limitations associated with this case report	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature with references	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	11c	The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

