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**CARE Checklist – 2016: Information for writing a case report**

**Topic Item Checklist item description Line/Page**

**Title 1** The words “case report” should be in the title along with the area of focus\_1/2\_

**Key Words 2** Four to seven key words—include “case report” as one of the key words \_\_13/2\_\_

**Abstract 3a** Background: What does this case report add to the medical literature? \_\_8-9/1\_\_

**3b** Case summary: chief complaint, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes \_\_5-12/1\_\_

**3c** Conclusion: What is the main “take-away” lesson from this case? \_9-12/1\_\_\_

**Introduction 4** The current standard of care and contributions of this case—with references (1-2 paragraphs) \_8-9/1\_\_\_

**Timeline 5** Information from this case report organized into a timeline (table or figure) \_\_105\_\_\_

**Patient Information 6a** De-identified demographic and other patient or client specific information \_\_16-17/1\_

**6b** Chief complaint—what prompted this visit? \_16-17/1\_\_

**6c** relevant history including past interventions and outcomes \_17-19/1\_\_

**Physical Exam 7** Relevant physical examination findings \_35-42/2\_

**Diagnostic 8a** Evaluations such as surveys, laboratory testing, imaging, etc. \_62-66/2-3\_

**Assessment 8b** Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered and challenges \_59-60/3\_\_

**8c** Consider tables or figures linking assessment, diagnoses and interventions \_72-74/4\_\_

**8d** Prognostic characteristics where applicable \_N/A\_\_

**Interventions 9a** Types such as life-style recommendations, treatments, medications, surgery \_81-92/4-5\_

**9b** Intervention administration such as dosage, frequency and duration \_61/3\_\_

**9c** Note changes in intervention with explanation \_85-88/3\_\_

**9d** other concurrent interventions \_61/3\_\_\_

**Follow-up and 10a** Clinician assessment (and patient or client assessed outcomes when appropriate) \_94-99/5

**Outcomes 10b** important follow-up diagnostic evaluations \_N/A\_\_\_

**10c** Assessment of intervention adherence and tolerability, including adverse events \_94-99/5

**Discussion 11a** Strengths and limitations in your approach to this case 110-117/4-5

**11b** Specify how this case report informs practice or Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) 127-130/6\_

**11c** How does this case report suggest a testable hypothesis? \_N/A\_\_\_

**11d** Conclusions and rationale \_122-126/6\_

**Patient Perspective 12** When appropriate include the assessment of the patient or client on this episode of care \_N/A\_\_\_

**Informed Consent 13** Informed consent from the person who is the subject of this case report is required by most journals \_133/6\_\_

**Additional Information 14** Acknowledgement section; Competing Interests; IRB approval when required \_N/A\_\_