# CARE Checklist of information to include when writing a case report

| Topic | Item No | Checklist item description | Reported on Page Number/Line Number | Reported on Section/Paragraph |
|-------|---------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Title | 1       | The diagnosis or intervention of primary focus followed by the words "case report" | Page1/Line 1 | Title/Paragraph 1 |
| Key Words | 2 | 2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report" | Page2/Line 35 | Key Words/Paragraph 1 |
| Abstract (no references) | 3a | Introduction: What is unique about this case and what does it add to the scientific literature? | Page1/Line 30-33 | Abstract/Paragraph 1 |
| 3b | Main symptoms and/or important clinical findings | | Page1/Line 30-33 | Abstract/Paragraph 1 |
| 3c | The main diagnoses, therapeutic interventions, and outcomes | | Page1/Line 30-33 | Abstract/Paragraph 1 |
| 3d | Conclusion—What is the main “take-away” lesson(s) from this case? | | Page1/Line 30-33 | Abstract/Paragraph 1 |
| Introduction | 4 | One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique (may include references) | Page 2/Lines 58-60 | Introduction/Paragraph 2 |
| Patient Information | 5a | De-identified patient specific information | Page 2-3/Lines 66-73 | Clinical |
| 5b | Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient | | Page 2-3/Lines 66-73 | Clinical |
| 5c | Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information | | Page 2-3/Lines 66-73 | Clinical |
| 5d | Relevant past interventions with outcomes | | Page 2-3/Lines 66-73 | Clinical |
| Clinical Findings | 6 | Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings | Page 3-4/Lines 98-120 | Surgical steps/Paragraph |
| Timeline | 7 | Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline | Page 3-4/Lines 98-120 | Surgical steps/Paragraph |
| Diagnostic Assessment | 8a | Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys). | Page 2-3/Lines 66-73 | Clinical |
| 8b | Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural) | | Page 3-4/Lines 98-120 | Surgical steps/Paragraph |
| 8c | Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered) | | Page 2-3/Lines 66-73 | Clinical |
| 8d | Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable | | Page 4/Lines 117-120 | Surgical steps/Paragraph 4 |
| Therapeutic Intervention | 9a | Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care) | Page 3-4/Lines 98-120 | Surgical steps/Paragraph |
| 9b | Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration) | | Page 3-4/Lines 98-120 | Surgical steps/Paragraph |
| 9c | Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale) | | Page 3-4/Lines 98-120 | Surgical steps/Paragraph |
| Section                          | Description                                                                 | Page/Line | Notes                  |
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| **Follow-up and Outcomes**      |                                                                             |           | Surgical steps/Paragraph 4 |
| 10a                             | Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)                      | 4/L117-120|                        |
| 10b                             | Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results                       | 4/L117-120|                        |
| 10c                             | Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)             | 4/L117-120|                        |
| 10d                             | Adverse and unanticipated events                                           | 4/L117-120|                        |
| **Discussion**                  |                                                                             |           | Comments/Paragraph 1-2 |
| 11a                             | A scientific discussion of the strengths AND limitations associated with this case report | 4-5/L124-139|                  |
| 11b                             | Discussion of the relevant medical literature with references               | 4-5/L124-139|                  |
| 11c                             | The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes) | 4-5/L124-139|                  |
| 11d                             | The primary “take-away” lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion | 4-5/L124-139|                  |
| **Patient Perspective**         |                                                                             |           | Clinical               |
| 12                              | The patient should share their perspective in one to two paragraphs on the treatment(s) they received | 2-3/L66-73|                        |
| **Informed Consent**            |                                                                             |           |                        |
| 13                              | Did the patient give informed consent? Please provide if requested          |           | Yes [ ] No [ ]        |

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