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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 Line1-2/Page1

**Key Words 2** Four to seven key words—include “case report” as one of the key words Line44-45/Page2

**Abstract 3a** Background: What does this case report add to the medical literature? Line25-30/Page2

**3b** Case summary: chief complaint, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes Line31-37/Page2

**3c** Conclusion: What is the main “take-away” lesson from this case? Line38-41/Page2

**Introduction 4** The current standard of care and contributions of this case—with references (1-2 paragraphs) Line53-66/Page3

**Timeline 5** Information from this case report organized into a timeline (table or figure) Figure2/Page7

**Patient Information 6a** De-identified demographic and other patient or client specific information Line70/Page4

**6b** Chief complaint—what prompted this visit? Line78-81/Page4

**6c** Relevant history including past interventions and outcomes Line70-78/Page4

**Physical Exam 7** Relevant physical examination findings Line84-86/Page4

**Diagnostic 8a** Evaluations such as surveys, laboratory testing, imaging, etc. Line88-106/Page4-5

**Assessment 8b** Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered and challenges Line92-96/Page5, Line116-117/Page6

**8c** Consider tables or figures linking assessment, diagnoses and interventions Figure1/Page5

**8d** Prognostic characteristics where applicable N/A

**Interventions 9a** Types such as life-style recommendations, treatments, medications, surgery Line117-118/Page6

**9b** Intervention administration such as dosage, frequency and duration Line117-124/Page6

**9c** Note changes in intervention with explanation Line123-125/Page6

**9d** Other concurrent interventions Line120/Page6

**Follow-up and 10a** Clinician assessment (and patient or client assessed outcomes when appropriate) Line127-131/Page6, Line135-138/Page6-7

**Outcomes 10b** Important follow-up diagnostic evaluations Line134-138, Figure2/Page6-7

**10c** Assessment of intervention adherence and tolerability, including adverse events Line135/Page6

**Discussion 11a** Strengths and limitations in your approach to this case Line189-191/Page10, Line208-210/Page11

**11b** Specify how this case report informs practice or Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) Line211-220/Page11

**11c** How does this case report suggest a testable hypothesis? Line186-189/Page10

**11d** Conclusions and rationale Line211-220/Page11

**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 Line229-229/Page12

**Additional Information 14** Acknowledgement section; Competing Interests; IRB approval when required Line232-236/Page12