

Checklist for the Appraisal of Case Reports

(Leave items blank that do not apply.)

Title _____

Author _____ **Journal** _____ **Vol.** ____ **Issue** ____ **Date** _____

- The Abstract presents an accurate description of the case and its implications. Yes Partly No
- The case covers a new or unique feature of patient management. Yes Partly No
- The reason for reporting the case is made clear. Yes Partly No
- The impact of the health problem on society is stated. Yes Partly No
- An adequate literature review was conducted. Yes Partly No
- The references support the rationale for reporting the case. Yes Partly No
- The patient is described adequately (e.g., chief complaint, history, etc.). Yes Partly No
- The management of the case is effectively described. Yes Partly No
- Valid and reliable outcome measures are utilized. Yes Partly No
- The outcome measures are suitable for the given clinical circumstances. Yes Partly No
- The results of diagnostic tests are presented adequately. Yes Partly No
- Normal values of less common diagnostic tests are provided. Yes Partly No
- An accurate diagnosis is provided. Yes Partly No
- Convincing evidence in support of the diagnosis is presented. Yes Partly No
- The case is compared with previously reported cases and studies. Yes Partly No
- Study limitations are reported and are reasonable. Yes Partly No
- Alternate explanations are considered and successfully refuted. Yes Partly No
- Suggestions for future research are proposed. Yes Partly No
- Implications for current clinical practice are pointed out. Yes Partly No
- Enough evidence is presented to support the author's conclusions. Yes Partly No
- The author communicates the importance of this case to the profession. Yes Partly No
- The conclusions are appropriate. Yes Partly No

Overall impression about the quality of this case report:

Good **Fair** **Poor**

Key points to consider: _____

How will I apply the information to my patient/practice? _____
