



How to write Case Reports

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What is a case report

- A discussion on a case that you have managed
- Written scientifically and submitted for publication



Please note: Requirement for entry into Part 2 exams

- **Published** 2 case reports to non WoS journals
or
- **Submitted** 2 case reports to WoS journals

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What case is suitable

- Rare cases
- Common cases but difference in management
- Complications of certain treatment/ procedure
- Any other learning point of interest
- Because some complications can happen unexpectedly, always document photos for all patients



How to write a case report

1. Identify the case of interest – **start now**
2. Ensure you take photos/ printouts of tests or images
3. Read up on the case and discuss with your specialist aspects of the patient as per your reading/ aspects to be highlighted
4. Choose an appropriate journal suitable for your case
5. Write the case as per journal's "instruction for authors"



How many photos to include

- Only the relevant ones.
- Normally less than 3
- Label and identify significant findings with arrows



Discussion

- Discuss on your patients findings/ management
- Supported by existing literature
- Explain why you do thinks differently/ possible reasons for complications
- Avoid writing paragraphs of basics of the disease – remember your readers are likely specialised in that disease.
- Highlight the learning points of the case



References

- Normally less than 15
- Check that the references style of writing follows the journal's style
- Not too old – last 5 or 10 years



Formatting

- Ensure that you keep to the required word count
- Ensure correct format of abstract
- You **MUST** show your manuscript to supervisors prior to submission



Authorship

- You are the first author
- The treating specialist should be the corresponding author
- Your supervisor must also be in the author's list, but ensure that you have shown the manuscript to your supervisor and he/she has given intellectual input





THANK YOU