

Ethics for Care Report Reporting

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Abstract

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Introduction

Case report is an important kind of medical article published in many journals. The case report can contribute to the medical society and it becomes the useful source for future referencing. Case report usually deals with special, uncommon and valuable situation [1]. It is also the first source of data for the new emerging disease and problem [1-3]. To write and report a case report needs scientific writing. Also, the ethics must be followed. The ethics is the basic requirement and usually mentioned in standard case report journals such as Journal of Clinical Case Report (<http://www.omicsgroup.org/journals/clinical-case-reports.php>). Case Study and Case report (www.scopemed.org/?jid=23) and Journal of Medical Case Reports (www.jmedicalcasereports.com). In this editorial, the ethics for case report reporting is presented and discussed.

Important Ethical Issue for Case Report Reporting

Ethics for case report acquirement

This is a very important issue. In fact, case report is usually from a special, rare and uncommon case. The chance to find the case is not high and the case is sporadically seen. The issue is who is the in charge person that has the right to report the case. This is the way to acquire the case. In fact, one who firstly sees the case and one who mainly manages the case should have the right to report. Nevertheless, a more important concern is on the permission of the patient. The patient or the case must allow and give permission to the in charge person for his/her story reporting [4].

Ethics for case report manuscript preparation

The manuscript preparation must be scientifically done. It is necessary to protect the patient or the case's identification. The name or other information that can be traced back to the identification must be blinded. Also, the picture of the patient has to be blinded (the blinded of eye is required if the case is not on the "eye" case). Confidentiality must be gently managed [5].

Ethics for case report submission

The submission of the case for publication must follow medical article publication ethics. The misconduct in submission is not acceptable. The problems to be avoided include plagiarism, fabrication and falsification. The issues on ghost and gift authors should be ethically managed as well.

Ethics for case report publication

The journal must take the responsibility for controlling of ethics of case report publishing. The violation to third person privacy should not occur. The scientific standardization of the publication must be maintained [6].

Conclusion

There are several aspects of case report reporting ethics covering several aspects (acquirement, manuscript preparation, submission and publication). The ethical principles are very important and ones who intend to report a case report should carefully follow those principles.

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