

Case Report Writing: What is special about this in traditional Medicine?

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Abstract

A physician while treating his patients comes across varied experiences. These may be the experiences of success and failures and also of indecisiveness or helplessness in some or the other occasions where he do not finds anybody around to help him taking a decision. Many of these experiences of a physician are likely to be unique, especially the ones which have not been expected to occur on the basis of previous experiences.

While doing a practice primarily to serve the patients, a physician also serves an important purpose of enriching the science by his own experiences. This is however important to understand that this later purpose can never be served fully unless such experiences are shared in the community. The experiences which are unique in nature and which can help the community either to get a better treatment or to prevent them suffering from some undesired eventuality are no less important than treating and curing a single patient, if these are shared timely and elaborately within the community.

There can be many ways of sharing these experiences which may be categorized as informal sharing within a peer discussion or a formal sharing of which case report writing is a prominent method.

Case report has been a well recognized piece of medical literature where such unique experiences are shared in a logically driven manner so that they can make a sense to other in the community.

For its recognized value in the medical field, there have been devised various standards to write a case report. The core values of a case report however lie in it being unique, uncommon, logical and valuable to the community. This presentation talks about various questions being asked by a beginner while writing a case reports and presents a comprehensive look of the same in the perspectives of traditional medicine.

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