

Completed CARE Checklist

Manuscript title: Contralateral Facial Artery-Based Chimeric Flap for Reconstruction of Large Oral Cavity Defects in Elderly Pre-frail Patients: A Two-Case Report

The checklist was completed using manuscript section and paragraph locations. Items that do not apply to this two-case surgical report are marked as N/A.

Item	Topic	Checklist item	Reported on page/paragraph and section
1	Title	The words "case report" or "case study" appear in the title.	Title, paragraph 1
2	Keywords	Keywords identify the intervention and include "case report".	Keywords, paragraph 1
3a	Abstract - Introduction	What is unique about the case report and what it adds to the literature.	Abstract, Objective and Conclusion paragraphs
3b	Abstract - Main findings	Main concerns and important clinical findings.	Abstract, Methods paragraph
3c	Abstract - Diagnosis/intervention/outcome	Main diagnoses, therapeutic interventions, and outcomes.	Abstract, Methods and Results paragraphs
3d	Abstract - Conclusion	Main take-away lesson.	Abstract, Conclusion paragraph
4	Introduction	Brief summary of why the report is unique, with relevant references.	Introduction, paragraphs 1-3
5a	Patient information	De-identified demographic and patient-specific information.	Case Presentation, Case 1 paragraph 1; Case 2 paragraph 1
5b	Main concerns and symptoms	Patient's main concerns and symptoms.	Case Presentation, Case 1 paragraph 1; Case 2 paragraph 1
5c	Medical, family, and psychosocial history	Relevant medical, family, and psychosocial history.	Preoperative Assessment, paragraphs 1-3; Table 1. Family, psychosocial, and genetic history: N/A
5d	Relevant past interventions	Relevant past interventions and outcomes.	Preoperative Assessment, Table 1; Case Presentation, Case 1 paragraph 1. Other past interventions: N/A
6	Clinical findings	Relevant physical examination and clinical findings.	Case Presentation, Case 1 paragraph 1; Case 2 paragraph 1
7	Timeline	Important dates and times.	Case Presentation and Postoperative Function and Aesthetics sections. Separate timeline figure/table: N/A
8a	Diagnostic assessment - Methods	Diagnostic testing, imaging, and pathology.	Preoperative Assessment, paragraph 1; Case Presentation, Case 1 paragraphs 1-2; Case 2 paragraphs 1-2

8b	Diagnostic challenges	Diagnostic challenges such as access, financial, or cultural issues.	N/A
8c	Diagnostic reasoning	Diagnostic reasoning and differential diagnoses.	Case Presentation, Case 1 paragraph 1; Case 2 paragraph 1. Formal differential diagnosis: N/A
8d	Prognostic characteristics	Prognostic characteristics such as staging.	Case Presentation, Case 1 paragraph 1; Case 2 paragraph 1; Table 1
9a	Therapeutic intervention - Types	Types of therapeutic intervention.	Case Presentation, Case 1 paragraph 2; Case 2 paragraph 2; Flap Design and Surgical Technique, paragraphs 1-4
9b	Therapeutic intervention - Administration	How the intervention was administered.	Flap Design and Surgical Technique, paragraphs 1-4
9c	Therapeutic intervention - Changes	Changes in therapeutic intervention and rationale.	N/A
10a	Follow-up and outcomes	Clinician- and patient-assessed outcomes.	Postoperative Function and Aesthetics, paragraphs 1-2
10b	Follow-up tests	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results.	Postoperative Function and Aesthetics, paragraph 2
10c	Adherence and tolerability	Intervention adherence and tolerability.	Postoperative Function and Aesthetics, paragraphs 1-2
10d	Adverse events	Adverse and unanticipated events.	Postoperative Function and Aesthetics, paragraphs 1-2
11a	Discussion - Strengths and limitations	Strengths and limitations of the case report.	Discussion, paragraphs 1 and 3
11b	Discussion - Literature	Relevant medical literature.	Discussion, paragraphs 2-6
11c	Discussion - Rationale	Rationale for conclusions.	Discussion, paragraphs 1-6; Conclusions paragraph 1
11d	Discussion - Take-away lesson	Primary take-away lesson.	Conclusions, paragraph 1
12	Patient perspective	Patient perspective or experience.	N/A
13	Informed consent	Patient informed consent.	Declarations, Informed Consent paragraph