

Appendix 1

Consolidated criteria for reporting qualitative studies (COREQ): 32-item checklist

#	Item	Guide questions/description	Section of article
Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity			
Personal characteristics			
1	Interviewer/facilitator	Which author/s conducted the interview or focus group?	Participants and data collection procedure
2	Credentials	What were the researcher's credentials? E.g. PhD, MD	See the author's list and affiliations
3	Occupation	What was their occupation at the time of the study?	See the reflexivity statement in Appendix 2
4	Gender	Was the researcher male or female?	See the reflexivity statement in Appendix 2
5	Experience and training	What experience or training did the researcher have?	See the reflexivity statement in Appendix 2
Relationship with participants			
6	Relationship established	Was a relationship established prior to study commencement?	Participants and data collection procedure
7	Participant knowledge of the interviewer	What did the participants know about the researcher? e.g. personal goals, reasons for doing the research	Participants and data collection procedure and ethical considerations
8	Interviewer characteristics	What characteristics were reported about the interviewer/facilitator? e.g. Bias, assumptions, reasons and interests in the research topic	See the reflexivity statement in Appendix 2
Domain 2: Study design			
Theoretical framework			
9	Methodological orientation and Theory	What methodological orientation was stated to underpin the study? e.g. grounded theory, discourse analysis, ethnography, phenomenology, content analysis	Methods
Participant selection			
10	Sampling	How were participants selected? e.g. purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball	Participants and data collection procedure
11	Method of approach	How were participants approached? e.g. face-to-face, telephone, mail, email	Participants and data collection procedure
12	Sample size	How many participants were in the study?	Results
13	Non-participation	How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons?	Results
Setting			
14	Setting of data collection	Where was the data collected? e.g. home, clinic, workplace	Participants and data collection procedure
15	Presence of non-participants	Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers?	Participants and data collection procedure
16	Description of sample	What are the important characteristics of the sample? e.g. demographic data, date	Results
Data collection			
17	Interview guide	Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? Was it pilot tested?	Study instruments and Appendix 3
18	Repeat interviews	Were repeat interviews carried out? If yes, how many?	Participants and data collection procedure
19	Audio/visual recording	Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data?	Participants and data collection procedure

20	Field notes	Were field notes made during and/or after the interview or focus group?	Participants and data collection procedure
21	Duration	What was the duration of the interviews or focus group?	Participants and data collection procedure
22	Data saturation	Was data saturation discussed?	Participants and data collection procedure
23	Transcripts returned	Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction?	Data analysis
Domain 3: analysis and findings			
Data analysis			
24	Number of data coders	How many data coders coded the data?	Data analysis
25	Description of the coding tree	Did authors provide a description of the coding tree?	Results
26	Derivation of themes	Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data?	Data analysis
27	Software	What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data?	Data analysis
28	Participant checking	Did participants provide feedback on the findings?	Data analysis
Reporting			
29	Quotations presented	Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes / findings? Was each quotation identified? e.g. participant number	Results
30	Data and findings consistent	Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings?	Results
31	Clarity of major themes	Were major themes clearly presented in the findings?	Results
32	Clarity of minor themes	Is there a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes?	Results