

COREQ (COnsolidated criteria for REporting Qualitative research) checklist

Topic	Item no.	Guide questions/description	Sections
Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity			
Personal characteristics			
Interviewer/facilitator	1	Which author(s) conducted the interview or focus group?	Study Design and Methods
Credentials	2	What were the researcher's credentials? (e.g., PhD, MD)	
Occupation	3	What was their occupation at the time of the study?	
Gender	4	Was the researcher male or female?	
Experience and training	5	What experience or training did the researcher have?	Study Design and Methods
Relationship with participants			
Relationship established	6	Was a relationship established prior to study commencement?	Study Design and Methods
Participant's knowledge of the interviewer	7	What did the participants know about the researcher? (e.g., personal goals, reasons for doing the research)	Study Design and Methods
Interviewer characteristics	8	What characteristics were reported about the interviewer/facilitator? (e.g., bias, assumptions, reasons, and interests in the research topic)	Study Design and Methods
Domain 2: Study design			
Theoretical framework			
Methodological orientation and theory	9	What methodological orientation was stated to underpin the study? (e.g., grounded theory, discourse analysis, ethnography, phenomenology, content analysis)	Study Design and Methods
Participant selection			
Sampling	10	How were participants selected? (e.g., purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball)	Patients
Method of approach	11	How were participants approached? (e.g., face-to-face, telephone, mail, email)	Patients, Study Design, and Methods
Sample size	12	How many participants were in the study?	Results
Non-participation	13	How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons?	Results
Setting			
Setting of data collection	14	Where was the data collected? (e.g., home, clinic, workplace)	
Presence of non-participants	15	Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers?	Study Design and Methods
Description of sample	16	What are the important characteristics of the sample? (e.g., demographic data, date)	Results
Data collection			
Interview guide	17	Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? Was it pilot tested?	Table 1
Repeat interviews	18	Were repeat interviews carried out? If yes, how many?	
Audio/visual recording	19	Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data?	Study Design and Methods
Field notes	20	Were field notes made during and/or after the interview or focus group?	Study Design and Methods
Duration	21	What was the duration of the interviews or focus group?	Study Design and Methods

Data saturation	22	Was data saturation discussed?	Results
Transcripts returned	23	Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction?	Study Design and Methods