

COREQ checklist

Checklist item	Page reported
Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity	7
<i>Personal Characteristics</i>	
1. Interviewer/facilitator Which author/s conducted the interview or focus group?	
2. Credentials What were the researcher's credentials? E.g. PhD, MD	1; reported next to the names
3. Occupation What was their occupation at the time of the study?	1; see affiliations
4. Gender Was the researcher male or female?	1
5. Experience and training What experience or training did the researcher have?	6; paragraph 4
<i>Relationship with participants</i>	6; paragraph 3
6. Relationship established Was a relationship established prior to study commencement?	
7. Participant knowledge of the interviewer What did the participants know about the researcher?	6; paragraph 3
8. Interviewer characteristics What characteristics were reported about the interviewer/facilitator?	6; paragraph 3
Domain 2: study design	
<i>Theoretical framework</i>	7
9. Methodological orientation and Theory What methodological orientation was stated to underpin the study?	
<i>Participant selection</i>	
10. Sampling How were participants selected? e.g. purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball	5, paragraph 3

11. Method of approach How were participants approached? e.g. face-to-face, telephone, mail, email	5
12. Sample size How many participants were in the study?	8
13. Non-participation How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons?	8; paragraph
<i>Setting</i> 14. Setting of data collection Where was the data collected? e.g. home, clinic, workplace	6
15. Presence of non-participants Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers?	6; paragraph 2
16. Description of sample What are the important characteristics of the sample? e.g. demographic data, date	8; table 1
<i>Data collection</i> 17. Interview guide Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? Was it pilot tested?	6
18. Repeat interviews Were repeat interviews carried out? If yes, how many?	No repeat interviews
19. Audio/visual recording Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data?	6; paragraph 4
20. Field notes Were field notes made during and/or after the interview or focus group?	7
21. Duration What was the duration of the interviews or focus group?	6; paragraph 4
22. Data saturation Was data saturation discussed?	5; paragraph 3
23. Transcripts returned Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction?	No
Domain 3: analysis and findings <i>Data analysis</i>	7; paragraph 2

24. Number of data coders How many data coders coded the data?	
25. Description of the coding tree Did authors provide a description of the coding tree?	9 and Figure 2
26. Derivation of themes Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data?	6-7 and Figure 1
27. Software What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data?	Microsoft Word
28. Participant checking Did participants provide feedback on the findings?	No BUT some patient representatives were included, see page 8 for PPI details
<i>Reporting</i> 29. Quotations presented Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes / findings? Was each quotation identified? e.g. participant number	8-21 and Table 2 and 3
30. Data and findings consistent Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings?	8-21
31. Clarity of major themes Were major themes clearly presented in the findings?	8-21
32. Clarity of minor themes Is there a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes?	8-21