

Supplementary File 1. COREQ Checklist

No.	Item	Comment
Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity		
1	Interview/facilitator	AT (Page 7, paragraph 3)
2	Credentials	AT (PhD, MPH, MM) (title page)
3	Occupation	AT, Associate Professor in Public Health, Qualitative Researcher (title page)
4	Gender	AT (Female) (title page)
5	Experience and training	AT has conducted and published qualitative research and lectures in qualitative methods and methodology. (title page)
6	Relationship established	Via collegial and professional networks, 5 interviewees were known colleagues (Page 7, paragraph 2)
7	Participant knowledge of the interviewer	AT is conducting a study to elicit nephrologists' perspectives on establishing and implementing core outcomes in haemodialysis as part of the global Standardised Outcomes in Nephrology (SONG) initiative. (Page 6, paragraph 3)
8	Interviewer characteristics	AT is a qualitative health researcher. (title page)
Study design		
9	Theoretical framework	Qualitative study (using techniques from grounded theory) (Page 8, paragraph 1)
10	Sampling	Purposive and snowballing (Page 7, paragraph 2)
11	Method of approach	Email (Page 7, paragraph 2)
12	Sample size	N=58 See table 1 (Table 1, Page 25)
13	Non-participation	Two did not participate because of conflicting schedules. (Page 8, paragraph 2)
14	Setting of data collection	Clinic offices, hospital meeting rooms, conference venue (Page 8, paragraph 2)
15	Presence of non-participants	None (Page 8, paragraph 2)
16	Description of sample	Refer to Table 1, Page 25
17	Interview guide	Provided in Supplementary File 1
18	Repeat interviews	Single interview conducted (Page 7, paragraph 3)
19	Audio/visual recording	Interviews were audio recorded (Page 7, paragraph 3)
20	Field notes	NA
21	Duration	The mean duration of the interviews was 40 minutes. (Page 8, paragraph 2)
22	Data saturation	Yes (Page 7, paragraph 3)
23	Transcripts returned	No (Page 8, paragraph 2)
Analysis and findings		
24	Number of data coders	5 (A.T., T.G., E.O., A.J., A.V.) (Page 8, paragraph 1)
25	Description of the coding tree	No – see themes (Pages 9 to 15)
26	Derivation of themes	Inductively derived from data (Page 8, paragraph 1)
27	Software	HyperRESEARCH (Page 8, paragraph 1)
28	Participant checking	Yes (Page 8, paragraph 1)
29	Quotations presented	Refer to Table 2
30	Data and findings consistent	Quotations provided to illustrate each theme.
31	Clarity of major themes	Yes – themes (Pages 8 to 15)
32	Clarity of minor themes	Yes – see subthemes and description of the themes (Pages 8 to 15)