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Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity			Comment
Personal Characteristics			
1.	Interviewer/facilitator	Which author/s conducted the interview?	JB and MB
2.	Credentials	What were the researcher's credentials? <i>E.g. PhD, MD</i>	FRCPE, MA
3.	Occupation	What was their occupation at the time of the study?	Research Fellows
4.	Gender	Was the researcher male or female?	1 male/1 female
5.	Experience and training	What experience or training did the researcher have?	>30 years qualitative research
Relationship with participants			Nil
6.	Relationship established	Was a relationship established prior to study commencement?	With some of them
7.	Participant knowledge of the interviewer	What did the participants know about the researcher? <i>e.g. personal goals, reasons for doing the research</i>	Broad outlines given .
8.	Interviewer characteristics	What characteristics were reported about the interviewer/facilitator? <i>e.g. Bias, assumptions, reasons and interests in the research topic</i>	Reasons for research and interest in training
Domain 2: study design			
Theoretical framework			

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9.	Methodological orientation and Theory	What methodological orientation was stated to underpin the study? <i>e.g. grounded theory, discourse analysis, ethnography, phenomenology, content analysis</i>	Content analysis
Participant selection			
10.	Sampling	How were participants selected? <i>e.g. purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball</i>	Convenience
11.	Method of approach	How were participants approached? <i>e.g. face-to-face, telephone, mail, email</i>	Email and face-to-face
12.	Sample size	How many participants were in the study?	21
13.	Non-participation	How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons?	66% of those approached not interviewed for lack of time or interest
Setting			
14.	Setting of data collection	Where was the data collected? <i>e.g. home, clinic, workplace</i>	Clinic for most, 3 at home
15.	Presence of non-participants	Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers?	No
16.	Description of sample	What are the important characteristics of the sample? <i>e.g. demographic data, date</i>	All experienced GPs in active clinical practice
Data collection			
17.	Interview guide	Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? Was it pilot tested?	Pilot tested. Semi-structured interview
18.	Repeat interviews	Were repeat interviews carried out? If yes, how many?	No

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19.	Audio/visual recording	Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data?	Audiotaped
20.	Field notes	Were field notes made during and/or after the interview or focus group?	Yes
21.	Duration	What was the duration of the interviews or focus group?	30 minutes
22.	Data saturation	Was data saturation discussed?	Yes and reached about half way
23.	Transcripts returned	Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction?	No
Domain 3: analysis and findings			
Data analysis			
24.	Number of data coders	How many data coders coded the data?	2
25.	Description of the coding tree	Did authors provide a description of the coding tree?	yes
26.	Derivation of themes	Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data?	Both, as we responded to the data
27.	Software	What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data?	Yes
28.	Participant checking	Did participants provide feedback on the findings?	yes
Reporting			
29.	Quotations presented	Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes / findings? Was each quotation identified? e.g. <i>participant number</i>	yes

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30.	Data and findings consistent	Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings?	yes
31.	Clarity of major themes	Were major themes clearly presented in the findings?	yes
32.	Clarity of minor themes	Is there a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes?	yes