

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

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No. Item	Guide questions/description	Reported on Page #
Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity		
<i>Personal Characteristics</i>		
1. Inter viewer/facilitator	Which author/s conducted the inter view or focus group?	Piyush Grover
2. Credentials	What were the researcher's credentials? E.g. PhD, MD	One was a Bachelor of Pharmacy final year student Two researchers having PhD While two have Masters
3. Occupation	What was their occupation at the time of the study?	Student Lecturers Researchers
4. Gender	Was the researcher male or female?	Male
5. Experience and training	What experience or training did the researcher have?	Formal Qualitative NVivO traning
<i>Relationship with participants</i>		
6. Relationship established	Was a relationship established prior to study commencement?	No special relationship Just introduced
7. Participant knowledge of the interviewer	What did the participants know about the researcher? e.g. personal goals, reasons for doing the research	Participant Information Sheet and the Study Guide describes the process and reasons for doing this research
8. Interviewer characteristics	What characteristics were reported about the inter viewer/facilitator? e.g. Bias, assumptions, reasons and interests in the research topic	No specific bias was reported
Domain 2: study design		

<i>Theoretical framework</i>		
9. Methodological orientation and Theory	What methodological orientation was stated to underpin the study? e.g. grounded theory, discourse analysis, ethnography, phenomenology, content analysis	Content analysis
<i>Participant selection</i>		
10. Sampling	How were participants selected? e.g. purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball	Probability sampling
11. Method of approach	How were participants approached? e.g. face-to-face, telephone, mail, email	mail
12. Sample size	How many participants were in the study?	17
13. Non-participation	How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons?	2 were refused as data saturation was reached
<i>Setting</i>		
14. Setting of data collection	Where was the data collected? e.g. home, clinic, workplace	Clinic/workplace
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? e.g. demographic data, date	GPs within the greater Auckland region; November 2008
<i>Data collection</i>		
17. Interview guide	Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? Was it pilot tested?	Yes Yes
18. Repeat interviews	Were repeat inter views carried out? If yes, how many?	No
19. Audio/visual recording	Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data?	Yes – interviews were recorded with consent
20. Field notes	Were field notes made during and/or after the inter view or focus group?	Yes
21. Duration	What was the duration of the inter views or focus group?	40 minutes
22. Data saturation	Was data saturation discussed?	Yes
23. Transcripts returned	Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction?	No but was checked within the research team for accuracy
Domain 3: analysis and findings		
<i>Data analysis</i>		
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?	Derived from the data

27. Software	What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data?	NVivo
28. Participant checking	Did participants provide feedback on the findings?	No
<i>Reporting</i>		
29. Quotations presented	Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes/findings? Was each quotation identified? e.g. participant number	Yes
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

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