

Online Data Supplement

A Formative Evaluation of Patient and Family Caregiver Perspectives on Early Palliative Care in COPD across Disease Severity

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Table E1. Consolidated Criteria for Reporting Qualitative Studies (COREQ): 32-item Checklist⁶⁰

No.	Item	Guide Questions/Description	Manuscript Page
Domain 1: Research Team and Reflexivity			
<i>Personal Characteristics</i>			
1.	Interviewer/facilitator	Which author/s conducted the interview or focus group?	8
2.	Credentials	What were the researcher's credentials? E.g. PhD, MD	8, Title Page
3.	Occupation	What was their occupation at the time of the study?	8, Title Page
4.	Gender	Was the researcher male or female?	8
5.	Experience and training	What experience or training did the researcher have?	8
<i>Relationship with Participants</i>			
6.	Relationship established	Was a relationship established prior to study commencement?	8
7.	Participant knowledge of the interviewer	What did the participants know about the researcher? e.g. personal goals, reasons for doing the research	8
8.	Interview characteristics	What characteristics were reported about the interviewer/facilitator? e.g. Bias, assumptions, reasons and interests in the research topic	8
Domain 2: Study Design			
<i>Theoretical Framework</i>			
9.	Methodological orientation Theory	What methodological orientation was stated to underpin the study? e.g. grounded theory, discourse analysis, ethnography, phenomenology, content analysis	8, 10
<i>Participant Selection</i>			
10.	Sampling	How were participants selected? e.g. purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball	7
11.	Method of approach	How were participants approached? e.g. face-to-face, telephone, mail, email	7
12.	Sample size	How many participants were in the study?	11

13.	Non-participation	How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons?	11
Setting			
14.	Setting of data collection	Where was the data collected? e.g. home, clinic, workplace	8
15.	Presence of non-participants	Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers?	8
16.	Description of sample	What are the important characteristics of the sample? e.g. demographic data, date	11
Data Collection			
17.	Interview guide	Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? Was it pilot tested?	8, Table E2
18.	Repeat interviews	Were repeat interviews carried out? If yes, how many?	No
19.	Audio/visual recording	Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data?	8
20.	Field notes	Were field notes made during and/or after the interview or focus group?	No
21.	Duration	What was the duration of the interviews or focus group?	8
22.	Data saturation	Was data saturation discussed?	10-11
23.	Transcripts returned	Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction?	10
Domain 3: Analysis and Findings			
Data analysis			
24.	Number of data coders	How many data coders coded the data?	10
25.	Description of the coding tree	Did authors provide a description of the coding tree?	10
26.	Derivation of themes	Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data?	10
27.	Software	What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data?	10
28.	Participant checking	Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes / findings? Was each quotation identified? e.g. participant number	11-13, Tables, Figures
Reporting			

29.	Quotations presented	Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes / findings? Was each quotation identified? e.g. participant number	11-13, Tables, Figures
30.	Data and findings consistent	Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings?	11-13, Tables, Figures
31.	Clarity of major themes	Were major themes clearly presented in the findings?	11-13, Tables, Figures
32.	Clarity of minor themes	Is there a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes?	11-13, Figures

Table E2. Sample Interview Guide Questions

What does palliative care mean to you?

What does hospice mean to you?

(After defining early palliative care) Now that you have an idea of early palliative care, what is your reaction to hearing about this program?

What are your biggest needs living with COPD? What are your biggest challenges?

What are the most challenging symptoms you struggle with? Why are these symptoms challenging? How has your life changed due to symptoms?

How could early palliative care help you or your loved one living with COPD? Are there any particular aspects of early palliative care that could be helpful?

When do you think palliative care should be started in COPD?