

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

No.	Item	Comments
Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity		
1	Interviewer/facilitator	BB
2	Credentials	BB -Masters in Public Health; BN ; <i>Cert. in Neph. Nursing</i> ; RR - <i>DM, MRCP(UK), FRACP, PhD candidate</i> ; MF – PhD (Psychology); KA – MSc Clinical Trials, PhD; MJ – FRACP, FASN, PhD
3	Occupation	BB -Nurse; RR,MJ - Nephrologist; MF -Qualitative researcher; KA - Research Scientist & Educator,UTAS
4	Gender	BB- <i>Female</i>
5	Experience and training	BB (interviewer) – Formally trained in qualitative research, interviewing; RR (primary author and analysis) – Trained in qualitative research
6	Relationship established	Some participants known to BB, RR
7	Participant knowledge of the interviewer	BB is a nurse with experience in dialysis RR is a Nephrologist undertaking research towards his PhD
8	Interviewer characteristics	BB is a nephrology nurse with interest in pre-dialysis education and supportive care; RR is a nephrologist with interest in outcomes in the elderly with renal failure; and is a PhD candidate at the University of Tasmania
Domain 2: study design		
9	Methodological orientation and Theory	Phenomenology; iterative thematic analysis
10	Sampling	Convenience sampling
11	Method of approach	Face-to-face
12	Sample size	n=17
13	Non-participation(reason)	n=1; “not interested”
14	Setting of data collection	Participant’s homes (n=14) or dialysis unit (n=3)
15	Presence of non-participants	No
16	Description of sample	Participants aged ≥70 years (range 70–83); undergoing dialysis in the period 2014-2016; all Caucasian, English-speaking; 11 males, 6 females; none were employed
17	Interview guide	Attached. Yes, pilot tested.
18	Repeat interviews	No.
19	Audio/visual recording	Yes. Audio recordings.
20	Field notes	Yes.
21	Duration	45 minutes (range 30 to 75 minutes)
22	Data saturation	Yes
23	Transcripts returned	Participant offered chance to review; none requested this.
Domain 3: analysis and findings		
24	Number of data coders	RR/BB/MF
25	Description of coding tree	No
26	Derivation of themes	Derived from data
27	Software	NVivo qualitative data analysis Software; QSR International Pty Ltd., Australia. Version 10, 2014
28	Participant checking	No. Participant offered chance to check; none requested this.
29	Quotations presented	Yes; identified by anonymised participant numbers

30	Data and findings consistent	Quotations provided to illustrate each theme
31	Clarity of major themes	Yes; identified as metathemes (Table 2)
32	Clarity of minor themes	Yes; see text under 'Results' and Table 2