

APPENDIX A
COREQ (COnsolidated criteria for REporting Qualitative research) Checklist

Topic	Item No.	Guide Questions/Description	Reported on
Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity			
<i>Personal characteristics</i>			
Interviewer/ facilitator	1	Which author/s conducted the interview or focus group?	Authors 1,2,3
Credentials	2	What were the researcher's credentials? E.g. PhD, MD	PhD (1)
Occupation	3	What was their occupation at the time of the study?	Lecture
Gender	4	Was the researcher male or female?	Male and Female
Experience and training	5	What experience or training did the researcher have?	Lecture/ Researcher
<i>Relationship with participants</i>			
Relationship established	6	Was a relationship established prior to study commencement?	None
Participant knowledge of the interviewer	7	What did the participants know about the researcher? e.g. personal goals, reasons for doing the research	None
Interviewer characteristics	8	What characteristics were reported about the interviewer/facilitator? e.g. Bias, assumptions, reasons and interests in the research topic	Method
Domain 2: Study design			
<i>Theoretical framework</i>			
Methodological orientation and Theory	9	What methodological orientation was stated to underpin the study? e.g. grounded theory, discourse analysis, ethnography, phenomenology, content analysis	Method
<i>Participant selection</i>			
Sampling	10	How were participants selected? e.g. purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball	Method
Method of approach	11	How were participants approached? e.g. face-to-face, telephone, mail, email	Method
Sample size	12	How many participants were in the study?	Method
Non-participation	13	How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons?	None
<i>Setting</i>			
Setting of data collection	14	Where was the data collected? e.g. home, clinic, workplace	Method
Presence of non-participants	15	Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers?	None
Description of sample	16	What are the important characteristics of the sample? e.g. demographic data, date	Result

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<i>Data collection</i>			
Interview guide	17	Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? Was its pilot tested?	Method
Repeat interviews	18	Were repeat inter views carried out? If yes, how many?	None
Audio/visual recording	19	Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data?	Method
Field notes	20	Were field notes made during and/or after the interview or focus group?	Method
Duration	21	What was the duration of the inter views or focus group?	Method
Data saturation	22	Was data saturation discussed?	Method
Transcripts returned	23	Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction?	NA
Domain 3: Analysis and findings			
<i>Data analysis</i>			
Number of data coders	24	How many data coders coded the data?	Method
Description of the coding tree	25	Did authors provide a description of the coding tree?	None
Derivation of themes	26	Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data?	Method
Software	27	What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data?	Method
Participant checking	28	Did participants provide feedback on the findings?	Method
<i>Reporting</i>			
Quotations presented	29	Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes/findings? Was each quotation identified? e.g. participant number	Result and Discussion
Data and findings consistent	30	Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings?	Result and Discussion
Clarity of major themes	31	Were major themes clearly presented in the findings?	Result and Discussion
Clarity of minor themes	32	Is there a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes?	Result and Discussion

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