

## Appendix C: COREQ checklist

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No	Item	Guide questions/description	Reported in section(s)
<b>Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity</b>			
Personal Characteristics			
1.	Interviewer/facilitator	Which author/s conducted the interview or focus group?	Materials and methods
2.	Credentials	What were the researcher's credentials? <i>E.g. PhD, MD</i>	Acknowledgements and declarations
3.	Occupation	What was their occupation at the time of the study?	Acknowledgements and declarations
4.	Gender	Was the researcher male or female?	Authors
5.	Experience and training	What experience or training did the researcher have?	Acknowledgements and declarations
Relationship with participants			
6.	Relationship established	Was a relationship established prior to study commencement?	Materials and methods, Acknowledgements and declarations
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>	Materials and methods, Acknowledgements and declarations
8.	Interviewer characteristics	What characteristics were reported about the interviewer/facilitator? <i>e.g. Bias, assumptions, reasons and interests in the research topic</i>	Acknowledgements and declarations
<b>Domain 2: study design</b>			
Theoretical framework			
9.	Methodological orientation and Theory	What methodological orientation was stated to underpin the study? <i>e.g. grounded theory,</i>	Materials and methods

		<i>discourse analysis, ethnography, phenomenology, content analysis</i>	
Participant selection			
10.	Sampling	How were participants selected? <i>e.g. purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball</i>	Materials and methods
11.	Method of approach	How were participants approached? <i>e.g. face-to-face, telephone, mail, email</i>	Materials and methods
12.	Sample size	How many participants were in the study?	Materials and methods
13.	Non-participation	How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons?	Materials and methods
Setting			
14.	Setting of data collection	Where was the data collected? <i>e.g. home, clinic, workplace</i>	Materials and methods
15.	Presence of non-participants	Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers?	Materials and methods
16.	Description of sample	What are the important characteristics of the sample? <i>e.g. demographic data, date</i>	Materials and methods, Appendix D
Data collection			
17.	Interview guide	Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? Was it pilot tested?	Materials and methods, Appendix A
18.	Repeat interviews	Were repeat interviews carried out? If yes, how many?	Materials and methods
19.	Audio/visual recording	Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data?	Materials and methods
20.	Field notes	Were field notes made during and/or after the interview or focus group?	Materials and methods
21.	Duration	What was the duration of the interviews or focus group?	Materials and methods
22.	Data saturation	Was data saturation discussed?	Materials and methods
23.	Transcripts returned	Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction?	Materials and methods

<b>Domain 3: analysis and findings</b>			
Data analysis			
24.	Number of data coders	How many data coders coded the data?	Materials and methods
25.	Description of the coding tree	Did authors provide a description of the coding tree?	Materials and methods
26.	Derivation of themes	Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data?	Materials and methods
27.	Software	What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data?	Materials and methods
28.	Participant checking	Did participants provide feedback on the findings?	Materials and methods
Reporting			
29.	Quotations presented	Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes / findings? Was each quotation identified? <i>e.g. participant number</i>	Results, Discussion, Appendix E
30.	Data and findings consistent	Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings?	Results, Discussion, Conclusion, Appendices
31.	Clarity of major themes	Were major themes clearly presented in the findings?	Results, Discussion
32.	Clarity of minor themes	Is there a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes?	Results, Discussion