

Supplementary Material

Table i. COnsolidated criteria for REporting Qualitative research (COREQ) checklist.

| Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity | | | | |
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| Personal | | | | |
| Characteristics | | | | |
| 1. | Interviewer/facilitator | Which author/s conducted the interview or focus group? | | |
| | | Methods - Sampling and data collection | | |
| 2. | Credentials | What were the researcher's credentials? E.g. PhD, MD | | |
| | | Methods - Sampling and data collection | | |
| 3. | Occupation | What was their occupation at the time of the study? | | |
| | | Surgeon and researcher - Methods - Sampling and data | | |
| | | collection | | |
| 4. | Gender | Was the researcher male or female? | | |
| | | Male - Methods - Sampling and data collection | | |
| 5. | Experience and training | What experience or training did the researcher have? | | |
| | | Methods - Sampling and data collection | | |
| Relationship with | participants | | | |
| 6. | Relationship established | Was a relationship established prior to study | | |
| | | commencement? | | |
| | | Methods - Sampling and data collection | | |
| 7. | Participant knowledge of | What did the participants know about the researcher? e.g. | | |
| | the interviewer | personal goals, reasons for doing the research | | |
| | | Described in Methods - Sampling and data collection | | |
| 8. | Interviewer characteristics | What characteristics were reported about the | | |
| | | interviewer/facilitator? e.g. <i>Bias, assumptions, reasons and</i> | | |
| | | interests in the research topic | | |
| | | Methods - Sampling and data collection | | |
| Domain 2: study d | esign | | | |
| Theoretical | | | | |
| framework | | | | |
| 9. | Methodological | What methodological orientation was stated to underpin | | |
| | orientation and Theory | the study? e.g. grounded theory, discourse analysis, | | |
| | | ethnography, phenomenology, content analysis | | |
| | | Methods - Sampling and data collection | | |
| Participant selection | | | | |
| 10. | Sampling | How were participants selected? e.g. purposive, | | |
| | | convenience, consecutive, snowball | | |
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| 11. Method of approach How were participants approached? e.g. face-to-face, telephone, mail, email, Methods - Sampling and data collection | | | | | |
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| 12. Sample size | | | | | |
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| 28. | Participant checking | Did participants provide feedback on the findings? Methods - analysis |
| Reporting | | |
| 29. | Quotations presented | Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes / findings? Was each quotation identified? e.g. participant number Yes - Results |
| 30. | Data and findings consistent | Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings? Yes - Results |
| 31. | Clarity of major themes | Were major themes clearly presented in the findings? Yes – Results |
| 32. | Clarity of minor themes | Is there a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes? Yes - Results |