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We have placed an "x" beside the items to which we have reflected on (along with a page number) and have placed a "" beside the items to which we will reflect on continually during data collection, analysis, and writing.

Table 1 Consolidated criteria for reporting qualitative studies (COREQ): 32-item checklist

No	Item	Guide questions/description
Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity		
Personal Characteristics		
	* 1. Interviewer/facilitator	Which author/s conducted the interview or focus group?
p. 8	x 2. Credentials	What were the researcher's credentials? <i>E.g. PhD, MD</i>
p. 8	x 3. Occupation	What was their occupation at the time of the study?
	* 4. Gender	Was the researcher male or female?
p. 8	x 5. Experience and training	What experience or training did the researcher have?
Relationship with participants		
	* 6. Relationship established	Was a relationship established prior to study commencement?
	* 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>
p. 8	x * 8. Interviewer characteristics	What characteristics were reported about the interviewer/facilitator? <i>e.g. Bias, assumptions, reasons and interests in the research topic</i>
Domain 2: study design		
Theoretical framework		
p. 5	x 9. Methodological orientation and Theory	What methodological orientation was stated to underpin the study? <i>e.g. grounded theory, discourse analysis, ethnography, phenomenology, content analysis</i>
Participant selection		
p. 6	x 10. Sampling	How were participants selected? <i>e.g. purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball</i>
p. 6	x 11. Method of approach	How were participants approached? <i>e.g. face-to-face, telephone, mail, email</i>
p. 6	x 12. Sample size	How many participants were in the study?
	* 13. Non-participation	How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons?
Setting		
p. 6	x 14. Setting of data collection	Where was the data collected? <i>e.g. home, clinic, workplace</i>
p. 6	x 15. Presence of non-participants	Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers?
p. 6	x * 16. Description of sample	What are the important characteristics of the sample? <i>e.g. demographic data, date</i>
Data collection		
p. 7	x 17. Interview guide	Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? Was it pilot tested?
	* 18. Repeat interviews	Were repeat interviews carried out? If yes, how many?
p. 6	x 19. Audio/visual recording	Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data?
	* 20. Field notes	Were field notes made during and/or after the interview or focus group?
p. 6	x 21. Duration	What was the duration of the interviews or focus group?
p. 6, 8	x 22. Data saturation	Was data saturation discussed?
	* 23. Transcripts returned	Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction?
Domain 3: analysis and findingsz		
Data analysis		
	* 24. Number of data coders	How many data coders coded the data?
	* 25. Description of the coding tree	Did authors provide a description of the coding tree?
p. 8	x 26. Derivation of themes	Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data?
p. 8	x 27. Software	What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data?
	* 28. Participant checking	Did participants provide feedback on the findings?
Reporting		
	* 29. Quotations presented	Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes / findings? Was each quotation identified? <i>e.g. participant number</i>
	* 30. Data and findings consistent	Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings?
	* 31. Clarity of major themes	Were major themes clearly presented in the findings?
	* 32. Clarity of minor themes	Is there a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes?