

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

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YOU MUST PROVIDE A RESPONSE FOR ALL ITEMS. ENTER N/A IF NOT APPLICABLE

No. Item	Guide questions/description	Reported on Page #
<b>Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity</b>		
<i>Personal Characteristics</i>		
1. Inter viewer/facilitator	Which author/s conducted the inter view or focus group? <b>JEA, SA, NV</b>	Last paragraph of "Study participants and setting"
2. Credentials	What were the researcher's credentials? E.g. PhD, MD	With authors' names at the beginning of manuscript.
3. Occupation	What was their occupation at the time of the study?	Page 1: Title Page
4. Gender	Was the researcher male or female? <b>N/A</b>	N/A
5. Experience and training	What experience or training did the researcher have? <b>N/A</b>	N/A
<i>Relationship with participants</i>		
6. Relationship established	Was a relationship established prior to study commencement? <b>No</b>	N/A
7. Participant knowledge of the interviewer	What did the participants know about the researcher? e.g. personal goals, reasons for doing the research	Explained in first sentence of section "Data collection"
8. Interviewer characteristics	What characteristics were reported about the inter viewer/facilitator? e.g. Bias, assumptions, reasons and interests in the research topic <b>N/A</b>	N/A

<b>Domain 2: study design</b>		
<i>Theoretical framework</i>		
9. Methodological orientation and Theory	What methodological orientation was stated to underpin the study? e.g. grounded theory, discourse analysis, ethnography, phenomenology, content analysis <b>This was a descriptive study</b>	First line under "Study design"
<i>Participant selection</i>		
10. Sampling	How were participants selected? e.g. purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball <b>Purposive</b>	Methods; Study participants and setting
11. Method of approach	How were participants approached? e.g. face-to-face, telephone, mail, email <b>Telephone, mail, advertisements</b>	Methods; Study participants and setting
12. Sample size	How many participants were in the study? <b>22</b>	Results
13. Non-participation	How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons? <b>0</b>	N/A
<i>Setting</i>		
14. Setting of data collection	Where was the data collected? e.g. home, clinic, workplace <b>Healing Lodge within the Health Centre</b>	Methods; Data collection
15. Presence of non-participants	Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers? <b>Mi'kmac translator</b>	Methods; Study participants and setting
16. Description of sample	What are the important characteristics of the sample? e.g. demographic data, date	First paragraph of results
<i>Data collection</i>		
17. Interview guide	Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? Was it pilot tested? <b>Semi-structured discussion guide. Not pilot tested.</b>	Methods; Data collection
18. Repeat interviews	Were repeat inter views carried out? If yes, how many? <b>No</b>	Methods; Data collection
19. Audio/visual recording	Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the	Methods; Data collection

	data? <b>Audio recording</b>	
20. Field notes	Were field notes made during and/or after the interview or focus group? <b>Yes</b>	Methods; Data collection
21. Duration	What was the duration of the inter views or focus group? <b>2 hours</b>	Methods; Data collection
22. Data saturation	Was data saturation discussed? <b>No</b>	Strengths and limitations
23. Transcripts returned	Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction? <b>No</b>	N/A
<b>Domain 3: analysis and findings</b>		
<i>Data analysis</i>		
24. Number of data coders	How many data coders coded the data? <b>Three (NV, SA, JEA)</b>	Methods; Data analysis
25. Description of the coding tree	Did authors provide a description of the coding tree? <b>No</b>	N/A
26. Derivation of themes	Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data? <b>Derived from data</b>	Methods; Data analysis
27. Software	What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data? <b>N/A</b>	N/A
28. Participant checking	Did participants provide feedback on the findings? <b>Yes</b>	Methods; Data analysis
<i>Reporting</i>		
29. Quotations presented	Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes/findings? Was each quotation identified? e.g. participant number <b>Yes</b>	Table 1
30. Data and findings consistent	Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings? <b>Yes</b>	Table 1; Results.

31. Clarity of major themes	Were major themes clearly presented in the findings? <b>Yes</b>	Results
32. Clarity of minor themes	Is there a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes? <b>No</b>	N/A