



Supplementary Material

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

Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity		
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? <i>E.g. PhD, MD</i> 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 the interviewer	What did the participants know about the researcher? <i>e.g. personal goals, reasons for doing the research</i> Described in Methods - Sampling and data collection
8.	Interviewer characteristics	What characteristics were reported about the interviewer/facilitator? <i>e.g. Bias, assumptions, reasons and interests in the research topic</i> Methods - Sampling and data collection
Domain 2: study design		
Theoretical framework		
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> Methods - Sampling and data collection
Participant selection		
10.	Sampling	How were participants selected? <i>e.g. purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball</i> Methods - Sampling and data collection

11.	Method of approach	How were participants approached? e.g. <i>face-to-face, telephone, mail, email</i> Methods - Sampling and data collection
12.	Sample size	How many participants were in the study? Methods - Sampling and data collection
13.	Non-participation	How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons? Methods - Sampling and data collection
Setting		
14.	Setting of data collection	Where was the data collected? e.g. <i>home, clinic, workplace</i> Methods - Sampling and data collection
15.	Presence of non-participants	Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers? Methods - Sampling and data collection
16.	Description of sample	What are the important characteristics of the sample? e.g. <i>demographic data, date</i> Methods - Sampling and data collection
Data collection		
17.	Interview guide	Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? Was it pilot tested? Methods - Sampling and data collection
18.	Repeat interviews	Were repeat interviews carried out? If yes, how many? No. Methods - Sampling and data collection
19.	Audio/visual recording	Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data? Methods - Sampling and data collection
20.	Field notes	Were field notes made during and/or after the interview or focus group? Methods - Sampling and data collection
21.	Duration	What was the duration of the interviews or focus group? Methods - Sampling and data collection
22.	Data saturation	Was data saturation discussed? Methods - analysis
23.	Transcripts returned	Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction? Methods - Sampling and data collection
Domain 3: analysis and findings		
Data analysis		
24.	Number of data coders	How many data coders coded the data? Methods - analysis
25.	Description of the coding tree	Did authors provide a description of the coding tree? Results
26.	Derivation of themes	Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data? Date - Methods - analysis
27.	Software	What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data?

		Methods - Sampling and data collection
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. <i>participant number</i> 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