

## Supplementary File 1

**COREQ (32-Item) Checklist**  
**Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity**

Item	Guide Questions/Description	Reported (Yes/No)	Location in Manuscript
Interviewer/facilitator	Which author conducted the interviews?	Yes	Methods – Data Collection
Credentials	Researcher credentials	Yes (RN, MSc, PhD In-view)	Methods – Reflexivity
Occupation	Researcher occupation at the time of study	Yes (Nurse-researcher)	Methods – Reflexivity
Gender	Researcher gender	Yes (Male)	Methods – Reflexivity
Experience and training	Relevant experience/training	Yes	Methods – Reflexivity
Relationship established	Relationship with participants	Yes (None prior)	Methods – Reflexivity
Participant's knowledge of the interviewer	What participants knew	Yes	Methods – Data Collection
Interviewer characteristics	Reflexivity, assumptions	Yes	Methods – Reflexivity

**Domain 2: Study design**

<b>Theoretical framework</b>			
Item	Guide Questions/Description	Reported	Location
Methodological orientation	e.g., grounded theory, phenomenology	Yes (Hermeneutic phenomenology)	Methods – Design
<b>Participant selection</b>			
Item	Guide Questions/Description	Reported	Location
Sampling	How participants selected	Yes (Purposive)	Methods – Sampling
Method of approach	How participants approached	Yes	Methods – Sampling
Sample size	Number of participants	Yes (N=20)	Methods – Sampling
Non-participation	Refusals/dropouts	Yes	Methods – Sampling
<b>Setting</b>			
Item	Guide Questions/Description	Reported	Location
Setting of data collection	Where data collected	Yes	Methods – Data Collection
Presence of non-participants	Anyone else present	Yes (Private setting)	Methods – Data Collection
Description of sample	Participant characteristics	Yes	Table 1

**Domain 3: Data collection**

Item	Guide Questions/Description	Reported	Location
Interview guide	Were questions/prompts provided	Yes	Methods – Instrument
Repeat interviews	Were repeat interviews done	No	Methods – Data Collection
Audio/visual recording	Recording used	Yes (Audio)	Methods – Data Collection
Field notes	Field notes made	Yes	Methods – Data Collection
Duration	Length of interviews	Yes	Methods – Data Collection
Data saturation	Was saturation discussed	Yes	Methods – Sampling
Transcripts returned	Returned to participants	No	Methods – Trustworthiness

**Domain 4: Data analysis**

Item	Guide Questions/Description	Reported	Location
Number of data coders	How many coded data points	Yes (Primary + peer debriefing)	Methods – Data Analysis
Description of coding tree	Coding structure described	Yes	Methods – Data Analysis
Derivation of themes	Inductive or deductive	Yes (Interpretive)	Methods – Data Analysis
Software	Software used	Yes (Manual)	Methods – Data Analysis
Participant checking	Member checking	No	Methods – Trustworthiness

<b>Domain 5: Reporting</b>			
<b>Item</b>	<b>Guide Questions/Description</b>	<b>Reported</b>	<b>Location</b>
Quotations presented	Participant quotes used	Yes	Results
Data and findings consistent	Alignment evident	Yes	Results
Clarity of major themes	Clearly presented	Yes	Results
Clarity of minor themes	Clearly presented	Yes	Results