

Providing Palliative and End-of-Life Care in Long-Term Care During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Qualitative Study of Clinicians' Lived Experiences

Reporting Guideline Checklist

Consolidated criteria for reporting qualitative research (COREQ)

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No	Criteria	How Requirement Met	Reference in manuscript
Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity			
1	Interviewer/facilitator	SS, AG, and JK conducted one-on-one interviews	Data Collection Procedures, Page 4
2	Credentials	See Title Page	Page 1
3	Occupation	See Title Page	Page 1
4	Gender	See Title Page	Page 1
5	Experience and training	See Title Page	Page 1
6	Relationship established	No previous relationship with participants present	Sampling and Recruitment, Page 4
7	Participant knowledge of the interviewer	Some participants were members of the OLTCC and work in the same sector(s) as some of the authors (ie. LTC and palliative care) but do not work together in the same setting nor have personal affiliations with each other. Participants reviewed the study information sheet including the purpose of the study and consented to participate following completely transparent procedures and no personal biases or conflicts of interests were present	Sampling and Recruitment, Data Collection Procedures, Page 4
8	Interviewer characteristics	Also see 7. Participants were aware of the scholarly and clinical expertise of the authors in the field of LTC and Palliative Care and the study purpose and question were a natural common interest between participants and interviewers	Sampling and Recruitment, Data Collection Procedures, Page 4
Domain 2: study design			

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9	Methodological orientation and Theory	-A qualitative interpretive descriptive study -Constructivist and naturalistic orientation -Thematic analysis	Study Design and Setting, Page 3 Data Analysis, Page 4-5
10	Sampling	Purposive and snowball sampling	Sampling and Recruitment, Page 4
11	Method of approach	E-mail and virtual interviews	Data Collection Procedures, Page 4
12	Sample size	Twelve participants were needed to achieve data saturation given length and details of interviews	Data Collection Procedures, Page 4
13	Non-participation	No participants dropped out or refused to participate	NA
14	Setting of data collection	Virtually conducted interviews	Data Collection Procedures, Page 4
15	Presence of non-participants	No non-participants were present	NA
16	Description of sample	Demographics reported	See Characteristics of Sample, Page 5 and Table 1
17	Interview guide	Interview guide is provided. Interviewers debriefed after each completed the initial interview and agreed with appropriateness of questions and probes. Interviewers continued to meet together and with research team.	Appendix 1 Data Collection Procedures, Page 4
18	Repeat interviews	None were conducted	NA
19	Audio/visual recording	Zoom™ virtual communication platform was used. Participants were asked to keep video on at all times to allow for maximum virtual face-to-face communication	Data Collection Procedures, Page 4
20	Field notes	Yes, interviewers took field notes during the interviews to document observations and nonverbal cues. These were reviewed during consensus meetings and in data analysis.	Data Collection Procedures, Page 4
21	Duration	45 to 90 minutes given nature of questions and detailed probes	Data Collection Procedures, Page 4 Appendix 1

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22	Data saturation	Discussed in report	Data Analysis, Page 5
23	Transcripts returned	No transcripts were returned to participants	NA
Domain 3: analysis and findings			
24	Number of data coders	Two coders (SS and AG). Process further explained in report	Data Analysis, Page 4-5
25	Description of the coding tree	No coding tree included, instead themes and subthemes thoroughly explained	See Table 2 and Results
26	Derivation of themes	Themes were not previously identified and emerged as a result of the analysis process	Data Analysis, Page 4-5 and Table 2
27	Software	Nvivo™ 2020 used	Data Analysis, Page 4-5
28	Participant checking	Results not shared with participants at this stage	NA
29	Quotations presented	Quotations used within text and included separately for each theme	See Table 2 and Results
30	Data and findings consistent	Themes and results were derived directly from the data analysis and supportive quotes provided	Data Analysis, Page 4-5 Table 2 Results
31	Clarity of major themes	Five major themes described Clear subthemes included	Table 1 Table 2 Results
31	Clarity of minor themes	Multiple subthemes were also described in details	Table 1 Table 2 Results