

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

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The Experience of Returning Home after Surviving Cardiac Arrest: A Narrative Inquiry		
No. Item	Guide questions/description	Reported on Page #
Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity		
Personal Characteristics		
1. Interviewer/facilitator	Which author/s conducted the interview or focus group?	Gunilla Haydon
2. Credentials	What were the researcher's credentials? E.g. PhD, MD	Gunilla Haydon BN(honours) RN PhD Candidate Pamela van der Riet RN PhD Associate Professor Kerry Inder RN PhD Associate Professor
3. Occupation	What was their occupation at the time of the study?	Gunilla Haydon Lecturer Pamela van der Riet level D lecturer Kerry Inder Deputy Head of School – Research School of Nursing & Midwifery
4. Gender	Was the researcher male or female?	Pg. 4 Sampling and Recruitment "...first author and her interest in survival...."
5. Experience and training	What experience or training did the researcher have?	All authors have multiple publications and completed research projects
Relationship with participants		
6. Relationship established	Was a relationship established prior to study commencement?	Pg. 4 Sampling and Recruitment "The researchers did not know any of the participants prior to interview ..."
7. Participant knowledge of the interviewer	What did the participants know about the researcher? e.g. personal goals, reasons for doing the research	This was presented in the Participant information sheet and Consent Form.
8. Interviewer characteristics	What characteristics were reported about the interviewer/facilitator? e.g. Bias, assumptions, reasons and interests in the research topic	Pg. 5 Data Collection "The first author, who has experience in intensive care and education conducted the individual..."
Methods Domain 2: study design		
Theoretical framework		
9. Methodological orientation and Theory	What methodological orientation was stated to	Pg. 3 Methods & Design Narrative Inquiry

	underpin the study? e.g. grounded theory, discourse analysis, ethnography, phenomenology, content analysis	
Participant selection		
10. Sampling	How were participants selected? e.g. purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball	Pg. 4 Sampling and Recruitment Purposive and snowball
11. Method of approach	How were participants approached? e.g. face-to-face, telephone, mail, email	Pg. 4 Sampling and Recruitment "All participants initiated contact with the first author..."
12. Sample size	How many participants were in the study?	Pg. 4 Sampling and Recruitment 17 participants
13. Non-participation	How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons?	Pg. 4 Sampling and Recruitment "...no participants withdrew from the inquiry..."
Setting		
14. Setting of data collection	Where was the data collected? e.g. home, clinic, workplace	Pg. 5 Data Collection "fourteen were face to face and three on video chat using Skype."
15. Presence of nonparticipants	Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers?	No
16. Description of sample	What are the important characteristics of the sample? e.g. demographic data, date	Pg. 5 Participants "Level of education spanned from high school to doctoral studies, and employment was equally broad, including self-employment, home care duties, office work, academia and health professions. The experience of a CA occurred from three months to 36 years prior to the interview. Twelve participants experienced an out of hospital CA; eight during exercise (gardening, jogging, surfing, playing golf and team sports) and four during sedentary activities at home or in the community. Five participants experienced their CA in hospital." Also listed in a table
Data collection		

17. Interview guide	Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? Was it pilot tested?	Pg. 5-6 Data collection “Questions such as “Tell me about coming home?” and “What was the biggest difference in ‘before’ and ‘after’ the CA in returning home?”
18. Repeat interviews	Were repeat interviews carried out? If yes, how many?	Pg. 6 Data Collection “Four participants took part in a second interview, providing them with the opportunity to add information included in the inquiry”
19. Audio/visual recording	Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data?	Pg. 5 Data Collection “All interviews were audiotaped with participant permission ...”
20. Field notes	Were field notes made during and/or after the interview or focus group?	Pg. 5 Data Collection “and field notes were completed after the interview.”
21. Duration	What was the duration of the interviews or focus group?	Pg. 5 Data Collection “The duration of first interviews ranged between 52 minutes and 3 hours 49 minutes with a median time of 73 minutes. Second interviews ranged from 44 to 63 minutes.”
22. Data saturation	Was data saturation discussed?	Not applicable to Narrative inquiry
23. Transcripts returned	Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction?	Pg. 6 Data collection “Transcribed material was returned to the participants for review before analysing commenced.”
Domain 3: analysis and findings		
Data analysis		
24. Number of data coders	How many data coders coded the data?	Not applicable to Narrative inquiry
25. Description of the coding tree	Did authors provide a description of the coding tree?	Not applicable to Narrative inquiry
26. Derivation of themes	Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data?	Pg. 6-7 Data Analysis “Before meetings with co-authors, transcribed interviews and emerging threads were circulated among the authors checking that the threads stem from the transcribed material.”
27. Software	What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data?	No software used

28. Participant checking	Did participants provide feedback on the findings?	Pg. 5 Data collection “Before and after the main interview contact was maintained by emails and phone calls, consistent with the relational aspects of NI.”
Reporting		
29. Quotations presented	Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes/findings? Was each quotation identified? e.g. participant number	Yes, each quote is followed by a participant number correlating to the participant table
30. Data and findings consistent	Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings?	Pg. 7- 12 Findings
31. Clarity of major themes	Were major themes clearly presented in the findings?	Pg. 7-12 Findings
32. Clarity of minor themes	Is there a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes?	No