

Consolidated criteria for reporting qualitative studies (COREQ): 32-item checklist No Item Guide questions/description

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Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity

Personal Characteristics

1. Interviewer/facilitator Which author/s conducted the interview or focus group?	Anna Kitta
2. Credentials What were the researcher's credentials?	BA, MD, MSc
3. Occupation What was their occupation at the time of the study?	MD
4. Gender Was the researcher male or female?	Female
5. Experience and training What experience or training did the researcher have?	BA in social and cultural anthropology, 3 years into special training of Internal Medicine

Relationship with participants

6. Relationship established Was a relationship established prior to study commencement?	One interviewee was known to the authors prior to the study, two doctors were recommended by a physician and scholar working in the field
7. Participant knowledge of the interviewer What did the participants know about the researcher?	Participants were informed about the aim of the study and the research question prior to the interviews, as well as the background of the first author
8. Interviewer characteristics What characteristics were reported about the interviewer/facilitator?	Special interest in palliative care and narrative medicine, therefore focus on social justice and accessibility of care for marginalized communities (such as incarcerated persons)

Domain 2: study design Theoretical framework

9. Methodological orientation and Theory What methodological orientation was stated to underpin the study?	Thematic Analysis
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Participant selection

10. Sampling How were participants selected?	Convenience and access
11. Method of approach How were participants approached?	email
12. Sample size How many participants were in the study?	3

13. Non-participation How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons?	none
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Setting

14. Setting of data collection Where was the data collected?	Interviews were carried out via telephone and virtually, so it was the choice of the participants. One was in the car, two at their workplace
15. Presence of non-participants Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers?	No, not known to the authors
16. Description of sample What are the important characteristics of the sample?	Working experience within a prison

Data collection

17. Interview guide Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? Was it pilot tested?	Interview guide was not pilot tested but sent to the participants prior to the interview
18. Repeat interviews Were repeat interviews carried out? If yes, how many?	No
19. Audio/visual recording Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data?	Audio recording
20. Field notes Were field notes made during and/or after the interview or focus group?	Yes, both during and after the interviews
21. Duration What was the duration of the interviews or focus group?	34 min, 58 min and 72 min
22. Data saturation Was data saturation discussed?	No
23. Transcripts returned Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction?	Yes

Domain 3: analysis and findingsz

Data analysis

24. Number of data coders How many data coders coded the data?	Two
25. Description of the coding tree Did authors provide a description of the coding tree?	No
26. Derivation of themes Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data?	From the data
27. Software What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data?	NVivo10

28. Participant checking Did participants provide feedback on the findings?	Yes
Reporting	
29. Quotations presented Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes / findings? Was each quotation identified?	Yes, quotations were presented. However they remained unattributed to safeguard the participants' anonymity.
30. Data and findings consistent Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings?	Yes
31. Clarity of major themes Were major themes clearly presented in the findings?	1) lack of training and support, 2) interrupted relationships, 3) limitations on visits and saying one's goodbyes, 4) security as a main concern, and 5) the possibility of release
32. Clarity of minor themes Is there a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes? (ii)	Yes, within the examples presented of the individual major themes' sections

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