

Appendix 1

Section 1. Consolidated Criteria for Reporting Qualitative Studies (COREQ) Checklist

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Item	Topic	Guide Questions/Description	Reported on page no.
Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity			
<i>Personal characteristics</i>			
1	Interviewer/facilitator	Which author/s conducted the interview or focus group?	Study protocol cited in p.2
2	Credentials	What were the researcher's credentials? E.g. PhD, MD	Author information
3	Occupation	What was their occupation at the time of the study?	Not reported
4	Gender	Was the researcher male or female?	Study Design and Setting p.2-3
5	Experience and training	What experience or training did the researcher have?	Study Design and Setting p.2-3
<i>Relationship with participants</i>			
6	Relationship established	Was a relationship established prior to study commencement?	Not reported due to word limit. Please note: <i>The research team did not have established relationships with participants beyond the initial contact.</i>
7	Participant knowledge of the interviewer	What did the participants know about the researcher? e.g. personal goals, reasons for doing the research	Not reported due to word limit. Please note: <i>During initial contact, the participants were provided a brief explanation of the study's purpose and the researchers' affiliations and invited to participate.</i>
8	Interviewer characteristics	What characteristics were reported about the interviewer/facilitator? e.g. Bias, assumptions, reasons and interests in the research topic	Study protocol cited in p.2
Domain 2: Study design			
<i>Theoretical framework</i>			
9	Methodological orientation and theory	What methodological orientation was stated to underpin the study? e.g. grounded theory, discourse	Study Framework p.3

analysis, ethnography,
phenomenology, content analysis

Participant selection

10	Sampling	How were participants selected? e.g. purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball	Participant Sampling and Recruitment p.3
11	Method of approach	How were participants approached? e.g. face-to-face, telephone, mail, email	Participant Sampling and Recruitment p.3
12	Sample size	How many participants were in the study?	Participant Characteristics p.4
13	Non-participation	How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons?	Appendix 2. Recruitment Flowchart

Setting

14	Setting of data collection	Where was the data collected? e.g. home, clinic, workplace	Study protocol cited in p.2
15	Presence of non- participants	Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers?	Study protocol cited in p.2
16	Description of sample	What are the important characteristics of the sample? e.g. demographic data, date	Participant Characteristics p.4

Data collection

17	Interview guide	Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? Was it pilot tested?	Appendix 3. Qualitative Interview Guide
18	Repeat interviews	Were repeat interviews carried out? If yes, how many?	Not reported due to word limit. Please note: <i>Repeat interviews were not conducted.</i>
19	Audio/visual recording	Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data?	Data Collection p.3
20	Field notes	Were field notes made during and/or after the interview or focus group?	Not reported due to word limit. Please note: <i>The interviewer made field notes after the interviews.</i>
21	Duration	What was the duration of the interviews or focus group?	Participant Characteristics p.4
22	Data saturation	Was data saturation discussed?	Data Analysis p.3-4
23	Transcripts returned	Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction?	Not reported due to word limit. Please note: <i>Transcripts were not returned to participants.</i>

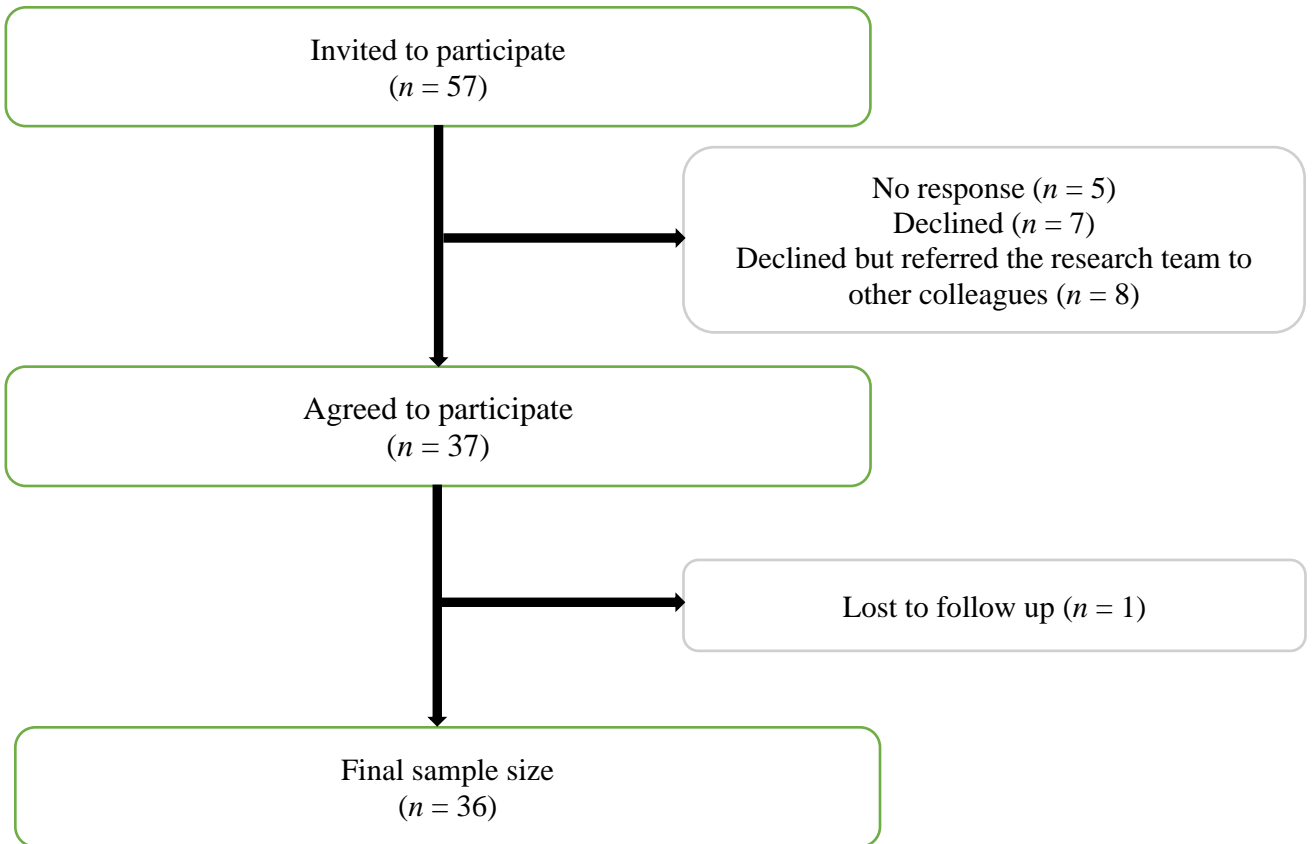
Domain 3: Analysis and findings

Data analysis

24	Number of data coders	How many data coders coded the data?	Data Analysis p.3-4
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25	Description of the coding tree	Did authors provide a description of the coding tree?	Data Analysis p.3-4
26	Derivation of themes	Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data?	Data Analysis p.3-4
27	Software	What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data?	Data Analysis p.3-4
28	Participant checking	Did participants provide feedback on the findings?	Data Collection p.3
<i>Reporting</i>			
29	Quotations presented	Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes / findings? Was each quotation identified? e.g. participant number	Results p.4-8
30	Data and findings consistent	Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings?	Results p.4-8
31	Clarity of major themes	Were major themes clearly presented in the findings?	Results p.4-8
32	Clarity of minor themes	Is there a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes?	Not applicable

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Note: Two prospective participants from Quebec were invited to participate (1 no response and 1 declined).

Section 3. Qualitative Interview Guide

The qualitative interview guide has been published in the study protocol and is publicly available.¹

We began all interviews by providing participants with an overview of the study and receiving verbal consent. Initial interview questions asked about participants' sociodemographic characteristics and organizational roles. We then proceeded to ask participants about their attitudes and perspectives on 1) the introduction and evolution of MAiD in Canada; 2) the relationship between MAiD and PEOLC; 3) supportive care and important conversations about MAiD; and, 4) the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on MAiD and PEOLC services. We concluded the interview by summarizing and checking the discussed themes. All participants were given the opportunity to add any further comments and ask questions.

¹ Please see “Supplementary Material” in: Shapiro GK, Tong E, Nissim R, Zimmermann C, Allin S, Gibson J, et al. Exploring key stakeholders' attitudes and opinions on medical assistance in dying and palliative care in Canada: A qualitative study protocol. *BMJ Open*. 2021;11(12):e055789.