

## Critical Appraisal of a Qualitative Study

Appraisal questions	Yes	Can't tell	No
1. <i>Did the study address a clearly focused question / issue?</i>			
2. <i>Is the research method (study design) appropriate for answering the research question?</i>			
3. <i>Was the context clearly described?</i>			
4. <i>How was the fieldwork undertaken? Was it described in detail? Are the methods for collecting data clearly described?</i>			
5. <i>Could the evidence (fieldwork notes, interview transcripts, recordings, documentary analysis, etc.) be inspected independently by others?</i>			
6. <i>Are the procedures for data analysis reliable and theoretically justified? Are quality control measures used?</i>			
7. <i>Was the analysis repeated by more than one researcher to ensure reliability?</i>			
8. <i>Are the results credible, and if so, are they relevant for practice?</i>			
9. <i>Are the conclusions drawn justified by the results?</i>			
10. <i>Are the findings of the study transferable to other settings?</i>			

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