

Critical Appraisal Worksheet: Qualitative Research Studies

Citation:	
SCREENING	
Why was the study done (what was the research question)?	
Was the study design appropriate?	
P – I – C – O the study	
VALIDITY	
Did the paper describe an important clinical problem addressed via a clearly-formulated question?	
Were the setting and the subjects selected appropriately? How were they selected?	
Has the researcher's perspective been taken into account? What was the researcher's perspective?	
Are the methods used for collecting data described in enough detail? What were the methods?	
Were appropriate methods used to analyze the data? What were the methods?	
Has the relationship between researchers and participants been adequately considered?	
CLINICAL IMPORTANCE	
Are the results credible, and if so, are they clinically important?	
Were the conclusions justified by the results? What conclusions were drawn?	
Are the findings of the study transferable to other clinical settings?	

Adapted from: Heneghan, Carl and Badenoch, Douglas. *Evidence-based Medicine Toolkit, 2nd edition*. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing; BMJ Books. 2006. p. 59.