

CRITICAL REVIEW FORM: QUALITATIVE METHODS

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“Childbirth is changing What now?” Tiedje L.B., Price E., You M., The American Journal of Maternal/Child Nursing. Vol. 33(3) May/June 2008 pg. 144-150.

Guide		Comments
I	Are the results valid?	
1	<p>What is the research question? Is my question about social, rather than biomedical, phenomena? Do I seek theoretical or conceptual understanding of the problem?</p>	
2	<p>Was the choice of participants or observations explicit and comprehensive? Was ethics approval obtained?</p>	
3	<p>Appropriateness of the design to the question.</p> <p>Is there consistency between the theoretical position, method, research question, data collection, analysis and results? (Mayan Ch 1.)</p> <p>Would a different method have been more appropriate?</p>	

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4	<p>Were the data collection methods appropriate for the research objectives and setting? Was the sampling and data collection comprehensive enough to support rich and robust description of the observed events?</p> <p>Did the sample include the full range of possible cases or settings so that conceptual rather than statistical generalizations could be made? (that is, more than convenience sampling)</p> <p>If appropriate, were efforts made to obtain data that might contradict or modify the analysis by extending the sample (for example, to a different type of area)?</p>	
II What were the results?		
1	<p>What are the results?</p> <p>Was the context / setting adequately described?</p> <p>Do the interpretations, themes or concepts flow logically from the analysis?</p>	

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III	How can I apply the results to my patient care?	
1a	Does the study offer helpful theoretical conclusions?	
1b	Does the study help me understand the context of my practice?	
2	Does the study help me to understand my relationships with patients and their families?	