

Methods

Impact of COVID-19 Restrictions in Palliative Care

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- To control spread of COVID-19 spread, hospitals worldwide developed policies restricting visitations and social distancing policies.^{1,2}
- Taiwanese study found that 98.6% of hospice wards changed their visitation policy.¹
- Brazilian study found COVID-19 restrictions led to 58.1% of cancer patients received delayed care.³
- US study also found delayed care decisions in ICU after institution of visitor restriction policies.⁴

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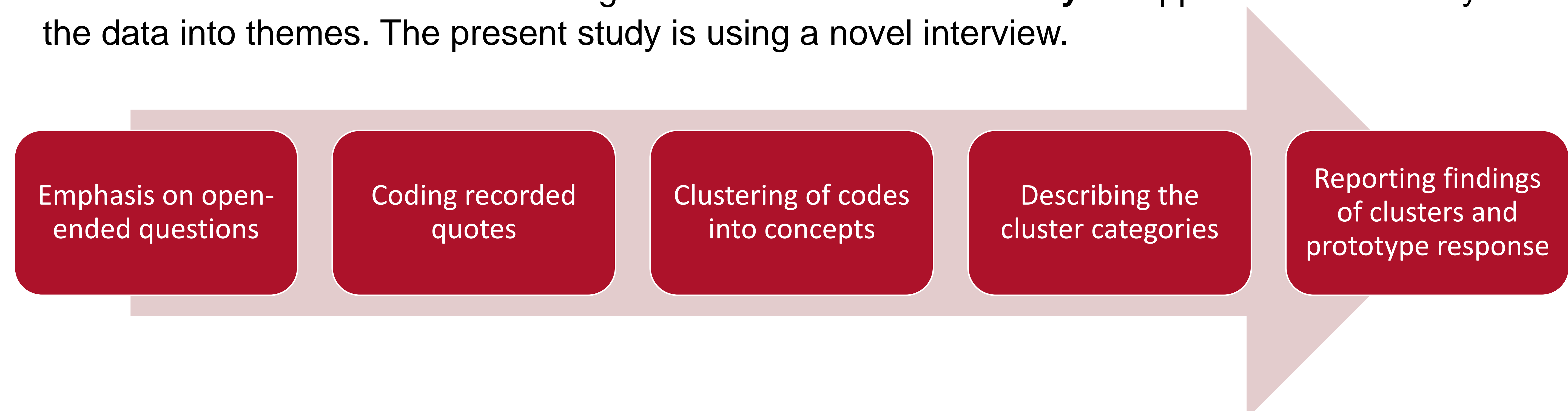
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Table 1: Caregiver Interview and Domains with Selected Questions

Domain	Questions
General/Caregiving Burden	
	How are you doing?
	Have you sought resources or support for caregivers? If so, what has been useful?
	Are there resources or assistance you haven't received but would like to?
Hospitalizations, Clinic Visits and COVID Impact	
	Were there changes in how they typically receive healthcare because of COVID-19 pandemic?
	If experienced COVID-19 pandemic restrictions (e.g., telehealth, visitation restrictions), how did that affect your loved one and you?
Telehealth	
	Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, what was your typical experience of going to a doctor's visit or other medical appointments?
	Did you have any telehealth visits prior to COVID-19 pandemic?
	If you have had telehealth appointments in the past year, can you tell me about what was your experience as compared to an in-person office visit?
General Experience	
	Are there resources you haven't received but would feel it is helpful? Do you have any suggestions for how your healthcare can be improved?
	Is there anything else you'd like to discuss?

Data Analysis

We will code the interview data using **conventional content analysis** approach and classify the data into themes. The present study is using a novel interview.



Current Status: Completing data collection and data analysis

