

	• Are the results meaningful to individuals not involved in the research? • Is the strategy used for analysis compatible with the purpose of the study?
<i>Findings</i>	1. Are the findings presented within a context? 2. Is the reader able to apprehend the essence of the experience from the report of the findings? 3. Are the researcher's conceptualizations true to the data? 4. Does the researcher place the report in the context of what is already known about the phenomenon? Was the existing literature on the topic related to the findings?
<i>Conclusions, implications, and recommendations</i>	1. Do the conclusions, implications, and recommendations give the reader a context in which to use the findings? 2. How do the conclusions reflect the study findings? 3. What are the recommendations for future study? Do they reflect the findings? 4. How has the researcher made explicit the significance of the study to nursing theory, research, or practice?



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Qualitative Research Study

As evidenced by published works, **phenomenology** is one approach to qualitative research. From a nursing perspective, qualitative research allows caregivers to understand the life experi-