

FOCUS group format SWITCH study

Focus Group Information

- Study title: Implementation of a Telemonitoring Device on the Ward
- Participants: Healthcare professionals (nurses and physicians) working on the ward
- Duration: 45-60 minutes
- Methodology: Semi-structured focus group interview analysed using Braun & Clarke's six-phase reflexive thematic analysis.

Opening of the Focus Group

- Explain confidentiality and anonymization.
- Consent for audio recording
- Explain ground rules: respect, one person speaks at a time, all opinions welcome.

Introduction

- Explanation focusgroup goals and procedures
- Involvement of the team an participating healthcare professionals.

Section 1: Initial Experiences With the Telemonitoring Device

- Can you describe your experiences with the telemonitoring device?
- What were your initial thoughts or expectations before implementation?
- How did the team react when the device was introduced?
- What is the teams opinion on telemonitoring?
- What is the level of trust in telemonitoring devices?
- Was the preparation with E-learning module illustrative?

Section 2: Experiences During Implementation

- How did the implementation process unfold on the ward?
- What challenges did you experience during implementation?
- What aspects of the implementation process worked well?
- Did the level of trust change?

Section 3: Impact on Daily Clinical Practice

- How has the telemonitoring device influenced your daily work?
- How has it affected patient care or patient safety?
- What impact did it have on collaboration within the healthcare team?
- Did the new infrastructure alleviate workload?

Section 4: Exploring Different Perspectives

- Did healthcare professionals experience implementation differently?
- Were opinions about the telemonitoring device similar or different within the team?

- Did perspectives change over time?
- Are there concerns regarding safety?

Section 5: Meaning and Interpretation

- What does successful implementation of telemonitoring mean to you?
- Which factors were most important for successful implementation?
- How would you summarize your overall experience with the telemonitoring device?

Section 6: Future Perspectives and Recommendations

- What recommendations would you give for future implementation projects?
- What should healthcare organizations improve when introducing telemonitoring?
- Do you think telemonitoring should become standard practice on the ward? Why or why not?

Closing Question

- Is there anything important that we have not yet discussed?

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