**APPENDIX E**

**Appraisal Guide:**

**Findings of a Qualitative Study**

APA Formatted Citation: (4 pts.)

Answer Here:

**Synopsis**(12 pts.)

1. What experience, situation, or subculture does the researcher want to understand?

Answer Here:

1. Does the researcher want to produce a description of an experience, or a social process, or an event, or is the goal to generate a theory?

Answer Here:

1. How was data collected?

Answer Here:

1. How did the researcher control his or her biases and preconceptions?

Answer Here:

1. Are specific pieces of data (e.g., direct quotes) and more generalized statements (themes, theories) included in the report?

Answer Here:

1. What are the main findings of the study? (10 Pts.)

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| **Credibility** (18 pts.) | **Yes** | **No** | **Not Clear** |
| Is the study published in a source that required peer review? |  |  |  |
| Were the methods used appropriate to the study purpose?  |  |  |  |
| Was the sampling of observations or interviews appropriate and varied enough to serve the purpose of the study? |  |  |  |
| \*Were data collection methods effective in obtaining in-depth data? |  |  |  |
| Did the data collection methods avoid the possibility of oversight, underrepresentation, or overrepresentation from certain types of sources? |  |  |  |
| Were data collection and analysis intermingled in dynamic way? |  |  |  |
| \*Is the data presented in ways that provide a vivid portrayal of what was experience or happened and its context? |  |  |  |
| \*Does the data provided justify generalized statements, themes, or theory? |  |  |  |
|  | **All** | **Some** | **No** |
| **ARE THE FINDGINGS CREDIBLE?** |  |  |  |
| Clinical Significance (6 pts.) | **Yes** | **No** | **Not Clear** |
| \*Are the findings rich and informative? |  |  |  |
| \*Is the perspective provided potentially useful in providing insight, support, or guidance for assessing patient status or progress? |  |  |  |
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\*= Important criteria

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