Email Interviews: The Decision-Making Process for Utilizing Electronic Data Collection in Qualitative Nursing Research

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Problem

- Data needs to be collected
- The interview is a common method
- Historically, face to face
- Technology offers new methods
 - Telephone
 - Video
 - Email
 - Text
- Which method is the best?

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Purpose

• Email Interview

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Context

- A recent qualitative study using email interview
- Purpose of study
- Participants



Previous Research

- Scheduling considerations
- Cost considerations
- Participant considerations
- Purpose of the study
- Methodological considerations



The Process

- Email access
- Privacy and confidentiality
- Time commitment
- Email reminders
- Simultaneous interviews
- Closing interview

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My personal experiences

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Conclusion

- The interview methodology should be based on several considerations
- Email interviews are a viable option

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