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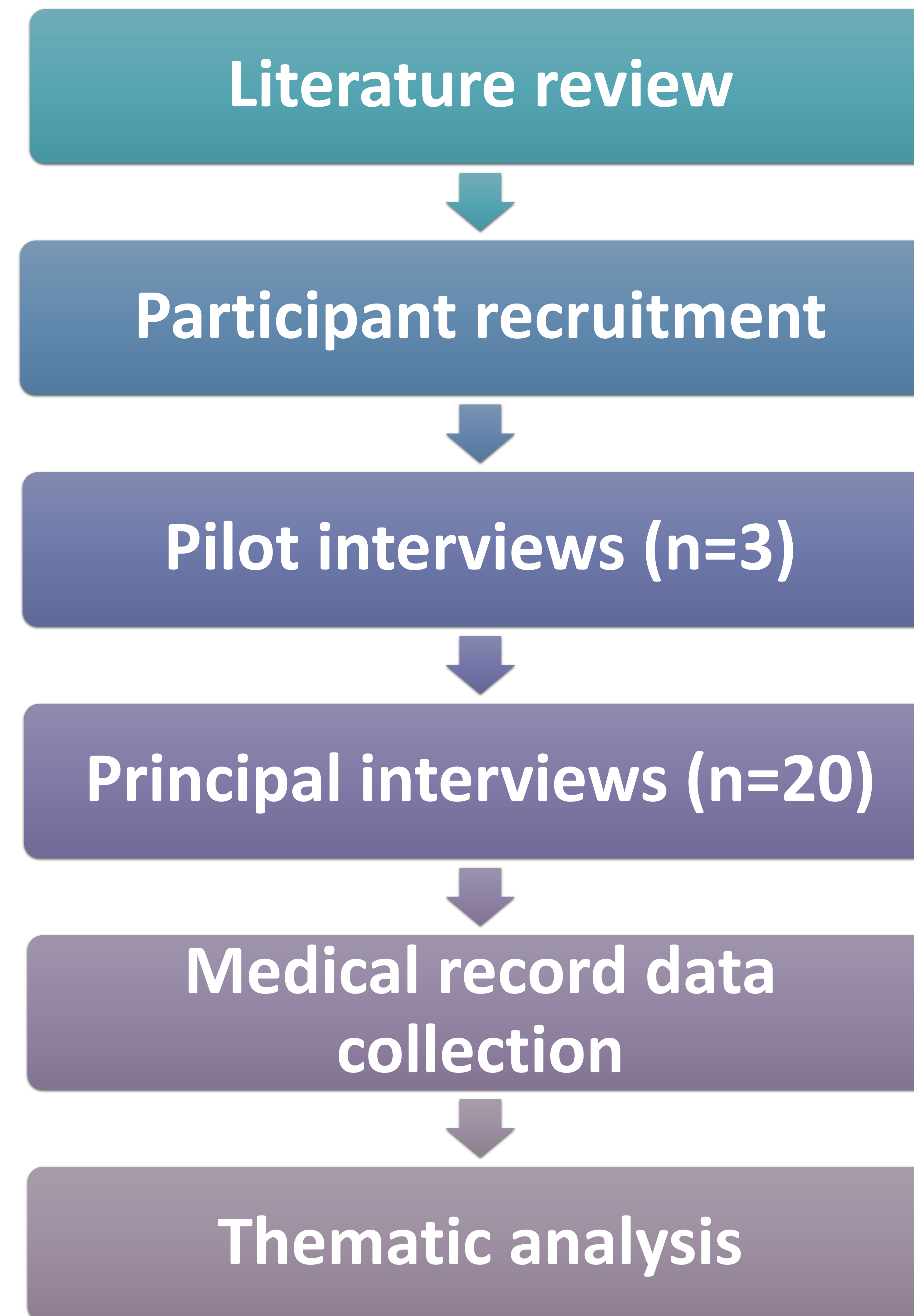
Surgical Sensation During Caesarean Section: A Qualitative Analysis

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Study Rational and Design



Results

Surgical sensation themes	Perioperative education themes
Pressure and internal movement sensations were most common	Preoperatively, patients are concerned about surgical sensation and anesthetic failure
Most patients did not have surgical pain	Patients want to be warned that they will likely feel surgical and non-surgical sensations
There was variation in the intensity of sensation	The anesthesiologist is an important physical presence, medical expert, and “translator” for patient
Most patients recalled sensation with delivery, the fewest recalled sensation after delivery	Patients appreciate ongoing communication, reassurance, and invitation of questions
Emotions and environmental factors affected perception of surgical sensation	