
Appendix 1. Example of the coding framework

Code	Description	Examples
Perceptions of role in nutrition care		
Role in nutrition care	Consumers expect their doctor to be able to at least provide basic advice (particularly in the interim before seeing a specialist), point them in the right direction; emphasis on resources and a referral	<p><i>I've received no advice, up until the last one who said, go on the CSIRO diet ... and I've been asking and telling them that I was really in strife ... Even if they're not confident enough to actually give advice, maybe a few really meaningful pamphlets, and pointing you in the direction of what to do and where to go and everything. (FG5)</i></p> <p><i>You go to the GP, you've got an issue, you need to see a dietitian, you might have to wait three to six months ... What happens if the doctor gives you interim advice so when you can get in to see the specialist or the dietitian? You know, you might be a little bit better off when you get there. (FG5)</i></p> <p><i>I guess it depends on the person as well and their individual needs, but a lot of the general public could possibly make changes to their lifestyle and diet, and I think that doctors should know how to do that. (FG2)</i></p>
	Participants perceived specialists to be more competent in nutrition	<p><i>I don't think the GPs have the time or the knowledge to feel confident to be giving you the right advice. (FG5)</i></p> <p><i>I've never had advice from a GP, and I agree that I do feel more confident getting that advice from a specialist. (FG5)</i></p>
