

Pre-conference: Qualitative Research Methods and dissemination of qualitative interviews studies on patients experiences via the International DIPEX group
(www.healthtalkonline.org)

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CHAIRS: S. Ziebland, A. Wieggersma

Aim of the pre-conference is:

- To increase understanding of the use and range of qualitative methods in health research
- To introduce an international collaboration (Japan, Australia, Spain, Germany, Netherlands, Korea, Canada, Israel and UK) which disseminates qualitative interview studies via a series of innovative websites (www.healthtalkonline.org is the UK version)
- To present findings from European DIPEX International colleagues' projects on diabetes, smoking cessation, dementia and chronic pain

Introduction

The importance of designing health care to be patient-centred is now widely recognised and improving the quality of patient experience is central to much European government policy. For example, the 2010 UK government White Paper, 'Equity and excellence: liberating the NHS', places the importance of patient experience centre-stage. Qualitative research methods (QRM) are central to exploring patient experience, and can contribute to the field of evidence based practice.

This preconference workshop will feature two main sessions. The morning session will use examples from a variety of methods (ethnography, narrative interviewing, ethnographic methods and secondary analysis) to illustrate and answer the questions 'What are QRM?' 'Why use QRM?' and 'How do you use QRM?'

During the afternoon session we will introduce an exciting (and growing) new qualitative research collaboration called DIPEX International which collects video and audio recorded narrative interviews which are published on country specific websites modelled on the UK's www.healthtalkonline.org. The session will include presentations of the findings from our current projects, and established websites, on experiences of smoking cessation, diabetes, chronic pain, dementia and over 50 other health conditions.

The overall aim of the preconference is to increase understanding of the use and range of QRM in public health research and the way that patients experiences can be presented on a website to inform public, patients, family and friends, policy makers and professionals in training

Programme

0.9.30-09.45 Chair: P.A. Wiegersma

Introduction to preconference workshop

Section I: Qualitative Research Methods workshop

09.45-11.00 Sue Ziebland and Sara Ryan, University of Oxford

What are qualitative research methods and why would we use them in health research?

11.00 Coffee

11.15 – 12.00 Joyce Lamerichs, VU University Amsterdam.

Exploring lay perspectives on health and illness in an interview study: making use of conversation analysis

12.00 – 12.45 Hannah Bradby, University of Warwick

Researching across and between multiple cultures

12.45-13.30 Lunch

Chair: S.Ziebland

Section II: Qualitative Research Methods: Presentations

13.00-14.30 A presentation of completed DIPEX International websites (Healthtalkonline, DIPEX Germany and DIPEX Spain)

14.30-15.00 Manna Alma and Griet-Anne Banga, University Medical Centre Groningen

Help, demented! Patient and carer speak up – first results

15.00- 15.30 Laura Griffith, University of Oxford

"Doctors blame everything on smoking don't they?": rationalising and resistance amongst smokers

15.30 – 16.00 Discussion and close