

Sixth Colloquium in Qualitative Health Research

Organised by the Qualitative Research Methods Forum
University of East Anglia, Norwich

Connections, Emotions, Empathy: How do we Conceptualise and Use Affect and Emotions in Qualitative Health Research?

Key note speakers:

Day 1: Veronica James, Professor of Nursing Studies, Director of Postgraduate Studies, University of Nottingham

Day 2: Jill Robinson, Co-director for the Education in Health Research Institute, UEA

Aim: Recently, qualitative health and social science research has emphasised the need to think theoretically about how to conceptualise connections, relations and divisions between healthcare practitioners, technologies, patients and researchers. Affect and emotions are major research topics and furthermore have led researchers to ask *how do human connections and relations influence qualitative research?* This also means that close relationships in research are often a given, and sometimes result in intimate relationships between researcher and researched which in other methodologies would disqualify the research as lacking objectivity and rigour.

However, recent thought in qualitative research has suggested that affect and emotions should not be avoided but indeed used for improving research. Emotions, empathy and intimacy are not pure affects of human behaviour, but they shape what connects us, relates us and divides us. Affect in a research situation should thus not be avoided or seen as producing a bias, but can be used to gain a better understanding of what and who we are researching. Yet, in qualitative health research, affect and its manifestations as emotions, empathy and intimacy have not yet been conceptualised.

This two day colloquium welcomes both healthcare practitioners and academic delegates and speakers with an interest in this topic.

Participants will be able to discuss the following topics:

- How can we conceptualise affect and emotions and the way they help us connect and establish relationships in a research setting?
- How can we use empathy, intimacy, or indeed, negative emotions in order to improve qualitative health care research?
- Increasingly, health and illness are monitored and managed by new medical technologies. How can we use the concepts of empathy and connectedness to understand human and machine interrelations?
- How can we research the ways in which health professionals take care of themselves and deal with their own aches and pains as well as mental health?
- How can research with children be reconceptualised within this framework?

Open to: Health and social care professionals, social scientists working in health care settings or researching health, illness and medicine.

Format: The two-day Colloquium will run from 9.30am to 4.30pm on each day and will consist of a mixture of small peer review groups and plenary sessions (timetable to be circulated nearer the time). The focus of the Colloquium will be responsive to the needs of the participants as **each participant will have the opportunity to present their work in a safe and supportive environment through a 15 minute presentation, followed by a peer review discussion of at least 30 minutes**. All presentations and discussions will be in English. Attendance certificates will be issued. Refreshments provided

Led by:	Dr Andrea Stöckl, Lecturer, Faculty of Health, UEA, Norwich		
Course ref:	1005b	Course fee:	£200 (2 days), £100 (1 day) Reduced student fee £150 (2 days), £75 (1 day)

To secure a place in the Colloquium please complete and return the application form, abstract front sheet and abstract of your proposed presentation by **Monday 12th April 2010** to the address below. For further details, including information on travel and accommodation, please contact:

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ABSTRACT FRONT SHEET

PERSONAL DETAILS

NAME:

CONTACT ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:

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ABSTRACT OF PRESENTATION (300-500 words)

Headings to be used as follows:

- Study title
- Purpose of study
- Background
- Methodology
- Research design
- Presentation title and issue(s) for discussion

RESEARCH CONTEXT (please circle)

Stage of development	Planning		In progress		Writing up	
Topic focus	Uni-professional			Multi-professional		
Professional background	Physiotherapy	OT	Speech & Language Therapy	Nursing	Medicine	Other (please state)

AUDIO-VISUAL REQUIREMENTS (please circle)

PowerPoint data projector/lap top	YES	NO
Overhead projector	YES	NO
Flip chart paper and pens	YES	NO
Other (please state)		

If using PowerPoint please provide your presentation for loading up at least 48 hours before the event. Send by email to Catherine.butcher@uea.ac.uk Tel: 00 44 (0)1603 597137.

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Please give name and address for invoice:

Your place on the Colloquium will be confirmed in writing.

Where did you hear about the Colloquium? (please circle)	Website	Poster/ Flier	Manager	Word of mouth	Other _____
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