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Workshop Outline

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An introduction to Conversation and Discourse Analysis

Over the last few decades there has been growing acceptance that the methods of qualitative health research offer a great deal for understanding complexities surrounding the experience of illness and interactions between health consumers and health care practitioners. In particular, the qualitative research methodologies of conversation and discourse analysis have enabled close examination of what it is like to experience a health condition, interactions with health care practitioners, and the impact of treatments.

This workshop provides an introduction to the methodologies of conversation and discourse analysis. The workshop will include:

- A brief overview of the history and development of conversation and discourse analysis
- An outline of the theoretical bases of conversation and discourse analysis
- An overview of the main types of conversation and discourse analysis
- An introduction to carrying out qualitative health research using conversation or discourse analysis (using illustrative examples drawn from published research)

All participants will receive:

- Copies of the presentation slides for the workshop
- A list of recommended follow-up readings

Highlights

- The workshop will be presented by an experienced researcher with a track record of published research using conversation and discourse analysis methods.
- While the workshop includes a brief theoretical component, the intention is that it will be a largely practical experience in which participants will be encouraged to discuss current and/or possible research projects.
- The workshop will be suitable for novice and experienced researchers interested in developing an understanding of the methodologies of conversation and discourse analysis.
- Participants will be encouraged to exchange email contact details to encourage post-conference networking and possible international research collaborations.