

Through My Lens: Navigating Life's Quality Post – Oral Cancer Diagnosis in Vietnam and the World - An Autoethnographic Journey

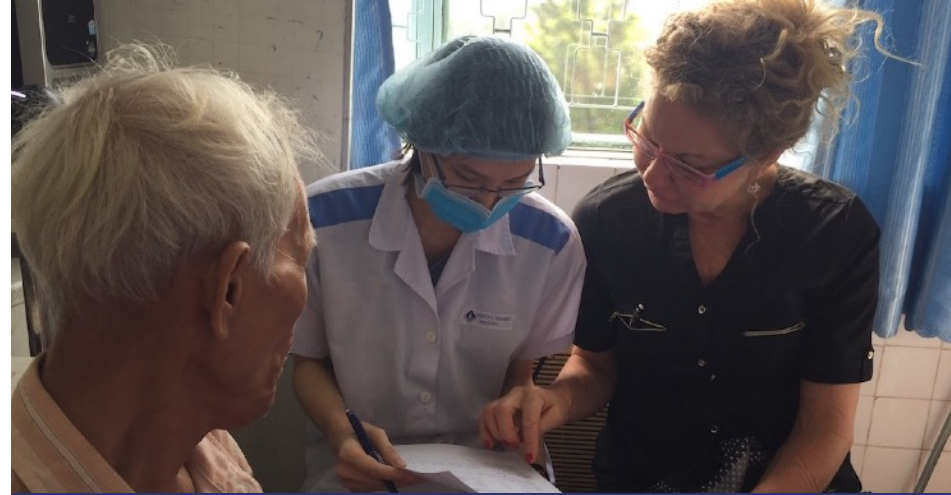
This presentation delves into the blend of process and product in the research journey. The autoethnographic study offers an exploration of personal and professional experiences as a foreign dental hygienist researcher in Vietnam. Departing from traditional quantitative methods, this qualitative approach challenges previous research practices.

Throughout this enlightening presentation, Sherry explores the intricate layers of oral cancer realities in Ho Chi Minh City through an autoethnographic lens. By blending personal narrative with cultural analysis, the physical, emotional, and social dimensions of oral cancer within Vietnam's cultural landscape will be objectively unraveled. Reflecting on historical legacies, the presentation navigates the complexities of power dynamics and ethical considerations inherent in research practices.

Finally, collaborative efforts and advocacy for positive change in healthcare policies and practices will be objectively discussed.



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Learning Objectives:

- ✓ **Illuminate Patient Realities:** Shed light on the multifaceted impact of oral cancer on patients' quality of life, raising awareness and fostering empathy among attendees
- ✓ **Challenge Cultural Perceptions:** Critically examine traditional cultural beliefs and values regarding health among Vietnamese people, encouraging attendees to reflect on the influence of cultural factors on patients' experiences
- ✓ **Navigate Power Dynamics:** Explore the researcher's positionality as an outsider and the power dynamics at play in amplifying the voices of oral cancer victims, promoting reflexivity and ethical engagement in research practices
- ✓ **Advocate for Social Justice:** Advocate for collaborative and relational research approaches to empower marginalized communities and effect positive change in healthcare policies and practices, inspiring attendees to engage in advocacy efforts for equitable healthcare

SUGGESTED ATTENDEES:
Doctors and Team Members

SUGGESTED FORMAT:
Full or Half Day; Lecture, Workshop, Keynote