We invite you to debate on how qualitative research can be used to advance health research and practices. Contributions in line with the following topics are welcome:

- enhancing patient care & cure experience (patient education, patient empowerment, well being promotion, quality of life issues, illness experience...);
- improving relationships among healthcare providers, patients, and caregivers (health communication and promotion, patient-provider alliance, shared decision making, knowledge transfer and construction...);
- fostering organizational functioning of healthcare services (users' experience, work environment, professional skills development...);
- promoting good practices in health policy (healthcare system, quality of care, continuity of care, health prevention...);
- valuing the role of traditional and innovative (e.g.: internet and medicine 2.0, art-based research...) qualitative research methods in health care;

**Dead-line for submission of abstracts: 13 February 2012**

We will consider theoretical, methodological, ethical, and critical contributions pertaining to qualitative health research.

**Venue**

**Guest speakers (work in progress!)**

- Prof. Janice Morse, USA  
- Prof. A. Claudio Bosio, Italy  
- Prof. Svend Brinkmann, Denmark  
- Prof. Julianne Cheek, Australia  
- Prof. Elvira Cicognani, Italy  
- Prof. César A. Cisneros Puebla, Mexico  
- Prof. Juliet M. Corbin, USA  
- Prof. Giampietro Gobo, Italy  
- Prof. Maria Mayan, Canada  
- Prof. Karin Olson, Canada  
- Prof. Kyung Rim Shin, South Korea  
- Prof. Jonathan A. Smith, UK  
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