



## The 11th Palliative Care Congress Glasgow 2016

Session Abstract

### Narrative Research and End-of-Life Care

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Narrative research focuses on stories: collecting stories and seeking to make them more relevant to practices of care. Because end-of-life care often emphasises the importance of spending time with patients and listening to their stories, narrative research and good care should have a blurry boundary.

The masterclass will ask what purposes and interests narrative research is most appropriate for, and when it's not the best approach. How to conduct a narrative project is outlined, although no single way of proceeding is canonical. More discussion will be devoted to the ethics and the writing of narrative research; these discussions merge.

Throughout the session, we will return to the question of what is a story, and what makes this form of research distinctively *narrative*? What do we attend to that is different from other research, and how does the quality of our attention differ in narrative research?