Centre for Qualitative Research

DEMAND-LED QUALITATIVE INNOVATIONS SESSIONS

SESSION TWO

Considerations for engaging in open research and seconday analysis of qualitative data

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There is currently little guidance that exists for researchers about engaging in open qualitative research practices. This presentation provides researchers with guidance regarding the considerations necessary for making informed decisions about engaging in open research practices within qualitative inquiry.

The presentation provides an overview of open research practices within quantitative research, and then considers the appropriateness of these open research practices within qualitative research projects. Some open research practices may have utility and provide benefits for qualitative inquiry; however, there are several ethical issues and concerns that are important to consider when adopting open research practices.

This presentation provides an overview of key areas for consideration and encourages researchers to think about how their own research projects may be amenable to open research practices. Some studies that deal with sensitive topics or participant groups may not be amenable to open research practices such as sharing data openly; however, there are other open research practices that may still be adopted such as sharing non-sensitive documents (e.g., interview guides, etc.) or making research results open-access.

Key topics of focus in this presentation are the storage, stewardship, and sharing of qualitative data, participant consent, confidentiality and anonymity, and consideration of different research topics, participant groups, and types of data, as well as considerations for secondary analysis of qualitative data.

Recording

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- Open science refers to many research practices, including things such as open data, open methods, study preregistration, and open access publishing.
- Open qualitative research practices raise particular concerns for qualitative researchers, such as ethical concerns about confidentiality, participant consent, and sharing data for future re-use.
- Qualitative researchers should carefully consider the implications of open science research practices to decide the appropriateness of engaging in these practices within their own research projects.
- Secondary analysis of qualitative data is not about replicating or reproducing previous research results, but it can be useful for pursuing new lines of inquiry or exploring new research questions.

Reading List

Tamminen, K. A., Bundon, A., McDonough, M., Smith, B., Poucher, Z. A., & Atkinson, M. (2021). Considerations for making informed choices about engaging in open qualitative research. Qualitative Research in Sport, Exercise, and Health. https://doi.org/10.1080/2159676X.2021.1901138
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Animation

https://biteable.com/watch/demand-led-webinar-2-2919329/2bb4d0e0fb12f97bc4bbd5c5b8b2f0b8



