
Qualitative Research Methodology for Biomedical Researchers

Intermediate Module

Sept 6 th and 7 th, 2023

About the *Intermediate Module*

In this module, we will discuss how to choose study participants and will learn strategies for collecting qualitative data through in-depth individual interviews, participant observation, and focus group discussions. We will also introduce content analysis.

As preparation for the *Intermediate Module*, participants should have attended the *Basic Module*, or alternatively, should be or become familiar in advance with sampling and data collection in a quantitative paradigm.

For obtaining a *Certificate of Attendance*, participants should attend the lectures and actively work in the group sessions, according to the programme of the Module.

As final assignment for the *Intermediate Module*, participants should collect qualitative data based on their own qualitative proposal using individual interviews, observation, and focus groups.

Lecturers

Professor Hamidreza Khankeh is the Vice-Chancellor of Research and Technology at the University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences in Tehran, Iran, as well as an affiliated professor at the Department of Clinical Science and Education at the Karolinska Institute in Sweden. He has more than 20 years of experience working in qualitative research and mixed-method studies. He has also designed and conducted university courses in qualitative methodology for Ph.D. and Postdoc researchers in Iran, Sweden, Poland, and Germany. He will offer the course as an invited guest at the QUEST Center.

Dr. Juliet Roudini is currently working as a research fellow on a project within the Cluster of Excellence NeuroCure, in the area of Patient & Stakeholder Engagement at the BIH QUEST Center. Before joining the QUEST Center, she worked for several years as a teaching assistant for qualitative research at Leipzig University and in the Clinical Science and Education Departments at the Karolinska Institute in Sweden. She will assist Professor Khankeh during the realisation of this course.

Programme of the *Intermediate Module*

Day one	
08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:30	Opening Remarks
09:30 – 10:00	Introduction of Participants Training purpose, objectives, sessions, participant expectations, methodology, evaluation, administrative arrangements
10:00 - 10:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:15 - 11:30	How to select study participants in a qualitative study
11:30 – 12:30	Data collection in the qualitative study: individual interview
12:30 -13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 - 15:00	Group work Individual interview
15:00-16:00	Presentation and summary of Group discussion End-of-day synthesis and evaluation
Day two	
9:00- 9:30	Day 1 recap
9:30-10:15	Data collection in the qualitative study: Participant Observation
10:15- 10:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:30-12:30	Data collection in the qualitative study: Focus Group Discussion
12:30-13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00-15:00	Content analysis
15:00-16:00	Final assignment, Ways forward & Closure