The Popular Scientific Work

«Facing spousal cancer during child-rearing years»

Annual gathering for PhD candidates, 26.3.2015

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Process

- "Write already"
- Aim: recruitment through a newspaper that could reach families all over Norway
- Aftenposten rejected
- BT: a series of articles about openness and disease
- Rewriting slightly and then..



A newspaper article (Kronikk)

«Everyday life changes dramatically»



Content

- Presentation of the background of the study
- Previous research
 - How families are affected by cancer
 - Challenges
 - Special needs of children
 - Healthy parents' burden challenging their parentig capacity
- Conclusion: Encouraged families to openness regarding their needs

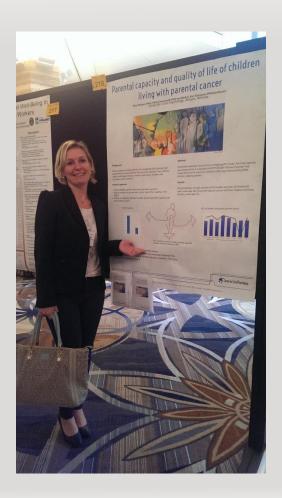
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Content

"Then we have a situation where we know that parents dealing with cancer calls for more support from their social network, while their social network on the other hand feel insecure and call for advice. There is a lack of knowledge on how we can bridge the gap between families' needs for support and their networks' desire to help. Center for Crisis Psychology will now study this gap further through the research project Social network support and cancer."



Dissemination – other examples



Posterpresentation Miami, Nov 2014

Blog BarnsBeste





Experiences and advice

- Do not aim for the perfect text, the perfect poster or the perfect time to write it (tomorrow is never better), and never wait for the perfect results.
 Just do it.
- Use the knowledge you have already gained
 - Typically the background / introduction in your first article and your project description (prosjektskisse)
 - And the research question
- Use freewriting as a method (as described by Dysthe)
- Use a language you would use when explaining your project to a non-academic friend (or your mum and dad).
- Keep oriented in debates regarding your topic and use the opportunity,
 the «peg» (as described by T. Kolset)

Good luck and enjoy your writing!

